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(Under sections 83 and 86(2)(k) of the Uganda Wildlife Act, Act No. 17 of
2019)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for
wildlife by sections 83 and 86(2)(k) of the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019 and
in consultation with the Board, these Regulations are made this ....... day
of ........... 2022.

1. Title
These Regulations may be cited as the Uganda Wildlife (Compensation
Scheme) Regulations, 2022.

2. Interpretation
In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

“Act” means the Uganda Wildlife Act, 2019;

“Authority” means the Uganda Wildlife Authority continued in existence
under section 5 of the Act;

“Board” means the Board of the Authority appointed under section 8 of the
Act;

“claimant” means-
(a) a person who owns, or has an interest in land, property, crops
or livestock at the time loss or damage is caused to it by a wild
animal, or his or her representative;

(b) a person who is injured by a wild animal or his or her
representative; or

(c) a representative of the person killed by a wild animal;
“Committee” means the Wildlife Compensation Verification Committee established under section 82 of the Act;

“conservation area” includes a wildlife protected area and a community wildlife management area or any other area declared to be a wildlife conservation area under section 26 of the Act;

“disability” means a substantial functional limitation of a person’s daily life activities caused by physical, mental or sensory impairment and environmental barriers, resulting in limited participation in society on equal basis with others and includes an impairment specified in Schedule 3 to the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2020;

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director appointed under section 17 of the Act;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for wildlife;

“officer of the Authority” means the Executive Director, an officer of the Authority in charge of the conservation area and any other officer appointed under section 18 of the Act;

“Scheme” means the Wildlife Compensation Scheme established under regulation 3 of these Regulations;

“wild animal” means any animal listed in the fourth schedule to the Act.
3. Establishment of Wildlife Compensation Scheme
There is established, a Wildlife Compensation Scheme for the purpose of financing compensation claims for injuries or death of person or livestock, or damage to property caused by a wild animal outside a protected area.

4. Reporting of incidents
   (1) A person who suffers from an incident that gives rise to a claim for compensation under these Regulations shall report the incident within seventy two hours of the occurrence of the incident to an officer of the Authority, the police or the area local council chairperson.

   (2) An area local council chairperson who receives a report of an incident under subregulation (1) shall immediately inform the officer of the Authority of the incident reported or report the incident to the police.

   (3) A police officer who receives a report under this regulation shall conduct an investigation into the incident and share a report of his or her findings with the officer of the Authority within seven days.

5. Procedure for reporting incident
   (1) A person reporting an incident shall-
   
   (a) make a phone call or use other electronic means to contact the Authority using the contact information provided by the Authority; or
   (b) walk into the offices of the Authority nearest to the conservation area and make an oral or written complaint.

   (2) Where an incident is reported under subregulation (1) (b) or (c), an officer of the Authority shall make a report in writing to the Authority.

   (3) A report made under this regulation may be in English or in a local language.

   (4) Where the report is made in a local language it shall be translated into English by the Authority.
(5) Where the report is recorded by any other person other than the complainant, the recorded report shall be read back to the complainant who shall sign or endorse it with a thumbprint as proof that it is a true and accurate statement of what was reported.

6. Response to incident

(1) The officer of the Authority shall upon receipt of a report of an incident-

(a) cause an investigation by the police or an assessment of the incident by the relevant officer of the District to be conducted within twelve hours of receipt of the report of the incident;

(b) cause the investigating or assessing officer to prepare and submit to him or her an investigation or assessment report; and

(c) submit the report to the Executive Director within five working days.

(2) The Executive Director shall submit the report under subregulation (6)(1)(c) to the Committee within five working days.

7. Conditions for compensation for injury or death of person

A person who seeks compensation for injury or death of a person shall prove that -

(a) the injured or dead person was not in a wildlife conservation area at the time of the attack;

(b) the attack was by a wild animal;

(c) the incident was immediately reported to the officer of the Authority, the police, or to the local council chairperson of the area at the time it occurred;

(d) the injured person for whom or the body for which compensation is being claimed were seen by the officer of the Authority, the police or the local council chairperson of that area; and
(e) the injury or death of the person resulted directly from an
attack by a wild animal outside a conservation area.

8. Documents to submit in case of injury or death of person
A person who seeks compensation for an injury or death under these
Regulations shall submit to the Authority-

(a) a duly completed Form 1, prescribed in the Schedule to these
Regulations;

(b) a medical report made by a medical officer working in a public
health facility;

(c) a letter from the area local council chairperson or a police abstract
report confirming that the incident took place and the circumstances
under which it happened;

(d) certified medical bills and receipts from a public health facility
as evidence for costs incurred as a result of the injury;

(e) in case of death-

(i) a postmortem report and cause of death certificate
prepared by a public health facility; and

(ii) photographs of the grave and receipts of proof of burial
and related expenses; and

(f) any other necessary document.

9. Conditions for compensation for injury or death of livestock
(1) A person who seeks compensation for injury or death of livestock shall
prove that –

(a) the incident did not occur inside a wildlife conservation area;
(b) the incident which is the subject of the claim was reported to the police, area local council chairperson or to an officer of Authority at the time the incident occurred;

(c) the carcass of each head of livestock for which compensation is claimed was available at the time of the investigation or assessment, where the claim is in respect to the death of livestock;

(d) the injury or death of the livestock resulted directly from a predatory or attack by a wild animal outside a conservation area;

(e) the livestock belonged to him or her or was under his or her care and control at the time of the injury or death;

(f) the injury or death was managed in accordance with good livestock practices; and

(g) prior to the incident, the claimant took all reasonable measures to protect the livestock from the easy reach of a wild animal.

(2) The claimant shall be compensated for the market value of the meat, less the amount recovered from the sale of the meat where the livestock was injured or killed but the loss can be salvaged by sale of its meat.

(3) The sale of the meat in subregulation (2) shall be by public auction to the highest bidder.

10. **Documents to submit in case of injury or death of livestock**
A person who seeks compensation for an injury or death of livestock under these Regulations shall submit to the Authority-

(a) a duly completed Form 2, prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations;
(b) a veterinary report made by a district veterinary officer confirming costs incurred as a result of the injury or death of the livestock;

(c) a letter from the area local council chairperson or a police abstract report confirming that the incident took place and the circumstances under which it happened; and

(d) any other necessary document.

11. Conditions for compensation for damage to property

(1) A person who seeks compensation for damage to property shall prove that -

(a) the incident which is the subject of the claim was immediately reported to an officer of the Authority, the police or the local council chairperson of the area at the time the incident occurred;

(b) the damaged property was assessed by the Authority;

(c) the claim is for the magnitude of the damaged property;

(d) the damaged property belongs to him or her or was under his or her care and control at the time of the damage;

(e) the damage to the property was directly caused by a wild animal outside a conservation area; and

(f) prior to the damage the claimant took all reasonable measures to protect the property from the easy reach of the wild animal.

(2) For avoidance of doubt any property damaged that may be a subject of a compensation claim shall not be interfered with in any manner until the investigation or assessment is concluded by the Authority.

(3) Any interference with the property damaged by a wild animal before assessment in contravention of subregulation (2) shall result into disqualification of the claim.
12. **Documents to submit in case of damage to property**

A person who seeks compensation for damage to property under these Regulations shall submit to the Authority-

(a) a duly completed Form 3, prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations;

(b) a valuation report made by a district valuation officer;

(c) a letter from the area local council chairperson or a police abstract report confirming that the incident took place and the circumstances under which it happened;

(d) photographs of the damaged property; and

(e) any other necessary document.

13. **Submission of claim for compensation**

(1) A person or a legal representative of a person -

(a) who suffers bodily injury or is killed;

(b) whose livestock is injured or killed; or

(c) who suffers damage to his or her property,

caused by a wild animal, may within six months of the injury, death or damage to property, submit a claim for compensation to the Committee.

(2) A claim submitted under the subregulation (1) shall be in the respective form prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(3) Where the Committee receives a claim for compensation for which no investigation or assessment was previously conducted, the Committee shall require the Executive Director to cause an investigation or assessment to be conducted by the police or the relevant officer at the district
(4) A claim for compensation submitted more than six months after the occurrence of the incident shall be time barred and is not eligible for consideration under the Scheme.

14. Verification of claim

(1) The Committee shall upon receipt of –

(a) the report under regulation 6(2); and

(b) a claim for compensation,

verify the claim and submit the claim together with the recommendation of the Committee, to the Board within three months of receipt of the report and claim.

(2) Where an award is made, the recommendation of the Committee in subregulation (1) shall include the quantum of compensation and the reasons for the quantum.

15. Approval of claim for compensation

(1) The Board may approve a claim for compensation.

(2) Where the Board approves an award for a claim for compensation, the Board shall make an award.

(3) The Executive Director shall communicate the approval of a claim for compensation and the award to the claimant within fourteen days.

(4) The Executive Director shall execute the award by paying the compensation as soon as possible but not later than the next financial year.

16. Refusal to approve claim for compensation

(1) The Board, may refuse to approve a claim for compensation where-

(a) the claimant did not exercise due care to prevent the injury or death of a person or livestock or damage to property;
(b) the livestock or property was intentionally used to lure the animal or for intercept feeding; or

(c) the injury, death or damage occurred within a wildlife conservation area.

(2) Where the Board rejects a claim for compensation, it shall inform the claimant in writing giving reasons for the refusal within five days of rejection of the claim.

(3) Notwithstanding regulation 13(4), the Board may consider a claim for compensation, notice of which was given after the six months deadline, if it is satisfied that-

(a) giving such notice was not practicable at the time the incident occurred; or

(b) that failure to give such notice was as a result of circumstances beyond the claimant’s control.

17. Mitigation of injury

(1) A claimant shall ensure that a person or livestock injured by a wild animal is given prompt medical or veterinary care or other treatment.

(2) Where the Board confirms that the cost of treatment of the injuries increased as a result of the claimant’s failure to provide prompt medical or veterinary care or other treatment, the amount of compensation payable may be reduced by an amount determined by the Board.

18. Limits to compensation

(1) The Board shall when approving the amounts for compensation for injury or death of a person, not exceed the following limits-

(a) in the case of death, twenty million shillings;

(b) in the case of injury occasioning disability, fifteen million shillings; and
(c) in the case of any minor injury, seven million shillings, 
depending on the extent of injury.

(2) The amount of compensation calculated for injury under 
subregulation (1)(b) or (c) shall be in addition to the actual medical bills 
incurred in treating the victim.

(3) The Board shall authorise compensation calculated only on the 
basis of actual injury or death that has occurred.

19. Implementation of recommendations

(1) Where a person claims that his or her livestock is injured or killed 
or his or her property is damaged, the Committee through the Executive 
Director shall make a written recommendation to him or her on specific 
preventive measures to be taken to avoid future injury, death or damage to 
property.

(2) The person under subregulation (1) shall take all necessary steps 
to implement the recommendations made under subregulation (1).

(3) Where a person fails to implement the Committee’s 
recommendations under subregulation (1) and thereafter suffers injury, 
death or damage to property, the Committee may-

(a) reject the claim;

(b) allow to compensate the claim less by the costs incurred by 
the claimant for failure to implement the recommendations 
made by the Committee under this regulation; or

(c) recommend to the Board to withhold disbursement of any 
payment to the claimant until he or she implements the 
recommendations issued by the Committee.

(4) Where payment has been made on a particular claim, the 
Committee shall not consider any other claim founded on the same grounds 
or facts.
20. Recovery of money paid in error

(1) Money paid to a claimant by the Board under the following circumstances shall be considered as money paid in error -

(a) where money is paid to a claimant based on misinformation; or

(b) where the claimant failed to disclose to the Committee any relevant information that would have disqualified the claim.

(2) Where compensation has been paid in error, the Authority shall recover the money from the recipient.

21. Review

(1) A person aggrieved by a decision of the Board under these Regulations may apply to the Minister for review of the decision within fourteen days from the date of being notified of the decision.

(2) The Minister shall consider the application for review within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application.
SCHEDULE

FORMS

reg. 8(a)

FORM 1
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE UGANDA WILDLIFE ACT, 2019

THE WILDLIFE (COMPENSATION SCHEME) REGULATIONS,
2022

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF
PERSON CAUSED BY A WILD ANIMAL

PART I- CLAIMANT'S DETAILS

Name of claimant: __________________________________________

NIN for Ugandans/ other ID No. for non-Ugandans: __________
(Attach copy of ID)

Address: ____________________________

Tel/Mob: _______________ Email: ____________________________

Capacity in which you are filling form:

________________________________________

Village: _____________________________________________

Parish: ____________________________________________

City Division/ Municipality/ Municipal Division/ Town/ Sub County:

__________________________________________

City/ District: _______________________________________
PART II - DETAILS OF THE INJURED OR DECEASED PERSON

Name of injured or deceased person:

________________________________________

NIN for Ugandans / other ID for non-Ugandans: ________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Sex: ____________________________

Age: ____________________________

Occupation: ____________________________

If employed, employer’s name: ________________

If self-employed, nature of business: ________________

Salary/wage/income per year: ________________

PART III - PARTICULARS OF INJURY OR DEATH OF PERSON

Place of injury or death of person:

___________________________________________

Location: _____________________________________________

Date: ________________ Time: ________________

Circumstances of injury or death:

________________________________________________________________________

Wild animal responsible for injury or death of person:

________________________________________________________________________
History of any wildlife related compensations:

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Assessment

(a) Police station: ________________________________

Comments of Officer in Charge:

____________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________________________

Designation: _______________________________________

Signature: _________________________________________

Date: ________________________________

(b) Medical Officer: ________________________________

Comments of Medical Officer (*State degree or nature of injury i.e. permanent/ temporary/ minor*)

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Name: ___________________________________________

Designation: _______________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

(c) Comment by officer of the Authority:
Conservation Area: 

District where incident occurred: 

Name: 

Designation: Signature: 

Date: 

(e) Recommendation of the Wildlife Compensation Verification Committee: 

(f) Decision of Committee: 

Signatures 

Chairperson: Secretary: 

(g) Decision of Board: 

Signatures 

Chairperson: Secretary:
FORM 2

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE UGANDA WILDLIFE ACT, 2019

WILDLIFE (COMPENSATION SCHEME) REGULATIONS, 2022

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF LIVESTOCK CAUSED BY A WILD ANIMAL

PART I- CLAIMANT’S DETAILS

Name of claimant: ____________________________________________________________

NIN for Ugandans / Other for of identification for No. for non-Ugandans:

__________________ (Attach copy of Identification card)

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Tel/Mob: ___________ Email: _____________________________________________

Capacity of claimant; owner or representative of claimant:

________________________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________________________________________

Village: ___________________________________________________________________

Parish: __________________________________________________________________

City Division/ Municipality/ Municipal Division/ Town/ Sub County:

________________________________________________________________________

City/ District: __________________________________________________________________

PART II-LIVESTOCK

Livestock type: __________________________________________________________
No. of livestock dead: ________________________________

No. of livestock injured: ________________________________

Approximate age and sex of livestock affected: ________________

Estimated value: _______________________________________

Measures in place to protect livestock from wild animal attack:
(a) ___________________________________________________

(b) ___________________________________________________

(c) ___________________________________________________

(d) ___________________________________________________

_________ PART III- PARTICULARS OF INCIDENT ________

Place of incident: ________________________________

Wild animal responsible: ________________________________

Date: ________________ Time: ________________________________

Circumstances of incident: _______________________________________

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(a) Police station/post where the matter was reported:
______________________________________________________

Comment by Officer in Charge of police station/post:
______________________________________________________

______________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Designation: ____________
Signature: __________________ Date: __________________

(b) Comment by District Veterinary Officer including potential value as per District rates:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Name: __________________
Designation: __________________

District: __________________

Signature: __________________ Date: __________________

(c) Comment by officer of the Authority:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Name: __________________
Designation: __________________

Conservation Area: __________________

District where incident occurred: __________________

Signature: __________________ Date: __________________

(d) Comment by Wildlife Compensation Verification Committee:

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______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Value approved by Committee with guidance of the certified district values
Signature:

Chairperson: ___________________ Secretary: ___________________

(e) Comment by Board:

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Value approved by the Board as compensation for death or injury of livestock

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Signature:

Chairperson: ________________  Secretary: ________________
FORM 3

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE UGANDA WILDLIFE ACT, 2019

WILDLIFE (COMPENSATION SCHEME) REGULATIONS, 2022

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY DAMAGED BY A WILD ANIMAL

PART I- CLAIMANT’S DETAILS

Name of claimant: ________________________________________________

NIN for Ugandans / other form of Identification for No. for non-Ugandans: ____________ (Attach copy of Identity card)

Address: _________________________________________________________

Tel/Mob: ______________________ Email: _____________________________

Capacity of claimant (owner of property or representative of the claimant): ________________________________

Signature: ______________________ Date: _____________________________

Village: _________________________________________________________

Parish: __________________________________________________________

City Division/ Municipality/ Municipal Division/ Town/ Sub County: ________________________________

City/ District: ___________________________________________________

PART II- PROPERTY DAMAGED

Description of property damaged:

______________________________________________________________

Wild animal responsible: ________________________________________
If crops, approximate size of garden destroyed (hectares/ acres) or quantity of crops in measurement units:

__________________________________________________________________________________

Stage of growth: ___________________________________________________________________

Estimated value and basis: _________________________________________________________________________

Measures in place to protect property against destruction by wild animal:

(a) __________________________________________________________________________________

(b) ___________________________________________________________________________________

(c) ___________________________________________________________________________________

PART III- PARTICULARS OF INCIDENT

Place of incident: ____________________________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Circumstances of incident: ____________________________________________________________________

FOR OFFICIAL USE

(a) Police station/post where the matter was reported:

__________________________________________________________________________________________

Comment from Officer in Charge of police station/post:

__________________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Designation: ______________________________________________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________________________________________________________ Date: ___________________________________________________________________________________

(b) Comment and value attached by District Valuation Officer:

__________________________________________________________________________________________
Name: _____________________________

Designation: _____________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________

(c) Comment by officer of the Authority

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Name: _____________________________

Designation: _____________________________

Conservation Area: _____________________________

District: _____________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _____________________________

(d) Comment by Wildlife Compensation Verification Committee:

________________________________________

________________________________________

Value approved by Committee with guidance of the certified District values:

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Signature:

Chairperson: _____________________________ Secretary: _____________________________
(e) Comment by Board:

Value approved by the Board as compensation for the crops or property destroyed:

________________________________________

Signature:

Chairperson: ___________________________ Secretary: ______________________

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