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#### **NEWS IN THIS ISSUE:**

>> Pangolins of Namibia

Dear Valued Customer.

Pangolins have gained an unfortunate fame in recent years as being the most-trafficked wild animals in the world. Namibia's pangolin population is not immune. Over the past ten years, a rapid increase has been recorded in the illicit trade of Namibian pangolins (members of the species *Smutsia temminckii*, commonly known as the ground pangolin).

All pangolin species are protected and trade in pangolins or their parts is illegal and punished with strict fines and jail terms. These stamps will help raise awareness about Namibia's pangolins and hopefully help to deter the illegal trade.

Sincerely, Bennie Jacobs

## Pangolins of Namibia







#### DID YOU KNOW?

Pangolins are bipedal, meaning they spend most of their time walking on two feet. They use their long, broad tails as counter-weights to their torsos, walking in a characteristic, hunched-over posture – but at a surprisingly quick pace.



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