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DEDICATION

I dedicate this report to my beloved Family who always pray for my success plus support, love and affection towards my studies. May the Almighty God bless you? I also continue to dedicate this report to my dear lecturers especially Mr. Wampande Jowalie Ahmed, HOD tourism hospitality department wejuli Joseph for their guidance and training me with the relevant skills and knowledge in tourism and hospitality industry may the Almighty God bless the work of their hands. Finally I also dedicate this report to the staff of MFCA for their endless support, guidance and encouragement which has made my training a success.

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ACRONYMS

MFNP: Murchison Falls National Park

MFCA: Murchison Falls Conservation Area

UWA: Uganda Wildlife Authority

NEMA: National Environmental Management Authority

NFA: National Forestry Authority

NGO: Non-Governmental Organizations

PA: Protected Area

MTWA: The Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities

WR: Wildlife Reserve

FNR: Foreign Non Residents

FR: Foreign Residents

CW-Chief Warden

ABSTRACT

This field report was done for two months at Murchison Falls National Park. The field work was aimed at imparting practical skills in students in the area of Tourism management and get exposed to the dynamics of applying theoretical knowledge. The practical exercises covered include visitor handling, guiding, ticketing, booking and preparation of an itinerary. I also participated in law enforcement operations, scientific data collection from the field, use of field equipment like compass and GPS ETC. I was able to learn a number of practical skills that could make me compete favorably in the world of work and create linkage between in the areas already mentioned. On completing my training, skills acquired included; communication skills, customer care services to clients, record keeping, waste management skills, Patrols, data collection and analysis skills such as use of excel, tour guiding techniques, among others.

During the field work process, I encountered some challenges which have been reflected as limitations to the study in chapter one of the report. Other factors that assisted in solving the challenges were also sought and this is what has been referred to delimitations. All these have been reflected in chapter one of the report. At the end of chapter five, some reference books used have been quoted. Appendices have been attached of documents that were involved in the process of field work. Photographs taken during the training in the park have also been attached as appendices at the end of the entire field report. The report has been fairly comprehensive, covering all the activities done within two months at Murchison Falls National Park

CHAPTER ONE

1.0. ORGANISATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS

1.1. INTRODUCTION:

Murchison Falls National Park is the largest national park in Uganda and its 3,893km² and it is the most visited Park among Uganda's national parks. The Park is under the Uganda Wildlife Authority that was created in 1996 following the merger of the Uganda National Parks and Game Reserves and also having gates in both north and the southern parts.

Murchison falls national park is bisected by the Victoria Nile which plunges 45m over the rift valley wall creating the magnificent Murchison falls, the center piece of the park and the final event is an 80km stretch of the River Nile from Karuma falls rapids.

The mighty cascade drains the last of the river's energy transforming it into a broad stream that flows quietly across the rift valley floor into Lake Albert. At Murchison Falls, the Nile squeezes through a 7m gorge and plunges with a thunderous roar into the "Devils cauldron", creating a trade mark rainbow. The stretch of river provides one of Uganda's remarkable wildlife spectacles (Estes 2012). Regular visitors along the river banks include but not limited to elephants, giraffes and buffaloes while hippos, Nile crocodiles and aquatic birds are permanent residents (Estes 2012). The nearby Reserves include; Ajai Wildlife reserve, East-Madi Wildlife, Kabwoya Wildlife Reserve and Bugungu Wildlife Reserve. Its vegetation is characterized by savanna grassland, savanna woodland, riverine forest and Borussus palm trees (Dharani 2019).

Murchison Falls National Park lies at the northern end of the Albertine rift valley where the sweeping Bunyoro escarpment tumbles into vast and palm-dotted savanna. MFNP was first gazette as a game reserve in 1926 which was made a semi-autonomous government agency in 1996 following the merger of national parks and game reserves (Uganda Wildlife ACT 1996) and it is Uganda's largest and oldest conservation area, hosting 76 mammal species and over 451 bird species (Stevenson 2021).

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