

MEMORANDUM ON THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY GAME VIEWING MOTOR VEHICLES AND SELF-DRIVE VEHICLES, IN MARA NORTH CONSERVANCY

To All Member Camps:

Please be advised that the following has been duly adopted and ratified by the MNH Ltd Board of Directors:

1. That in the year 2024, Mara North Conservancy shall only permit the use of third party motor vehicles for game drives in respect of bookings recorded as at 15th January 2024, by Member Camps, up to the 31st December 2024 and whose details have been provided to the Management. Effective immediately, Mara North Conservancy Member Camps will not be permitted to make any additional or further bookings for game drives in Mara North Conservancy using third party motor vehicles.
2. **Third party motor vehicles that are permitted for use for game drives during the year 2024 must have a Tourism Partner Guide in the motor vehicle during game drives.** Any third party motor vehicle with no Tourism Partner Guide shall be banned from accessing Mara North Conservancy for purposes of game drives.
3. **Third party motor vehicles that are permitted for use for game drives during the year 2024 must conform with the MNC Third Party Game Drive Vehicle policy (hereby attached)**
4. All Member Camps must, within at least 7 days of entry, provide notice by email to the Conservancy Management, copied to the Conservancy General Manager, details of pending third party entries showing **1) the registration number of the third party motor vehicle/s to be game driving, 2) name of the Tourism Partner's Guide to be in the vehicle, and 3) dates of entry/exit**. If these details are not received at least 7 days prior to the date of entry, the third party motor vehicle risk not being permitted to undertake game drives in Mara North Conservancy.
5. **With effect from 1st January 2025, Third Party Game Drive Motor Vehicles will not be permitted for use for game driving in Mara North Conservancy.**

Self-Drive in vehicles:

With regard to Self-Drive in motor vehicles of clients who have booked accommodation in MNC Member Camps, **with immediate effect**, all these vehicles:

- a. Must be parked at the MNC HQ car park (at no charge) and the guests collected by the member camp, in their camp game drive vehicle.
- b. Must be advised in advance by prior notification to the Management setting out the registration number of the motor vehicle, date and time of Entry/Exit and include Photograph of the vehicle.

Signed:

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Policy for Third Party Game Drive Vehicles in Mara North Conservancy (MNC)

- a) Third Party Tour Operator vehicles may be used for game driving in MNC provided guests are staying at an MNC Camp or Lodge (the 'Host' Camp/Lodge) and follow the protocols below. Tour Operators must be registered with KATO and utilize KPSGA qualified guides.
- b) For every Third-Party vehicle that a Host Camp/Lodge allows into the conservancy (MNC), one of the Host Camp/Lodge vehicles must be grounded for those days. i.e, if the Host Camp/Lodge have 2 vehicles from a Third Party game driving on MNC then the Host Camp/Lodge needs to stop 2 of their other vehicles from game driving in that period.
- c) The Host Camp/Lodge that is hosting the guests must inform the MNC Administrator and the Conservancy Manager of: the number plate, color, make, type of vehicle, name of the driver and the dates that the vehicle will be in MNC from and to.
- d) The registration of vehicles grounded in place of the Third-Party vehicles must also be communicated to the MNC Administrator and the Conservancy Management to be recorded in a book.
- e) The Third Party vehicle must be a safari converted 4 x 4-wheel drive.
- f) The vehicle must be of an earthy safari color (i.e. Beige, tan, green, brown etc).
- g) The vehicle must have a Guide from the Host Camp/Lodge in the car for all gamedrives.
- h) Camps who are hosting Third-Party vehicles must print an A4 MNC logo 'placard', including a number to put in the windscreen of the vehicle when gamedriving, and inform the conservancy management of the number being used by each vehicle (to be checked against their registration)
- i) The Driver Guide must be licensed by the Ministry of Tourism and a Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association (KPSGA) registered guide OR formally trained by a recognized institution eg, Utalii College, Kenya Wildlife Training Institute, a University etc. The Tour Operator employing the Guide will be required to produce the guide's qualification documents as and when required by Camp or MNC.
- j) The Driver Guide of the vehicle must make sure they have the contact details of their Host Camp/Lodge.
- k) The Driver Guide must be fully aware of the Code of Conduct of MNC, signed off, and must carry a copy of the Code of Conduct in the vehicle on gamedrives as well as a copy of this policy
- l) If a Driver Guide breaks any rules and receives a fine, the host Camp/Lodge will be liable to settle this fine. If the same Driver Guide is fined a second time in the same season he will be banned from MNC for the remainder of 2024.

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