

## SUGGESTIONS BY 13<sup>TH</sup> NRF, 28/10/09

Put the plug back in the bath – conserve wettest areas first

Avoid dogmas: Focus on outcomes, don't prescribe methods. **Measure** outcomes.

Control of Bush encroachment: mechanical control: crude (-) vs local-impact (+)

roll-down bush: requires follow-up

Move focus from plant to soil

Restoration is costly (money and time): to tap development funds requires operational policy (NRMPAS) – how can we expedite policy acceptance by Cabinet?

Make economic use of encroacher-wood; can pay for bush control

Too little R&D capacity in MAWF; Namibia. Research needed on causes of BE – how to prevent repeat BE

Sustainable harvesting of bush to produce bio-energy

Teach animals to eat more bush

BE control is species-specific: e.g. DCIN not light-inhibitor, facilitates grass growth under canopy, gets out-competed by grasses after  $\pm$  20 yrs

Raise Awareness on sustainable rld mgt – it's a new concept

Build capacity to apply sust. Rld mgt; certified training courses; accredited body (GSSA?); renewable certificates linked to being “allowed” to farm

Conservation of indigenous preferred grass species: establish a seed industry – new business opportunity

Ch. 3 of NRMPAS

Environmental history: matched, fixed-point photographs; early traveller's/missionary/hunter's reports

Interventions have to be socially acceptable; rld science is inter-disciplinary

Small-scale mgt of “independent” units loses landscape perspective; non-adaptive

Expand commercial-area conservancy concept from sharing hunting rights to managing rangelands at landscape level; “abuse” communal conservancies for rld mgt

Systems have to adapt to changing environment