ECO AWARDS
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COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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Coordinator's report for 2024-2025

1. General Achievements for the past year:

- During the period 2024-2025, twenty-seven Eco Awards reports had been finalised. Thanks to all the members of our Review Committee, who had contributed to the finalization of these reports.

Unfortunately, there was no platform available at the Travel Namibia Festival for the Eco Awards Certificates this year, so we approached Tourismus to accommodate it as an online event.

The levels of the awards achieved this year, following sustainability assessments, were extraordinarily high – ranging between Four-, Five- and Five Green Flowers!

FIVE GREEN FLOWERS:

African Monarch: Kazile Island Lodge

African Monarch: Nambwa Tented Camp

Etendeka Mountain Camp & - Hiking Trails;

Gondwana: Namib Desert Lodge

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FIVE GREEN FLOWERS (Continued):

Gondwana: Dune Star Camp

Gondwana: Desert Whisper

Journeys Namibia; Hoada Campsite;

Natural Selections' Hoanib Valley Camp;

Ultimate Safaris' Camp Sossus;

Wild Waters' Nkasa LUPALA Tented Lodge

FIVE FLOWERS:

Gondwana's Canyon Village;

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Gondwana's Canyon Lodge;

Gondwana's Canyon Roadhouse;

Gondwana's The Desert Grace;

Gondwana's Namib Desert Camping 2Go;

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Journeys Namibia's Grootberg Lodge;

Onjala Lodge;

Ultimate Safaris' Galton House

Wilderness – Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Wild Waters' Jackalberry Camp

Wild Waters' Serondela Lodge

Tour Operator:

Lifestyle Travel and Tours.

FOUR FLOWERS:

Journeys' Hobatere Lodge

THREE FLOWERS:

Ondudu Safari Camp.

- Thanks to JP Redona, for the design and printing of these certificates.

- Thanks to our colleagues at UNAM, Ellen Kimaro and Jona Heita, for all the work that went into creating a Short Online Course in Sustainable Tourism Management, which had been successfully facilitated in September and October 2025.

  The course had 82 paid participants and the progress and feedback of the participants was incredibly rewarding.

- Our technical expert (Alice Jarvis – webmaster), is still delivering consistently, and our website is constantly being updated.

- As decided on the previous AGM, Eco Awards Namibia implemented an increase of about 10% in membership- and assessment fees

2. <u>Assessments and member status</u>

2.1. Our growth and re-assessment rates are slowly increasing.
In the current period, we gained 5 new members and the Oldhaver & List Group is preparing to have all 6 their properties in Namibia assessed in 2026.

2.2. Currently, we have a total of over 85 tourism establishment members.

3. <u>General</u>

Thanks to every single one of you who contributes to make Eco Awards Namibia an ongoing success. Thanks for your enthusiasm, and every single contribution in time and expertise.

Lastly, BIG applause to Sisco Auala, who had chaired Eco Awards so successfully since her election last year!

Hazel Milne

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