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**THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT**

*(No. 47 of 2013)*

**MALINDI MARINE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2016-2026**

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 Malindi Marine Protected Area Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”) defines the principles and strategies that stakeholders of Malindi Marine Protected Area have designed to address ecological, tourism development and management, community partnership, and administrative issues in the Malindi Marine Protected Area. The Marine Protected Area includes; Malindi Marine National Park and half of Malindi Marine National Reserve that buffers the Marine Park.

The Plan emphasises that all activities within the Malindi Marine Protected Area (MMPA) 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 this plan hinges on stakeholders' commitment to follow through with implementation of activities outlined in this plan. Therefore, to facilitate plan implementation, a Malindi Marine Protected Area Management Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") shall be formed to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Plan. The Committee shall be an advisory body comprising of—

- (a) representatives from Kenya Wildlife Service;
- (b) representative from Malindi Boat Operators Association;
- (c) representative from Malindi Beach Management Unit; (d) representative from Mayungu Beach Management Unit; (e) representative from Malindi Residents Association;
- (f) representative from County Government of Kilifi; and
- (g) other government and nongovernmental agencies co-opted by these organizations.

The Committee shall meet regularly to review progress in plan implementation and make adjustments needed to enhance achievement of Malindi Marine Protected Area's management objectives. Progress in plan implementation will be communicated with other relevant stakeholders with enough frequency to ensure that the plan remains a living document.

The Committee shall perform the following functions—

- (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; and
- (f) recommend review of the management plan.

The Plan addresses threats to Malindi Marine Protected Area's conservation values through the following major policy and management intervention measures—

- (a) initiating a co-management arrangement for Malindi Marine National Reserve;
- (b) implementing the Zoning scheme outlined in the Plan; and
- (c) 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

Malindi Marine Protected Area has been divided into three resource use zones (Closed zone, No Take Zone and Artisanal Fishing Zone), and an Influence Zone which is added to include areas that interact closely with the Malindi Marine Protected Area. In addition, in terms of tourism use, the area has been divided into three visitor use zones (High Use Zone, Medium Use Zone, and Low Use Zone). 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 (Ecological Management Programme, Tourism Development and Management Programme, Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme, and Marine Protected Area Operations and Security Management 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. In addition, to facilitate plan implementation, each management programme has a 3-year Activity Plan, which breaks down the individual management actions into day- to-day management activities.

### 2.1 Ecological Management Programme

The plan seeks to enhance conservation of MMPA's threatened marine species; conserve MMPA's important habitats sustainably; and reduce threats to MMPA's critical components.

## 2.2 Tourism Development and Management Programme

This plan seeks to enhance tourism administration and management; develop and maintain tourism support infrastructure; and diversify tourism products and services.

## 2.3 Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme

The plan seeks to strengthen community participation, collaboration, and benefit sharing mechanisms; strengthen conservation education and outreach programmes; and reduce human-wildlife conflicts and resource use conflicts within MMPA and adjacent areas.

## 2.4 Marine Protected area operations and security management programme

The plan aims to ensure that a competent and motivated workforce is deployed and maintained in MMPA; enhance stakeholder collaboration; and enhance and maintain infrastructure, transport and communication equipment to support MPA administration.

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

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