

TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS



NIGHT GAME DRIVE GUIDELINES



1.0 Background

Night game drive is an activity conducted during the night, using open vehicle and special spotlights to observe nocturnal animals' and their behavior.

These guidelines are developed to ensure smooth operation of the activity in the parks to enhance visitors' experience and enjoyment.

2.0 AREA FOR THE ACTIVITY

Areas where this activity can be conducted will be determined by the respective park GMP. Areas for night game drives can be reviewed from time to time as deemed necessary.

3.0 TYPE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENTS

- i. An open four wheel drive vehicle with a maximum capacity of 16 persons will be used. The Maximum number of vehicles per route may not exceed three(3).
- ii. The spotlight to be used shall be in a range of 200,000 to 800,000 candle power with special filters to minimize light intensity.
- iii. Maximum of two spotlights are allowed per vehicle

4.0 PERMITS AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The activity shall be organized by a tour operator with:

- i. Valid Tanzania Tourism Licensing Board (TTLB) license.
- ii. Clean business record.
- iii. Professional Tanzanian guide and tracker.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATION

- i. The activity shall be conducted in a manner that will minimize impact on wildlife and the environment.
- ii. Clients must respect other park users

6.0 SAFETY, SECURITY AND HEALTH CONSIDERATION

- i. Operator must ensure that first aid kit is always on board.

- ii. Armed ranger must accompany visitors during the activity.

7.0 DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY

The night game drive activity will be conducted between 19:00hrs and 23:00 hours

8.0 PAYMENT MODALITIES

- i. Visitors shall pay applicable fee using Government electronic payment gateway (GePG-MoF), online, bank and mobile or any other approved means of payments. Guests/Visitors may reserve and make all the payment online through online TANAPA Portal available on website **www.tanzaniaparks.go.tz/onlineportal**.
- ii. Fees will be charged according to TANAPA tariff structure that may be reviewed from time to time.
- iii. All required fees to be paid prior to the activity

9.0 INDEMNITY FORMS

All visitors must fill in and sign Indemnity forms prior to conducting the activity

10.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Regular monitoring will be carried out by park management to see if the activity complies with the operating guidelines and TANAPA regulations. Park management shall also conduct annual evaluation to assess the impact of the activity and recommend effective mitigation measures.

Review of the guidelines shall be carried out regularly as may deem necessary.

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