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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CONSERVATION FEES FOR ENTRY INTO NATIONAL PARKS, RESERVES AND SANCTUARIES TO TAKE EFFECT ON 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**Nairobi, Monday 29th September, 2025** – The Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access, Entry and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations 2025 (*Legal Notice No. 160 of 2025*), governing entry and access to Kenya's National Parks, Reserves, and Sanctuaries will officially come into effect on Wednesday **1st October 2025**. **The Regulations were approved and acceded by Parliament on Thursday, 25th September 2025.**

The Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, **Hon. Rebecca Miano**, reaffirms the Ministry's commitment to ensuring a smooth and seamless implementation of the newly approved conservation fees.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Director General, **Prof. Erustus Kanga**, confirms that measures have been put in place to facilitate visitors who had already booked and paid for their trips through the eCitizen prior to this pronouncement. *"KWS will honor all eCitizen payments made before this announcement and the revised fees will therefore apply only to new bookings made for 1st October onwards,"* Prof. Kanga stated.

The new regulations are the outcome of a year-long open, consultative, and participatory process involving stakeholders from across the conservation, tourism, and the general public.

The last comprehensive review of conservation fees was carried out **18 years ago**, despite a significant increase in the cost of parks and reserves management, and the expansion of Kenya's tourism and wildlife conservation.

The reviewed regulations are intended to strengthen the financial sustainability of wildlife conservation, enhance visitor experiences, and ensure that Kenya's parks and reserves remain globally competitive while safeguarding the country's unique wildlife heritage.

**The Legal Notice No. 160 of 2025 is herein attached for ease of reference.**

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