



Crimes against
wildlife and the
environment

COMIC CONTEST

Join the Fun!

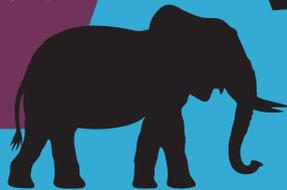
A call for all NEEN schools and Namibian
UNESCO ASPnet schools to enter into a
Comic Writing Competition

Help us create public awareness and speak
up against these criminal activities that
threaten our future!

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more
inside!

In the past decade, crimes against wildlife and the environment have increased considerably in Namibia. The poaching of our beloved animals, harvesting of protected plants, and illegal logging of our forests are all on the rise. These crimes rob us of our shared natural resources; they are committed against all Namibians.

Our future depends on a healthy environment which is inseparable from the preservation and conservation of our biodiversity.



Help us create public awareness and speak up against these criminal activities that threaten our future!

How can you do this?

Create your own comic telling the story of any Wildlife Crime (and related crimes) and show how it could have been prevented and what the consequences are.

Your story can be inspired by your own experience or derived from your imagination. Just show us that you understand the issue and know how to prevent these crimes!

What must you do?

Present your story in the form of a comic. Use your imagination and creativity! The comic will be used to inform people across the country on this important issue.

Your comic could focus on any of the following issues: wildlife conservation, prevention of wildlife crime, the legal, social, environmental impacts of wildlife crime, illegal harvesting of timber and/or indigenous plants, sustainable management of our natural resources (development that ensures local communities benefit).

Show us the rights Namibian citizens have to a healthy environment.

Your comic should not be more than 10 pages long.

Entries should be in the English language. Entries in vernacular must have an English translation provided.

Who can enter?

All NEEN member schools and all UNESCO ASPnet Schools in Namibia: Groups of pupils, ecoclubs, individuals and classes are all permissible. Persons/groups are limited to one comic while schools may submit more than one entry.

Schools may involve the wider school population and their communities in producing a comic.

Why are we doing this?

The winning school will receive a prize to the value of N\$30.000. 1st runner up school will receive a prize to the value of N\$15.000 and the 2nd runner up school a prize to the value of N\$5000.

The the winner's comic may be printed and published for distribution in Namibia.

Ask your teachers for help and remember together we can protect our natural resources!

How do you enter?

All you have to do is to submit your comic to us between 1 August 2022 and 30 September 2022. You can send it by email to info@lac.org.na or to PO Box 604, Windhoek.

When drafting your comic, think about the Sustainable Development Goals



- 1 We need to tackle wildlife crime in Namibia!
- 2 August 2022: LAC calls UNESCO ASPnet Schools & all NEEN member schools to enter wildlife crime comic competition.
- 3 Schools research the topic of wildlife crime. Schools create a storyline on combating wildlife crime.
- 4 ASPnet and NEEN schools prepare their comic entry. The schools engage with their wider communities, incl. conservancies.
- 5 Consider the topic a cross cutting issue. Involve all sectors of your school. Consider arts, language, biology, life skills, history, economics etc.
- 6 **Deadline to submit is 30 September 2022.** Entry is emailed to the LAC by 30 September 2022 to info@lac.org.na.
- 7 Entries will be judged by a panel consisting of experts with backgrounds in environmental, legal, and educational affairs.
- 8 Winners to be announced in November 2022.
- 9 Winning comic will be released in December 2022.

For more information on wildlife and environmental protection, see the website of the LAC under www.lac.org.na and/or call us under 061-223356.



DID YOU KNOW?

.... any person found in possession of controlled wildlife products such as ivory or rhino horns without a permit has committed a crime. If convicted, they may be ordered to pay a fine of up to N\$ 15 Million or imprisoned for up to 15 years. The fines under the **Controlled Wildlife Product and Trade Act** were adjusted in 2017.

.... that people who **attempt** to kill wildlife animals, even if not successful, have committed a crime under the **Nature Conservation Ordinance**.

.... a traditional authority constituted under the **Traditional Authority Act** has the duty to ensure that its members use the natural resources at their disposal on a sustainable basis. This means a manner that conserves the environment and maintains ecosystems for the benefit of all persons in Namibia.

... wildlife crime is often committed by organized crime syndicates that engage in money laundering and racketeering. When caught, these criminals may be sentenced under the **Prevention of Organised Crime Act**. They may be fined up to N\$ 100 Million or imprisoned for up to 30 years.

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