



Republic of Namibia  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

## **MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT: UNDERTAKING OF SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON THE TOURISM SECTOR**

The Tourism Sector has been one of the hardest hits by the Covid-19 pandemic due to the closure of borders and the almost complete absence of visitors from abroad since March 2020.

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and in collaboration with the Tourism Industry, Namibia Statistics Agency, and National Planning Commission, is undertaking a detailed assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on the Tourism Sector with a view to developing a medium-term rebuilding strategy.

The Ministry will be administering a number of surveys during the period 20<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to understand the impacts of the pandemic on stakeholders of the tourism sector such as hotels, travel agents, airlines, vehicle rental companies, tour operators, hunting operators, restaurants and entertainment facilities as well as national parks, communal conservancies and community forests, and joint ventures. It is important to note that this is the main comprehensive tourism assessment that is being done in the country.

The Ministry humbly requests the full and timely participation of all stakeholders in this important process.

Please note that the links to the surveys will be available on the Ministry website and Facebook pages, and can also be directly requested from the contacts that are provided below. Should you wish to participate in the surveys or require further information, enquiries can be directed to:

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