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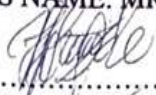
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DEDICATION

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ABSTRACT

This report documents the industrial attachment carried out at Kapkwai Forest Exploration Centre located in Mountain Elgon National Park, Kapchorwa district.

The attachment aimed at bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in the fields of tourism, conservation, and environmental management.

During the attachment period, I participated in activities such as visitor reception, guided nature walks, environmental education, forest conservation practices, trail maintenance, and community outreach.

The attachment enhanced my practical skills, professional ethics, teamwork abilities, and understanding of sustainable tourism and protected area management.

ABBREVIATIONS

1. MENP.....MOUNTAIN ELGON NATIONAL PARK
2. UWA.....UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY
3. UTB.....UGANDA TOURISM BOARD
4. MTWA.....MINISTRY OF TOURISM WILDLIFE AND ANTIQUITIES
5. UNESCO.....UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANISATION
6. HOD.....HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND TO INTERNSHIP

1.0 Introduction and background to internship

Since 1970s, in developing countries universities started introducing academic departments to promote and enhance the teaching of tourism at university level. This arose from recognition that tourism was significantly taking up a position as the world's single largest industry. This scenario has not changed in any way; instead the 21st century forecasts indicate that there is great potential for continued growth in the tourism sector than other sectors. This is very true; take a case study in the east African region where even Uganda lies. Tourism as a professional academic discipline is not well established in most universities and institutions in developing countries. The situation is worsened by the few fully established tourism programs in African universities. The department of geography, Makerere University due to this need it started a bachelors of tourism program in 1997 as a stepping stone for the establishment of the department of tourism and hospitality management in future.

Tourism has well defined academic community and borrows some concepts and theories from other disciplines to help investigate and explain particular phenomenon and practices of tourism. In the revised tourism programme, we consider a substantial contribution from three disciplinary perspectives necessary for a bachelor of tourism that operates on the knowledge based platform indicated below

Environmental and geographical sciences, economic sciences, (marketing is the core discipline, but economics and management sciences are relevant), social sciences (Sociology is the core discipline, but contributions from psychology, anthropology, history, law, and political science are regarded relevant.)

The main purpose of this attachment is to provide students a chance to relate to what they learn in class to real field conditions. This is meant to develop their ingenuity and skills to become well trained and groomed professionals as required by the industry. Therefore students are advised to give training their due attention so to acquire knowledge and skills

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