On 6 March at 19h00 Dr Ingrid Wiesel, of the Brown Hyena Research Project in Lüderitz, will present some of her long term research findings. Very few research projects can claim such continued and dedicated fieldwork of such a little known and difficult species to study.

Ingrid’s work has not only raised public support and overall awareness of the brown hyena in Namibia, but has also contributed scientifically to this unique species currently classified as “near threatened” with a minimum population estimated as between 5-8,000 individuals, and decreasing, by the IUCN.

For further details on the Brown Hyena Research Project see: www.strandwolf.org or contact Ingrid at: strandwolf@iway.na

Ingrid has been portrayed as the “Dian Fossey of Namibia” by press in German, so please join us for this presentation!
Other presentations currently being arranged include the following:

- 10 April - AfriCat North
- May - EHRA (Elephant vs Humans)
- June - Dolphin Project

Others - to be announced:
- NAPHA (Professional Hunting Association)
- “Reducing carbon footprint”
- “Bird collisions & power lines”
- “Spotted Hyena research”

Please contact Barbara Wayrauch, NEWS talks coordinator, for the suggestion of speakers.

Roadkills are not only limited to highways with fast moving traffic only, but also common in protected areas. This ground squirrel below was seen killed on the gravel road between Okaukuejo and Okondeka in the Etosha National Park.

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Now accepting applications for Russell E. Train Fellowships & Grants!

Do you know an outstanding conservationist from Africa, Asia, or Latin America that is interested in pursuing a graduate degree or attending a short-term training course? Are you partnering with a local organization that needs funding to train park guards, community members or other stakeholders or conduct a reforestation project?

Since 1994, WWF’s Russell E. Train Education for Nature Program (EFN) has been providing financial support for training and education to conservationists in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This year, EFN has several exciting opportunities for conservationists from select countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Please share this information with your colleagues and partners in the field.

2014 Fellowship and Grant Opportunities

1) **Russell E. Train Fellowships** support proven and potential leaders from select WWF priority places to pursue masters or doctoral degrees in conservation-related fields. Applicants may be at any point in their academic program (have applied, been accepted, current enrolled) and may study anywhere in the world. Fellowships cover up to $30,000 per year for a maximum of two years. After completing their degree, applicants must return to their home country to work in conservation. Eligible countries include: Asia: Cambodia and Myanmar; Africa: Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Namibia, and Zambia; and Latin America: Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Grants continued

2) **Russell E. Train Fellowships for current and aspiring university faculty**

Russell E. Train Fellowships support individuals affiliated with or currently employed at African, Asian and Latin American universities in select countries to pursue doctoral degrees in social science, natural science and other conservation-related fields at any university around the world. Applicants may be at any point in their academic program (have applied, been accepted or current enrolled). After completing a degree, the individual is expected to return to their home country to strengthen graduate-level conservation programs and increase local university capacity for conservation education. Through this new opportunity, EFN aims to improve the capacity of universities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and encourage future conservationists to study in their home countries. Applicants from the 28 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are eligible for this opportunity. For the full list of countries please click here.


3) **Professional Development Grants (PDGs)** provide support for mid-career conservationists to pursue short-term, non-degree training to upgrade their knowledge and skills. Applicants may attend short courses, conferences, symposium and other training courses. Applicants must have at least three years of conservation work experience. There is no minimum educational requirement to apply for these grants. Professionals from select WWF priority places are eligible to apply. Applicants may request up to $6,500 for the proposed training. Grants are awarded on a rolling-basis throughout the year.

4) **Conservation Workshop Grants** fund organizations to train communities, stakeholders, park guards, and others on local and regional conservation issues. These grants support training workshops with a strong hands-on learning component that will build capacity for people living in WWF priority places in select countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Organizations may request up to $7,500 for the proposed training. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

**Deadline: February 1, 2014**

5) **Reforestation Grants** provide up to $10,000 in funding to organizations from select WWF priority places to conduct restoration and reforestation projects aimed at regaining ecological integrity and enhancing human wellbeing in deforested or degraded forest landscapes (mangrove project are eligible).

**Deadline: March 15, 2014**

Please share this information with your colleagues and partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. WWF staff interested in applying for fellowships or grants should contact EFN at efn@wwfus.org prior to completing an application to determine eligibility.

To learn more about EFN’s work and other funding opportunities, please visit our website: www.worldwildlife.org/efn or email us at efn@wwfus.org.
The following developments have come to the attention of NEWS and should members be interested in registering as interested and affected parties or require more information, please contact the Environmental Practitioners directly:

1) Desert Raceway, Walvis Bay
   EnviroSolutions
   Mr Alan Jenneker;
   envirosol@envirosol.com

2) Pyrolysis Plant, Windhoek
   Multidisciplinary Research Centre - UNAM
   Ms Loide Shaamhula,
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3) Crib Leach Pilot Facility Resources - Bannerman, Swakopmund
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   Ms Auriel Ashby,
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4) Fuel Retail Facility, Langstrand
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5) Granite Exploration, Henties Bay
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   Mr J. Nakanyala,
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6) Rent-a-drum Material Recovery Facility, Ondangwa
   Green Earth Environmental Consultants
   Ms Carlien van der Walt,
   carlien1.vdw@gmail.com

7) Construction Worker Camp
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   LM Environmental Consulting
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