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GAZETTE NOTICE No. 9267

THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENT ACT

(Cap. 2A)

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

IT IS notified to the general public that the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, pursuant to section 8 (1) of the Statutory Instruments Act, has prepared a regulatory impact statement on the impacts and likely impacts of the proposed Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025 on stakeholders, members of the public and other persons likely to be affected by the proposed Regulations.

1. The proposed Regulations are the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2025.

2. The proposed Regulations have been developed pursuant to section 116 (1) and (2) (b) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, Cap. 376 and the main objective of the Regulations is to provide for fees payable for access and conservation of national parks, national reserves, national marine parks, national marine reserves and national sanctuaries.

Specifically the Regulations seek to—

- (a) support the growth of wildlife population,
- (b) promote co-existence between people and wildlife,
- (c) enhance resilient ecosystems with rich biodiversity,
- (d) strengthen community and stakeholder participation,
- (e) promote access and benefit sharing,
- (f) enhance wildlife economy,
- (g) support a high performing organisation.

Any person likely to be affected by the proposed regulations may submit a written memorandum on the proposed Regulations within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice.

The written memorandum should be delivered on weekdays and during the official working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by email address to:

*The Director-General,
Kenya Wildlife Service Headquarters,
Langata, Langata Road,*

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The Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement can be accessed free of charge on the ministry website www.tourism.go.ke, the Kenya Wildlife Service website www.kws.go.ke and at all the offices of Kenya Wildlife Service-managed national parks, reserves, stations and sanctuaries country wide.

Written submissions on the documents should be sent in the format below:

<i>Part in the Regulation</i>	<i>Section in Draft Regulation</i>	<i>Proposed Recommendation</i>	<i>Justification and Rationale</i>
e.g. Part II			

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THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

(Cap. 376)

ECOSCAPES CONSERVANCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2025-2035

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 publishes the Plan set out in the Schedule hereto—

SCHEDULE

Ecoscapes Conservancy Management Plan 2025-2035 (hereinafter referred to as "the Plan") defines the goals, objectives, and actions that Ecoscapes Conservancy (hereinafter referred to as "the Conservancy") has designed to address wildlife conservation, tourism development, agro-ecology, education and research, and the Conservancy's security and operations.

The Conservancy's vision, zonation scheme, management programmes and plan implementation strategy are presented in the following sections.

1. Vision

The vision of Ecoscapes Conservancy is:

To support the conservation of wildlife in the greater Rift Valley lakes ecosystem through habitat connectivity, contribute to the sustainable conservation of Lake Naivasha while excelling as a model organic agro-ecology farm.

2. Land Uses and Zones

The Conservancy encourages multiple land uses for optimal utility. These land uses comprise: wildlife conservation, tourism, agriculture, research and infrastructure development. The diverse land uses informed the development of a zonation scheme comprising three (3) zones: High Use Zone, Low Use Zone and Closed Zone.

3. Management Programmes

The Plan comprises four (4) management programmes that address the key issues affecting the Conservancy. These programmes are summarised in the following sections.

3.1 Conservation Programme

The purpose of the Conservation Programme is to ensure that wildlife in the conservancy thrives and their habitat and ecological processes are preserved. The programme aims to achieve this purpose through implementation of management objectives that focus on: sustaining and improving habitat and species management, enhancing ecological and wildlife connectivity, and strengthening ecological monitoring.

3.2 Eco - Tourism Programme

The goal of the Eco-Tourism Programme is to guide tourism growth in the high-end and low-impact market niche and to ensure tourism becomes a profitable activity guided by the ideals of sustainability and responsible travel. This will be accomplished through the implementation of management objectives that focus on: developing and maintaining tourism support infrastructure, developing and marketing tourism products and experiences, and enhancing tourism administration and management.

3.3 Security and Operations Programme

The Security and Operations Programme endeavours to ensure operational systems are effectively and efficiently supporting the overall vision while safeguarding the security of people and wildlife. The programme seeks to achieve this purpose through the implementation of a series of objectives that prioritize strengthening

security for people and wildlife, deployment of an adequate and motivated workforce, maintaining strategic infrastructure, and strengthening partnerships and collaborations.

3.4 Agro-ecology, Education and Research Programme

The overall goal of this programme is to enable Ecoscapes Conservancy to excel in community outreach and generate more knowledge for the advancement of its operations and standards. The programme focuses on developing an education module and materials, identifying and engaging liaison institutions, developing and marketing research and volunteer programmes, and establishing community programmes at the association level.

4. Plan Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation of the Ecoscapes Conservancy Management Plan will be prioritized to ensure effective implementation and timely identification of key trends. The Conservancy Manager will prepare annual reports on the status of plan implementation. In addition, a mid-term review report will be prepared after 5 years of plan implementation. Upon the expiry of the 10-year plan, a comprehensive evaluation report will be prepared to assess the extent and success of implementation of the management plan.

The Plan is deposited at the offices of the Director General, Kenya Wildlife Service along Langata Road, and the Conservancy Directors, Ecoscapes Conservancy whose addresses are provided below:

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Dated the 9th June, 2025.

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