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## Introduction

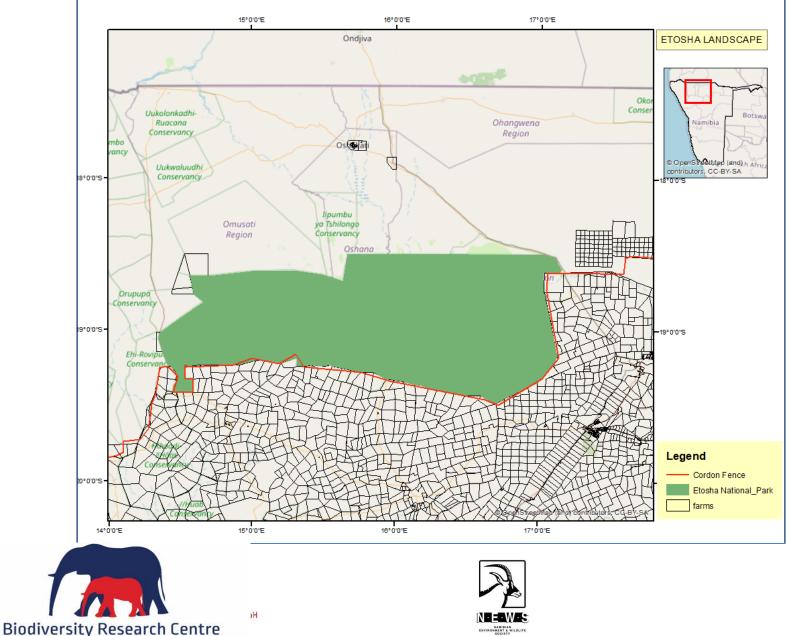
- Wildlife faces serious threats and needs protections
- Protecting wildlife from who and where? Diffuse Conflicts?
- Traditional methods vs Fourth Industrial Revolution methods
- Camera traps, aerial/drones, artificial intelligence and realtime online based platform
- EarthRanger, Africa Wildlife Tracking(AWT), Wildlife Protection Solutions(WPS), SMART, Savannah tracking etc.







#### Case study: Etosha Landscape





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# **Problems and challenges**

- Human Elephant Conflicts within Etosha Landscapes
- Both Human and wildlife have limited natural resources

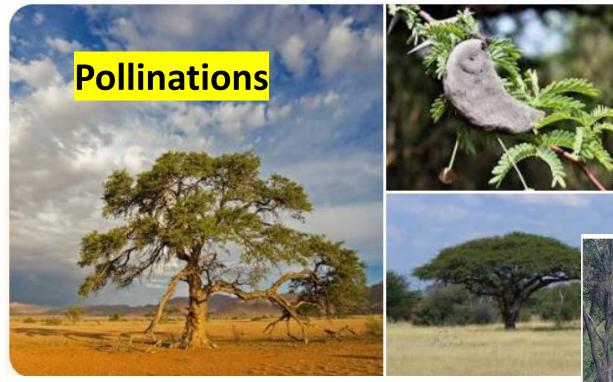








# Why elephants are important and roles they play in ecosystems...













#### **Solutions: Smart Gate**

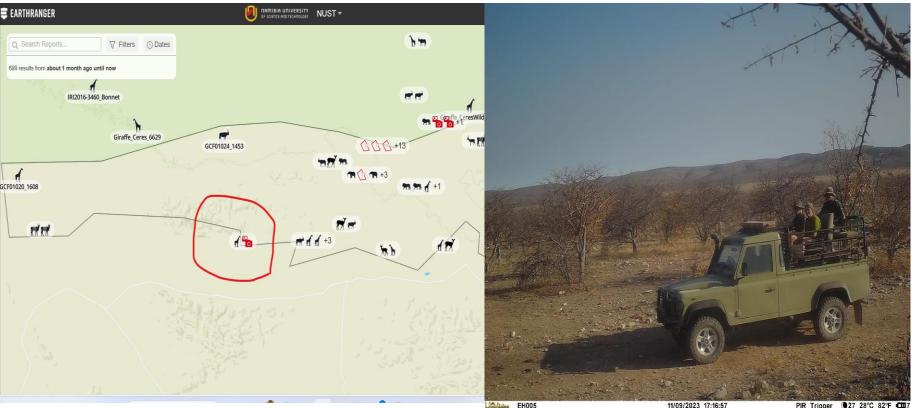
- Corridor assessment and identification
- Use WPS/TrapTagger camera trap approach
- Mechanical design student in progress
- Deploy the prototype gate and assess the performance





#### **Solutions: Al Camera trap**

- Al camera trap such as Wildlife Protection Solutions
- EarthRanger integrations













#### **Alerts: EarthRanger**

- EarthRanger is a real-time platform used to manage assets remotely such as AWT, Savannah tracking etc.
- Visualization and analysis software to protect and monitor wildlife
- Allen Paul, Co-founder of Microsoft in 2015 from the Great Elephant Census



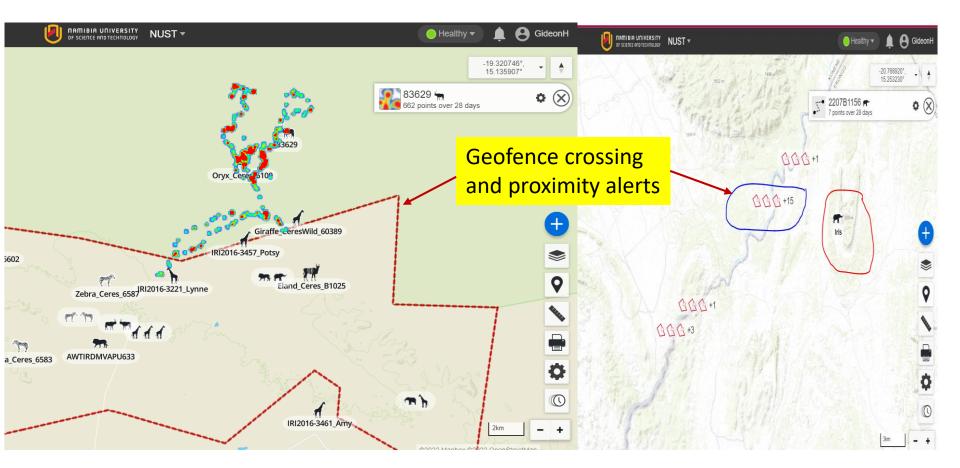
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- ER has Administrator and Operator profile
- ER Admin most for authorization and administration
- Operator for ER visualization and collect data

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#### **Geofences and alerts**

• To monitor and manage Human-Wildlife conflicts



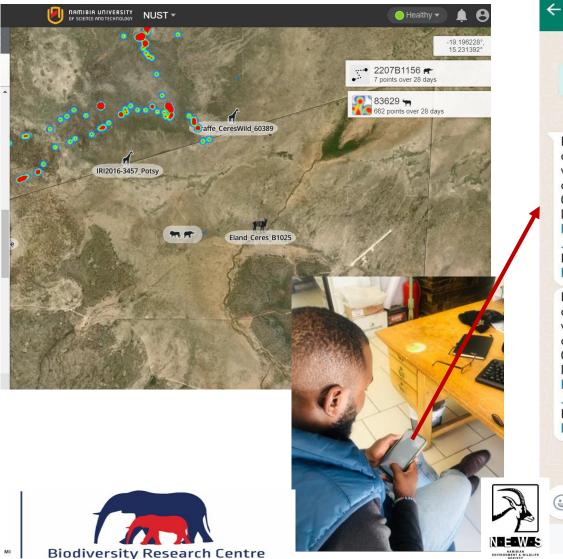






#### EarthRanger alerts and nofications

**Real-time alert and Access data** 





### Live DEMO



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