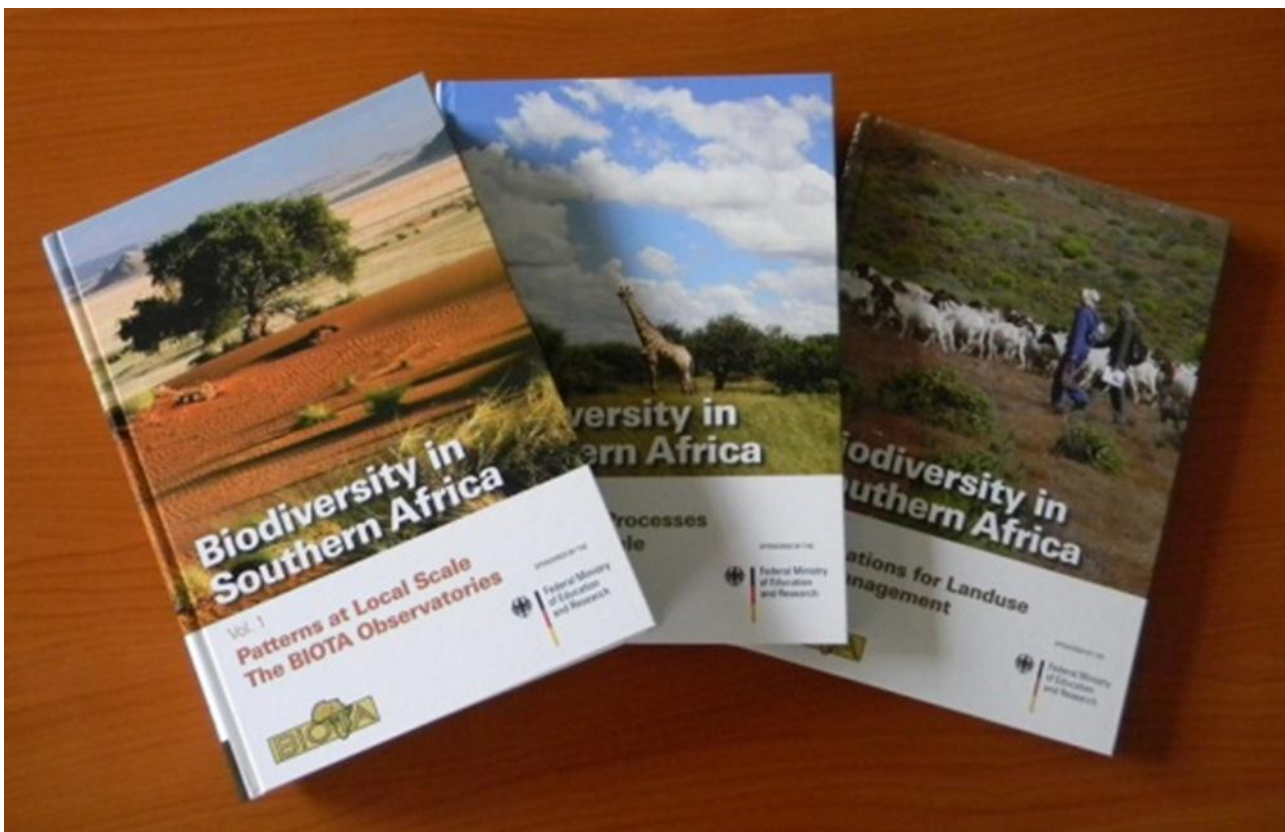




INVITATION

The BIOTA team cordially invites you to the launch of the set of books

BIODIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Date: Wednesday, 13th April 2011

**Venue: Goethe Centre/ NADS, Fidel Castro Street 5
(just below Christuskirche)**

Time: 9h00

Program

Master of Ceremony, Director of NNF Dr Julian Fennessy:

Welcome

Dr Romeo Bertolini, Counsellor for Development Cooperation for the Federal Republic of Germany:

Welcoming Remarks from the German Embassy

Prof. Norbert Juergens:

Products of the BIOTA Project

The Honourable Minister of MET Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah:

Namibia, Biodiversity, and Scientific Knowledge

Words of thanks

Refreshments will be served

The BIOTA Southern Africa project carried out a wide array of research activities in Namibia and western South Africa, almost a decade, from 2001 till 2010. The 3 volumes present the many, diverse and interesting results of long-term observation and related research.

Volume 1 „*Patterns of Local Scale - The BIOTA Observatories*“ serves the needs of local users and is concerned primarily with the findings associated with each of the 37 BIOTA biodiversity observatories along the BIOTA southern Africa transect. It has been designed specifically for all land owners and land users as well as the managers of conservation areas and members of municipalities and local communities.

Volume 2 „*Patterns and Processes at a Regional Scale*“ is of interest for all users. Based on the data from the 37 observatories and beyond, all data are integrated, compared, and discussed in a wider context. The direct comparison of the single observatories is supplemented by case studies, which highlight research results on specific groups of organisms.

Volume 3 „*Implications for Land Use and Management*“ is of interest for all decision makers regarding land use and for resource managers, irrespective of the geographical scale at which they operate. The similarity of ecosystems and organismic compositions within each of the major biomes along the transect are acknowledged (e.g. Woodland Savannah, Thornbush Savannah, Nama Karoo, Succulent Karoo, and Fynbos).

Please confirm your attendance by latest 11th April with Bertchen Kohrs, tel: 0812938085, e-mail: bertchenk@iway.na