

**PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING THE FAILURE BY THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
OPERATIONALIZE THE PROVISION WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT ACT 2013**

**RE: PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING THE FAILURE BY THE
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We, the undersigned, draw the attention of the Senate to Wildlife Conservation and Management ACT 2013; particularly, **Sections 18** and **19**. The Act commenced on 10th January, 2014 following a gazette notice No. 47 of 2013.

The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred to her by Section 18(a)-(j) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013; and further to the Kenya Gazette Notice Vol. CXVII – No. 22 of 6th March 2015, appointed us to serve as the Chairperson of County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee for a period of three (3) years with effect from 27th February, 2015.

We the County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee Chairpersons and residents of Lamu, Embu, Nairobi, Wajir and Nakuru counties; on behalf of and with the consent of other 42 County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee Chairpersons;

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. **It** is already two years since the 47 County Chairpersons, alongside the respective 4 community representatives were appointed and gazetted as members of County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committees by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, by Gazette Notice Vol. CXVII – No. 22 of 6th March 2015;
 - a) **THAT**, the chairpersons and the 4 community representatives received their appointment letters in June 2015, which clearly underlined the functions of the chairpersons and the committee members;

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- b) **THAT**, we have served two years of our term (three years);
- c) **THAT**, in November 2015, 35 County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committees (Chairpersons and 4 Community representatives) were inducted by the KWS senior Directors and Directors from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources;
- d) **THAT**, the committees, and in particular the Chairpersons have been undertaking their roles of sensitizing the community and representing County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee in various stakeholder's meetings, as per Wildlife Conservation and Management Act No. 47 of 2013 and as outlined in Section 18 and 19;
2. **Progress** meeting was held on 31st May 2016, at 2.00pm chaired by the Principal Secretary, Hon. Dr. Margaret Mwakima, attended by 32 CWCCC chairpersons, Deputy Director Wildlife Conservation Dr. Osoro, Senior Assistant Director KWS Mr. Michael Kipkeu, Assistant Director KWS Ms Ann Kahihia and Ms Grace Nzale –Warden;
- a) **THAT**, the Principal Secretary outlined the importance of WCMA 2013 and the benefits of CWCCC delivering the mandate of the ministry at the county levels;
- b) **THAT**, the Principal Secretary acknowledged receiving various correspondents and reports from the Council of Chairpersons;
- c) **THAT**, the Principal Secretary acknowledged the urgent need to pay honoraria to CWCCC chairpersons as stated in WCMA 2013;
- d) **THAT**, the Principal Secretary promised and tasked Dr. Osoro with the responsibility of drafting a letter to SRC to request for approval to pay monthly honoraria to CWCCC Chairpersons;

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3. **The gazette**ment of Wildlife regulations and guidelines as per the WCMA 2013 has not yet been done;
- a) **THAT**, the regulations are necessary in guiding the CWCC committees in the implementations of their functions;
 - b) **THAT**, Wildlife regulations and guidelines, Management Plan guidelines and Establishment of Conservancy guidelines are being carried out without public participation;
 - c) **THAT**, the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017 has been carried out without public/stakeholders' participation (including CWCCC);
4. **THAT**, we have made the best efforts to have these matters addressed by the relevant authorities all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response;
- a) **THAT**, we have held meetings with the Director of Wildlife Conservation at Ministry of Environment and Natural resources;
 - b) **THAT**, we have made several efforts to hold meeting with the Principal Secretary Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Dr. M. Mwakima without success;
 - c) **THAT**, we have made official complain to the office of the Ombudsman who got no clear response from the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources;
 - d) **THAT**, we have officially complaint to the Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Cabinet without success;

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e) **THAT**, the office of Attorney General has written to the Principal Secretary on our behalf without success





5. **THAT**, none of these issues raised in this Petition is pending in any court of Law, Constitutional or any other legal body;

WHEREFORE, your humble **petitioners** Pray that the Senate conduct an investigation into the above matter with a view to ensuring that:

1. We, County Wildlife Conservation and Compensation Committee Chairpersons are paid our monthly honoraria with effect from 27th February 2015;
2. Funds are provided to facilitate Chairpersons' activities in the counties as stipulated in the WMCA 2013;
3. Full public participation during development of Wildlife Conservation and Compensation guidelines and regulations;
4. Funds are provided to the CWCCC to clear compensation backlog and feedback meetings as per WMCA 2013;
5. Additional funds are provided for Wildlife Conservation sector, to improve quality and performance of KWS;

Dated this 22nd day of Sept. 2017

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