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THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

(No. 47 of 2013)

NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2020–2030

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 44 (3) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013, the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife gazettes the Plan in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

Nairobi National Park Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”) defines the guiding principles, management objectives and actions that stakeholders of Nairobi National Park have designed to address conservation, tourism development and management, community partnership, wildlife security, and operational issues in Nairobi National Park and its adjacent areas.

The Plan addresses threats to Nairobi National Park through the following management intervention measures—

- (a) implementing the zoning scheme outlined in the Plan; and
- (b) implementing management actions under the Plan’s five management programmes.

The Plan’s zoning scheme and management programmes are outlined in the following sections:

1. Zoning Scheme

Nairobi National Park and its ecosystem have been divided into six zones. These are: Closed Zone, High Use Zone, Low Use Zone, Development Zone, Special Use Zone, and Buffer Zone/Wildlife Dispersal Area. These six zones have been developed to facilitate achievement of the park’s management objectives as well as aspirations of the community in the park’s buffer zone/wildlife dispersal area.

2. Management Programmes

The Plan has five management programmes (Ecological Management Programme, Tourism Development and Management Programme, Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme, Security Management Programme, and Park Operations Management Programme).

2.1 Ecological Management Programme

The purpose of the ecological management programme is to ensure that the park’s ecological components and processes are restored and conserved. The programme aims to achieve this purpose through implementation of a set of objectives that focus on: enhancing conservation of the park’s threatened large mammals and landscape species; managing and improving important park habitats; protecting wildlife dispersal areas and river systems in the greater Nairobi National Park landscape in collaboration with other stakeholders; and enhancing dissemination of ecological monitoring and research information.

2.2 Tourism Development and Management Programme

The Tourism Development and Management Programme aims to develop a distinctive and diverse nature-based tourism that offers visitors memorable experiences. To achieve this aim, the programme sets out an ambitious strategy for enhancing visitor experience and thereby increasing visitation, as well as tourism revenues. The strategy focuses on providing new and innovative opportunities for private sector investment in the park, as well as activities that enhance visitor experience and satisfaction. The programme’s objectives focus on: developing tourism investment opportunities; improving tourism product to enhance visitor experience; marketing the park locally and internationally; and improving tourism management.

2.3 Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme

The Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme aims to enhance the support and participation of park-adjacent communities in wildlife conservation. Key in achieving this aim is ensuring that park management and adjacent communities are able to effectively communicate and collaborate with each other. This will be achieved through implementation of management objectives that focus on: strengthening the conservation education and awareness programme; promoting conservation-compatible community land uses and practices; reducing human-wildlife conflict; and improving opportunities for communities to benefit from the park.

2.4 Security Management Programme

The Security Management Programme aims to ensure that the park and adjacent wildlife dispersal areas are safe and secure for wildlife and visitors. As such, this programme focuses on enhancing natural resource protection in the park and its dispersal areas; and improving collaboration with stakeholders to enhance park security.

2.5 Park Operations Management Programme

The aim of this programme is to ensure that the park's operational systems and structures are effectively and efficiently supporting the achievement of the park purpose and the delivery of the park's management programmes. The management objectives under this programme focus on: strengthening and formalizing institutional collaborations; improving performance and motivation of park staff; improving infrastructure, transport and communications to support park management and tourism development; and providing resources required for effective park management.

The Plan including the background information on the Plan and facts upon which the Plan is based is deposited at the office of the Director-General, Kenya Wildlife Service along Langata Road whose address is provided below:

The Director-General,
Kenya Wildlife Service,
P.O. Box 40241-00200, Nairobi, Kenya
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Dated the 23rd December, 2020.

NAJIB BALALA,
Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife.

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AMBOSELI ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2020-2030

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 44 (3) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013, the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife gazettes the Plan in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

The Amboseli Ecosystem Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as "the Plan") defines the principles and strategies that Amboseli Ecosystem's stakeholders have designed to address community livelihoods, tourism development and management, natural resource management, and institutions and governance issues in the Amboseli Ecosystem. The Ecosystem includes; Amboseli National Park and seven group ranches in Eastern Kajiado, namely Olgulului/Ololarashi Group Ranch, Mbirikani Group Ranch, Eselengei Group Ranch, Kuku A and Kuku B Group Ranches, Rombo Group Ranch, and the subdivided Kimana Group Ranch.

The Plan emphasizes that all activities within the Amboseli Ecosystem shall be implemented in accordance with the Plan and the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013.

The Plan is a dynamic document that shall be subject to periodic reviews, depending on emerging issues and new knowledge.

The success of the Plan hinges on stakeholders' commitment to follow through with plan implementation. Hence, a Plan Implementation Committee will be established to coordinate and advise on Plan implementation. This committee will be an advisory body, functioning as a subcommittee of the Amboseli Ecosystem Trust and therefore will not override or substitute for management agencies, nor have responsibility for carrying out specific actions described in this Plan. The Committee will meet regularly and communicate with Plan implementers and other relevant stakeholders with enough frequency to ensure that the Plan remains a living document.

The Plan Implementation Committee will comprise of representatives from Kenya Wildlife Service, Amboseli Ecosystem Trust and other government and nongovernmental agencies co-opted by these two organizations.

The Plan Implementation Committee will—

- (a) co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan;
- (b) mobilize resources for Plan implementation;
- (c) monitor and evaluate the progress of activities;

- (d) identify constraints in plan implementation;
- (e) produce annual progress reports on plan implementation;
- (f) recommend review of the management plan; and
- (g) oversee the implementation of the plan

The Plan addresses threats to Amboseli Ecosystem through the following broad management intervention measures—

- (a) implementing the Zoning scheme outlined in the Plan; and
- (b) implementing management actions under the four management programmes.

The Plan's zoning scheme and management programmes are outlined in the following sections:

1. Zoning Scheme

Amboseli Ecosystem has been divided into five land use zones (Pastoralism Development Zone, Conservation and Tourism Development Zone, Cultivation Zone, Settlement Zone, and Physical Infrastructure Zone). In regard to visitor use, the ecosystem has been divided into three zones (High Use Zone, Exclusive Use Zone and Low Use Zone) each of which provides unique visitor products and is best suited to a particular type of tourism and level of use. The zoning scheme has prescriptions which define what should occur or not occur in each zone.

2. Management Programmes

The Plan has four management programmes (Community Livelihoods and Socio-economic Programme, Tourism Development and Management Programme, Natural Resource Management Programme, Institutions and Governance Programme). Each management programme contains a programme purpose, guiding principles underpinning the programme, management objectives that set out the future desired state that the Plan implementers aim to achieve, and a set of specific management actions to achieve these objectives.

2.1 Community Livelihoods and Socio-economic Programme

The purpose of the Community Livelihoods and Socio-economic Programme is to win space for livestock, and improve livestock and agricultural productivity to realize the socio-economic aspirations of the Amboseli community within a sustainable framework. To achieve this, Amboseli Ecosystem stakeholders will strive to improve livestock production through pastoralism, promote sustainable agriculture, improve the living standard of the local community through enterprises, natural resource use, and planned settlements; conserve and restore water catchments and wetlands; and control and monitor water usage.

2.2 Tourism Development and Management Programme

The Tourism Development and Management Programme sets out objectives and actions that Amboseli Ecosystem stakeholders will implement to make the ecosystem an outstanding responsible tourist destination offering a variety of premium visitor experiences while supporting conservation and communities. To achieve this, stakeholders will strive to ensure that tourism developments are coordinated to ensure proper standards, distribution and sustainability, local communities are adequately engaged to ensure they gain optimum benefits from tourism, tourism products are diversified to give visitors greater experience and variety, and tourism marketing is developed and modernized to attract high end local and international tourists to different attractions within the ecosystem.

2.3 Natural Resource Management Programme

The purpose of the Natural Resource Management Programme is to sustainably manage natural resources in the Amboseli Ecosystem to maintain ecological processes that continue providing ecosystem services to the local community. To achieve this purpose, Amboseli Ecosystem stakeholders will strive to ensure that: ecological connectivity is maintained; degraded habitats are rehabilitated and restored; viable populations of threatened wildlife species are maintained; natural resources protection is enhanced; community developed plans to regulate access to natural resources are supported and promoted; and human-wildlife coexistence is promoted and conflicts proactively minimized.

2.4 Institutions and Governance Programme

The purpose of the Institutions and Governance Programme is to strengthen the institutions, governance and collaboration mechanisms

to enhance natural resource management and promote equitable sharing of benefits accruing from communally managed land. To achieve this, Amboseli stakeholders will strive to ensure that: the existing institutions and their operations are strengthened and new institutions are created to ensure sound management and use of natural resources; conservancies and other areas set aside for conservation are generating significant tourism revenues to land owners; support for the delivery of this management plan from the key institutional partners and other stakeholders is enlisted; and a community resource and cultural centre is developed.

The Plan including the background information on the plan is deposited at the offices of Executive Director, Amboseli Ecosystem Trust and Director General, Kenya Wildlife Service whose addresses are provided below:

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The Plan addresses threats to Amboseli National Park’s conservation values through the following management intervention measures—

- (a) implementing the Zoning scheme outlined in the Plan; and
- (b) implementing management actions under the five management programmes.

The Plan’s zoning scheme and management programmes are outlined in the following sections:

1. Zoning Scheme

The three identified zones for Amboseli National Park are: High Use Zone, Low Use Zone and Habitat Restoration Zone. The High Use Zone contains the prime wildlife habitat in the park making it the wildlife viewing focal area. The low use zone lies in the western, the northern, and eastern parts of the park. It is characterized by a very low density of viewing roads and is devoid of tourist accommodation facilities. The habitat restoration zone comprises the habitat enclosures that have or will be established in the park.

2. Management Programmes

The Plan has five management programmes (Ecological Management Programme, Tourism Development and Management Programme, Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme, Security Management Programme, and Park Operations Management Programme).

2.1 Ecological Management Programme

The purpose of the ecological management programme is to ensure that the ecological components and processes that shape Amboseli National Park are understood, restored and sustainably conserved, and threats to the park’s key ecological features are minimized. The programme aims to achieve this purpose through implementation of a set of objectives that focus on: maintaining critical wildlife habitats within the park and its ecosystem; enhancing wildlife species conservation and management; and generating and disseminating scientific information to support park management.

2.2 Tourism Development and Management Programme

The purpose of the Tourism development and Management Programme is to develop high quality and sustainable tourism that offers memorable visitor experiences and benefits the local community. To achieve this purpose three management objectives have been designed focusing on: developing and managing tourism-support infrastructure in a sustainable way; diversifying tourism and enhancing visitor experience to boost visitor satisfaction; enhancing visitor appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of the park’s resources.

2.3 Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme

The purpose of the Community partnership and Conservation Education Management Programme is to enhance community participation in wildlife conservation for socio-economic empowerment. This will be achieved through implementation of management objectives that focus on: enhancing community benefits from existence of the park and its wildlife; enhancing human-wildlife co-existence in wildlife dispersal areas; and enhancing awareness about the park and its ecosystem at the local and national level.

2.4 Security Management Programme

The purpose of the Security Management Programme is to enhance security of wildlife, their habitats, visitors and KWS assets in close collaboration with stakeholders. To achieve this purpose, three objectives have been designed focusing on: enhancing security operations for the protection of Amboseli Ecosystem’s wildlife resources; improving effectiveness of resource protection; and enhancing security of visitors, staff, and KWS assets.

2.5 Park Operations Management Programme

The purpose of the Park Operations Management programme is to ensure that the park’s wildlife conservation and management activities are efficiently and effectively executed in collaboration with other stakeholders. This purpose will be achieved through management objectives relating to enhancing stakeholder collaborations, improving staff welfare and enhancing management infrastructure.

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