

2013 Individual and Professional Member Application

I _____
 (Name of Applicant or Organization in full) as an **Individual** or **Tourism professional** (Operator / Tour Guide / Accommodation Establishment / Car Rental Company / Other select applicable category) hereby apply for membership with the TOSCO Trust.

Mark with an X CONCERNED INDIVIDUAL TOURISM PROFESSIONAL

Postal Address: _____
 Tel & Fax _____ / _____
 E-Mail / URL _____
 Signature _____
 Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2013

- Attachments required for tourism professionals:
1. Copy of Founding Statement and Certificate of Incorporation or Pty registration of applicant.
 2. Registration as operator with the Namibian Tourism Board (if applicable).

I undertake that should I be approved as a TOSCO member, I shall agree to promote nature conservation activities and support of people living with wildlife. As a professional operator the minimum membership fee is N\$1500 and I commit to the Responsible Travel guidelines.

Mark with an X what you wish to support:

<input type="checkbox"/> CAPRIVI CARNIVORE PROJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> DESERT LION & ELEPHANT CONSERVATION
<input type="checkbox"/> OFF ROAD DAMAGE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/> SELF-DRIVE BROCHURE
<input type="checkbox"/> LION GUARDS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALL

BANK DETAILS:
 TOSCO Trust – Bank Windhoek – Swakopmund Branch 481772 – Transaction Acct CHK 8003175917. Please send an email to confirm each transaction to info@tosco.org with a proof of payment.

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PARTICIPATE IN RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

TOSCO Trust invites you to be part of a community which cares for Namibia's wild places.

Tourism Supporting Conservation

TOSCO Trust is a non-profit organization linking local people, conservation organizations, scientists and the tourism industry. By supporting conservation projects and local people who share their land with wildlife, TOSCO Trust contributes to safeguarding Namibia's natural assets.

Whether being a concerned individual, traveller or tourism professional, **we all have an interest in Namibia's people, places and wildlife.**



In Namibia people and wildlife, including large animals like lions and elephants, still co-exist in many places. These wild animals, freely roaming Namibia's scenic landscapes, are a unique tourism asset. But this also often leads to conflicts with people whose livelihoods are negatively affected by wildlife. Following a series of such human/wildlife conflicts, impassioned tourism operators assumed responsibility: they joined forces to contribute to avoiding and mitigating such conflicts in the future – for the benefit of both, the local communities and tourism.

TOSCO Trust was founded in 2012 to generate funds to support rural people in their efforts to safeguard the natural resources used by tourism, especially wildlife, on Namibia's communal lands. TOSCO also strives to provide a communication platform for the stakeholders, especially tourism, conservation organizations and local people, and to increase awareness for conservation issues and responsible tourism in Namibia.

All funds generated through membership fees and donations will be used for funding specific projects approved by the Trust. These projects may vary from year to year depending on the needs identified and funds available. Donors are considered as members and have their say on the programs chosen. Transparent progress report and accounting are also provided.

Values

TOSCO promotes responsible travel in Namibia and especially in Communal lands.

We recognize that as visitors we have a responsibility towards the places and people we visit. We endeavor to minimize negative and maximize positive impact, especially by:

- creating social and economic benefits to local communities
- caring for and respecting local cultures
- protecting biodiversity

Members are asked to follow guidelines for responsible tourism practices that are accessible to the public.

If you are a tour operator, joining TOSCO Trust can make your business more attractive for tourists and more sustainable on the long run.

If you are an individual, joining TOSCO will give you the opportunity to support and connect with conservation and communities living with wildlife in Namibia.

As a member you will:

- **Receive first hand information on conservation** (including talks by conservationists),
- **Spend privileged time with associate researchers** when met in the field,
- **Develop closer relation with local people** and benefit from their knowledge, in particular those of the "lion guards" while travelling in their areas
- **Add value and meaning** to your travels

Cooperating with local communities enhances the tourism experience for the operator and its guests. Recognition of rural people's efforts to safeguard the natural resources used by tourism makes **better place to live in for them, which leads to better place to visit for us.**

A sticker, e.g. for vehicles, provided by TOSCO Trust will make you recognizable as a member. Tourism professionals can market their membership as an operator who participates in responsible tourism, it will enhance your image and differentiate your product.

We invite you to share your views and provide inputs on the values, aims and activities of TOSCO Trust.

Visit www.tosco.org to learn more about programs updates, members, budget and funds management.

2012 already was a successful year: all projects planned, like employing lion guards or building a lion proof kraal, have been implemented. TOSCO is getting recognized by a growing number of organizations like the IRDNC and NACSO. A unique strength of TOSCO is its ability to act quickly without bureaucratic burdens.

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- **Sponsoring research projects:** e.g. Desert Lion & Elephant Conservation, Caprivi Carnivore Project; They work on the conservation of flagship species essential to tourism.
- **Supporting Communal Conservancies:** Creating employment for local communities, e.g. lion/livestock guards in Purros in order to anticipate human/lion conflict thus adding value to the lions and generating opportunities for communities. Another example is a loan for a generator to maintain cattle waterhole to keep livestock away from predators' areas.
- **Creating awareness:** distribute an information brochure for self drivers in sensitive areas on how travel safely with minimum impact.
- **Protecting landscapes:** join the MET for managing and repairing off road damages.

Creation and implementation of each project is done in close collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibian Communal areas, various NGOs and research projects corresponding with TOSCO's objectives.

