

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM WILDLIFE AND FOREST CONSERVATION SERVICE TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS



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In reply please quote:

Ref. No: AE.119/294/01

27/02/2024 Date:

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Chairman,
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Re: IMPLEMENTATION OF TOURISM VEHICLE ENTRY FEES FOR VEHICLES WITH TARE WEIGHT FROM 0 TO 3 TONS

Reference is made to the above subject matter, Tanzania National Parks'(TANAPA) press release issued in late 2022 on the requirement of vehicles owners to carry the certificate of correctness issued by the Weighing and Measure Agency, and to your request dated March, 2023 for Charging a flat rate vehicle park entry fee to all extended tourist vehicles. Further reference is made to a meeting held on 22nd February, 2024 on the challenges of charging the flat rate fee to the extended tourist vehicles only.

2. As you may be aware, in the 22nd February Meeting between TANAPA, TATO and TLTO, it was jointly agreed that, as a way forward to the challenges encountered by TANAPA in charging the flat rate fee to the extended tourist vehicles park entry fee, all tourist vehicles with tare weight from 0 to 2 tons and extended tourist vehicles from 2 to 3.5 tons be charged the applicable vehicle fees in the current TANAPA Parks tariffs for vehicles with tare weight of between 2.1 to 3,5 tons. It was further agreed in that meeting that, TANAPA should issue a letter informing TATO and TLTO of the agreed commencement date for charging the flat tourist vehicle park entry fee.

- 3. By this letter be kindly informed that, TANAPA has agreed to your request regarding the subject matter. Effectively from 1st April 2024 the fees of all tourist vehicles weighing from 0 to 2 tons and the extended ones weighing up to 3.5 tons will be charged the applicable fee in the current TANAPA Tariffs for vehicle entry fee for vehicles weighing 21 to 3 tons which is Tanzania Shillings thirty five thousand (TZS 35,000/=) VAT exclusive for. This aims to include safari vehicles in one fee bracket is to reduce the resultant cost of demanding a certificate of correctness from other authorities. This will further simplify operations from both ends and will ultimately contribute towards enhancing the business environment and customer experience. Note that this letter amends our previous letter with ref No. AE/199/294/01 dared 27/02/2024. The fee is for normal and extended tourist vehicles with exceptional of the trucks carrying tourists.
- 4. We kindly request your cooperation in adhering to this new adjustment. It is essential for all stakeholders to comply with this adjustment. We encourage you to make the necessary arrangements promptly to accommodate this change. Furthermore, please ensure that your members are promptly informed of this update to mitigate any potential misunderstandings or non-compliance issues.
- 5. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing cooperation in advancing the sustainability and prosperity of the tourism industry in Tanzania.

Thank you for understanding and kind regards.

CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER

Copy to: All Zonal Conservation Commanders,

Tanzania National Park.

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