

Media release

Rössing Uranium donates N\$50 000 towards the conservation of vultures in Namibia.

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On Friday, 24 September 2021, Rössing Uranium donated N\$50 000 to Vultures Namibia to help their effort to safeguard and monitor vultures in Namibia and neighbouring countries.

With the donation, Vultures Namibia will be able to determine the movement of vultures from their natal sites to other parts of Namibia and neighbouring countries. They will also be able to determine the survival rates of chicks and longevity, as well as create awareness about the plight of vultures and the important part they play in the ecosystem.

Rössing's Manager of Health, Safety, Environment & Protection Services, Jacklyn Mwenze said: "The protection of environmental quality, including biodiversity, is important at Rössing Uranium. We take pride in the conservation of biodiversity within the ambit of the Rössing Uranium mining licence, in the surrounding communities, as well as in Namibia at large.

Mwenze further added that sustainable development is the distinct, significant and characteristic centre of Rössing Uranium's overall approach to business.

"We seek out situations that can achieve environmental quality and increase economic wealth and social well-being, today, tomorrow and for generations to come. Our goal is to create a positive impact on biodiversity and contribute to conservation in Namibia at large. By supporting such initiatives, Rössing aims to be the leader in environmental stewardship in Namibia and to maintain our reputation as a responsible corporate citizen.

For us, preserving the ecosystem equals to achieving Zero Harm for the environment and this is something we take great pride in."

Peter Bridgeford from Vultures Namibia, thanked the Rössing Uranium team for the donation during these hard times, and highlighted the danger the vultures are facing in Namibia and other parts of the world.

"All six vulture species still found in Namibia, are under pressure from a number of sources, with poison as the number one killer", he said.

Also speaking at the event, Rössing's Manager of Corporate Communication, Daylight Ekandjo said: "The past 19 years Rössing uranium has formed a birdwatching event as an environmental education activity during which school learners had a privilege to watch & learn about various bird species. This year, we chose to focus specifically on one bird amongst many others, the vulture.

Rössing Uranium will be working with Vultures Namibia, an NGO that is involved with vulture conservation and research under the auspices of Peter Bridgeford. In recent years, Peter has volunteered as a guide in this birdwatching event. Rössing acknowledges his selflessness in support of bird conservation in Namibia. Today Rössing cements its working relationship with Vultures Namibia through this donation."

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About Rössing Uranium

Uranium was discovered in the Namib Desert in 1928, but it was not until intensive exploration in the late 1950s that much interest was shown in the area. After discovering numerous uranium occurrences, Rio Tinto secured the rights to the low-grade Rössing deposit in 1966. Ten years later, in 1976, Rössing Uranium, Namibia's first commercial uranium mine, began operating and celebrated its 40th year of production in 2016.

Leading in a new era of optimism for Rössing Uranium, China National Uranium Corporation Limited (CNUC) became the new majority shareholder in Rössing Uranium, the world's longest-running, open-pit uranium mine. This follows the sale of Rio Tinto's 68.62 per cent shareholding to CNUC on 16 July 2019.

China National Uranium Corporation's majority shareholding in Rössing Uranium opens the door to a new era for the mine, the Erongo Region and Namibia. Building on its strong and proud history, Rössing Uranium has been a driving force of positive change in Namibia since its inception in 1976. This legacy can now continue to grow, especially beyond its current life-of-mine projection of 2026.

CNUC is a subsidiary of state-owned China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC), the main force in China's nuclear market with significant involvement in the nuclear fuel cycle supply chain in that country.

Rössing Uranium's new owner is the only authorised, national uranium production and operations company in China, engaged in uranium exploration, mining and processing.

With more than 60 years' experience in mine construction and operation, CNUC focuses on managing its parent company's domestic and overseas uranium businesses, which range from uranium exploration, mining and milling to conversion and other related fields.