



## PUBLIC STATEMENT ON OPENING PARKS

**Kampala June 05, 2020**, The Management of Uganda Wildlife Authority wishes to inform the public that after consultations with various stakeholders and putting in place standard operating procedures for the containment of the possible spread of COVID-19 in our protected areas, the savannah parks are now open for tourism. Primate parks however remain closed to the public until further notice.

The head office in Kampala is also open to the public who require any of our services.

All tourism activities within the protected areas shall be undertaken in a manner that ensures all guidelines by the Ministry of Health and the directives by His Excellency the President are adhered to.

These include but not limited to:

- i) Mandatory temperature screening using non-contact infra-red thermometers at the key tourism gates of the different protected areas.
- ii) Mandatory hand washing / sanitizing at the entrances of all UWA premises and protected areas.
- iii) Government guidelines of carrying half capacity in order observe social distance shall apply to the use of vehicles and boats in the parks. These include concessionaire delivery vehicles.
- iv) Saloon car vehicles shall not be permitted to carry out game drives activities in the protected areas.
- v) Large groups exceeding 25 people shall not be permitted in the parks at the same time for the same activities.
- vi) Events such as destination weddings shall not be permitted in the interim.
- vii) Visitors going to the parks are encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer and facemask.

We have trained our staff and provided them with appropriate wear to protect them and the visitors from any possible infection.

Staff on duty shall sensitize the visitors on the general government approved COVID-19 operational guidelines including the ones developed and approved by UWA management.

Detailed standard operating procedures will be made available for download on our website [www.ugandawildlife.org](http://www.ugandawildlife.org) and other online platforms.

The safety of our staff and visitors is important to us and we shall continue to operate while exercising a high degree of caution to ensure the safety of persons is not compromised.

As we welcome our visitors back into the protected areas, we continue to advise the adherence to the laid down government guidelines to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

## **MANAGEMENT**

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