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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ESELENKEI GROUP RANCH LANDUSE AND SUBDIVISION PLAN, KAJIADO SOUTH SUB-COUNTY, KAJIADO COUNTY

In light of the provisions of section 57 A of the Environment Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) 1999, Regulation 42 and 43 of Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations Legal Notice No. 101 of 2003, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received a **Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Report for the Proposed Eselenkei Group Ranch Land use and Subdivision Plan, Kajiado South Sub-County, Kajiado County**. The SEA findings are expected to integrate the existing sectoral plans and programs to establish sustainable development mechanisms.

Eselenkei Group Ranch is the Plan owner located on LR No. Loitokitok/Selenkei/1 in Kajiado South Sub-County. The zoning plan used for the Eselenkei land use plan is aimed at achieving prosperity, efficiency, equity, and sustainable development by promoting and accommodating competing land uses. The zoning strategy is expected to promote socio-economic growth while ensuring effective conservation of the environment and natural resources. It seeks to reduce human-wildlife conflicts through active interventions that maintain and protect the ecosystem through adoption of the following land use zones: a) Settlement zone, b) Pastoralism development and wildlife zone, c) Conservation and tourism development zone, d) Cultivation zone, e) Physical and social infrastructure zone, and f) Mining and industrial zones.

The plan is being subjected to strategic environmental assessment in compliance to section 57A of EMCA Cap 1999. The SEA will reinforce the implementation of the Amboseli Ecosystem Plan (AEMP 2020-2030) by integrating the agreed land use restrictions to address the potential negative environmental and social impacts of land subdivision. The integration will be undertaken through the gazette of the Eselenkei SEA and annexation of its recommendation in the umbrella Amboseli Ecosystem SEA controlled by Amboseli Ecosystem Trust (AET). A summary of the proposed environmental management and monitoring plan for the land subdivision and land use zones is highlighted below.

Key Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Landuse zone	Potential negative impacts with violation of landuse restrictions	Mitigation options
1. Settlement areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled land subdivisions and disposal Disputed land sales leading to disinheritance, loss of family wealth, clan or family feuds Introduction of a desperate class of landless people Increased crime and indecency due to collapse of traditional customary systems Lower aesthetic appeal of Eselenkei as a tourism hub due to negative visual impacts Increased water demands and scarcity Increased wildlife crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling land disposal without the consent of family members Controlling the sale of settlement land Addressing the potential problem of increased crime and social vices in the zone Addressing the potential problem of inadequate water supply for mushrooming settlements Controlling solid waste disposal
2. Agriculture and settlement areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High influx of irrigation farmers from agrarian regions Mass acquisition of land by outsiders Increased water demand and scarcity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulating water abstraction to prevent the drying up of Eselenkei River Regulating encroachment of agriculture into riparian buffer zones through proper zoning Mitigating water-related conflicts Limiting the use of agro-chemicals
3. Grazing and settlement areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled land subdivisions and disposal Disputed land sales leading to disinheritance, loss of family wealth, numerous clan or family feuds Introduction of a desperate class of landless people Dilution of the norms and values of traditional pastoralism culture Increased crime and indecency due to collapse of traditional customary systems Increased wildlife crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling land disposal without the consent of family members Controlling the sale of settlement land Addressing the potential problem of increased crime and social vices in the zone Addressing the potential problem of inadequate water supply for mushrooming settlements Controlling illegal bush meat activities
4. Pastoral and wildlife rangeland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrollable land subdivisions and disposal Fragmentation of pastoral and wildlife landscapes through fencing Introduction of land activities which are incompatible with nomadic pastoralism and wildlife conservation Disputed land sales leading to disinheritance, loss of family wealth, numerous clan or family feuds Introduction of a desperate class of landless people Dilution of the norms and values of the pastoral culture and traditions Escalation of rangeland degradation Curtailing of traditional livestock mobility networks in pursuit of pasture and water Reduced capacity to cope with and adapt to climate change Increase in human-wildlife conflicts and retaliatory attacks against wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling of further land subdivision and disposal Regulating land disposal without the consent of family members Creating of shared common land in private land for communal livestock grazing and wildlife use Establishing conservancies in the pastoralism and wildlife zone Regulating livestock population by introducing improved breeds Preventing collapse of REDD+ carbon credits potential
5. Wildlife corridors, conservancy and tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower aesthetic appeal of Eselenkei as a tourism hub in the Amboseli ecosystem due to negative visual impacts Curtailing of traditional livestock mobility networks in pursuit of pasture and water Collapse of traditional pastoral practices Collapse of the REDD+ carbon credits potential in Eselenkei Collapse of existing tourism revenue-generating opportunities Increased wildlife-related conflicts and crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversion of the wildlife corridors into a conservancy Ensuring equitable sharing of benefits accruing from wildlife conservation and tourism Regulating livestock population by introducing improved breeds Preventing collapse of the REDD+ carbon credits potential in Eselenkei
6. Transportation and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fragmentation of grazing and wildlife landscapes through construction of access roads Obstruction of wildlife and livestock movement corridors by roads Increase vehicle-wildlife-livestock collisions Increased crime including wildlife crime due to the opening up of the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling obstruction of wildlife-livestock corridors by roads in the rangelands Addressing potential risk of vehicle-wildlife-livestock collisions Addressing the potential problem of increased crime including wildlife crimes

The full **Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment report for the Proposed Eselenkei Group Ranch Land use and Subdivision Plan, Kajiado South Sub-County, Kajiado County** is available for inspection during working hours at:

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A copy of the Draft SEA report can be downloaded from www.nema.go.ke (NEMA/SEA/5/2/076)

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) working days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA to assist the Authority in decision making process regarding this SEA. Comments can also be e-mailed to dg@nema.go.ke.

Director General

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