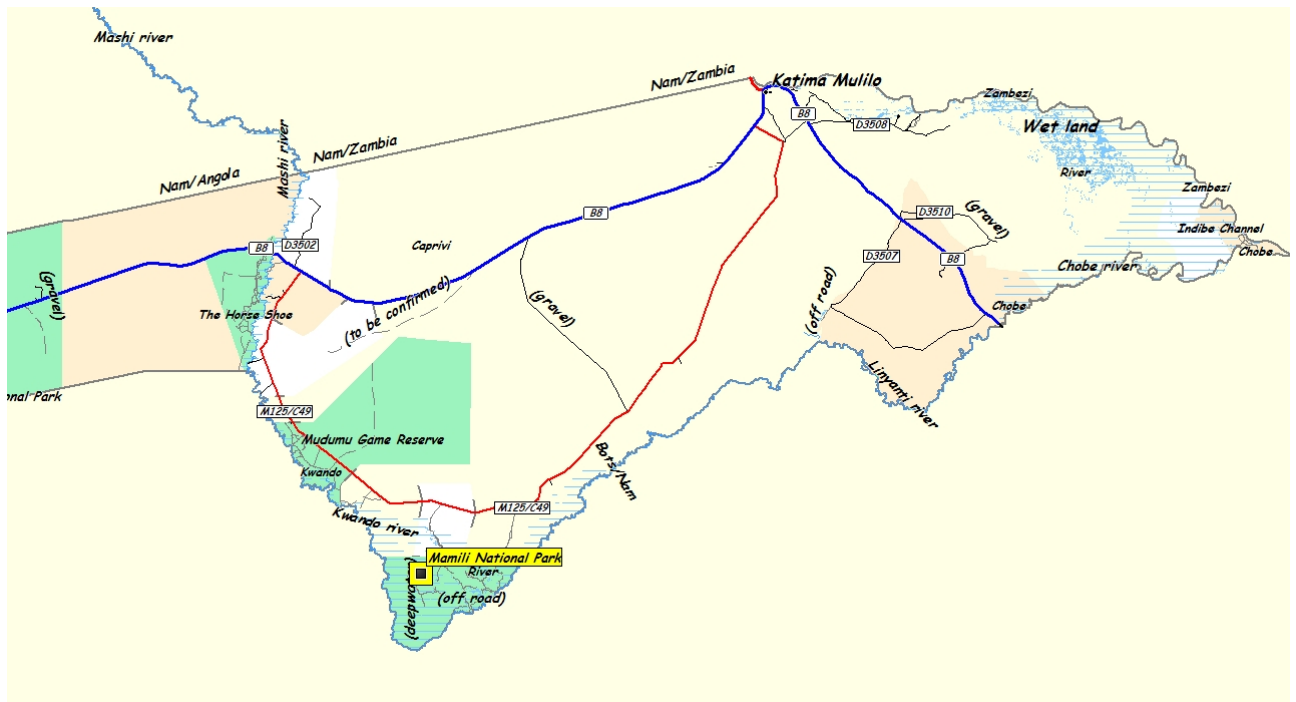


## 53496 About the name 'Mamili National Park'

This park displays on the T4A map as 'Mamili National Park' despite its official name 'Nkasa Rupara National Park'

Below is the debate for this decision (reading it from bottom up)



**From:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Peter Levey  
**Sent:** 2009 January 23 16:13  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

Agree and it makes sense. I certainly only refer to it as Mamili.

Peter

**From:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Kai Nolte  
**Sent:** 2009 January 23 17:37  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

Bruce,  
How can there be reluctance to accept a name change that people are not aware of and that officially has not taken place?

Francois,  
Please have a look at the Namibian MET's website <http://www.met.gov.na/maps/parks.pdf>.

Bottom line...Keep it simple for the person using T4A without getting into politics, that's all I am saying.

Kind Regards

**Kai Nolte**

**From:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Kai Nolte  
**Sent:** 2009 January 23 15:21  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

In fact I haven't met any fellow traveler, tourist, official or person in the tourist industry using the name Nkasa Rupara when referring to Mamili National Park. That's why I think it doesn't make sense to call it Nkasa Rupara on T4A. It only brings up confusion. I mean the traveler reading about Mamili in article or guidebook, planning a trip there will search on T4A maps for Mamili and not Nkasa Rupara as simple as that. Should the name change ever take place officially per government gazette it will eventually be changed on all maps, signs etc. ...and only then it should be changed on T4A as well.

Kind Regards

**Kai Nolte**

**From:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Bruce Richards  
**Sent:** 2009 January 23 16:28  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

Hi

I speak under correction but I believe this park's name changed some years back and although it is still widely known as Mamili. I discovered this when researching a trip there in 2007.

I daresay people resist change thus the reluctance to accept the new name.

Bruce Richards

**From:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com **On Behalf Of** Francois Visagie  
**Sent:** 2009 January 23 11:00  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

Thanks for digging that up. Although that's the first reference I've come across that doesn't call it Nkasa Rupara. (I've also wondered and tried to get to the bottom of it). As far as I recall, the "official" Namibian government tourism and MET web sites refer to it as Nkasa Rupara.

The Rupara/Lupala is probably an artifact of local pronunciation, where often 'r's are pronounced 'l'?

Kind regards,

[Francois](#)

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**Sent:** 2009 January 23 10:28  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

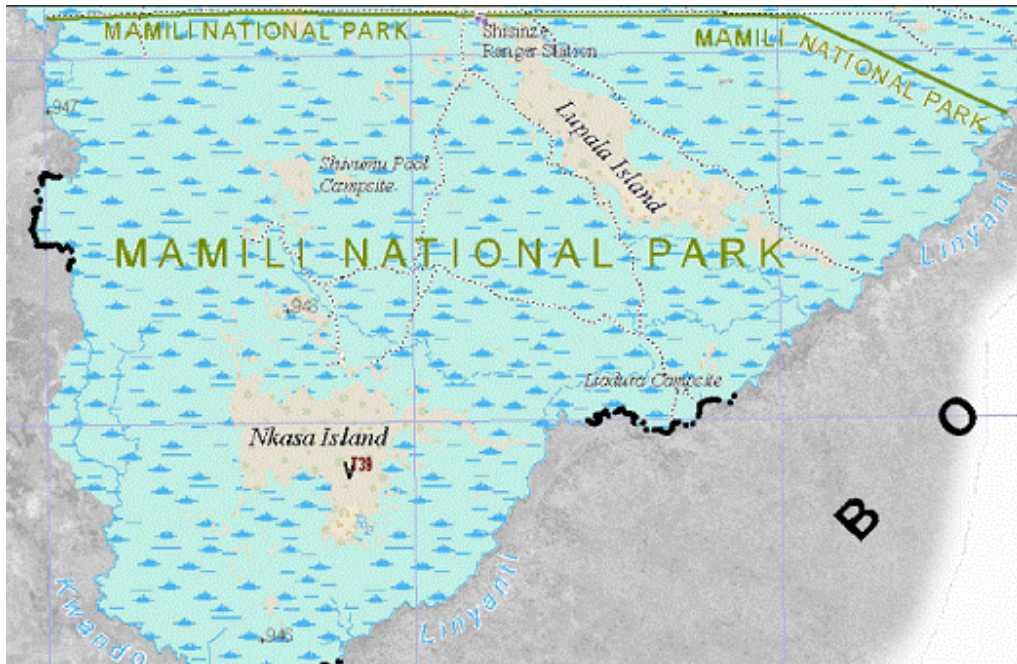
Although I found this:

The Park was officially proclaimed on 1st March 1990; just twenty days before Namibia gained her long-awaited Independence, after such a challenging but worthwhile struggle. The Park's chosen title Mamili bears reference to the seven Chiefs of that name who, since 1864, have ruled over the Mafwe peoples living in this eastern section of the Caprivi Region. Known locally as the Litunga, and historically referred to as Kings, these Chiefs are installed as both traditional and political leaders of the tribe. The three most recent Chiefs have been Richard Muhinda Mamili (1971-1987), Boniface Bebi Mamili (1987-1998) and George Simasiku Mamili VII, from 1999 to the present day. There is currently, however, strong opposition to the name Mamili from local communities living in the Wuparo and Malengalenga Conservancies bordering the Park. They would rather the Park be called Nkasa/Rupara – the names of the two major Islands within the proclaimed area – and have, against the wishes of the Directorate of Parks and Wildlife Management (DPWM) in the Ministry of Tourism and Environment (MET) altered the local directional signs! Rupara, by the way, is the local Mayeyi term; others, including some maps, name it as Lupala.

Peter

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**Sent:** 2009 January 23 11:01  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

The official name of the Park according to the Government of Namibia is Mamili as shown on all General Surveyors Mapping.  
Like on the 1:250k...



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**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Re: Mamili National Park in Caprivi

That is the official name of the park.

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**Sent:** 2009 January 23 10:21  
**To:** tracks4africa@googlegroups.com  
**Subject:** [T4A] Mamili National Park in Caprivi

Having the naming of National Parks and Reserves on topic...  
...I always wanted to ask this, why is Mamili National Park in the Caprivi Strip called Nkasa Rupara on T4A?

Kind Regards

**Kai Nolte**