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ACRONYMS USED

MENP Mountain Elgon National Park.

UWA..... Uganda wildlife Authority

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

ASL..... **Above sea Level**

PPP..... **Public Private Partnership**

EEC..... European Economic Community.

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

MAB..... Man, And Biosphere

MOU..... Memorandum of Understanding

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ABSTRACT.	

The recess term covered a period of eight weeks, during which activities were carried out at UWA in Mount Elgon National Park, specifically at Kapukwai Forest Exploration Center. **Chapter One** introduces the internship program and outlines the historical background of MENP, the management of UWA and

its organizational structure, departments, uniqueness, accommodation facilities, maps showing the size and location of the park, and the activities conducted in MENP.

Chapter Two discusses the materials and methods used in the field to achieve the internship objectives at MENP. It also presents the results, discussions on internship issues related to tours, travel, and hospitality, and a proposed tourism issue at the internship placement.

Chapter Three provides a detailed description of the materials and methods used at the workplace, presents results and discusses findings based on the internship objectives, outlines activities carried out during the recess term, identifies areas for improvement, and presents a proposed work plan and how it can be achieved.

Chapter Four summarizes the skills acquired and their relevance to professional and career growth. It also evaluates the organization's strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and the level of accomplishment of other activities assigned by the field supervisor, including their relevance to professional development.

Chapter Five presents the overall conclusions, recommendations, and references.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION/ BACKGROUND.

1.0: INTRODUCTION

Recess term trip is profession learning experience that offers a meaningful, practical work related to a student's field of study. Recess helps a student start to build a professional network that can be a resource for the student. It also gives student a chance to learn new skills. This chapter explains the introduction to recess term program, objectives of the internship, and the introduction of the organization and their chats.

1.1: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Since the 1970s universities, in development countries started introducing academic departments to promote and enhance the teaching 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. This is true even in the east African region where Uganda lies. 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 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 programme, we consider a substantial contribution from three disciplinary perspectives necessary for a bachelor of tourism that operates on the knowledge based plat form 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)

The main purpose of this attachment is to give 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 the due attention demanded. The students will be attached to an appropriate tourism and hospitality firm that will expose them to a range of skills and competencies required from the sector. In addition to the services offered to the industry, the activities under taken during the field attachment 1, should also aim at supporting students learning. Over the eight weeks period of field attachment 1, the student is expected to be supervised by the academic and field supervisor's the academic supervisor is expected to visit the student twice during the eight weeks but the student should be in more regular contact with the field supervisor.

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