

RENOWNED SPECIALISTS JOIN CROW CANYON'S NAMIBIA TOUR!

Lead scholar **Grahame Thomson** will be joined by other renowned specialists and experts as we travel through Namibia, July 11–22, 2012.

Steve Braine, who comes from a strong conservation background, is one of the most respected naturalists and birding specialists in Namibia. Not only does he have an in-depth knowledge of the larger mammals, he also has a special interest in reptiles and small creatures. Well-known in entomological circles, he has four butterflies named after him. Mr. Braine has also been involved in tourism in Namibia for many years, developing and managing tourist lodges and operating specialized tours.

Dr. Margaret Jacobsohn, cofounder (with Garth Owen-Smith) of Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC), is an anthropologist and community-conservation pioneer. A specialist on the Himba, she spent five years living with a number of Himba and Herero lineages in the northwest part of Namibia, and is considered family by many of the people. Dr. Jacobsohn obtained her Ph.D. from Cape Town University. She has published numerous articles and texts on the Himba, including *Himba, Nomads of Namibia*, and on community-based natural resource management.

Dr. Roy Miller, geologist with an environmental emphasis, has worked for over four decades in Namibia. His many positions include Director of the Geological Survey and Technical Manager of the National Petroleum Corporation. He is also the author of numerous publications, including the *Handbook on the Geology of Namibia*, and he is the main author of the *Geological Map of Namibia*. In addition to his career as a geologist, Dr. Miller is an avid ecologist, naturalist, ornithologist, conservationist, and photographer. He was a contributor to the *Bird Atlas of Southern Africa* and the *Tree Atlas of Namibia*, and he has served as Chairman of the Board of the amalgamated Namibia Nature Foundation, the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia, and the Namibian Institute for Sustainable Development.

Garth Owen-Smith is an internationally known Namibian conservationist and pioneer of community-based natural resource management in southern Africa. He and his partner Dr. Margaret Jacobsohn, cofounders of the IRDNC, have won some of the world's top conservation awards for their work in Namibia's two most remote corners—the northwest Kunene Region and the Caprivi in the northeast. Although trained as a forester, he has dedicated his life to implementing community-based solutions to conservation in Africa. The book *An Arid Eden: One Man's Mission in the Kaokoveld*, is an account of his personal conservation history spanning 40 years. Mr. Owen-Smith also serves as a safari guide and leads conservation and specialized cultural tours.

Dr. Beatrice Sandelowsky grew up on a farm on the edge of the central Namib Desert. She received her Ph.D. in archaeology from the University of California, Berkeley. During archaeological and anthropological research in Namibia and Malawi, Dr. Sandelowsky worked with museums and universities in Namibia, South Africa, Europe, and the United States. As a founder of the University Centre for Studies in Namibia, she was instrumental in establishing the Rehoboth Museum, the country's first museum in a non-White community devoted to local history and prehistory. Dr. Sandelowsky has published numerous scientific articles and works of popular science. Her book *Archaeologically Yours: Beatrice Sandelowsky, a personal journey of southern Africa, in particular Namibia* was published in 2004.

Russell Vinjevoold, CEO of Kunene Conservancy Safaris, is one of the most prominent conservation specialists in Namibia. He is passionate about sharing his vast knowledge and strong passion for the Kunene region, its people, and its wildlife. Mr. Vinjevoold spent a number of years stationed in the Namib Desert and in Etosha National Park and conducted extensive research on wild dogs and lions. Most recently he has worked in the tourism sector, particularly in Kruger National Park in South Africa.