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THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT (*No. 47 of 2013*)

LAKE TURKANA NATIONAL PARKS (SIBILOI, CENTRAL ISLAND AND
SOUTH ISLAND) MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2018-2028

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 Lake Turkana National Parks Management Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”) defines the principles and strategies that stakeholders of the Lake Turkana National Parks have designed to address conservation, pre-historic and Cultural Heritage, tourism development, community partnership, and protected area administrative issues in the Protected Areas and their adjacent areas. The plan aims to provide managers and stakeholders in Lake Turkana National Parks a practical framework for conserving and protecting natural and cultural resource values at the Lake Turkana National Parks to maintain its international recognition as a world heritage site.

The Plan emphasises that all activities within the Lake Turkana National Parks shall be 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 Plan addresses threats to Lake Turkana National Parks' values through the following major 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

Lake Turkana National Parks (Sibiloï, Central Island and South Island) zoning scheme facilitates tourism development as well as management of the three Protected Areas as a single unit. The parks have been divided into four zones (Restricted Use, Low Use, Wilderness and Influence zones). In addition to this, each of the three parks is considered as a Management Sector (Management Zone). The three Sectors are Sibiloï National Park; Central Island National Park and South Island National Park. Further, Sibiloï National Park is divided into 3 security sectors (Alia Bay, Kokai, and Karsa) to enhance security.

2. Management Programmes

The Plan has five management programmes (Ecological Management Programme, Pre-historic and Cultural Heritage Management Programme, Tourism Development and Management Programme, Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme, and Protected Area Operations and Security Management Programme). Each management programme contains 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 ensure conservation of Lake Turkana National Parks natural environment is enhanced, through improved ecological monitoring, applied research and targeted management interventions.

2.2 Prehistoric and Cultural Heritage Management Programme

This plan seeks to promote participatory conservation and sustainable use of prehistoric and cultural heritage resources in, and around Lake Turkana through documentation, research and dissemination.

2.3 Tourism Development and Management Programme

The plan seeks to develop low impact, high quality tourism that capitalises on the Lake Turkana National Parks distinctive values and imparts memorable experiences to visitors.

2.4 Community Partnership and Conservation Education Programme

The plan seeks to enhance community support for conservation at the Lake Turkana National Parks and promote conservation sensitive land uses to improve community livelihoods.

2.5 Protected Area Operations and Security Management Programme

The plan aims to support effective implementation of the Lake Turkana National Parks management programmes and protect wildlife and archaeological resources.

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:

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Dated the 13th August, 2019

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