

Geographical Names Standardization

This map highlights numerous places with more than one or varying names. The scenario is influenced by human-centric events based on governance or culture.

Whether the place name is officially bestowed or adopted circumstantially, certain terminology in usage will prevail within a society

This process occurs through continual social interactions amongst a community that over time skew towards certain terminology for each location. (C.K. Chan et al)

These inconsistencies in place names usage triggered conflicts and disputes among different ethnic groups hence the suspension of the activities of the Botswana Place Names Commission.

However the importance of geographical names standardization cannot be underestimated and efforts are on-going to rescucitate the Botswana Place Names Commission so as to maintain official geographical names standard in the country.



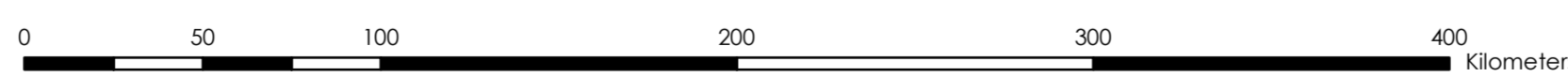
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Legend

- City
- Settlement with Name Variations in use
- Other Settlement
- National Boundary
- District Boundary
- == Tared Road
- Gravel/Sandy Road
- Railway
- ~~~~~ River/Watercourse
- ~~~~~ Dry Fossil River
- Dam/Lake
- Dry Fossil Valley
- Swamp
- Pan
- National Park/Game Reserve