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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

PART I—PRELIMINARY

THE NAROK COUNTY WILDLIFE CONSERVANCIES ACT, 2026

AN ACT of the County Assembly of Narok to establish the framework for recognition and support for wildlife conservancies and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Narok County Assembly, as follows—

PART I —PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Narok County Wildlife Conservancies Act, 2026 and shall come into force upon publication in the *Kenya Gazette*.

Application

2. This Act shall apply to all wildlife conservancies within Narok County.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Board" means the Narok County Wildlife Conservancies Board established under section 6 of this Act;

"Chairperson" includes the Vice-Chairperson or any other member of the Board when discharging the functions of the Chairperson;

"community participation" means active involvement of the relevant community in decision making processes through, among others, use of relevant consultative mechanisms and public *barazas*;

"community wildlife association" refers to the association established under the provisions of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 formed by the conservancies within the County to serve as their umbrella and collective representative entity;

"County" means Narok County;

"County Assembly" means Narok County Assembly;

"County Executive Committee Member" means the County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for tourism and wildlife matters;

"Fund" means the County Conservancies Fund established under section 17 of this Act;

"conservancy governance entity" refers to the entity formed by the members of the respective conservancy; and "wildlife conservancy" means land set aside by an individual landowner, body corporate, group of owners or a community for purposes of wildlife conservation in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Object and Purpose

4. The object and purpose of this Act is to—

(a) recognize, promote, support, and facilitate establishment, sustainability and development of conservancies in the County;

(b) provide an opportunity for collaboration with other partners to provide technical support to conservancies;

(c) support conservation education awareness and capacity building, and promote good governance and management of conservancies;

(d) provide mechanisms for intermediate financial support for families and victims of wildlife attacks and losses;

(e) support socio-economic development of communities within the mara–ecosystem; and

(f) support research and data collection on wildlife populations, habitat condition, water resources and human-wildlife conflict in the wildlife conservancies.

Principles of good governance

5. The following principles shall guide the interpretation and implementation of the provisions of this Act—

(a) mutual consultations and dialogue and exchange of views on matters affecting a community or group of persons;

(b) openness and transparency;

(c) inclusiveness in representation of views including vulnerable groups and the marginalized;

(d) objectivity in engagement and non-politicization of issues;

(e) constructive dialogue between the County Government and the public or stakeholders;

(f) value for money; and

(g) civic duty and responsibility.

PART II—ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of the Board

6. There is established a Board to be known as the Narok County Wildlife Conservancies Board.

Composition of the Board

7. (1) The Board shall comprise the following persons—

(a) a Chairperson appointed by the Governor;

(b) the Chief Officer for tourism and wildlife matters;

(c) the Chief Executive Officer who shall be the Secretary and *ex-officio* member;

(d) a representative of the community wildlife association in the County; and

(e) four representatives of communities nominated from each of the four clusters listed in the Second Schedule and appointed by the Governor.

(2) The members in (d) and (e) shall in the first meeting of the Board elect a Vice-Chairperson among themselves who shall be of the opposite gender from the Chairperson.

(3) The appointment of the members under (e) shall accord with gender balance, youth and persons living with disability.

(4) The committee may co-opt such other persons as it deems fit to assist the committee in the deliberations.

(5) The appointment of the members under sub-section (1) (a), (d) and (e) above shall require the approval of the County Assembly.

(6) The persons appointed under sub-section (1) (e) above shall be required to have O-level qualifications.

Term of office

8. The members of the Board shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term.

Qualification for appointment of Chairperson

9. (1) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a Chairperson of the Board under section 7(1)(a) unless such person holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya and has at least ten (10) years experience in wildlife management, tourism and any other relevant field.

Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer

10. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer competitively appointed by the County Public Service Board.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reselection for a further term of three (3) years.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Board.

(4) A person shall qualify for appointment as a Chief Executive Officer if the person—

(a) is a citizen of Kenya;

(b) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; and

(c) possesses a degree in natural resources management, finance, business, or strategic management from a university recognized in Kenya and has at least ten (10) years' professional experience in related field at management level.

Removal from office

11. (1) A person who is appointed as a member of the Board under section 7 (1) (a), (c), (d) and (e) may be removed from office on any of the following grounds—

(a) violation of the Constitution;

(b) inability to discharge duties for any reason;

(c) bankruptcy; or

(d) if convicted of any offence with a sentence of more than six (6) months imprisonment.

(2) Any person may petition the County Assembly for the removal of the persons listed under section 11(1) on the grounds specified thereunder.

(3) The procedure for the removal of a member of the Board under this section shall be as prescribed in the Standing Orders of the County Assembly.

Functions and roles of the Board

12. The Board shall—

(a) promote and facilitate the establishment of wildlife conservancies to promote wildlife conservation within the County;

(b) provide the necessary infrastructure and operational support to conservancies;

(c) provide mechanisms for recognition of conservancies in consultation with the Kenya Wildlife Service;

(d) support programmes that enable sustainability of conservancies;

(e) collaborate with other government and stakeholders towards the achievement of the objectives of this Act;

(f) promote the participation of conservancy governance entities in its programmes and activities;

(g) direct and supervise the administration of the services and exercise budgetary control;

(h) consider and approve the procedures relating to eligibility criteria, process and equitable distribution and access to the Conservancies Fund;

(i) oversee the administration on and management of the Fund; and

(j) approve annual plans and supervise the performance of the Fund.

Powers of the Board as a body corporate

13. The Board shall have the power to—

(a) sue and be sued;

(b) acquire, hold, charge and dispose of movable and immovable property; and

(c) do or perform all such other things or acts for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act and any written law, as may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

Seal of the Board

14. (1) The seal of the Board shall be such device as may be determined by the Board and shall be kept by the Secretary.

(2) The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the Secretary.

(3) Any document purporting to be under the seal of the Board or issued on behalf of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or issued, as the case may be, without further proof, unless the contrary is proved.

Allowances for the members of the Board

15. Members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as the County Executive Committee Member in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission may determine.

Conduct of business and affairs of the Board

16. The conduct of business and affairs of the Board shall be as set out in the First Schedule.

PART III—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment of the Fund

17. (1) There is established a Fund to be known as the Wildlife Conservancies Fund.

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund—

(a) Such moneys as may be approved, allocated and appropriated to the Board by the County Assembly as part of the budget process in every financial year provided that not less than two (2) percent of the most recent audited accounts of the County Government shall be appropriated; and

(b) any grants, gifts, donations, endowments or bequests.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund such administrative expenses as may be incurred by the Board under this Act or under any other law.

(4) The administrator of the Fund shall ensure that the earnings and accruals of the Fund are retained in the fund and spent only for the purposes for which the Fund is established.

(5) The receipts, earnings or accruals for which the Fund is established and its balances at the close of each financial year shall be retained for the purposes of the Fund.

Administration of the Fund

18. (1) The County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for finance matters shall designate a Fund Administrator.

(2) The Fund Administrator shall—

(a) supervise and control the administration of the Fund;

(b) impose conditions on the use of any expenditure;

(c) personally authorize and may impose any restriction or other requirement concerning use of expenditure;

(d) prepare, sign and transmit through the County Executive Committee Member to the Auditor-General in respect of each financial year and within three (3) months after the end thereof, a statement of accounts relating to the Fund in accordance with the Public Audit Act, 2003 and in such details as the County Treasury may from time to time direct;

(e) cause to be kept proper books of account and other books and records in relation to the Fund as well as to all the various activities and undertakings of the Fund;

(f) furnish such additional information as may be required for examination and audit by the Auditor-General or under any law; and

(g) designate such staff as may be necessary to assist in the management of the Fund provided that such staff shall work in the Board.

Financial year

19. The financial year of the Service shall be the period of twelve (12) months ending on the thirtieth of June in each year.

Annual estimates

20. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year the Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be prepared, estimates of all the expenditure required for the purposes of this Act for that year, and shall present such estimates to the Board for review.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure that the budgeting process is all inclusive and that it respects the principle of public participation.

(3) The Board shall review the estimates forwarded under sub-section (1) and may make such alterations thereto as it may consider necessary, and shall thereafter forward them to the County Executive Committee Member for onward processing by the County Treasury.

Accounts and audit

21. (1) The Board shall cause to be kept all proper books of accounts of the income, expenditure and assets of the Board.

(2) Within three (3) months after the end of each financial year, the Chief Executive Officer shall—

(a) submit to the Auditor-General the accounts of the Board for the year with copies to the County Treasury, Controller of Budget and Commission on Revenue Allocation; and

(b) publish and publicize the financial statement.

(3) In preparing the financial statement for the Fund, the Chief Executive Officer shall ensure that the report contains information on the financial and non-financial performance of the Fund.

Annual report of operations of the Board

22. (1) Within three (3) months after the end of each calendar year, the Board shall prepare and lay before the county assembly, a report of its operations during that year.

(2) The annual report shall in respect of the year to which it relates, contain—

(a) the activities the Board has undertaken;

(b) an evaluation on the extent to which the values and principles referred to in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution are complied with;

(c) information relating to performance of the Board and attendant challenges;

(d) impact of implementation of the Fund; and

(e) any other information that the Board may consider relevant.

PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Offences

23. Where a person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act that person shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding Kenya Shillings Fifty Thousand or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one (1) year or both.

Protection of members and staff of the Board

24. (1) Any act or thing done by any member of the Board or by any officer or servant of the Board shall not, if the act or thing was done in good faith for the purposes of carrying out this Act into effect, subject him or her personally to any liability, action, claim or demand whatsoever.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall not relieve the Board of the liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for an injury suffered by them, their property, or any of their interests arising directly or indirectly from the exercise of any power conferred by this Act.

Appeals

25. (1) Any person or entity dissatisfied with any matter vested in any office created under this act may appeal in writing to the County Executive Committee member.

(2) The County Executive Committee member shall within Twenty-One (21) days appoint an *ad-hoc* committee to deliberate upon and determine the complaint within thirty (30) days.

(3) The decision of the *ad-hoc* committee shall be relayed to the complainant in writing within Fourteen (14) days.

Regulations

26. The County Executive Committee Member may make Regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions and purposes of this Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE [s. 26]

PROVISIONS AS TO THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE BOARD

1. The Board shall meet as often as may be necessary for the carrying out of its business but it shall meet not less than eight (8) and not more than twelve (12) times a year.

2. A meeting of the Board shall be held on such date and at such time as the Chairperson shall determine.

3. The Chairperson or in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, shall, within seven (7) days of receipt of a written application of at least five (5) members, convene a special meeting of the Board.

4. Unless the majority of the total membership of the Board otherwise agree, at least seven (7) days' written notice of every meeting of the Board shall be given to every member of the Board.

5. The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be four (4) members.

6. The Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Board and in the absence of the Chairperson at a meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside and in the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the members present shall elect one (1) of their number to preside and who shall, with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereat, have all the powers of the Chairperson.

7. The Board may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership or absence of a member, and its proceedings shall not be invalidated by the presence or participation of a person not entitled to be present at or to participate in those proceedings.

8. The Board shall endeavor to reach every decision by consensus.

9. Where on any matter consensus cannot be obtained, the decision of the Board shall require the concurrence of a majority of all the members present at the meeting.

10. The Board may, by directions in writing, delegate any of its powers under this section to any one or more of its members or to any of the officers of the Board.

11. The Board shall cause minutes of all proceedings of meetings of the Board to be entered in books for that purpose.

12. If a member is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter before the Board and is present at the meeting of the Board at which the contract, proposed contract or matter is the subject of consideration, the person shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after the commencement thereof, disclose that fact and shall be

excluded at the meeting at which the contract, proposed contract or matter is being considered. A disclosure of interest made under this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

13. Prior to assumption of duties on appointment, the members shall provide a written declaration of interest, which shall be repeated annually and submitted to the custody of the County Executive.

14. The minutes of the Board shall be maintained by the Secretary and made ready for perusal by any person or entity on request.

15. Except as provided by this Schedule, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

SECOND SCHEDULE [s. 7]

LIST OF CLUSTERS

Cluster	Coverage
Eastern Cluster	Naikarra, Loita and Maji Moto Narosoora wards
Central Cluster	Mara and Siana wards
Western Cluster	Lolgorian and Kimintet wards
Suswa Cluster	Keekonyokie, Suswa, Mosiro and Ildamat wards