

# THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAMIB-NAUKLUFT PARK

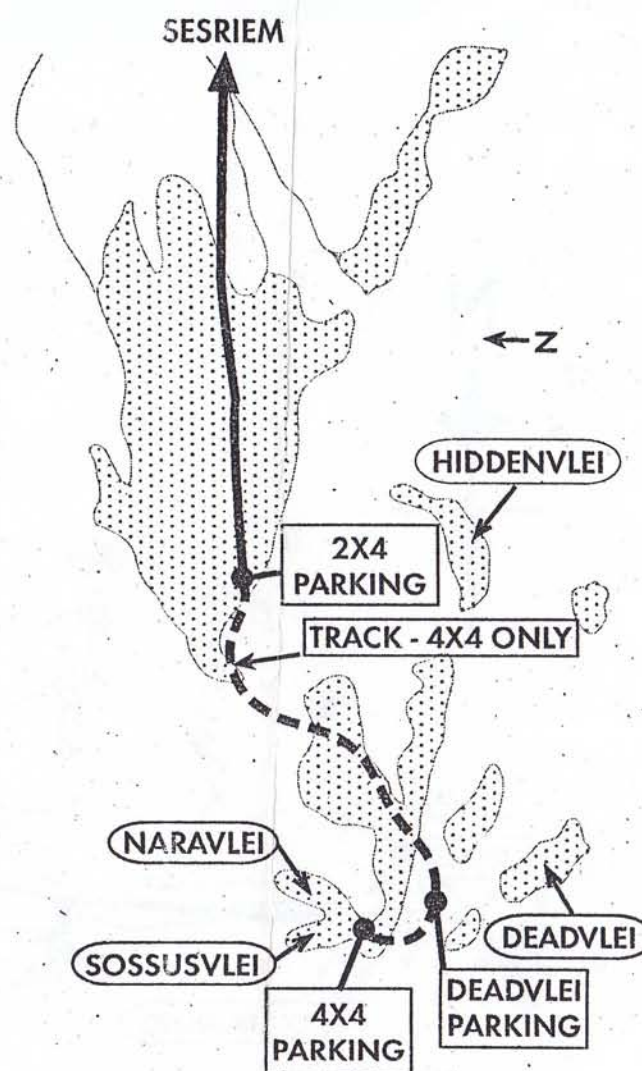
The Namib-Naukluft Park grew to its present size over a period of almost 90 years. In 1907 the area between the Swakop River and the Kuiseb River was proclaimed Game Reserve N<sup>o</sup>3 by the German Colonial Administration. In 1941 the Sandwich area was incorporated into Game Reserve N<sup>o</sup>3. This was to protect the guano concession on islands in the lagoon.

The Reserve was enlarged in 1956 to include the Welwitschia plains, Swakop River valley and the Kuiseb Canyon. In 1968 this area became known as the Namib Desert Park - 14 095 sq km in size.

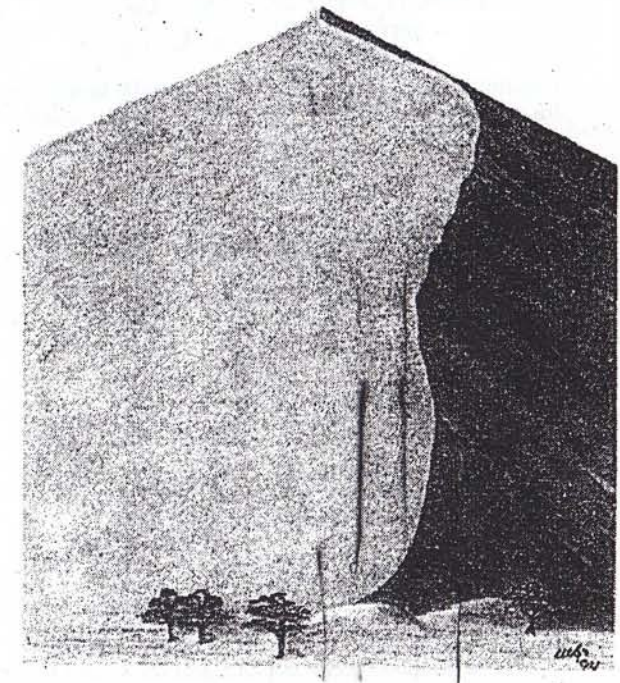
In 1968 the Naukluft Mountain Zebra Park was proclaimed with the purchase of the farm Naukluft. This was to protect the endangered Hartmann's mountain zebra. After an ecological survey in 1970, most of the farms forming the Naukluft mountain massif was purchased and later a number of farms west of the mountain were bought to create a corridor so that gemsbok could migrate between the dunes and the mountains.

In 1979 a large portion of the land known as Diamond Area 2, to the south of the Kuiseb River, including Sesriem and Sossusvlei, was ceded to conservation. This area, unoccupied State Land, the Namib Desert Park and the Naukluft Mountain Zebra Park were consolidated to form the 23 340sq km Namib-Naukluft Park.

The further addition of the remainder of Diamond Area 2 and a portion of Diamond Area 1, as far south as the Aus/Lüderitz road in 1986, made the Namib-Naukluft Park the biggest in Africa, 49 768sq km, almost the size of Belgium and Wales together.



# WELCOME TO SESRIEM & SOSSUSVLEI NAMIB-NAUKLUFT PARK



This permit is valid for entrance to the entire Namib-Naukluft Park.

From...../...../.....to...../...../.....

Vehicle Registration N<sup>o</sup>.....

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF THE GAME, THE SPEED LIMIT IN THIS PARK IS**

**60km/h.**



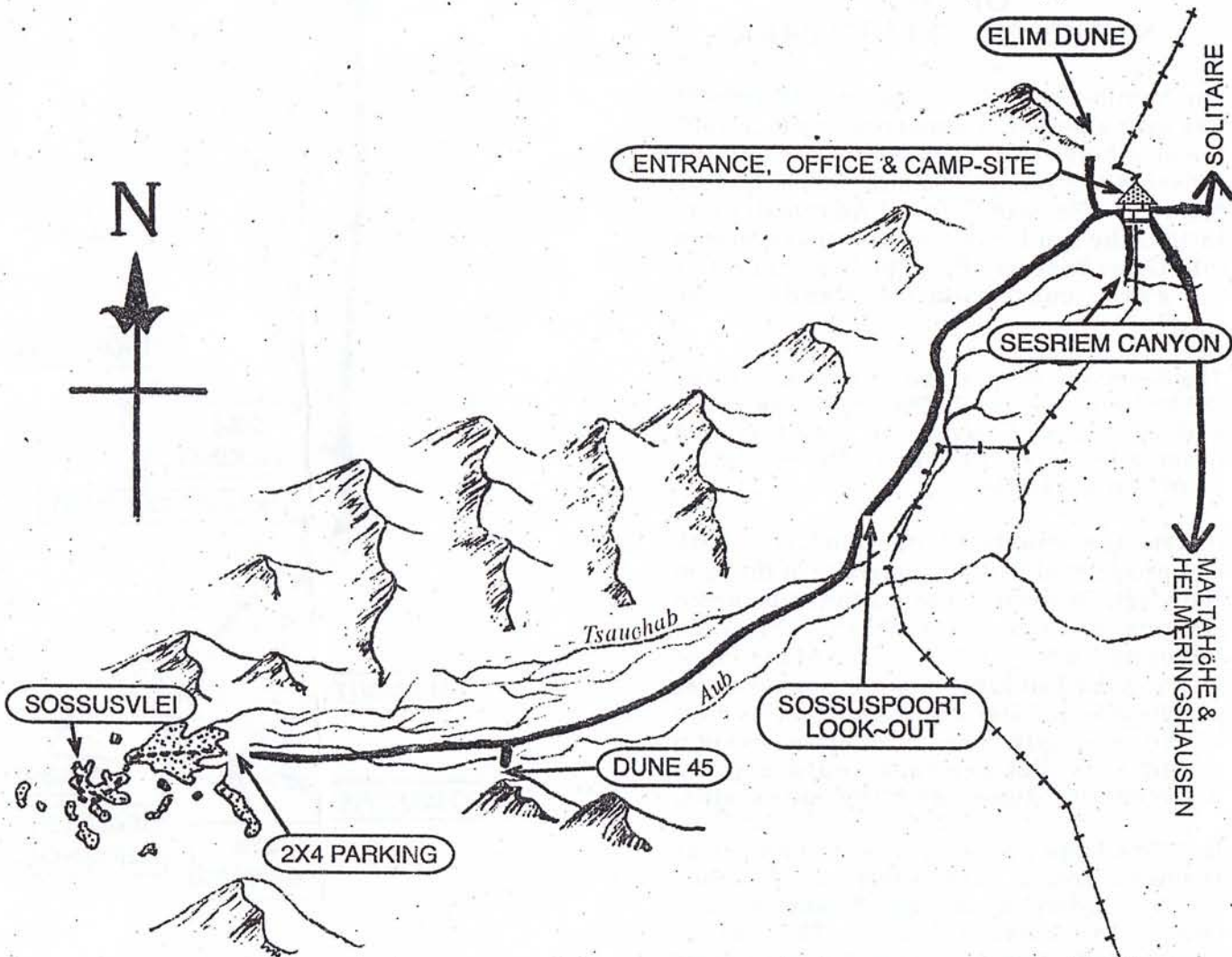
THE PARK WAS CREATED FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF THE ANIMALS  
**AND**  
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE  
**FIVE GOLDEN RULES**  
DURING YOUR VISIT TO  
SESRIEM/SOSSUSVLEI.

1. Driving off the existing roads will scar the landscape for many years to come and kills plants and small animals. *Please* stay on the road. You may, however, walk anywhere in the Park.
2. Litter can kill or injure animals and is unsightly. *Please* do not litter - bins are provided for your refuse at Sesriem.
3. Firewood is sold at Sesriem Camp. *Please* do not collect firewood in the Park.
4. Fireplaces are provided at every camp-site. No fires may be made at Sossusvlei or Deadvlei parking areas.
5. Consider other visitors. *Please* do not make undue noise, disturb or inconvenience others.

### HINTS TO VISITORS:

- \* If you are walking, wear a hat and shoes, not sandals. The sand becomes very hot and will burn bare feet.
- \* Always carry water with you; in your vehicle and when you are walking.
- \* Even if you are driving a 4X4 vehicle, we recommend that you deflate your tyres 1,2kPa before driving into sand.
- \* If you get stuck in sand, deflate your tyres further. Move backwards and forwards slowly. Do not apply full power and spin the wheels.
- \* Do not go near gemsbok (oryx) while you are on foot. These animals are wild, fast and can be dangerous.
- \* Early mornings and late evenings are the best for photography.



### DISTANCES FROM OFFICE

5	km TO SESRIEM CANYON
5	km TO ELIM DUNE
28	km TO SOSSUSPOORT LOOK-OUT
45	km TO DUNE 45
60	km TO 2X4 PARKING
65	km TO SOSSUSVLEI

