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BAN ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN ALL OUR PROTECTED AREAS

Pursuant to the announcement by H.E The President of Kenya on the ban on single-use plastics in all our protected areas on 5th June 2019, this is to bring to your attention that the ban will start **taking effect on 5th June 2020**.

The government is mandated through the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Article 42 to assure and provide to all Kenyans a clean and healthy environment, and through Article 69 to eliminate all processes and activities that degrade the environment.

The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (WCMA), 2013 defines a 'Protected Area' as a geographical space, recognized, dedicated and managed through legal or other effective means, to achieve long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values. The Act further addresses the issue on pollution, with Section 89(1) (b) and (c) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, making it an offense to pollute within these protected areas. The Forest Conservation and Management Act (FCMA), 2016 provides for the development and sustainable management, including conservation and rational utilization of all forest resources for socio-economic development of the country and other connected purposes.

The ban underlines the government's commitment in addressing the plastic pollution menace, in line with the various legal provisions on waste management and conservation of the natural resources and ecosystems, as well as Kenya's milestones in achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

The Ministry therefore wishes to urge you all to jointly work towards the full implementation of this ban on single-use plastics in all our protected areas, including national parks, beaches, forests and other conservation areas.

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Hon. Najib Balala, EGH
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