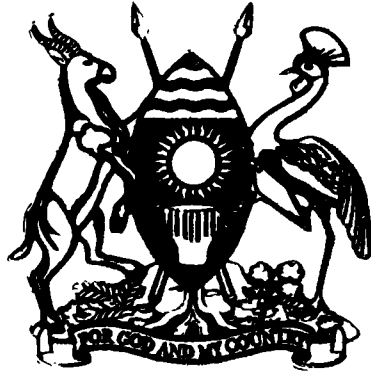




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I SIGNIFY my assent to the bill.

Yoweri Museveni

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President

Date of assent:.....

14/6/2024.....



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THE UGANDA WILDLIFE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

An Act to amend the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019, Act 17 of 2019 to confer on the Uganda Wildlife Authority additional functions arising from the merger of Uganda Wildlife Authority and Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT:

Date of Commencement:

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;
and

“Government” means the Government of Uganda.

2. Objective

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

3. Purpose of amendment of Act 17 of 2019

The purpose of amending the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019 is to confer on the Uganda Wildlife Authority additional functions arising from the merger of Uganda Wildlife Authority and the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center.

4. Amendment of section 2 of Act 17 of 2019

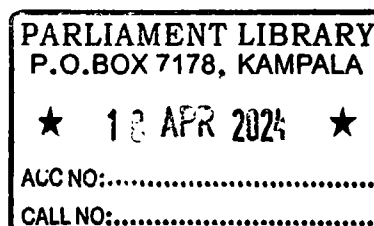
Section 2 of the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019, Act 17 of 2019, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act” is amended in subsection (1), by inserting immediately after paragraph (h), the following—

- “(i) to establish centres for wildlife conservation and education;
- (j) to facilitate the promotion and conservation of Uganda’s unique wildlife resources through conservation education;
- (k) to provide for showcasing Uganda’s unique wildlife heritage and ecosystems through centres for wildlife conservation and education;
- (l) to provide for the establishment and management of a wildlife bio-data bank at centres for wildlife conservation and education; and
- (m) to provide for the establishment and maintenance of hospitality and recreation facilities and services support in centres for wildlife conservation and education.”

5. Amendment of section 6 of principal Act

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1), by inserting immediately after paragraph(s), the following—

- “(sa) to conduct and manage conservation education in Uganda;
- (sb) to establish and maintain conservation education facilities and programmes, on site and through extension services;



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- (sc) to showcase Uganda's unique wildlife heritage and ecosystems;
- (sd) to establish and manage a wildlife bio-data bank at the centre;
- (se) to conduct the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife species;
- (sf) to conduct the wildlife breeding, with a focus on rare, endangered and endemic species, as well as for commercial purposes;
- (sg) to carry out stocking and restocking of indigenous and exotic wildlife;
- (sh) to promote wildlife breeding for conservation and commercial purposes;
- (si) to conduct research relevant to the activities of the Authority;
- (sj) to establish and maintain conservation education facilities and programmes on site and through extension services;
- (sk) to promote the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife;
- (sl) to promote wildlife breeding, with a focus on rare, endangered and endemic species, as well as for commercial purposes; and
- (sm) to collaborate with other institutions in the execution of the mandate of the Authority;”.

6. Amendment of section 86 of principal Act

Section 86(2) of the principal Act is amended—

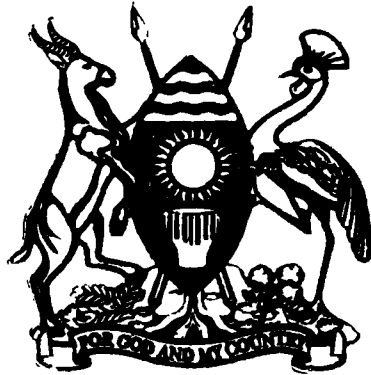
- (a) in paragraph (l), by repealing the word “and”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after paragraph (l), the following—
 - “(la) the management of centres for wildlife conservation and education;
 - (lb) the management of the wild-life bio-data bank of the Centre;
 - (lc) the establishment and maintenance of conservation education facilities and programmes on site and through extension services;
 - (ld) the rescue rehabilitation and release of wildlife species;
 - (le) the breeding of wildlife; and”.

7. Consequential amendment of Act 17 of 2019

On the commencement of this Act, the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Center shall continue to exist as a centre for wildlife conservation and education established by this Act.

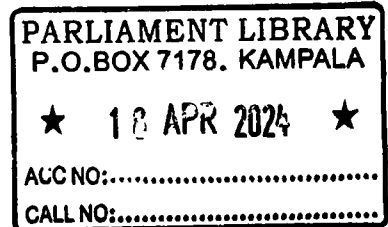
8. Consequential amendment of certain Acts of Parliament

Where any law enacted by Parliament provides that an agency or commission has the power to recruit staff, determine and establish staff structures or determine and set terms and conditions of service, the agency or commission shall exercise such power subject to the approval of the Ministry responsible for the public service.



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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the bill which was passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of the bill.



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Clerk to Parliament

Date of authentication: 25/4/2024