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**INAUGURATION OF
THE YAHOO JAPAN ANTI-POACHING
PATROL CAMP IN ETOSHA NATIONAL
PARK, NAMIBIA**



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), through the Protected Areas System Strengthening (PASS) Project and with supports from UNDP, has received donation of five million Japanese Yen (approximately 44,000 USD) from Yahoo Japan Corporation to construct an anti-poaching patrol camp at Skopiun Bult, in the Etosha National Park (ENP). UNDP Namibia signed the Memorandum of Understanding of the donation on 9 March 2017 with Yahoo Japan Corporation, one of the leading media house in Japan, which materialized UNDP Namibia's first global Public Private Partnership. Such a donation was made in response to the increasing poaching cases of rhinos and elephants in Namibia, which the MET has to deal with on almost a daily basis.

Poaching is a predicament, which is quite complex, and challenging to address. However, it has negative impacts on the populations of rhinos and elephants, and has a potential to drive these magnificent animals into extinction. On this continent, over 20,000 elephants were reported killed in 2013 while over 1,300 rhinos were reported killed by poachers in 2015.

Poaching is one of the major threats to protection of biodiversity and conservation of species that are aimed to be achieved through SDG15: Life on Land. Moreover, it is important to note that wildlife is the driver of the tourism economy and tourism has major socio-economic benefits to the country (tourism, employment creation, poverty alleviation and national development at large), but all these benefits are on the brink of disappearing. Fight against poaching of elephants and rhinos has been one of the biggest public concerns in Namibia.

Since 2014, the Government of Namibia and its Ministry of Environment and Tourism, with the support of UNDP and funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), have been spearheading a four-year anti-poaching project called PASS in the country's 21 protected areas, including Etosha National Park, where it helped provide training and equipment to game patrols.

Building upon the MET's achievement through PASS, the new patrol camp is expected to make a significant difference in the fight against poaching. The Yahoo Japan camp is fully equipped with a water provision system and a solar power generator, will house game patrol units, rangers, and community members who participates in anti-poaching patrol activities.

2. COMPONENTS OF THE YAHOO JAPAN ANTI-POACHING PATROL CAMP

The anti-poaching patrol camp consists of the following:

Component	Description
a) Operation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office / coordination room ▪ Connected to the lookout tower (12 m)
b) Observation Tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12 m lookout tower ▪ Vantage surveillance of the area
c) Solar System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Runs water-pump ▪ Basic lighting (operational room, watch-tower, sleeping quarters, ablution block, kitchen etc. ▪ Recharge hand held radios, cell phones and other home appliances ▪ Operation of desktop computer/s and laptop/s
d) Sleeping Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A converted shipping container into sleeping unit ▪ Capacity = 8 x people ▪ Beds and mattresses ▪ Lighting and charging plug sockets
e) Ablution Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 x Flush Toilets ▪ 2 x Showers ▪ 2 x hand wash basins ▪ Divided Male and Female ▪ Female = 2 x flush toilets and 1 x shower ▪ Males = 1 x flush toilet, 1 x urinal and 1 x shower ▪ Manually heated geyser (heated with fire wood)
f) Water provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 m tower ▪ 5,000 L ▪ Connected to the entire water supply network (ablution block, kitchen, outside taps etc.)

PICTURE PROFILE

