

## Richtersveld - Topnaar Exchange

### Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1997

**Purpose:** The visit to the Richtersveld last June provided Topnaar representatives with valuable insights into the potential for co-operation between park residents and authorities. It is hoped that further interaction with the Richtersveld exchange group and additional input from the Bergsig community during this visit, will again motivate the Topnaar community to consider their own future in terms of development, and at the same time establish new and strengthen existing community links.

**Participants:** Following discussions with Jill Gordon - project facilitator in the Richtersveld community - and Rudolph Dausab - Topnaar Community Councillor, it has been decided that larger and - it is hoped - more representative groups should be selected from both the Richtersveld community and the Topnaar community to take part in the exchange trip. The Richtersveld exchange group will consist of sixteen individuals, and will include members of the Community Tourism Committee, representatives from the land unit and the local development forum, project facilitator Jill Gordon, and two drivers. The Topnaar exchange group will consist of nineteen community members, Rudolf Dausab, project facilitators Ruth Jones and Francisco van Nooten, project assistant Kate Evans, and two cooks. Rudolf Dausab, Ruth Jones and Kate Evans will be drivers.

#### Anticipated Costs:

*actual fuel, oil, plus daily lease +  
Avis km. charge*

#### • Travel:

Pre-departure travel expenses: ~ 2000 km @ N\$ <sup>1.80</sup>~~3.48~~/km

(DRFN vehicle lease)

N\$ 6960.00

Travel to Bergsig and Brandberg: ~ 1500 km <sup>1.60</sup>

Four vehicles: - DRFN combi @ N\$ <sup>1.60</sup>~~3.48~~/km.

N\$ 5220.00

- 3 DRFN Avis Lease vehicles @ \$2.75/km.

N\$ 12,375.00

#### • Food:

Pre-departure food expenses

N\$ 500.00

During visit: 42 people @ N\$ 20.00/person/day for 9 days

N\$ 7560.00

Hospitality meals:

N\$ 400.00

• **Cooks' wages:** 2 cooks @ N\$ 60.00 each per day for 9 days

N\$ 1080.00

• **Per diems:** 27 people @ N\$ 10.00/person/day for 9 travel days

N\$ 2430.00

• **DRFN Administration support:** i.e. telephone and fax costs,

stationery, photocopying, accommodation in Swakopmund (lumpsum)

N\$ ~~4000.00~~

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• <b>Miscellaneous (overheads, etc.):</b>	N\$ 1000.00
• <b>Overnight at Brandberg Tourist camp: 27 people @ \$ 25 ea.</b>	N\$ 675.00
• <b>Insurance for Topnaars: 22 people @ \$ 80/person</b>	N\$ 1,760.00
• <b>Contingency (lumpsum, returned if unused)</b>	N\$ 3,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>N\$ 46960.00</b>

# LIFE Line

**Date** Friday, 9 May, 1997

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**TO:** Arthur Hussey  
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**REMARKS:** ☒ Urgent ☒ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please Comment

Dear Arthur:

Thanks for coming over to our office to discuss the proposal you submitted to us this morning. Following is a copy of a memo from me to Mary indicating our support for the Richtersveld/Topnaar exchange activity.

Kindly review it at your earliest convenience and let me know if it diverges from your understanding of what transpired at our brief meeting.

Thanks for your help.

Mark

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Dr. Mary Seely  
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Attention: Arthur Hussey

Re: Richtersveld - Topnaar Exchange, May 1997

Dear Mary:

We received today your proposal, dated 24 April 1997, requesting assistance from the LIFE Programme for the activity cited above. As I am sitting in for Chris Weaver while he is on leave, let me be the one to let you know that we are very pleased to be able support the activity, with the caveats described below.

In meeting this morning with Arthur Hussey, of DRFN, we agreed that we would try to keep the costing as consistent as possible with the prior exchange between the two groups which LIFE sponsored last year, adjusting for the greater number of participants. Accordingly, we accept the 24 April 1997 proposal, with the following modifications:

1. The rate for the DRFN vehicle should be at N\$1.80/km., consistent with the last year's budget;
2. We will reimburse DRFN for the Avis Lease vehicles at the *actual costs* to DRFN as follows (but not to exceed \$N2.75/km.):
  - a) actual fuel/oil costs (supported by receipts);
  - b) daily lease costs (supported by receipts);
  - c) the Avis kilometer charge (supported by receipts); and
3. DRFN Administrative support will be reduced to N\$2,500, consistent with last year's rate, adjusted for the greater number of participants.

9 MAY, 1997

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As you will remember from the last exchange visit, we are very strict in requiring receipts prior to being able to reimburse for expenses. Kindly ensure that this is understood by those responsible for the trip so that there are no disappointments after the activity. We discussed this with Arthur, but encourage you to telephone Marque Morkel of this office if you have any questions about how it works.

Once again, we are very pleased that DRFN is involved in this activity and hope that it contributes to improved community-based natural resource management in and around the Gobabeb area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark Renzi

Acting COP

cc: *Marque Morkel*