

Traditional Authorities in Namibia's land governance Challenges and strategies

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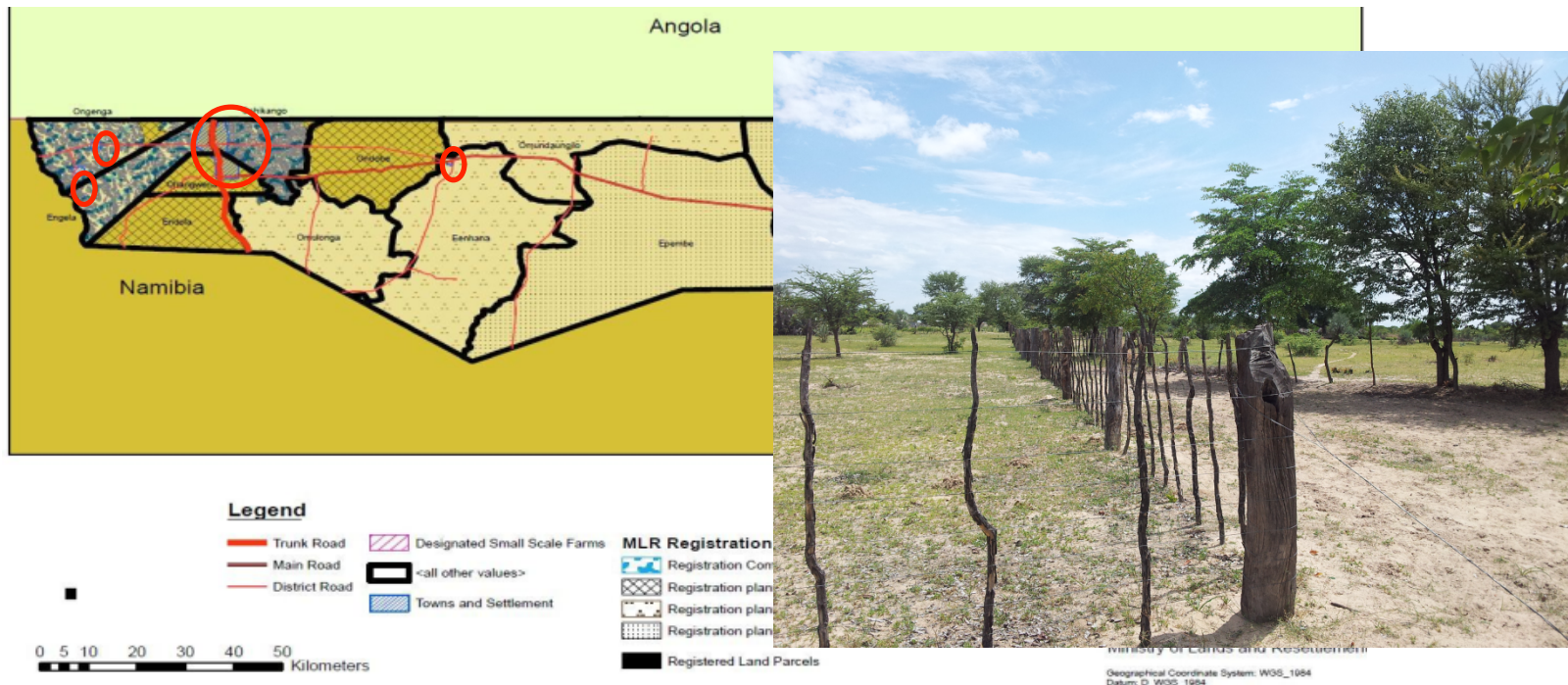
Uses and control of communal land

- Land has many different benefits – space, resources, security, basis for investments
- Different land uses
- Who controls these uses?



Diversification of land use – formal and informal

- Formalization of specific uses through CLRA, town land proclamation and project areas
- Mushrooming of informal development initiatives and small businesses



Diversification of land use – a challenge for Village Headmen

- Intersection of land practices with the TA's scope of authority
- Intersection of state law with the TA's scope of authority



A good headman “is fair he just gives the land to the person that really needs it. Not to take sides or do favours.”



The strategies: a typology

- **Economic opportunist:** fast allocation through land sales
- **Conservationist position:** commonage plan with community participation
- **Liberal position:** allowing and encouraging diversified and commercial use
- **Social advisor:** Retreat to subject-focused authority

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