

An aerial photograph of a vast date palm plantation in a desert. The palm trees are planted in neat, parallel rows that stretch across the sandy landscape. In the background, there are rugged, brown mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows some large, dark rocks.

Date Palm industry in South Africa and Namibia

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Ha

Planted

**Develop in
next 5
years**

Total

**South
Africa**

236.68

97.32

334.00

Namibia

552.20

124.00

676.20

Total

788.88

221.32

1010.20

Plant protection requirements

Insects

- **Larger date moth - *Arenipses sabella***
- **Mites - *Raoiella indica*, *tetranychus urticae*, *Oligonychus afrasiaticus***
- **White scale - *Parlatoria blanchardii***
- **Locusts, Thrips, Ants, Termites**
- **Diptera**

Diseases

- **Black Scorch - *Ceratocystis paradoxa***
- **Diplodia - *Diplodia phoenicum***
- **Bayoud - *Fusarium oxysporum***
- **Fungi - Grey mold, *Aspergilles***

Plant protection requirements



Other

- **Herbicide**
- **Wetters**
- **Spreaders**
- **Pheromones**
- **Plant growth regulators**

What next

- **Send information to Office of the Registrar to confirm opportunity for minor crop registration (Involve the Namibian Departement of Agriculture from the beginning)**
- **Send request to all plant protection product producers to get interested companies on board**
- **Hold a meeting with all producers, chemical companies and the registrar before end of 2018 to introduce everybody and start the process**
- **Establish a Date Palm Growers Association or select champions from the industry who will drive the process with all parties involved**