

**INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT REPORT CARRIED OUT AT  
UGANDA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY IN MOUNT ELGON  
NATIONAL PARK FOR YEAR ONE, 2025 FOR A PERIOD  
OF EIGHT WEEKS.**



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**DEDICATION**

To My Mum, NYANJURA HAWA

The heart that sparked every story and the love that fills every page. This report is dedicated to you. Thank you for believing and praying for me. I will forever be indebted to you.

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## **ABSTRACT**

This recess term report covers the activities carried out at UWA in mountain Elgon national park for the duration of two months. The main purpose of the report is to show how students were able to relate what they learn in class to real field conditions.

Chapter one introduces the internship, its origins and the main objectives of the study. The background description of the field attachment area, its history, location, management and organizational structures. Population and social economic issues affecting the people around here.

Chapter two covers materials and methods used in the field to achieve the internship objectives while at MENP, presentation of results and discussion of internship (tours and travel/hospitality) issues and presentation of a proposed tourism issue at the internship place.

Chapter three presents a clear description of materials and methods used at the work place, a clear presentation of results and discussion of findings basing on the internship objectives, activities carried out during my recess term, presentation of well detailed areas of improvement and a proposed work plan and how it can be achieved.

Chapter four summarizes the skills learnt and how they are relevant with my professional and career growth, evaluation of strengths and weakness, opportunities and threats of organization, and finally, level of accomplishment of other activities assigned to student by the field supervisor and how relevant the activities were to my professional growth.

Chapter five covers the overall conclusions and recommendations, and the references.

***ABBREVAITION***

**FACE**..... Forest Absorbing Carbon dioxide Emissions.

**IUCN**..... International Union for Conservation of Nature.

**MAB**..... Man, And Biosphere

**MENP**..... Mountain Elgon National Park.

**MOU**..... Memorandum of Understanding

**UWA**..... Uganda wildlife Authority

## **CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION**

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT**

Since 1997s universities, in developing countries started introducing academic departments to promote and enhance the teaching of tourism at university level. This arose from a recognition that tourism was significantly taking up a position as the world's single largest industry. This scenario has not changed in any way: and instead the 21st century forecasts indicate that there is great potential for continued growth in the tourism sector than most other sectors.

However, Tourism as a professional academic discipline is not well established in most universities and institutes in developing countries. The situation is worsened by the few fully established tourism programs in African universities. The department of geography, Makerere University, noticed this need and started a Bachelor of tourism program in 1997 as a stepping stone for the establishment of the department of tourism and hospitality management in future.

Tourism has a 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 program, we consider a substantial contribution from three disciplinary perspectives necessary for a bachelor of tourism that operates on the knowledge based platform as 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)

As part of the Bachelor of Science in Tourism and Travel Management program at Busitema University, industrial attachment is a compulsory component designed to provide students with practical exposure, enabling the application of theoretical knowledge in real world settings.

This is meant to develop their ingenuity and skills to become well trained and groomed professionals as required by the industry. This two-month internship at Mount Elgon National Park(MENP) managed by the Uganda Wildlife Authority(UWA), fulfilled this requirement and offered invaluable insights into ecotourism and conservation management.

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