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**THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

A Bill for

**AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Wildlife
Conservation and Management Act and for
connected purposes.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows —

1. This Act may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Act, 2023.

Short title.

2. The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”, is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 21 —

Insertion of section 21A in No. 47 of 2013.

Provision of funds for Community Wildlife Conservation Committees.

21A (1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, in each financial year, provide adequate funds for the management of the affairs of each Community Wildlife Conservation Committee.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall, where no appeal has been lodged under this Act, ensure that compensation required to be paid under this Act is undertaken within twelve months of a determination by the respective Community Wildlife Conservation Committee.

3. Section 23 of the principal Act is amended —

Amendment of section 23 of No. 47 of 2013.

- (a) in subsection (2) by inserting the words “and one of whom shall be nominated by the Council of County Governors” immediately after the words “wildlife conservancy body” in paragraph (e); and
- (b) in subsection (4) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (f)—
 - (fa) provide support to local communities negatively affected by activities undertaken with respect to wildlife conservation and management.

4. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by —

Amendment of section 24 of No. 47 of 2013.

- (i) deleting the word “Government” appearing in the introductory clause and substituting therefor the words “Cabinet Secretary”;
- (ii) deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph —
 - (a) monies allocated annually for this purpose by the National Assembly;

5. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended —

Amendment of section 25 of No. 47 of 2013.

- (a) in subsection (3) by inserting the words “within twelve months of the recommendations” immediately after the words “and where appropriate” in the introductory clause;
- (b) in subsection (4) by deleting the words “due consideration” appearing immediately after the words “the service for” and substituting therefor the words “the purpose of processing the payment for compensation”;
- (c) in subsection (5) by inserting the words “within twelve months” immediately after the words “award and pay” in the introductory clause; and
- (d) in subsection (6) by —
 - (i) deleting the word “either” appearing immediately after the words “of compensation by”; and
 - (ii) deleting the words “or the Service” appearing immediately after the words “and Compensation Committee”.

6. Section 76 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (4) and substituting therefor the following new subsections—

Amendment of section 76 of No. 47 of 2013.

- (4) The Cabinet Secretary shall, in formulating the guidelines, ensure that the

guidelines comply with the condition that a minimum of five percent of the benefits from national parks and national reserves shall be allocated to local communities neighbouring or negatively affected by activities undertaken for the preservation of the national parks.

(4A) The determination of the minimum percentage of the benefits to be allocated to local communities under subsection (4) shall be based on the gross total revenue and fees collected with respect to the protected area.

7. The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended in Part A by inserting the words “poisonous snakes, dangerous snakes, shark, stone fish, whale, sting ray, wild pig” immediately after the word “buffalo”.

Amendment of
the Third
Schedule to No.
47 of 2013.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Statement of the Objects and Reasons for the Bill

The Bill seeks to amend the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, No. 47 of 2013, in order to make further provision for the allocation of adequate facilities to County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committees established under the Act. It also provides a timeline of twelve months for the compensation for human death, human injury or crop and property damage caused by wildlife in accordance with the Act.

The Bill makes further provision for the payment of compensation and other entitlements due to local communities affected by wildlife in accordance with the Act. This is essential to enable counties perform their county functions as provided under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

This Bill does not delegate legislative powers nor does it limit fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement on how the Bill concerns county governments

The Bill concerns county governments in that it makes further provision for the allocation of adequate facilities to County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committees in each county. It also provides timelines for the compensation by the Committees to victims of injury caused by wildlife in accordance with the Act. This will affect counties in the performance of their functions as listed under Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.

The Bill makes further provision for the payment of compensation to local communities affected by wildlife in accordance with the Act. This is essential to enable counties perform their county functions as provided above. It also facilitates counties to perform their functions under paragraph 14 of the said Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. The Bill therefore affects the functions and powers of county governments in terms of 110(1)(a) of the Constitution.

Statement that the Bill is not a money Bill, within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The Bill deals with matters other than those listed in the definition of a money Bill under Article 114 (3) of the Constitution and is therefore not a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution.

Dated the 29th March, 2023.

JOHNES MWARUMA,
Senator.

Section 23 of No. 47 of 2013 that the Bill proposes to amend —

23. The Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund.

(1) There is established a Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund that shall be vested in a governing body established in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The governing body referred to in subsection (1) shall serve as a public-private partnership and comprise —

- (a) a Chairperson being appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary in the State Department for the time being responsible for matters relating to wildlife;
- (c) the Principal Secretary in the State Department for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance;
- (d) the Director-General of the Service who shall be the Secretary;
- (e) four representatives from the private sector, who shall have technical experience in either philanthropy, law, natural resources, finance, business and investment matters, one of whom shall be a representative nominated by an umbrella wildlife conservancy body; and
- (f) a representative from the office of the Attorney-General.

(3) There shall be paid into the Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund—

- (a) moneys appropriated by Parliament;
- (b) a proportion of such moneys as may be levied for payment of environmental services by beneficiaries in productive and service sectors, and for biodiversity offset schemes that compensate for conservation impacts as a contribution towards the Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund as the Cabinet Secretary may, upon the recommendation of the governing board, determine;
- (c) moneys for payment of environmental services and biodiversity offset schemes in which entities make payments directly to the Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund;
- (d) moneys from debt-for-nature transactions;
- (e) income from investments made by the governing board; and
- (f) such grants, donations, bequests or other gifts as may be made to the Fund.

(4) The purpose shall be to provide funds in order to—

- (a) develop wildlife conservation initiatives;
- (b) manage and restore protected areas and conservancies;
- (c) protect endangered species, habitats and ecosystems;
- (d) support wildlife security operations;
- (e) facilitate community based wildlife initiatives;
- (f) award wildlife conservation grants based on criteria to be established by the governing board; and
- (g) such other purposes as may be provided by the governing board.

(5) The Cabinet Secretary may, on recommendation of the Service, by notice in the *Gazette*, issue regulations and guidelines necessary and appropriate for the carrying out of the purposes of this section.

Section 24 of No. 47 of 2013 that the Bill proposes to amend —

24. The Wildlife Compensation Scheme.

(1) The Government shall establish a Wildlife Compensation Scheme that shall consist of —

- (a) monies specifically allocated for this purpose through the budget process;
- (b) an insurance scheme to be established by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to finance; and
- (c) monies from any other source approved by the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance; and

(2) The Wildlife Compensation Scheme shall be used for financing compensation claims for human death or injury or crop and property damage caused by wildlife.

Section 25 of No. 47 of 2013 that the Bill proposes to amend—

25. Compensation for personal injury or death or damage to property.

(1) Where any person suffers any bodily injury or is killed by any wildlife listed under the Third Schedule, the person injured, or in the case of a deceased person, the personal representative or successor or assign, may launch a claim to the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee within the jurisdiction established under this Act.

(2) The County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee established under section 18 shall verify a claim made under subsection (1) and upon verification, submit the claim to the Cabinet Secretary together with its recommendations thereon.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall consider the recommendations made under subsection (2) and where appropriate, pay compensation to the claimant as follows—

- (a) in the case of death, five million shillings;
- (b) in the case of injury occasioning permanent disability, three million shillings;
- (c) in the case of any other injury, a maximum of two million shillings, depending on the extent of injury.

(4) Any person who suffers loss or damage to crops, livestock or other property from wildlife specified in the Seventh Schedule hereof and subject to the rules made by the Cabinet Secretary, may submit a claim to the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee who shall verify the claim and make recommendations as appropriate and submit it to the Service for due consideration.

(5) The County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee shall review the claim and award and pay a compensation valued at the ruling market rates:

Provided that no compensation shall be paid where the owner of the livestock, crops or other property failed to take reasonable measures to protect such crops, livestock or property from damage by wildlife or his land use practices are in compatible with the ecosystem-based management plan for the area.

(6) A person who is dissatisfied with the award of compensation by either the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee or the Service may within thirty days after being notified of the decision and award, file an appeal to the National Environment Tribunal and on a second appeal to the Environment and Land Court.

(7) The Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe such regulations and guidelines as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

Section 76 of No. 47 of 2013 that the Bill proposes to amend —

76. Guidelines on incentives and benefit-sharing.

(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, upon advice by the Service, in consultation with the Commission on Revenue Allocation, formulate

guidelines regarding incentives and benefit sharing, and the nature and manner in which the same shall be distributed.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall publish in the *Gazette* within twenty-one days of the formulation rules and regulations to govern the regime on incentives and benefits.

(3) The guidelines under this section shall be subjected to public scrutiny at every stage of their formulation within the framework of the laws on devolution and land management.

(4) The guidelines on benefit sharing shall comply with the minimum conditions that a minimum of five per cent of the benefits from national parks shall be allocated to local communities neighbouring a park.

(5) Subject to Article 66 of the Constitution, private investments in conservancies shall benefit local communities and investors shall provide such benefits by applying various options including infrastructure, education and social amenities.

The Third Schedule of No. 47 of 2013 that the Bill proposes to amend —

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Section 25]

**WILDLIFE SPECIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH
COMPENSATION MAY BE PAID**

A. Death and Injury

Elephant

Lion

Leopard

Rhino

Hyena

Crocodile

Cheetah

Buffalo

B. Crop, livestock and property damage

Elephant

Lion

Leopard

Rhino

Hyena

Crocodile

Cheetah

Buffalo

Hippo

Zebra

Eland

Wildebeest

Snake

Wild dog