



**THE PRE-KALAHARI  
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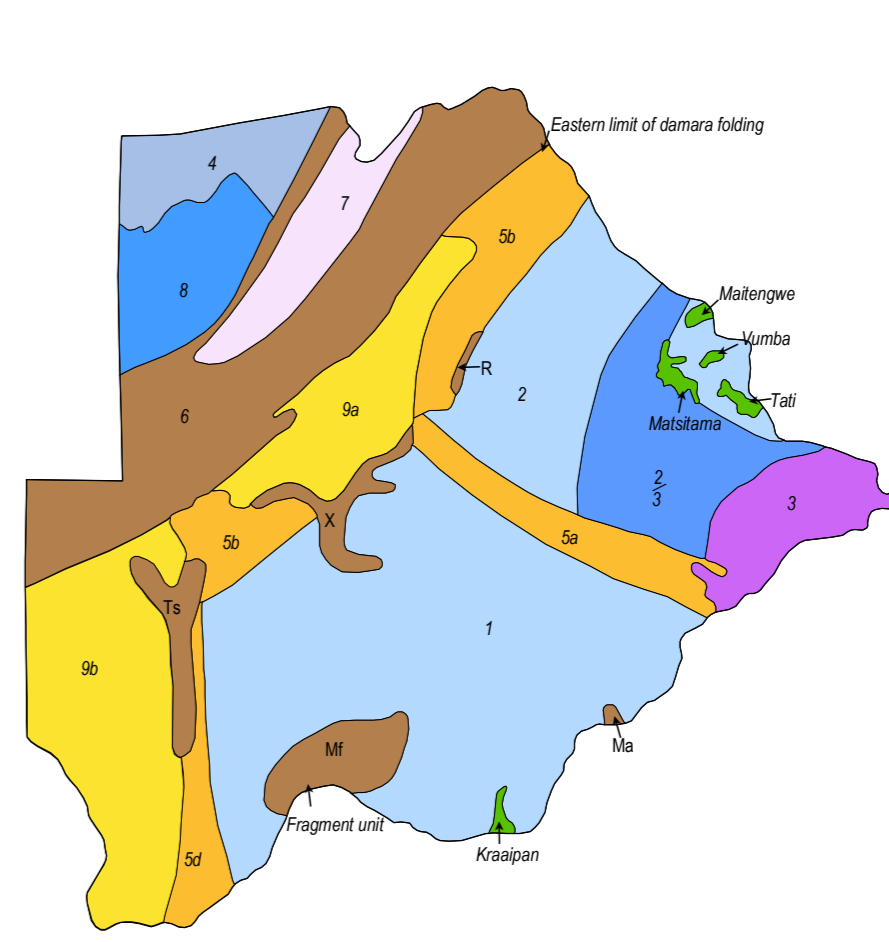
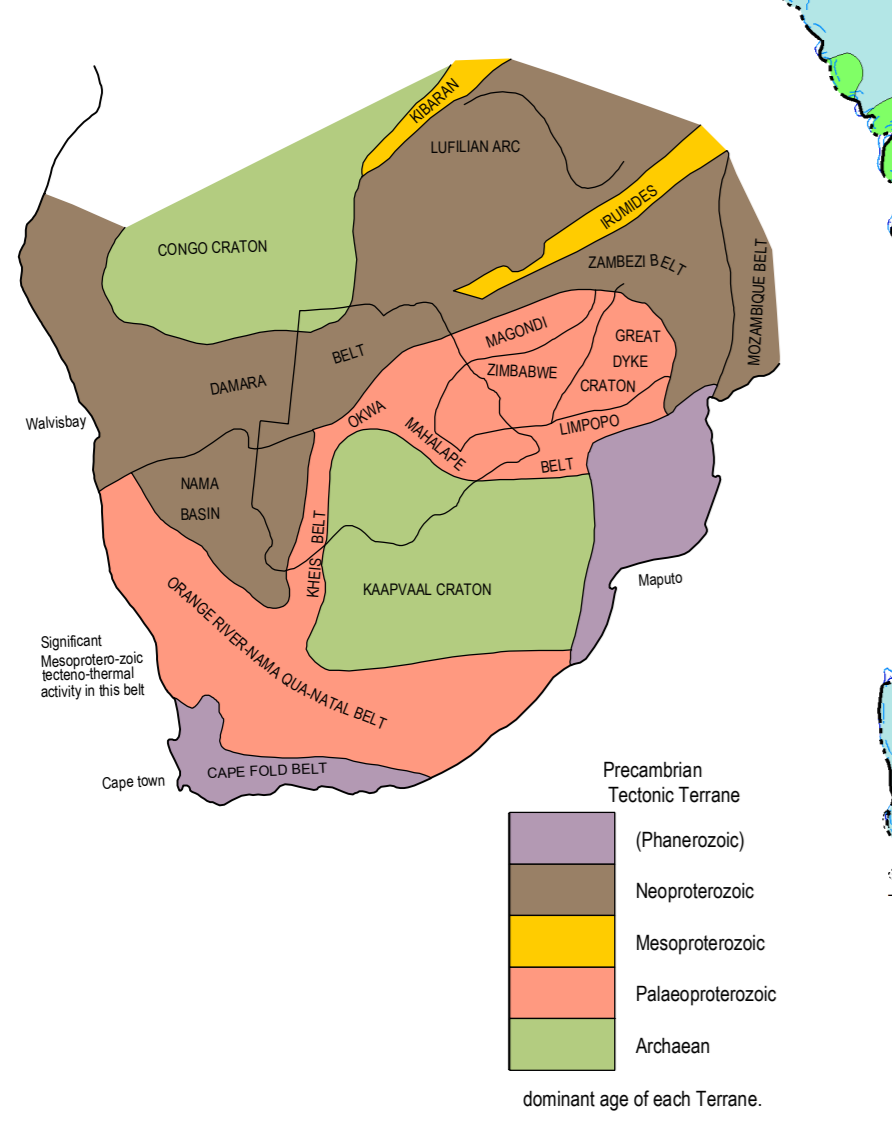
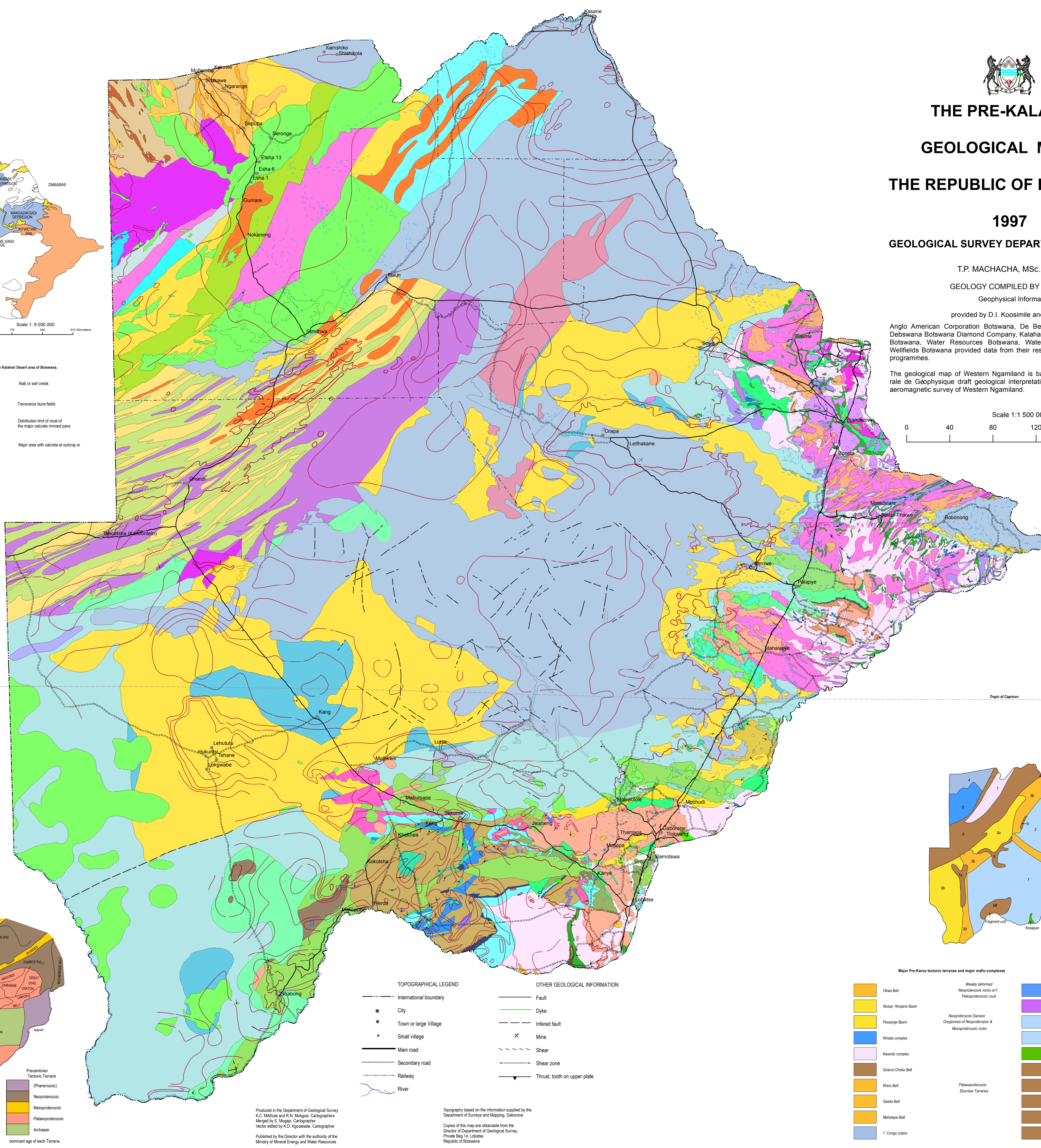
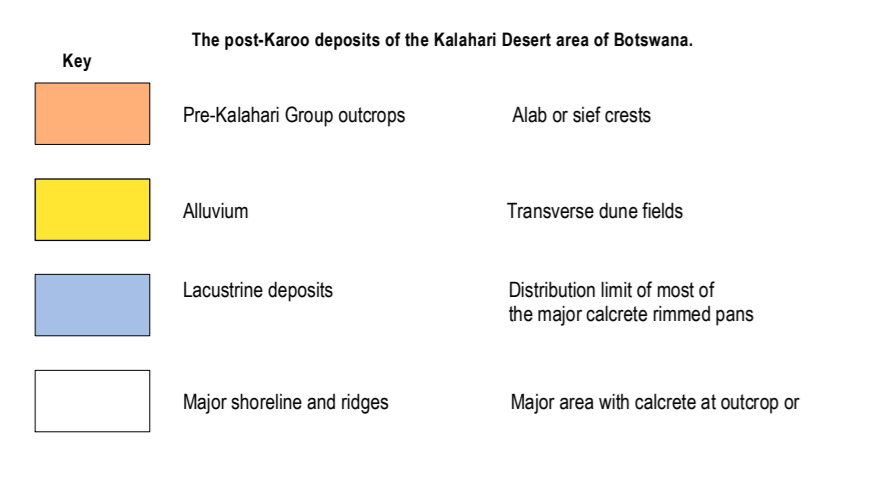
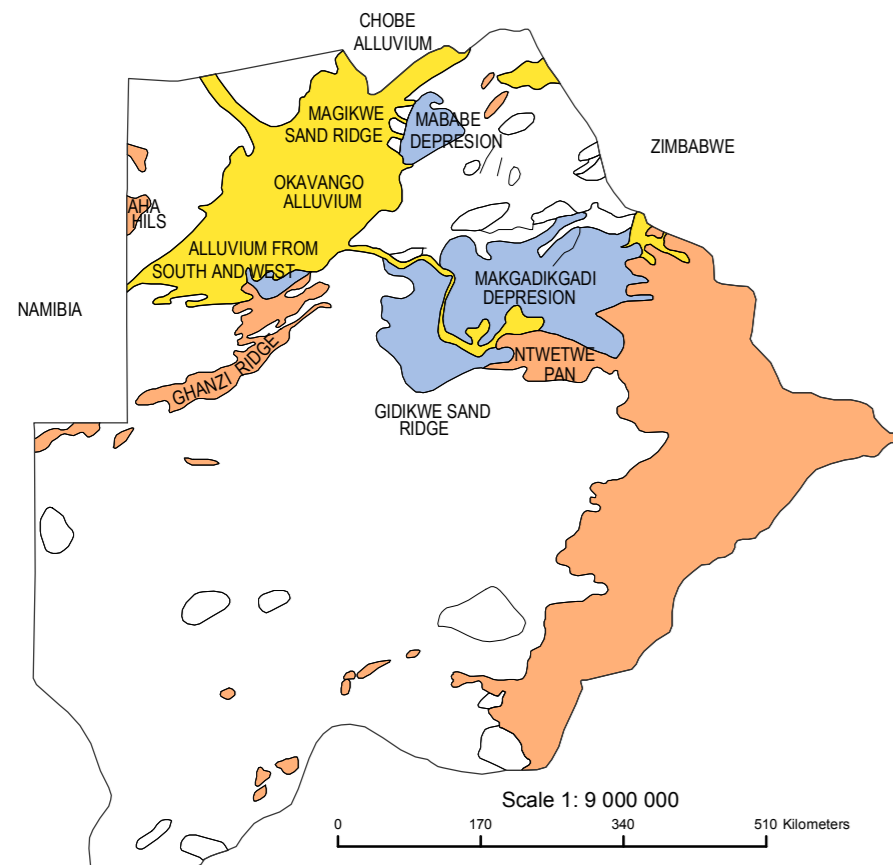
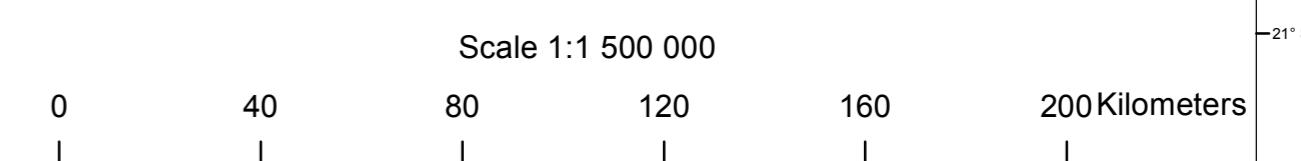
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**TOPOGRAPHICAL LEGEND**

- International boundary
- City
- Town or large Village
- Small village
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Railway
- River

**OTHER GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

- Fault
- Inferred fault
- Mine
- Shear zone
- Thrust, tooth on upper plate

**Major Pre-Karoo tectonic terranes and major mafic complexes**

|                  |   |   |                         |
|------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| Orange-Bain      | Well developed Neoproterozoic rocks? Neoproterozoic out | Blue Shale Complex                                      | Archaean Terranes       |
| Passage Basin    | Neoproterozoic Gneiss                                   | Zimbabwe Craton   | Archaean Terranes       |
| Kibele Complex   | Deposits of Neoproterozoic & Neoproterozoic rocks       | Kibele Craton   | with exposed granulites |
| Kaobab Complex   |   | The Limpopo Belt has undergone Neoproterozoic reworking | Major Mafic Complexes   |
| Gwelo-Chubu Belt | Neoproterozoic (Eburnean Terranes)                      |   |                         |
| Kaobab           |   |   |                         |
| Gwelo Belt       |   |   |                         |
| Makulupe Belt    |   |   |                         |
| Camp-o-man       |   |   |                         |

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**LEGEND**

|        |  |                               |                          |                                    |
|--------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kad    | Undifferentiated intrusive and/or extrusive Karoo dolerites/basalt   | Karoo volcanics               |                          |                                    |
| Kv     | Flood basalts, variety amygdaloidal with minor siliceous sedimentary interbeds and lenses  | Karoo volcanics               | Upper Karoo              | Jurassic (c.180 Ma)                |
| Kl     | Orange, red or white sandstone, locally calcareous with reddish siltstone nonwedgey common dolerites   | Leleung Group                 | Supergroup               | Triassic to Jurassic               |
| KB     | Pale grey, non-carbonaceous siltstone, mudstone and fine limestone   | Beaufort Group                | Lower Karoo              | Permian to Lower Triassic          |
| KE     | Interbedded coal, carbonaceous siltstone and mudstone and white poorly cemented arkosic sandstone and fine limestone   | Ecca Group                    | Supergroup               | Carboniferous to Early Permian     |
| KD     | Assorted glacial deposits including diamictite, very finely laminated siltstone (varvite) and sandstone  | Dwyka Group                   |                          | Carboniferous to Early Permian     |
| KN     | Breccio-conglomerate, variety calcareous sandstone and siltstone   | Nema Group                    |                          | Neoproterozoic &/or Cambrian       |
| OK     | Felsite, quartzite, siltstone, volcanoclastic sedimentary rock, arkosic sandstone, mudstone, limestone   | Okavango Group                |                          | Neoproterozoic &/or Cambrian       |
| Py     | Dolomitic limestone, ironstone, chert, sandstone, quartzite, conglomerate  | Sheeping Formation            |                          |                                    |
| PI     | Varicoloured, micaceous siltstone and shale  | Lobane Formation              |                          |                                    |
| Pr     | Reddish sandstone, quartzite, conglomerate, ironstone, shale and siltstone   | Tsepong Formation             | Pitsoyane Group          | Pitsoyane Group                    |
| Pn     | Shale, siltstone and limestone   | Masing Formation              |                          |                                    |
| Ps     | Reddish, locally marginalineous sandstone, quartzite, conglomerate, andebitic lava and tuff, shale   | Saka Formation                |                          |                                    |
| Wu     | Reddish, siliceous sedimentary rocks, mostly sandstone and conglomerate  | Two River Sandstone Formation |                          | Palaeoproterozoic                  |
| Wp     | Sandstone  | Waterberg Group               |                          |                                    |
| Wq     | Arkosic sandstone and quartzite  | Pala Sandstone Formation      |                          |                                    |
| Wt     | Reddish-purple to pink, weatly calcareous shale, siltstone and fine-grained sandstone  | Rantsoai/Siltstone Formation  |                          | Palaeoproterozoic                  |
| Wa     | Reddish arkosic sandstone, quartzite, greywacke, siltstone, conglomerate and shale   | Mozama Sandstone Formation    |                          |                                    |
| Wm     | Reddish siltstone with thin mudstone and shale   | Lokgale Sandstone Formation   |                          |                                    |
| Wn     | Reddish sandstone and conglomerate   | Mantleng Hills Formation      |                          |                                    |
| OT     | Reddish sandstone, conglomerate and micaceous siltstone with minor shales and breccia  | Obae Group                    |                          |                                    |
| Tu, Tv | Interbedded reddish quartzite, shale variably marginalineous and carbonaceous siltstone with chert, limestone, ironstone, andebitic volcanic (TV) and arkosic (TU) |                               | Upper Tapanui Supergroup |                                    |
| Tt     | Basal quartzite (Basal Reef Quartzite), dolomitic limestone, chert, minor ironstone, ironstone (Tt), variety carbonaceous siltstone and shale                      |                               | Lower Tapanui Supergroup | Neoproterozoic & Palaeoproterozoic |
| Lv     | Rhyolitic volcanics, breccio-conglomerate, siltstone, mudstone and shale   | Nyanya & Mogotane Formation   |                          |                                    |
| Lk     | Homogeneous felsite  | Katya Formation               | Lobatse Group            | Neoproterozoic (c. 2781 Ma)        |

**METAMORPHIC ROCKS (ALTERED EXTRUSIVE ROCKS AS WELL AS METAMORPHIC ROCKS OF UNCERTAIN ORIGIN)**

|     |  |                               |              |                  |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Wd  | Micaschists  | Various ages                  |              | Proterozoic      |
| WC  | Granitic gneiss, garnet, amphibole-gneiss, migmatite and metabasite                                    | Kaobab Complex                |              | ca.550 Ma?       |
| GA  | Dolomitic marble and shales  | Aha Hills formation           |              | ? Neoproterozoic |
| AB  | Amphibolite, magnetite-schist and garnet-gneiss  | Rubak Group                   |              | ? Neoproterozoic |
| DDr | Weakly metamorphosed purple-red to greenish grey, siliceous sedimentary rocks                          | Undifferentiated Obasat Group |              |                  |
| DDm | Weakly metamorphosed purple-red arkosic sandstone, limestone and siltstone                             | Mamusa Formation              |              | Neoproterozoic   |
| DDs | Weakly metamorphosed, greenish-grey arkosic sandstone and siltstone, mudstone and phyllites with Ca-Ag | Dhar Formation                | Obasat Group |                  |
| DDn | Weakly metamorphosed, purple arkosic sandstone   | Ngwaka Pan Formation          |              |                  |
| DDc | Metamorphosed calcareous sandstone and siltstone   | Chama Hills Formation         |              |                  |
| Ch  | Igneous and meta-igneous rocks   | Chhabadum Complex             |              | ? Neoproterozoic |

|     |   |                                    |  |                              |
|-----|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| KXg | Paragneiss?   |                                    |  |                              |
| OK  | Dolomitic marble and poorly exposed granitic gneiss   |                                    |  | Korala group                 |
| OK  | Metamorphosed rhyolite and basaltic volcanics and volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks (Sx)   | Kgetla Formation                   |  | ? Neoproterozoic             |
| Sj  | Metamorphosed rhyolite and basaltic volcanics and volcanoclastic sedimentary rocks with chert   | Gole Hills Formation               |  | Gole Hills Formation         |
| TS  | Ferrous and micaceous quartzite, quartz-mica-schist, metamorphosed conglomerate, minor shales, phyllites, sandstone and siltstone (?)                               |                                    |  | Tsoelo Hills Group           |
| XA  | Assorted metamorphosed (volcanic and carbonatic) rocks including prominent ironstones (?). Areas with negative magnetic signature (Xg) given to highlight structure |                                    |  | Xaundum Group                |
| GM  | Granitic gneiss   |                                    |  | Quangwadum Group             |
| OS  | White to reddish quartzite with minor shales and ironstone (?)  |                                    |  | Ollaraa loak Group           |
| OC  | Phyllitic felsite, garnet, granitic gneiss, microgranite and metabasite   |                                    |  | Obae Complex                 |
| GM  | Metamorphosed arkosic sandstone, limestone, shale, mudstone, ironstone  |                                    |  | Mabushale Group              |
| g   | Banded, quartziferous gneiss  |                                    |  | Complicated West Supergroup  |
| Am  | Amphibolite   |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| l   | Ironstone   |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| m   | Undifferentiated meta-sedimentary rock  |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| n   | Mafic-volcanic rock   |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| v   | Undifferentiated greenish facies metabasite rock  |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| Y   | Rhyolitic, locally gneissic granite   | (includes: Saka Adamella?)         |  | Archaean                     |
| G   | Gneissic granite  |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| X   | Undifferentiated migmatite  | (includes: Mafalope Migmatite, X?) |  | Archaean & Palaeoproterozoic |
| U   | Meta-ultramafic rock  |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| U   | Meta-gabbro   |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| U   | Meta-anorthositic rock  |                                    |  | Archaean                     |
| U   | Unsheared metamorphic rocks of uncertain lithology  |                                    |  | Proterozoic                  |

**UNMETAMORPHOSED INTRUSIVE ROCKS**

|    |  |  |  |   |
|----|--|--|--|---|
| D  | Dolerite and related explosive intrusive rocks |  |  | Various ages from Proterozoic to Cretaceous                                     |
| D  | Dolerite dyke                                  |  |  | Various ages mostly Jurassic (Late Karoo)                                       |
| D  | Dolerite sheet and stock                       |  |  | Various ages  |
| D  | Granitic dyke                                  |  |  | Various ages  |
| H  | Diorite (H. Mafurisa)                          | (includes: Gaborone Granite Complex (H. Kubung complex) (H))   |  | Trochsen  |
| G  | Gabbro   | (includes: Mofaga Gabbro (G))  |  | Various ages from Archaean (Pre-2751 Ma-Mofaga Gabbro) to Jurassic (Late Karoo) |
| F  | Felsite  |  |  | Archaean & Palaeoproterozoic  |
| G  | Granite  | (includes: Gaborone Granite (G), Mmutha Granite (G), Tlokoeng Granite (G), Mafurisa Granite (G), Kubung Granite (G)) |  | Archaean & Palaeoproterozoic  |
| N  | Norite   |  |  | Proterozoic   |
| Sy | Syenite  | (includes: Sogwage Complex (Sy-Semara Syenite (Sy))  |  | Archaean & Palaeoproterozoic  |
| U  | Undifferentiated Ultrabasic                    | (includes: Lower, Mofaga Farms Complex (U))  |  | Archaean & Palaeoproterozoic  |