



Republic of Namibia  
Annotated Statutes

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# National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia Act 20 of 1991

(GG 321)

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## ACT

To determine the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia; to empower the President to make regulations in respect of the use thereof; and to provide for incidental matters.

*(Signed by the President on 5 December 1991)*

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ASSIGNMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA OF  
THE COPYRIGHT IN “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”

### Preamble

WHEREAS Article 2(2) of the Namibian Constitution requires a National Anthem for Namibia to be determined by the National Assembly;

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AND WHEREAS the members of the National Assembly have unanimously expressed their approval of the composition of Axali Doeseb, entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”, as the National Anthem of Namibia:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:-

**National Anthem**

1. The composition entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”, of which the words and music are set out in the First Schedule, and the copyright of which vests in the Government of the Republic of Namibia by virtue of a deed of assignment of which a reproduction is set out in the Second Schedule, shall be the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia.

**Offences and penalties**

2. Any person who does any act with intent to insult or which displays contempt for the National Anthem or which is likely to hold it up to ridicule, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R20 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

**Regulations**

3. The President may by proclamation in the *Gazette* make regulations -
- (a) prohibiting, restricting or regulating the use of the National Anthem, or the reproduction of the words or music thereof;
  - (b) constituting offences in relation to any matter referred to in paragraph (a) and prescribing penalties in respect thereof.

**Short title**

4. This Act shall be called the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia Act, 1991.

**FIRST SCHEDULE****THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA****NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE**

Namibia land of the brave  
Freedom fight we have won  
Glory to their bravery  
Whose blood waters our freedom

We give our love and loyalty  
Together in unity  
Contrasting beautiful Namibia  
Namibia our country

Beloved land of savannahs  
Hold high the banner of liberty

Chorus:

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Namibia our country  
Namibia motherland  
We love thee

**NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE**

Music and text by AXALI DOESEB

NAMIBIA land of the brave Freedom fight we have won

Glo - ry to their bra - ve - ry Whose blood wa - ters our free - dom We give

o - ur love and lo - yal - ty To - gether in u - ni - ty Con -

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tras - ting beau - ti - ful Na - mibi - a NA - MI - BI - A o - ur coun - try

Be - loved land of sa - van - nahs Hold high the ban - ner of li - ber - ty

NA - MI - BI - A o - ur coun - try NA - MI - BI - A MOTHERLAND WE LOVE THEE

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SECOND SCHEDULE

ASSIGNMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA OF THE  
COPYRIGHT IN “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of Namibia has decided to adopt and declare the composition of Axali Doeseb entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE” as the National Anthem of the Republic of Namibia;

AND WHEREAS Axali Doeseb is desirous of assigning to the Government of the Republic of Namibia for the aforesaid purpose the copyrights in the words and music of the said composition.

NOW THEREFORE Axali Doeseb hereby assigns to the Government of the Republic of Namibia the respective copyrights in the words and music of the composition entitled “NAMIBIA LAND OF THE BRAVE”.

SIGNED at WINDHOEK this 18th day of September 1991.

(Sgd.) AXALI DOESEB

AS WITNESSES:

1. (Sgd.) HONOURABLE HIDIPO HAMUTENYA  
National Symbols Sub-Committee: Chairman
2. (Sgd.) HONOURABLE ANDREW MATJILA  
National Symbols Sub-Committee: Member

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