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DEDICATION

I dedicate this report to my beloved parents, Kanakulya Richard and Namugenyi Annet who have always been supportive, prayerful, motivational and caring towards the entire course of my studies

I also dedicate this report to the entire community of tourism and hospitality both students and others globally

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ABSTRACT

This recess term report covers details and activities carried out at MT Elgon National Park Kapkwai for a period of eight (8) weeks.

Chapter one, highlights information concerning introduction of internship, objectives of internship, historical background of Mt Elgon national park, organizational structure of the park, departments, accommodation like cottages, accessibility routes , maps showing the geographical location and size of the park. It also has the history, mission, vision, and the organizational structure of Uganda wildlife Authority.

Chapter two, this chapter covers the materials and methods used in the field to attain internship objectives.

Chapter three presents a discussion on the results attained from my internship project, basing on the activities carried out during the internship.

Chapter four presents the skills learnt during the field attachment, how relevant to my professional and career growth. This chapter also continues to evaluate the strength and weakness of Mt Elgon national park. It also highlights other activities assigned by the field supervisor, level of accomplishment and how relevant the activities were to my professional growth.

Chapter five covers the general conclusions and recommendations covering chapter two, three, and four.

ABBREVIATIONS

UWA-Uganda Wildlife Authority

MTWA- Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities

MENP-Mountain Elgon National Park

UTB-Uganda Tourism Board

FACE-Forests Absorb Carbon dioxide Emission

UNESCO- United Nations educational and Scientific Organization

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 Introduction and background to internship.

Since 1970s universities in developed countries started introducing academic department to promote and enhance the teaching of tourism at university level as a result of the recognition that tourism was significantly taking up a position as world's single largest industry, Tourism as an academic discipline is not well established in most universities and institute in developing countries and situation is worse by the few established tourism program in African universities and as such the department of geography in 1997 of Makerere university saw a need for academic department to enhance the teaching of tourism in Uganda and as a result started the department of tourism and hospitality management to help in future

BUSITEMA University as well borrows from Makerere University the mother University of Uganda on the issue of academic department and attachment program. The main purpose of this attachment is to give students chance to relate to what they learnt in class to real field conditions and is meant to develop their ingenuity and skills to become well trained and groomed professionals as required by the industry. After the field practical a guided report is written by a student to reflect the different activities undertaken in the field, their relevancies to the student's professional growth, lessons learnt, skills learnt, places of practical, participants and comments of the field supervisors and a well signed logbook to be handed.

1.1 GOALS OF RECESS TERM TRIP

The recess term trip to Mt Elgon national park had the following goals;

- a) To get acquainted with tourism and hospitality enterprises and organizations.
- b) To understand peculiarities of their operations and the role of team and carrying out their activities.
- c) To develop ability to blend into a team, understand structure and operations of the enterprise.
- d) To develop the capacity of analyzing, assessing and developing suggestions for business improvement.

1.2 MANAGEMENT OF UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND OF UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY (UWA).

Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) is a semi-government agency that conserves and manages Uganda's wildlife for the people of Uganda and the whole world. This agency was established in 1996 after the merger of the Uganda National Parks and game department of the Uganda wildlife Statute. UWA was mandated in 2000 to ensure sustainable management of wildlife resources and supervise wildlife activities in Uganda both within and outside the protected area.

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