

## PRESS STATEMENT

### REGISTRATION OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSED AFRICAN GREY PARROTS (*Psittacus erithacus*)

**Nairobi, April 28, 2022:** The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife issued a 45 day amnesty through Gazette Notice No. 11522 for persons in possession of birds of the species African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) without a permit issued by KWS to visit any KWS office for declaration, registration and permitting of such persons to possess the birds. The 45 day amnesty ran from 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

The public is hereby notified that:

1. The process of registering African grey parrots that were declared to KWS within the amnesty period (25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021) is going on;
2. All persons who declared African grey parrots in their possession within the amnesty's timeline are requested to wait to be contacted by KWS for registration;
3. KWS will advise each of the persons, the date, time and nearest registration centre (Station) designated by KWS to present the African grey parrots for registration; and,
4. KWS will register the African grey parrots and issue the 'owner' a permit regularizing possession of the African grey parrot(s), upon payment of the requisite fees to KWS.

## CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS