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PUBLIC STATEMENT ON MEASURES TO CONTAIN COVID-19 IN THE PROTECTED AREAS

Due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the eventual confirmation of a number of cases in Uganda, the Management of Uganda Wildlife Authority have assessed the current situation and have come up with measures that will serve to protect Uganda's wildlife heritage, our staff and visitors who come to our protected areas and tourism business in our protected areas.

1. Primate tourism and research in all the protected areas has been suspended until April 30, 2020.
2. Filming of primates has been suspended until April 30, 2020.
3. Trackers will be provided with necessary PPE to avoid passing on any possible infection to the primates.
4. Commercial motorcycles (boda bodas) and bicycles are prohibited in protected areas.
5. An internal COVID19 task force has been formed to work closely with the National Task Force and update and guide management on the day-to-day developments in the containment of the spread of COVID19 and its implications to wildlife conservation and tourism in the protected areas.
6. We have relaxed the rescheduling of gorilla and chimpanzee tracking. Tour operators are allowed to reschedule tracking permits for a maximum of two times up to March 31, 2022. This offer is valid even for those who booked with 30% down payment. This measure is intended to give tour operators and our visitors more flexibility to avoid cancellation of trips already booked.
7. All our staff have been directed to be vigilant, wash their hands thoroughly with soap or alcohol based solutions, keep social distance to avoid contracting the virus.

These measures have implications on our tourism activities and earnings but are a necessary undertaking in order to protect and conserve our wildlife resources.

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