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Topics

- ▶ 1. Animal Health Policies/ Acts
- ▶ 2. Kavango – Zambezi Region
- ▶ 3. Presenting Animal Health Challenges
- ▶ 4. Steps towards addressing the Challenges
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1. Animal Health .

- ▶ Animal Health Act (Act 1 of 2011)
- ▶ To provide for the prevention, detection and control of animal disease;
- ▶ To provide for the maintenance and improvement of animal health;
- ▶ to provide for incidental matters.
- ▶ Policy of eradication of TADs in the Northern communal areas (FMD and CBPP freedom project)

2.Kavango Zambezi



Disease Control Measure

- ▶ Reduction of Susceptible Animals through Vaccination Campaigns in Northern (Kavango East –Mukwe & Zambezi X3 FMD)
- ▶ Reduction in rate of direct contact with potentially infected animals:
 - ▶ ① Strict Movement Control/ Traceability (NAMLITS)
 - ▶ ② Surveillance
 - ▶ ③ Zonation

Bwabwata National Park



- ▶ Proclaimed on 26th October 2007, Bwabwata National Park (627,412ha) (BNP)
- ▶ The boundary between the Zambezi and Kavango East regions lies roughly in the middle of the Park.
- ▶ It consists of the former Caprivi Game Park, Mahango Game Park, and the Kwando Triangle

Residents

- ▶ The residents, which currently number over 5,500



Livestock

- ▶ 2800 cattle in Eastern Kavango. & BNP
- ▶ Present Animal Health Issues



3. Presenting Animal Health Challenges

- ▶ Contact between Wildlife and Livestock
- ▶ Present high risk of outbreak of notifiable livestock diseases (FMD & Anthrax), resulting in a serious threat to Namibia's meat export industry.

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3. Presenting Challenges A. H

- ▶ High Financial Cost and Resources
(Fences/staff at BNP to keep out Buffalos)



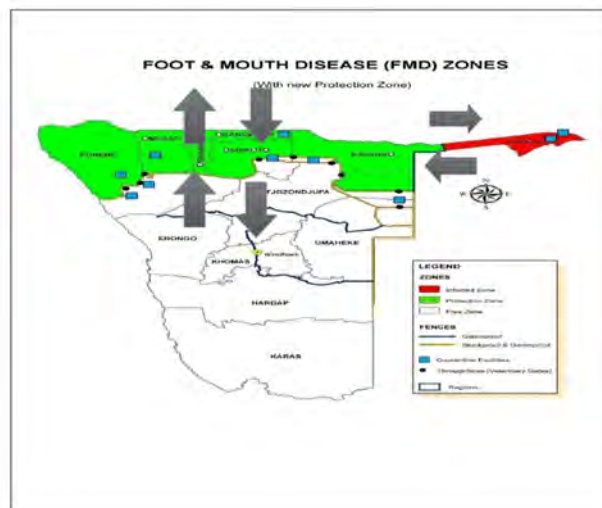
4. Steps towards addressing the A.H Challenges

- ▶ The Cabinet Decision on issues pertaining to livestock inside the north east parks remains a valid instruction and MET with DVS and stakeholders should seek ways to implement it as a matter of urgency;

- ▶ Zonation
- ▶ To mitigate this, DVS consider the Zambezi and eastern of the Kavango East regions together as an FMD infected zone, while Kavango West, Ohangwena, Oshikoto north, Oshana, Omusati and Kunene north make up the Protection Zone
- ▶ Strict Movement Control (Animal Health Act)



- ▶ (Moving the borders of the infected zone 50km westwards due to the continues incursion of Wildlife into the protection Zone)



4. Steps towards addressing the A.H Challenges

- ▶ Political Will
- ▶ NCA Market Creation (Cabinet Directive 2019) and Abattoir Construction.



- ▶ N\$ 110 M invested in the new abattoir Rundu
- ▶ Renovations of Katima Abattoir (Operated by Local Cooperatives)



Thank You

