

## List of NGOs in Botswana

Botswana has a fairly sizable number of non-government organisations, many of which work on issues relating to the environment and development. These organisations include the following:

Botswana Christian Council (BCC): an NGO that promotes development, social justice, and spiritual betterment in Botswana

Botswana Council of Non-Government Organizations (BOCONGO): a consortium of Botswana NGOs, based in Gaborone

Botswana Society: a broad-based NGO that publishes a journal, hosts scientific meetings, and promotes cultural and environmental awareness; it is based in Gaborone

Conservation International (CI): an NGO engaged in conservation and rural development activities with particular emphasis on the Okavango Delta and on the Western Kgalagadi Conservation Corridor; it is based in Gaborone

DITSHWANELO (the Botswana Center for Human Rights): an NGO that promotes human rights of all peoples, groups, and individuals in Botswana, with particular emphasis on those who are disadvantaged; it is based in Gaborone

Forestry Association of Botswana (FAB): an NGO involved with establishment of agroforestry programs, research into indigenous species, and extension work; it is based in Gaborone

Gantsi Craft: an NGO that is involved with the promotion, purchase, and marketing of crafts of San and other people; some of the work of Gantsi Craft focuses on training and on the development of new products and information dissemination about crafts and cultural issues; it is based in Ghanzi, Ghanzi District

IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources – World Conservation Union): an NGO that is engaged in broad-based conservation and natural resource management issues in southern Africa; it is based in Gaborone

Kalahari Conservation Society (KCS): an NGO mainly involved with wildlife conservation but it also deals with integrated resources management and conservation education; it is based in Gaborone; it was involved with community-based natural resource management in the Nata Conservation Area in Central District

Kuru Family of Organisations (KFO): (formerly Kuru Development Trust, KDT): a complex of NGOs involved in multifaceted rural developing and conservation efforts with particular emphasis on San communities in Ghanzi and North West Districts; it is based in Maun, North West District, with branches in D'Kar, Ghanzi District Letloa: an NGO that carries out community-based development work in Ngamiland. It is based in Shakawe, North West District.

Maiteko Tshwaragano Development Trust (MTDT) a development oriented NGO working on environmental issues, income generation activities and community capacity-building; it is based in Zutswa, Kgalagadi District

Permaculture Trust: an NGO that promotes sustainable agriculture, housing, and natural resource management improvement in rural areas; its main office is in Serowe, Central District, and there is a branch office in Ghanzi.

Thusano Lefatsheng: an NGO involved primarily with the protection and utilization of indigenous species of veld plants such as sengaparile, (Devil's Claw, Grapple Plant,

Harpogophytum procumbens) and Morama (tsin beans, Tylosema esculentum); it is based at Thusego Farm near Kolobeng in Kweneng District

Veld Products Research and Development (VPRD): An NGO that carried out research and development work on wild plant products, agroforestry, and appropriate technology; it is based in Gabane, Kweneng District.

Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA): an NGO that concentrates on rural development and advocacy for San peoples; it is regional in scope and has a main office in Windhoek, Namibia and a Botswana country office in D'Kar, Ghanzi District.