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ACRONYMS

UWA-Uganda Wildlife Authority

MTWA- Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities

UTB-Uganda Tourism Board

MENP-Mountain Elgon National Park

ABSTRACT

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

Chapter one, describes information concerning introduction of internship, objectives of internship, the historical background of Mt Elgon national park, organizational structure of the park, departments, accommodation like camps and cottages, accessibility, maps showing the geographical location and size of the park plus various tourism products and services. It also highlights the history, mission, vision, goals, objectives and the organizational structure of Uganda Wildlife Authority

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

Chapter three, clearly illustrates 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 overall conclusions and recommendations covering chapter two, three, and four.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND TO INTERNSHIP

1.0 Introduction and background to internship.

Since 1970s, in developing countries universities started introducing academic departments to promote and enhance the teaching of tourism at university level. This arose from recognition that tourism was significantly taking up a position as the world's single largest industry. This scenario has not changed in any way; instead the 21st century forecasts indicate that there is great potential for continued growth in the tourism sector than other sectors. This is very true; take a case study in the east African region where even Uganda lies. Tourism as a professional academic discipline is not well established in most universities and institutions in developing countries. The situation is worsened by the few fully established tourism programs in African universities. The department of geography ,Makerere University due to this need it started a bachelors of tourism program in 1997 as a stepping stone for the establishment of the department of tourism and hospitality management in future.

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

The main purpose of this attachment is to provide students a chance to relate to what they learn in class to real field conditions. This is meant to develop their ingenuity and skills to become well trained and groomed professionals as required by the industry. Therefore students are advised to give training their due attention so to acquire knowledge and skills from tourism and hospitality establishments where they are attached to. In addition to the services offered to the industry, the activities under taken during the field attachment should also aim at supporting

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Google map showing the location of Mountain Elgon National Park.

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