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2022 No.....

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**THE UGANDA WILDLIFE (COMPENSATION SCHEME)**  
**REGULATIONS, 2022**

*(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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:

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Wild animal responsible for injury or death of person:

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History of any wildlife related compensations:

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE**

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Assessment

(a) Police station: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments of Officer in Charge:

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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:



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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Conservation Area: \_\_\_\_\_

District where incident occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Recommendation of the Wildlife Compensation Verification  
Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(f) Decision of Committee:

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Signatures

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Decision of Board:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM 2**

*reg. 10(a)*

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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### PART III- PARTICULARS OF INCIDENT

Place of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Wild animal responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Circumstances of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOR OFFICIAL USE

(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:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Comment by officer of the Authority:

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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

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Signature:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Comment by Board:

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

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Signature:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM 3**

*reg. 12 (a)*

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



(e) Comment by Board:

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

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Signature:

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



**TOM R. BUTIME, (MP),**

*Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities.*

