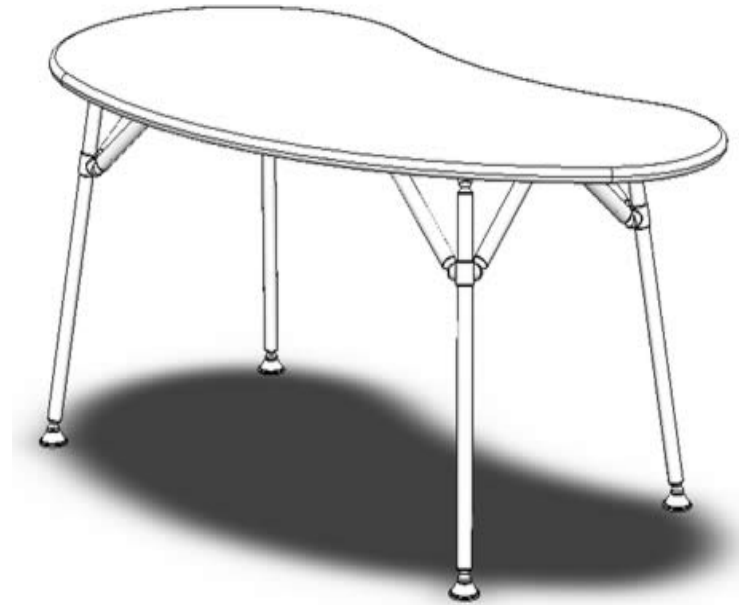


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Overview of BIPA

- The Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) was established as a statutory body; Under the BIPA Act, (Act No.8 of 2016).
- Register, grant and protect business and intellectual property
- Keep and administer the required registers (Records and Data management)
- Promote conduct and use of business and intellectual property in Namibia.
- Foster economic growth and development, and promote investment and employment

Regulatory Frameworks

- Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Protection Act, 1994
- Industrial Property Act, (1, 2012)
- National Intellectual Property Policy, 2019

PROCESS OF REGISTERING

All applications across the IP disciplines are subject to examination to determine whether applications comply with requirements such as originality.

- Formal examination
- Substantive examination
- Design register
- Publication
- Design registration certificate valid at least 15 years

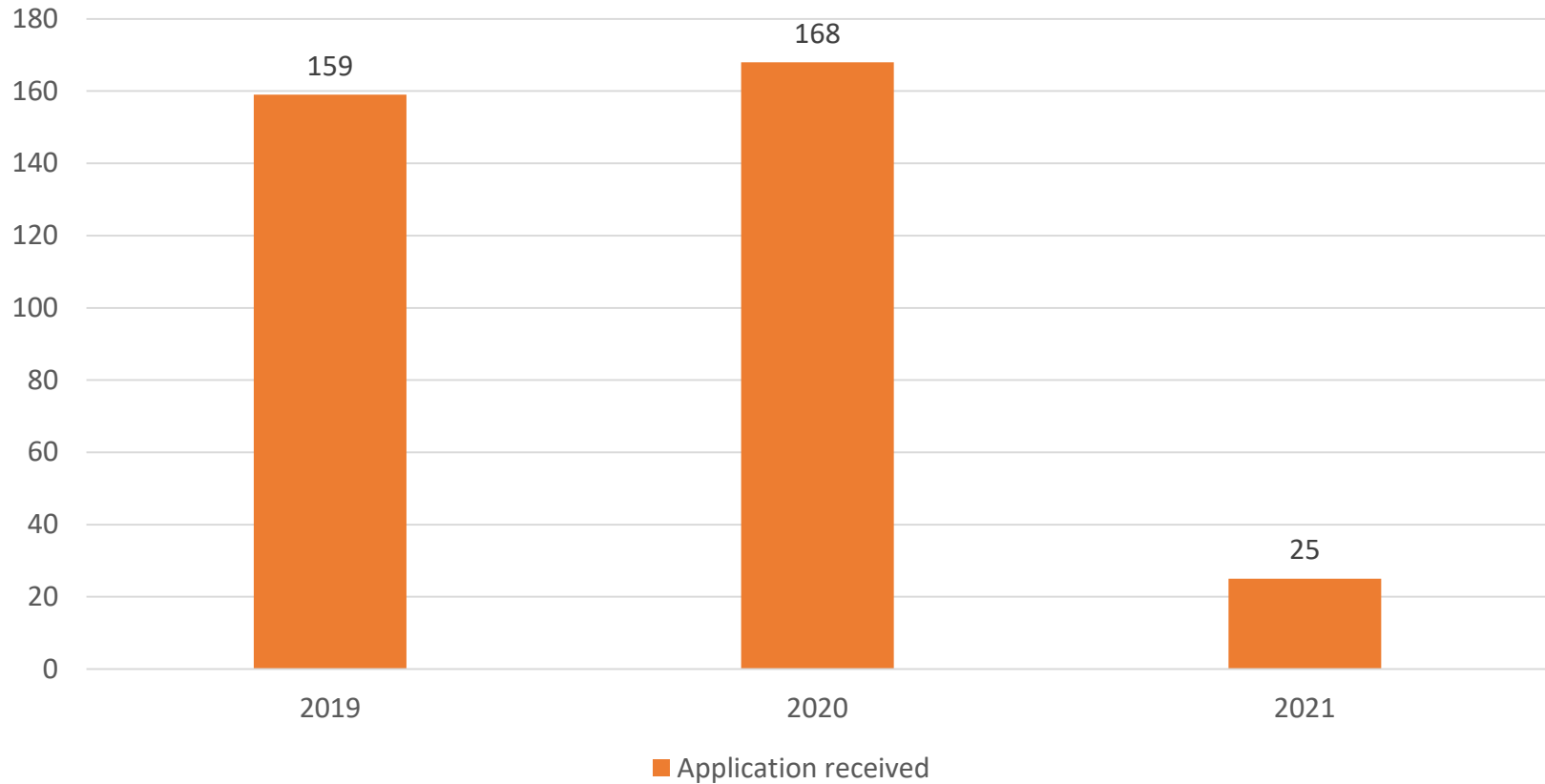
Awareness strategy

BIPA awareness initiatives includes:

- Road Shows
- Radio, Social Media and TV campaign
- Participating in marketing platform such as trade fairs

Design Performance

Application received



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