



MINISTRY OF TOURISM & WILDLIFE

- Zeinab A. Hussein, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Wildlife Officiated the 7th Annual National Conservancies Leaders meeting, at the KCB Leadership Conference Centre, Wednesday 18th may, 2022
- The wildlife sector is the main anchor for our Tourism Industry in Kenya, and the government has put in place continued efforts and partnerships in strengthening the conservancies efforts of securing wildlife space in Kenya.
- The Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has undertaken major reforms to better position conservancies to succeed and bounce back better and stronger after Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Ministry formulated and adopted a new Wildlife Policy 2020, and continues to implement the National Wildlife Strategy 2030.
- In both of these policy documents, the Ministry has identified community and private wildlife conservancies as a key pillar in addressing challenges facing our wildlife and local communities.
- The Ministry has further made available the facilities and human resource at the Law Enforcement Academy Manyani, to train and equip the community rangers with the necessary skills and knowledge to be more efficient.
- The KWS reviewed curriculum has raised the standards of training to better serve the conservancies.
- The Covid-19 pandemic was a major test to our conservation efforts, the partnership between the Ministry and KWCA allowed us to unlock KSh. 3 billion as Government Economic Stimulus Program to the Wildlife Sector. This was a commendable achievement as we managed to retain 3,500 conservancy rangers for one year and recruit 5,500 Community Scouts at KWS for two years, when many other sectors were retrenching.
- I urge all the conservancies that are members of KWCA to officially register with the Kenya Wildlife Service, and put in place sustainability measures.