

LAKE TURKANA NATIONAL PARKS (KENYA)
(N801BIS)

STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

1. Executive Summary of the report

This is a status report of the progress of the conservation status of the Lake Turkana National Parks World Heritage Site in meeting the recommendations of Decision: 40 COM 7B.80. The State Party of Kenya recalls the Kenya-Ethiopia Joint State of Conservation report sent to the World Heritage Centre in January 2017 which addressed most of the issues raised in the aforementioned WHC decision (See Annex1).

The following therefore is just a recap of the documents sent and the most current results of the continued bilateral talks between the States Parties of Kenya and Ethiopia. The documents sent include the revised TORS for the SEA consultancy and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report of the Lake Turkana Wind Farm Project.

New reports submitted herein include the TORs for Joint Expert Panel that will oversee the SEA study exercise and the SEA bidding document for interested SEA consultants. Thus, the report covers issues discussed during the various Kenya-Ethiopia bilateral negotiations regarding conservation of Lake Turkana National Parks World Heritage Site on one hand and on the other, actions undertaken exclusively by the State Party of Kenya to implement the recommendations of IUCN Reactive Monitoring Reports of 2012 and 2015 and the WHC Decisions.

2. Actions taken to implement Decision 40 Com 7 B. 80

Paragraph	Progress made	Remarks
Paragrapph 3	The State Party of Ethiopia already indicated that it had sent the status of the Kuraz Sugar Scheme. The two state parties of Kenya and Ethiopia have finalized the terms of reference of the SEA study, terms of refrence for the joint Exprt Panel and the RFP document that will be used for sourcing the SEA consultancy services	The SEA study will address the cumulutaive impacts of the projects and recommend the necessary mitigations

Paragraph 4	The two States Parties revised the terms of reference for the SEA study and submitted them to the World Heritage Centre. Kenya has sought the help of the World Heritage Centre for instance in incorporation of the UNEP.	Letter of request to WHC Annex 2
Paragraph 5	A document for the SEA Consultancy bidding process was jointly prepared and agreed upon by the States Parties of Kenya and Ethiopia.	See annex 3
Paragraph 6	As already stated in para 4 above a letter of request was sent in August 2017 seeking the World Heritage Centre's assistance in guiding and enhancing the much needed collaboration between UNEP and Kenya in support of the proposed SEA study	Funding issue has not been finalized
Paragraph 7	The matter referred to is a cross border integrated programme for sustainable peace and socio economic transformation of the neighbouring communities. This as reported in the earlier report of January 2017 was found to be outside the scope of the World Heritage issue at hand.	The issue was about social relations between the Boran people and others who tranverse the Kenya-Ethiopia border.
Paragraph 8	The terms of reference for the Joint Expert Panel were prepared and mutually agreed upon by the two States Parties	See annex 4
Paragraph 9	The wildlife census recommended for in the the reactive monitoring mission of 2012 has been taken into consideration in the new management plan for the Lake turkana National Parks which is in the process of finalization. One of the critical activities proposed in the management plan is to conduct a comprehensive biodiversity	A copy the Lake Turkana management plan will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre once the the final document is finalized and approved by the Kenya Wildlife Service which is the responsible state agent.

	<p>survey. The Ornithology Department of the National Museums of Kenya has already completed a survey of birdlife in the Lake Turkana area. A draft grazing programme has also been made as part of the management plan to deal with livestock intrusion into the park. The County government of Marsabit already sank two boreholes away from the park to provide water for livestock and the local communities.</p>	
Paragraph 10	<p>Regarding other developments deemed to have potential impact to the OUV of Lake Turkana, the State Party of Kenya wishes to report that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Lake Turkana Wind Farm Project had been carried out in 2008. The report was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2017.</p>	See annex 5

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