

**A history of ReconAfrica's oil exploration in Namibia
shows how it has repeatedly flouted regulations and best practices**

- 2015**
- JAN** ReconAfrica receives oil exploration license from Namibia's mines ministry covering 9,800 square miles.
- 2019**
- AUG** Namibia's environment ministry issues environmental permit for test wells. Land rights and water use and disposal permits are required before work can begin.
- 2020**
- NOV** Land clearing for first test well, at Kawe, is under way.
- 2021**
- JAN** ReconAfrica starts drilling at Kawe without the required land rights or water permits. It does not line waste pit with plastic against groundwater contamination but claims other measures taken.
- ReconAfrica clears land for second test well, in a wildlife conservancy near Mbambi, without the required land rights.
- APRIL** Farmer at second drill site sues ReconAfrica, alleging it seized his family's land illegally.
- MAY** Whistleblower files complaint with U.S. securities regulators alleging ReconAfrica has intentionally misled investors.
- Drilling at second well begins, without the necessary land rights, permission from the conservancy.
- JUNE** Namibian Parliament begins hearings questioning ReconAfrica's activities.
- Two members of U.S. Congress urge the Department of Justice, SEC, and others to investigate whether ReconAfrica violated Namibian or U.S. laws.
- ReconAfrica announces it has "formally received all water well regulatory approvals for drilling operations." The government has not responded to requests to confirm.
- ReconAfrica retroactively applies to regional communal land board for land rights for its two test wells.
- JULY** ReconAfrica receives environmental permit for seismic survey, which restricts where and how it can be conducted.
- Seismic survey begins.
- SEPT** National Geographic confirms waste pit at second test well also lacks plastic liner.
- Seismic survey machinery flattens farmland in Hamweyi, in violation of environmental management plan that forbids driving in communal fields.
- Land board retroactively approves land rights for Kawe well site.
- OCT** Photos show roads cleared through untouched forest for the seismic survey in violation of environmental permit that restricts routes to existing roads.
- Class action lawsuit alleges ReconAfrica violated U.S. securities laws.
- 2022**
- JAN** ReconAfrica announces plans for three to six more wells and new seismic survey.
- FEB** ReconAfrica tells investors new seismic survey "is ongoing," despite not formally consulting with stakeholders about its social and environmental impacts, as required by law.

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