

## NATIONAL PARKS AND GAME RESERVES REGULATIONS

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**PART I**  
***Preliminary (regs 1-2)***

**1. Citation and commencement**

These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations.

## 2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"**approved litter bin**" means a bin provided by the DWNP in a national park or game reserve for the disposal of litter;

"**boat mooring**" means any location at which a boat, other than a dugout canoe, may be secured for a period longer than one day and may include a jetty;

"**day**" means the period of time between the opening and closing hours provided in the Fourth Schedule for a national park or game reserve for a particular part of the year;

"**designated reservations office**" means any office designated by the Director as an office at which reservations for facilities within the national parks and game reserves may be made;

"**Director**" means the Director of DWNP;

"**DWNP**" means the Department of Wildlife and National Parks;

"**harass**" means to hunt or in any way significantly disturb or alter wildlife habitat;

"**land authority**" means a land board established under the Tribal Land Act or an authorised person under the State Land Act whichever may be applicable;

"**lodge operator**" means a person operating an enterprise or activity for which a valid tourism enterprise licence permitting the offer of fixed accommodation has been issued under the Tourism Act;

"**management plan**" means a management plan prepared and approved for each national park or game reserve under regulation 3;

"**sunrise and sunset hours**" in relation to a national park or game reserve, means the opening and closing times provided in the Fourth Schedule;

"**Officer-in-Charge**" means the wildlife officer who shall perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred by regulation 3(5);

"**reservation voucher**" means a reservation voucher in the form determined by the Director;

"**tourism enterprise licence**" means a licence issued under the Tourism Act permitting the operation of a tourism enterprise; and

"**veld products**" means non-domesticated, vegetative biological resources that may be used for construction, medical, food and cultural activities.

## PART II

### *Management Plan for National Parks and Game Reserves (reg 3)*

## 3. Management plan

(1) The Director shall cause to be prepared for each national park and game reserve, a management plan, to cover the aspects of development and management of the national park or game reserve set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The Director shall approve, in writing and by initialling each page, a management plan made under subregulation (1) within 60 days of the official completion of the management plan.

(3) Any part of the management plan may be substituted at any time if so approved by the Director.

(4) A management plan prepared for a game reserve or national park on tribal land shall be approved by the Director and the appropriate Land Board, and signed by the Chairman of the Land Board to indicate approval.

(5) The Officer-in-Charge is responsible for the implementation of, and shall be guided by, the management plan for the national park or game reserve unless directed otherwise by the Director.

(6) In the absence of a management plan, the development and management of the national park or game reserve shall be guided by the draft management plan for the national park or game reserve, where such exists, or the instructions of the Director where such draft does not exist.

(7) A management plan for a national park or game reserve may be reviewed as and when required, but shall be subject to a comprehensive review at least every five years.

### **PART III**

#### ***Entry into and Movement within the National Parks and Game Reserves (regs 4-5)***

#### **4. Entry and movement**

(1) No person shall enter or be within a national park or game reserve unless he is in possession of a valid entry permit issued by the Officer-in-Charge.

(2) A person entering a national park or game reserve shall pay such fee as is specified in the First Schedule.

(3) An entry permit, or any other permit that may be issued in respect of a national park or game reserve, shall be issued subject to the conditions contained in these Regulations and such other conditions as may be endorsed therein in writing by the Director or the Officer-in-Charge.

(4) Except where authorised by the Officer-in Charge, no person shall enter or leave a national park or game reserve other than through a point of entry or exit, declared by the Director by notice in the *Gazette* and identified as such through a notice or a sign.

(5) No person, under 18 years of age, shall enter a national park or game reserve unless he is accompanied by a person of 18 years of age or older.

(6) A person entering or in a national park or game reserve may be required by a wildlife officer to produce proof of identity, age or residential status, professional guides licence or tourism enterprise licence or vehicle weight, and any person unable to produce the required

documentation shall be charged a fee at a full non-resident rate or the heaviest vehicle category as applicable.

(7) A person entering a national park or game reserve shall register the required details in the register provided at the designated entry point and any person failing to register may be prohibited from entering the national park or game reserve.

(8) In the interests of maintaining densities of visitors within the carrying capacities or some other ground specified in the management plan, the Director or the Officer-in-Charge may restrict entry to a national park or game reserve to persons holding valid reservations for specified lodges, camp sites or other facilities or may restrict the number of persons without such reservations entering a national park or game reserve.

(9) A national park or game reserve shall be open to the public throughout the year:

Provided that the management plan or the Officer-in-Charge in charge of the national park or game reserve through a written instruction displayed at designated entry points, may declare the whole or part of the national park or game reserve closed for a specific period, in the interests of public safety or for the management of natural resources or for administrative reasons.

(10) No person shall enter a national park or game reserve or move outside a designated lodge, campsite or observation hide or overnight camp in a designated walking area within the national park or game reserve between the sunset and sunrise hours set out in the Fourth Schedule except where-

- (a) an employee of the Government acts in the execution of his official duties and is in possession of a valid authorisation in writing from the Officer-in-Charge of the national park or game reserve;
- (b) a person is participating in an approved night game viewing drive in the company of a professional guide licensed to conduct such night game viewing drives in an area designated in the management plan as a night driving area and returns to the designated lodge, camp site or observation hide by 22.00 hours evening time; or
- (c) a person holds a valid authorisation in writing from the Officer-in-Charge in charge of the national park or game reserve; or
- (d) a person holds a filming permit or research permit endorsed for filming or research activities during such hours.

(11) No person shall, within a national park or game reserve, deposit litter in any place except in an approved litter bin and where a litter bin is not provided, the litter shall be removed from the national park or game reserve.

(12) In this regulation, "observation hide" means any facility designated as an observation hide in the management plan as provided for under regulation 6.

## **5. Fees payable**

(1) The payment of fees listed under the First Schedule shall not apply to the following-

- (a) persons to whom a waiver or a free entry permit has been issued by the Director

upon application;

- (b) persons in the employment of the Government, who with the written permission of the Officer-in-Charge, enter or reside in a national park or game reserve in the execution of their official duties;
- (c) persons in transit through a national park or game reserve on a designated route;
- (d) members of communities living adjacent to the national park or game reserve identified as such in writing by the appropriate traditional authority, where the issue of a free permit has been authorised in writing by the Officer-in-Charge;
- (e) duly authorised visits of groups of students and others engaged in field trips;
- (f) employees of tour operators, researchers and their assistants, where the issue of a free permit has been authorised in writing by the Officer-in-Charge;
- (g) husbands, wives and children of those resident in a national park or game reserve.

(2) An organized group associated with-

- (a) Botswana based educational institutions visiting the national parks or game reserves for educational purposes shall pay 50% of the entry fees listed for citizens; or
- (b) non-Botswana based educational institutions visiting the national parks or game reserves for educational purposes shall pay 50% of the entry fees listed for residents.

(3) The Director or the Officer-in-Charge may waive or reduce any of the fees listed in the First Schedule for a person or an organized group if deemed to be appropriate for the purposes of education, promotion, research and in the interest of wildlife, wildlife conservation, the DWNP or the nation.

(4) In calculating any of the fees payable for a national park or game reserve, each day's entry or residence or use of a facility shall be counted as one day irrespective of whether such entry or residence or use is only for part of the day.

(5) A person shall only use a facility that permits overnight stays in a national park or game reserve after he has obtained a valid reservation voucher for such facility from a designated reservation office:

Provided that this subregulation shall not apply to any permanent or non-permanent lodge operated by a corporate entity under a direct lease with an appropriate land authority.

(6) Any fees payable for the use of facilities permitting overnight stays, shall be paid in full within 30 days of a reservation being made at a designated reservation office, failing which the reservation shall lapse.

(7) There shall be no refund of any of the fees paid in accordance with subregulation (6) irrespective of whether the reservation is not or only partially used.

(8) Any fees payable for overnight stays shall be deemed to include any sales tax that may be levied in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

(9) In this regulation, "researcher" means a person or persons in possession of a valid research permit from the Office of the President and permitted to undertake research in a national park or game reserve by the Director.

(10) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

#### **PART IV**

#### ***Facilities within National Parks or Game Reserves (regs 6-24)***

### **6. Designation of facilities**

(1) Subject to subregulation (2) and (5), no person shall enter or have access to any part of a national park or game reserve that is not a facility designated as such under subregulation (3).

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the following persons may enter any part of a national park or game reserve-

- (a) a wildlife officer in the execution of his official duties;
- (b) an official on Government duty who is in possession of a valid written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge; or
- (c) a person holding a valid permit issued by the Director upon payment of fees set out in the First Schedule to carry out research, filming, photography, other art work or specialised activity and if that permit is endorsed for operation outside designated facilities.

(3) Facilities within the national parks and game reserves shall include-

- (a) permanent lodges;
- (b) non-permanent lodges;
- (c) mobile operator sites;
- (d) public camp grounds;
- (e) wilderness camp sites;
- (f) observation hides;
- (g) day use facilities;
- (h) roads and tracks;
- (i) wilderness trails;
- (j) airfields;
- (k) boat moorings;
- (l) walking areas;
- (m) community use areas;

- (n) information centres;
- (o) training facility;
- (p) educational group camp sites; and
- (q) DWNP staff camp; office; workshop or stores area and other administrative infrastructure.

(4) All facilities listed in subregulation (3) shall be designated as such in the management plan for each national park or game reserve.

(5) Where an approved management plan does not exist, the management of the national park or game reserve shall be guided by a draft management plan.

(6) Each facility in a national park or game reserve shall be identified as such by a notice, sign or marker.

(7) The Officer-in-Charge may, through a written instruction at designated entry points or by erecting a notice, sign or barrier, close the whole or part of any facility for a specific period, in the interests of public safety, for maintenance or rehabilitation purposes, for the management of natural resources or for administrative reasons.

(8) Subregulation (6) shall not apply to a facility held or operated under a lease or management contract with the appropriate land authority or the DWNP unless with the prior, written, agreement of the holder of such lease or management contract.

(9) Any person who contravenes subregulation (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

## **7. Permanent and non-permanent lodges**

(1) A permanent lodge shall provide accommodation for not less than 24 guests.

(2) A permanent lodge may be constructed with materials of a permanent nature and may include above ground masonry.

(3) A non-permanent lodge shall comply with the specifications for a non-permanent structure set out in the Third Schedule.

(4) A non-permanent lodge shall provide accommodation for not more than 24 guests, unless specified otherwise in the management plan.

(5) The Director shall, prior to the initial construction of a permanent lodge or non-permanent lodge, or any alteration in the structures or operation thereof, approve the following in writing-

- (a) architectural designs and operational plans which operational plans may include-
  - (i) details of ownership;
  - (ii) financing;
  - (iii) staffing; and
  - (iv) staff training and localisation programmes;



- (b) staff housing, ablutions and amenities;
- (c) workshops and storage;
- (d) water supplies including boreholes, wells, pumps and generators, swimming pools, sprinkler and other watering systems and sewage disposal;
- (e) subject to subregulation (1) and (4) guest numbers and services to be offered; and
- (f) any other structures, facilities or activities proposed including, but not limited to, observation hides, airstrips, game viewing roads and waste disposal.

(6) A permanent lodge or a non-permanent lodge shall be constructed at a site designated as such by the management plan for the national park or game reserve.

(7) All non-combustible litter shall be collected in an approved scavenger-proof structure situated within the designated permanent or non-permanent lodge site and shall be removed from the national park or game reserve by the lodge operator.

(8) Combustible litter may be burned within a permanent or non-permanent lodge site in an incinerator of a design approved by the Director.

(9) An operator of a permanent or non-permanent lodge shall protect guests and staff from dangerous animals and may construct an electrified fence approved by the Director.

(10) The DWNP may recover the cost of any problem animal control from the operator of a permanent or non-permanent lodge if the Officer-in-Charge is satisfied that the problem animal control is due to any action or negligence on the part of such operator, including the unauthorised provision of water or feed for animals.

(11) If an operator of a permanent or non-permanent lodge vacates a site for whatever reason, he shall dismantle all structures and facilities thereof and rehabilitate that site at his own expense, without compensation, to the satisfaction of the Officer-in-Charge, within a period specified by the Director:

Provided that the Director may direct that such structures shall remain, in which case they shall become the property of the State without compensation.

(12) Subregulation (11) shall apply to any structures or facilities in existence in a national park or game reserve at the time of proclamation of these regulations or constructed thereafter, irrespective of whether such structures or facilities were constructed with the permission of the Director or not:

Provided that this subregulation shall not apply where an existing lease or management contract with the appropriate land authority or the DWNP precludes the dismantling of such structures or facilities, or their transfer of ownership without compensation.

(13) In this regulation, "problem animal control" means an activity undertaken to deter, capture or lethally remove game animals whose behaviour is causing, or threatening to cause, harm to people or damage to property.

## **8. Mobile operator sites**

- (1) A mobile operator site shall be located at a site designated for this purpose in the

management plan or approved in writing by the Officer-in-Charge:

Provided that the number of mobile operator sites, and their capacities, in each zone of the national park or game reserve shall not exceed the number and capacity specified in the management plan.

(2) A mobile operator site shall be occupied by a tour group which shall-

- (a) be conducted by holders of a tourism enterprise licence issued under the Tourism Act and permitting the provision of off-site accommodation as described in the First Schedule thereof;
- (b) be accompanied by a licensed professional guide; and
- (c) hold a valid reservation voucher for the site, issued by a designated reservations office.

(3) No person shall occupy a mobile operator site unless he pays a fee specified in the First Schedule.

(4) The Director may authorize a person or an organisation representing the users of mobile operator sites, in writing, to issue reservation vouchers for mobile operator sites.

(5) A licensed mobile operator may be refused reservations for mobile operator sites, public camp sites and other facilities, if more than five warnings as provided for under regulation 35(9) have been issued, within a 12 month period, to a professional guide conducting tours for the mobile operator.

(6) A mobile operator site shall be demarcated by a central marker and the camp site shall contain tents, parked motor vehicles, equipment, toilets and fires.

(7) All tents, vehicles, equipment, toilets, fires and foot tracks within a mobile operator site shall be within a radius of 50 metres of the central marker.

(8) A mobile operator site shall be occupied by not more than 20 persons including staff and not more than three motor vehicles.

(9) No person shall erect any structure on a mobile operator site other than a tent.

(10) The structures within a mobile operator site shall be temporary and all signs of occupation, apart from vehicle tracks and footprints, shall be removable within a period of six hours.

(11) A mobile operator shall not occupy a mobile operator site for more than six consecutive nights.

(12) A mobile operator site shall be vacated by 1100 hours in the morning on the day of departure.

(13) All litter shall be removed from a mobile operator site and shall be deposited in an approved litter bin or shall be removed from the national park or game reserve.

(14) Pit latrines of the mobile operator site shall measure 35 x 35 in centimetres in width and a minimum of one metre in depth.

(15) A pit latrine shall be refilled with earth prior to vacation of the mobile operator site.

(16) A mobile operator may set up a camp fire within a mobile operator site and shall ensure that-

- (a) the camp fire does not destroy or endanger vegetation, game animals, people or property;
- (b) the camp fire is, prior to the vacation of the site, fully extinguished; and
- (c) all ashes from the campfire are buried in a pit latrine provided for under subregulation (14) prior to the vacation of the site.

(17) In this regulation, "mobile operator" means an enterprise or activity for which a valid tourism enterprise licence permitting off-site operations has been issued under the Tourism Act.

## **9. Public camp ground**

(1) A public camp ground shall be located at a site designated for this purpose by the management plan.

(2) No person shall occupy a site at a public camp ground unless he holds a valid reservation voucher for the site issued by a designated reservations office and has paid the camping fee listed in the First Schedule.

(3) The total visitor capacity of a public camp ground shall be as specified in the management plan.

(4) Each public camp ground shall consist of marked camping sites.

(5) Each camping site within a public camp ground shall have a maximum capacity of users, including staff, as specified in the management plan.

(6) A mobile operator shall not occupy a site within a public camp ground for more than six consecutive days at a time and shall remove the camp, all staff and vehicles from the public camp ground at the end of the period of reservation:

Provided that upon the expiration of six consecutive days of occupying the site within the public camp ground, the mobile operator shall not occupy another site within the public camp site.

(7) Mobile operators shall not occupy more than half of the camping sites in a public camp ground.

(8) The staff of the mobile operator shall be included in the total number of persons occupying sites in the public camp ground provided that they shall not, subject to subregulation (9), be charged the camping fees specified in the First Schedule.

(9) Where the staff of a mobile operator occupy a site within a public camp ground without guests, the mobile operator shall be charged camping fees as if the same number of guests were occupying the site during the same reservation period.

(10) All litter shall be placed in an approved litter bin or shall be removed from the public

camp ground and the national park or game reserve.

(11) A guest shall use the ablution or toilet facilities provided and approved by the management plan:

Provided that where ablution or toilet facilities are not provided, guests may use pit latrines as specified in regulation 8(14), which pit latrines shall be refilled with earth prior to vacating the campsite.

(12) Where a guest wishes to set up a camp fire he shall do so in the fireplace provided within a public camp ground and shall ensure that the campfire-

- (a) does not destroy vegetation or cause danger to wild animals, people or property; and
- (b) is completely extinguished prior to the vacation of the site.

(13) Where a fireplace is not provided, a guest may set up a camp fire anywhere else within the public camp ground.

#### **10. Wilderness camp sites**

(1) A wilderness camp site shall be located at an area designated for that purpose in the management plan or in writing by the Officer-in-Charge.

(2) No person shall occupy a wilderness camp site unless he holds a valid reservation voucher for the site issued by a designated reservations office and upon payment of a wilderness camp site fee set out in the First Schedule.

(3) A mobile operator shall not occupy a wilderness camp.

(4) The number of wilderness camp sites in a zone shall not exceed the number specified for the zone in the management plan for the national park or game reserve.

(5) Notwithstanding subregulation (4), the Officer-in-Charge may designate additional wilderness camp sites in the national park or game reserve for a period not exceeding one month at a time for the use of persons holding authorisations under regulation 4(10)(a), (c) or (d) and may waive any of the subregulations hereunder except for subregulations (6), (7), (8) and (9).

(6) The management plan shall specify the maximum number of persons and motor vehicles which may occupy a wilderness camp site.

(7) A wilderness camp site shall-

- (a) be demarcated by a central marker;
- (b) comprise of an area of 30 metre radius of the central marker; and
- (c) within this 30 metre radius therein contain all tents, motor vehicles, walking tracks and other equipment.

(8) No person shall, within a wilderness camp site, erect any structure other than a tent and such a tent shall be temporary and all signs of occupation shall be removable within a

period of three hours.

(9) A wilderness camp site shall be vacated by 1100 hours in the morning of the day of departure.

(10) No person shall dig a rubbish pit or bury litter in a wilderness camp site and all litter shall be removed from the site by the occupant upon departure.

(11) Any litter so removed from the wilderness camp site shall be deposited in an approved litter bin or shall be removed from the national park or game reserve.

(12) Where a pit latrine is not provided within a wilderness camp site, pit latrines as specified in regulation 8(14) shall be constructed by the occupier.

(13) A pit latrine shall be refilled with earth prior to vacation of the wilderness camp site.

(14) A user of a wilderness camp site may set up a camp fire within a wilderness camp site and shall ensure that the campfire-

- (a) does not destroy vegetation or cause danger to wild animals, people or property; and
- (b) is, prior to the vacation of the site, completely extinguished.

(15) In this regulation, "wilderness camp site" means a site, without facilities except for a pit latrine, designated for purposes of camping.

## **11. Observation hides**

(1) An observation hide shall be constructed in accordance with the approved designs and at locations specified in the management plan.

(2) No person shall occupy an observation hide unless he is a holder of a valid entry permit into the national park or game reserve in which the observation hide is located between the hours of sunrise and sunset set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(3) No person shall occupy an observation hide between the hours of sunset and sunrise set out in the Fourth Schedule, unless he holds a valid reservation voucher for staying overnight at the observation hide issued by a designated reservations office and is in the company of a professional guide:

Provided that the facility may be closed by the Officer-in-Charge in the interests of public safety, management of natural resources or for administrative reasons.

(4) The maximum number of persons who may occupy an observation hide shall be as specified in the management plan.

(5) In using an observation hide all persons shall-

- (a) park their vehicles in the designated parking places provided; and
- (b) walk from the designated parking places to the observation hide on the designated walkways.

(6) No person shall, in using an observation hide, make any noise that may cause any

disturbance to either guests or game animals.

(7) A guest shall only make use of approved toilet facilities provided at the observation hide or at another designated facility.

(8) No person shall cook or make a camp fire within or adjacent to an observation hide:

Provided that a simple gas appliance may be used to heat water or a cooked meal.

(9) No person shall, in the use of an observation hide-

(a) deposit litter in any place other than an approved litter bin; or

(b) dig a rubbish pit or bury litter in or near an observation hide.

(10) Where a litter bin is not provided, all litter shall be removed from the observation hide and deposited in an approved litter bin or removed from the national park or game reserve.

## **12. Day use facilities**

(1) Day use facilities shall be constructed at locations and in accordance with designs set out in the management plan.

(2) A day use facility may consist of toilets, picnic tables, fireplaces, litter bins and parking places.

(3) No person shall occupy a day use facility between the hours of sunrise and sunset set out in the Fourth Schedule unless he is a holder of a valid entry permit to the national park or game reserve:

Provided that a person shall leave the day use facility in time to exit the national park or game reserve or return to a facility designated for overnight stays and for which he holds a valid reservation voucher before the sunset hours of the national park or game reserve.

(4) No person shall, while occupying a day use facility-

(a) disembark from a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a dangerous animal; or

(b) move outside a radius of 100 metres of his vehicle.

(5) No person shall, while occupying a day use facility, make such noise as to cause disturbance to either game animals or guests or erect any structures.

(6) A person shall make use of approved toilet facilities provided at the day use facility or at another designated facility.

(7) A person may cook food using firewood in fireplaces, if so provided, or by the use of a gas stove and he shall ensure that no danger is caused to vegetation, wild animals or property and if using firewood, that the fire is fully extinguished before he leaves the day use facility.

(8) No person shall, in the use of a day use facility-

(a) deposit litter in any place other than an approved litter bin; or

(b) dig a rubbish pit or bury litter in or near a day use facility.

(9) Where no approved litter bin is available in a day use facility all litter shall be removed from the day use facility and the national park or game reserve.

(10) In this regulation, "dangerous animal" means an animal specified as such in the Ninth Schedule of the Act.

### **13. Roads and tracks**

(1) Roads and tracks shall be constructed or used in locations designated for this purpose in the management plan and roads or tracks not designated shall be closed by the display of signs, notices or the construction of an appropriate barrier and shall be rehabilitated.

(2) The Officer-in-Charge may erect signs or notices or construct appropriate barriers to indicate the closure of a road or track in accordance with regulation 6 (7).

(3) Except as provided in regulation 4(10), no person shall drive a motor vehicle off a designated road or track.

(4) The management plan or the Officer-in-Charge may designate a road or track as suitable only for four wheel drive motor vehicles, which designation shall be indicated by means of a sign or notice.

(5) No person shall drive a two wheel drive motor vehicle on a road or track designated as suitable only for a four wheel drive motor vehicle as provided for under subregulation (4) without a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

(6) A management plan may provide for, or the Officer-in-Charge may by way of erecting a notice at entrance points of the national park or game reserve designate, a road or track as a transit road.

(7) A person who uses a transit road shall be exempted from payment of fees if the person does not leave the transit road during his travel on it throughout the national park or game reserve.

(8) The Officer-in-Charge may authorise members of a community adjacent to the national park or game reserve to use a transit road or track in the national park or game reserve whether the roads or tracks is not designated as transit roads.

(9) The Officer-in-Charge may, within a national park or game reserve, close any transit road, main road or public road considered as such under the Public Roads Act between the hours of sunset and sunrise set out in the Fourth Schedule, or such other times as deemed necessary, by means of a sign, notice or barrier.

(10) No person shall-

(a) disembark from a motor vehicle at a point along a road or track unless there is, in the interests of public safety from a dangerous animal, a clear view of the surroundings at the point of disembarkation or the vehicle is within a designated facility or parking area other than a road or track;

(b) disembark from a motor vehicle along a road or track within 100 metres of a

dangerous animal;

- (c) when disembarking from a motor vehicle along a road or track, walk away from a motor vehicle for more than 25 metres, provided that there is no dangerous animal in the vicinity; or
- (d) make up a fire or leave any litter when disembarking along a road or track.

(11) In this regulation, "transit road" means a road or track designated as a transit road under these regulations for the conveyance of persons or goods or both through a national park or game reserve along the shortest practical route.

#### **14. Wilderness trails**

(1) Roads and tracks within a national park or game reserve may be designated as wilderness trails by the management plan or by the Officer-in-Charge through a display of a notice at the designated entry points to the national park or game reserve.

(2) The number of wilderness trails shall not exceed the numbers specified for the national park or game reserve in the management plan.

(3) A person who uses a wilderness trail shall-

- (a) not disembark from a motor vehicle within the vicinity of a dangerous animal or walk within 100 metres of a dangerous animal;
- (b) follow the designated wilderness trail;
- (c) not make any fire unless he is within an area designated for camping; or
- (d) not deposit litter in any place other than an approved litter bin nor dig a rubbish pit or bury litter in or near a wilderness trail and the national park or game reserve.

(4) No person shall enter a wilderness trail area except-

- (a) an officer of DWNP in the execution of his official duties;
- (b) a public officer in execution of his official duties and holding a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge;
- (c) a person who holds a valid reservation voucher for the wilderness trail issued by a designated reservations office and has paid the applicable fees specified in the First Schedule; or
- (d) a person who holds a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

(5) The number of groups that may be issued with permits for a wilderness trail at any one time by designated reservations offices shall be as specified in the management plan.

(6) The minimum and maximum number of persons or vehicles in any one group for a wilderness trail shall be as specified in the management plan.

(7) Overnight camping along a wilderness trail is permitted under the conditions set out for wilderness camp sites in regulations 10(7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) at the locations specified in the management plan and the camp site need not be demarcated by a



central marker:

Provided that the Officer-in-Charge may issue instructions concerning the location of campsites along a wilderness trail, which instructions shall form part of the reservation voucher for the wilderness trail.

## **15. Airstrips**

(1) Airstrips shall be constructed or used in locations designated for this purpose in the management plan and airstrips not so designated shall be closed by the display of a sign or notice or the construction of an appropriate barrier and shall be rehabilitated.

(2) Any person who lands or parks an aircraft on an airstrip within a national park or game reserve shall pay the fee as provided for in the First Schedule.

(3) No person shall keep an aircraft on an airstrip within a national park or game reserve for more than five consecutive days, without a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

(4) No person shall construct any structure or leave any motor vehicle, fuel, oils or other materials on an airstrip within a national park or game reserve without a written authorisation from the Director.

## **16. Boat moorings**

(1) A boat mooring shall be located at sites designated in the management plan or at locations approved in writing by the Officer-in-Charge.

## **17. Walking areas**

(1) Areas within a national park or game reserve may be designated as walking areas by the management plan or by the Officer-in-Charge through a display of a notice at the designated entry points to the national park or game reserve.

(2) The management plan or the Officer-in-Charge may further designate any walking area as an accompanied walking area or an unaccompanied walking area:

Provided that where no such designation is made the area shall be an accompanied walking area.

(3) The number of walking areas shall not exceed the numbers specified for the national park or game reserve in the management plan.

(4) A person who uses an unaccompanied walking area shall-

- (a) park his motor vehicle in an area designated for parking motor vehicles;
- (b) not disembark from a motor vehicle or walk within 100 metres of a dangerous animal;
- (c) follow the designated walking trail;
- (d) not make any noise that may cause any disturbance to either guests or game animals; and

(e) not make any fire or leave any litter.

(5) No person shall enter an accompanied walking area except-

(a) an officer of DWNP in the execution of his official duties;

(b) a public officer in execution of his official duties and holding a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge;

(c) a person who holds a valid reservation voucher for the area issued by a designated reservations office and has paid the applicable fees specified in the First Schedule and is in the company of a professional guide licensed for this activity; or

(d) a person who holds a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

(6) The number of groups that may be issued with permits for an accompanied walking area for any one day by a designated reservations office shall be as specified in the management plan.

(7) The maximum number of persons in any one group for an accompanied walking area shall not exceed six, excluding the professional guide, staff of the company that operates the tour and any wildlife officers that may accompany the group.

(8) A professional guide or, while accompanying a professional guide, an assistant guide licensed to conduct tours in an accompanied walking area, may carry a firearm of 30.06 calibre or larger and a minimum of ten rounds of ammunition while on such tour in a national park or game reserve, and for this purpose an authorisation to introduce the firearm into the national park or game reserve and to carry it in the walking area while on a tour shall be deemed to be included in the guides licence issued by the Director and permitting to conduct walking tours.

(9) The professional guide shall be responsible for the safety of all persons participating in a tour conducted by him in an accompanied walking area.

(10) Overnight camping is permitted under the conditions set out for wilderness camp sites in regulations 10(7), (8), (9) (10), (11) (12) and (13) and the camp may be located anywhere within a designated accompanied walking area and need not be demarcated by a central marker:

Provided that the Officer-in-Charge may issue instructions concerning the location of campsites in an accompanied walking area, which instructions shall form part of the reservation voucher for the walking area.

(11) No person shall drive a motor vehicle into a walking area without a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

## **18. Community use zones**

(1) The management plan for a national park or game reserve may designate an area as a community use zone.

(2) Community use zones shall be for the use of designated communities living in or immediately adjacent to the national park or game reserve.

(3) Community use zones may only be used to conduct commercial tourism activities and for the sustainable use of veld products but not for any form of hunting unless otherwise provided for under these Regulations.

(4) The management plan or the Officer-in-Charge may restrict or permit an activity in a community use zone if deemed necessary for administrative or management purposes or for purposes of ensuring the sustainable use of the natural resources within a community use zone.

(5) The DWNP may charge a fee for the collection or use of any veld products, including firewood, the amount of which shall be determined by the Director in consultation with the affected communities.

## **19. Information centres**

(1) Information centres shall be constructed at locations designated for this purpose in the management plan.

(2) In the use of an information centre within a national park or game reserve, no person shall-

- (a) park a motor vehicle except in a parking area designated for parking motor vehicles in the management plan;
- (b) disembark from a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a dangerous animal or walk within 100 metres of a dangerous animal;
- (c) walk outside the designated paths;
- (d) remove from or deface any display or exhibit in the information centre;
- (e) make any noise that may cause any disturbance to either guests or game animals; and
- (f) make any fire or leave any litter.

## **20. Training facility**

(1) A training facility shall be located at sites designated for this purpose by the management plan, and at such other sites as the Officer-in-Charge may authorise, in writing, for a period not exceeding three months.

(2) The structure of a training facility shall comply with the provisions of the Third Schedule.

(3) Any programme of activities to be carried out at a training facility within a national park or game reserve shall follow a timetable approved in advance in writing by the Officer-in-Charge.

(4) The organizer of a DWNP training programme or activity shall submit to the Officer-in-Charge a schedule of activities to be carried out not later than two weeks before the activities take place.

(5) For the purpose of this regulation "training facility" means a site within a national park or game reserve to be used for the practical training of participants of training programmes

run by the DWNP.

## **21. Educational group camp sites**

(1) Educational group camp sites shall be located at sites designated for this purpose by the management plan:

Provided that a wildlife officer may make a written authorisation for an educational group camp site to be located at other sites for a period not exceeding three months.

(2) The structure of an educational group camp site shall be in accordance with the Third Schedule unless otherwise specified in the management plan.

(3) Any programme of activities to be carried out using an educational group camp site within a national park or game reserve shall follow a timetable approved in advance by the Officer-in-Charge.

## **22. Staff housing and administrative infrastructure**

Staff housing and administrative infrastructure for government departments, shall be constructed at locations specified by the management plan and to designs approved by the Director:

Provided that structures complying with the provisions of the Third Schedule may be constructed and used for periods not exceeding three months upon written authorisation by the Officer-in-Charge.

## **23. Other facilities**

Except as provided in this Part, no other facilities may be constructed or used in a national park or game reserve:

Provided that the Director may give prior written authorisation for the construction or use of other facilities if, in his opinion, such facilities are for the benefit of the national park or game reserve.

## **24. Offence**

Any person who contravenes any of the provision of this Part shall be guilty of an offence.

### **PART V**

#### ***Means of Travel within a National Park or Game Reserve (regs 25-33)***

## **25. Means of travel**

(1) A person may enter into or travel within a national park or game reserve by means of-

- (a) a motor vehicle;
- (b) an aircraft;
- (c) a boat;
- (d) riding a horse, camel, donkey or other animal approved by the Director; or

(e) walking on foot.

## **26. Motor vehicles**

(1) No driver of a motor vehicle shall drive a motor vehicle into a national park or game reserve unless the motor vehicle provides adequate protection to the passengers.

(2) No person shall ride on the roof or roof rack of a motor vehicle.

(3) Where a person contravenes the requirements of subregulations (1) and (2) the person concerned shall be required to comply with reasonable directions to leave the national park or game reserve as may be given by a wildlife officer.

(4) The number of motor vehicles permitted in a particular zone or area shall be as specified in the management plan.

(5) No person shall drive or cause to be driven a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 kilometres an hour within a national park or game reserve:

Provided that this subregulation shall not apply to a tarred public road traversing a national park or game reserve and designated as a transit route, in which case motor vehicle speeds shall not exceed 80 kilometres per hour.

(6) No person shall drive or cause to be driven a motor vehicle in a national park or game reserve between the hours of sunset and sunrise as set out in the Fourth Schedule unless under exceptions of regulation 4(10).

(7) No person shall drive or cause to be driven a motor vehicle in such a way as to harass a wild animal or disturb other persons within a national park or game reserve.

(8) No person shall drive or cause to be driven a motor vehicle in a national park or game reserve unless he is issued with a permit for a motor vehicle and the applicable fee specified in the First Schedule has been paid to a wildlife officer authorised to receive such fee for the national park or game reserve for which the fee is intended:

Provided that such fees shall not be payable if the owner or driver of the vehicle has been exempted from paying entry fees as provided for under regulations 5(3) or 13(7).

(9) If a wildlife officer issuing a permit for a motor vehicle determines that the weight of the vehicle is greater than the weight declared by the owner or user of the vehicle, then the fee for the permit shall be the fee applicable to the next higher weight category than that declared by the applicant, unless the owner or user proves otherwise.

## **27. Aircraft**

(1) No person shall fly or permit to be flown an aircraft at less than 1,500 feet above ground level in a national park or game reserve except-

(a) at the time an aircraft is landing or taking off and within five kilometres of the airstrip; or

(b) prior written permission has been granted to the person by the Officer-in-Charge for such flying.

(2) No person shall fly or permit to be flown or land or permit to be landed a balloon,

helicopter or microlight over or in a national park or game reserve for the purposes of game viewing, recreation or research without the prior written authorisation from the Director which authorization may contain any conditions including areas which may be flown over, take off and landing sites, flying height or time of day.

(3) Nothing in subregulations (1) and (2) shall apply to an aircraft, helicopter or microlight flown on official duty by the DWNP or for security purposes.

(4) No aircraft shall land in any place within a national park or game reserve except at a designated airstrip or in accordance with subregulations (2), (3) and regulation 15.

(5) No person shall use an aircraft in a national park or game reserve between the hours of sunset and sunrise as set out in the Fourth Schedule unless in under exceptions of regulation 4(10).

## **28. Boats**

(1) No person shall use or enter into a national park or game reserve by boat unless-

- (a) the boat is occupied by persons who hold a valid permit for the national park or game reserve issued at a designated point of entry;
- (b) the boat is occupied by persons who are employees of the Government acting in the execution of their official duties as employees of the Government and are in possession of a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge;
- (c) the boat is occupied by persons who hold an authorisation in writing from a wildlife officer;
- (d) the permit for the boat to enter the national park or game reserve issued and the fee specified in the First Schedule has been paid to a wildlife officer authorised to receive such fee for the national park or game reserve for which the fee is intended.

(2) The management plan or the Officer-in-Charge may designate, through a display of notices-

- (a) waters in the national park or game reserve, open or closed for boating or for a particular type of boat;
- (b) sites which shall serve as boat mooring points and points of embarkation and disembarkation.

(3) The number and type of boats permitted in a particular area shall be as specified in the management plan.

(4) No person shall bring a boat into or shall cause a boat to be brought into a national park or game reserve, unless in accordance with a permit issued by the Department of Water Affairs.

(5) No person shall use an inflatable boat or rubber dinghy within a national park or game reserve except if approved by the management plan or the Officer-in-Charge.

(6) No person who uses a boat on the waters of a national park or game reserve, shall harass or allow the boat to harass an animal or damage vegetation or cause damage to the

banks of the waters on which the boat is used.

(7) No person shall use a boat in a national park or game reserve between the hours of sunset and sunrise as set out in the Fourth Schedule unless in under exceptions of regulation 4 (10).

(8) In this regulation, "boat" means any floating vessel used for the purpose of transportation, storage or habitation.

## **29. Water sports**

(1) No person shall engage in a water sport within a national park or game reserve except in a swimming pool at a designated permanent or non-permanent lodge the construction of which has been approved in writing by the Director.

(2) In subregulation (1), "water sport" in terms of these regulations includes swimming, water skiing, snorkelling, scuba diving and any other sporting activities that take place on, in or under water.

## **30. Fishing**

No person shall fish in any waters in a national park or game reserve except in an area designated in the management plan as an area for fishing by members of an adjacent community and in compliance with conditions contained in a written authorisation issued by the Officer-in-Charge.

## **31. Walking**

(1) No person shall walk on foot or alight from a motor vehicle, boat or aircraft within a national park or game reserve except if the person is-

- (a) employed by the Government in the execution of his official duties;
- (b) within a facility, other than a road or track, listed under regulation 6 or under circumstances of regulation 13(10);
- (c) holding a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge;
- (d) walking under the conditions set out in regulation 17(5);
- (e) gathering firewood;
- (f) involved in an emergency;
- (g) a member of a designated community residing within a community use zone; or
- (h) permitted to use a transit road through a national park or game reserve in accordance with regulation 13(8).

(2) For purposes of this regulation, "emergency" in relation to movement within a national park or game reserve, means-

- (a) a mechanical breakdown of a motor vehicle, boat or aircraft;
- (b) an accident involving a motor vehicle, boat or aircraft;

- (c) the loss of traction of a motor vehicle; and
- (d) a serious medical condition.

### **32. Other means of travel**

(1) The other means of travel within the national park or game reserve shall be by means of riding a horse, camel, or donkey or other animal approved by the Director.

(2) No person shall travel by other means of travel in terms of subregulation (1) in a national park or game reserve except in areas designated for this purpose by the management plan and the person is in possession of a written authorisation from the Officer-in-Charge.

### **33. Offence**

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Part shall be guilty of an offence.

## **PART VI** ***Tour Operations (regs 34-35)***

### **34. Tour operator**

(1) A tour operator entering or operating within a national park or game reserve shall be in possession of an appropriate and valid tourism enterprise licence issued under the Tourism Act.

(2) A person who enters the national park or game reserve with the assistance of a tour operator shall be accompanied by a professional guide:

Provided that this subregulation shall not apply when the person is a passenger on an aircraft used to transfer the person into or out of a national park or game reserve.

(3) A professional guide shall hold a licence issued under section 43(3) of the Act and the motor vehicle or boat carrying guests of a tour operator shall be driven or propelled by a professional guide.

(4) Any motor vehicle, power boat or aircraft operated by a tour operator within a national park or game reserve shall display a company logo on each side measuring at least 30 centimetres width, of which a copy of the company logo shall be lodged with the Director.

(5) Any motor vehicle operated by a tour operator may enter a national park or game reserve upon payment of the fee listed in the First Schedule on condition that each occupant of the motor vehicle holds a valid reservation voucher at any one of the facilities listed in the management plan.

(6) Where any one or more of the occupants of a motor vehicle, operated by a tour operator, do not hold a reservation voucher for any of the facilities listed in the management plan, the motor vehicle shall hold and display an annual permit issued by the designated reservations office.

(7) For purposes of this regulation, "tour operator" means a person who for hire or reward-

- (a) brings, or causes another person to be brought, into a national park or game



reserve;

- (b) operates a permanent or non-permanent lodge within a national park or game reserve; or
  - (c) drives a motor vehicle or propels a boat that carries more than five passengers excluding the driver, within the national park or game reserve, unless the occupants are members of his family.
- (8) In subregulation (7), "family" means a spouse and children.

### **35. Professional guide**

(1) If a professional guide contravenes the Act, the Regulations or any other law, the professional guide may be issued with a warning by a wildlife officer in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(2) Any professional guide who receives a warning under subregulation (1) may appeal in writing against the warning to the Director within 14 days of the date of issue of the warning.

(3) The Director may, at his sole discretion, having received and taken into consideration a written report from the issuing wildlife officer cancel or confirm the warning.

(4) Where the Director cancels the warning in terms of subregulation (3) he shall notify the Officer-in-Charge of the cancellation of the warning, giving reasons for the cancellation.

(5) A professional guide who receives two warnings within one calendar year or who is convicted of an offence under the Act or the Regulations shall have his professional guides licence withdrawn by the Director for such period as the Director may determine.

## **PART VII**

### ***Archaeological and Cultural Sites (reg 36)***

### **36. Archaeological and cultural sites**

(1) The management plan may, in liaison with the Department of National Museum and Art Gallery, designate sites of archaeological or cultural interest as archaeological or cultural sites, which sites may be declared to be national monuments under the Monument and Relics Act.

(2) No person shall enter a designated archaeological or cultural site except under the following conditions-

- (a) the person is a public officer acting in the execution of his duties as an employee of the Government and is in possession of an authorisation in writing from the Officer-in-Charge;
- (b) the person is an employee of the DWNP or the Department of National Museum and Art Gallery acting in the execution of his duties;
- (c) the person is in the company of a professional guide having an authorisation in writing from the Officer-in-Charge to visit such sites; or
- (d) the person is in possession of an authorisation in writing from the Officer-in-Charge.

## **PART VIII**

### ***General Conduct within National Parks and Game Reserves (regs 37-42)***

#### **37. General conduct**

- (1) No person shall within a national park or game reserve-
- (a) remove or destroy any flora, fauna or avifauna, or any part thereof either living or dead, or in any way hunt, harass, disturb or molest any living thing except under regulations 18(3), 30 and 38 or with the written authorisation of the Director;
  - (b) cause any damage to or disturb any object of geological, ethnological, historical, archaeological or other scientific interest or, remove any such objects from the national park or game reserve unless with the written permission of the Director;
  - (c) introduce any wild or domestic animal, or any fish or any vegetation, or permit any domestic animal to stray in the national park or game reserve, except with the written permission of the Director or as provided for under these regulations;
  - (d) cut, damage, destroy, or deface any tree or other vegetation or any other animate or inanimate object without the written authorisation of the Officer-in-Charge;
  - (e) wilfully or negligently cause a veld fire;
  - (f) erect or modify any building, structure or facility, except with the written authorisation of the Director and any structure, building or facility not so constructed or modified may be demolished without compensation;
  - (g) leave any moveable property and any property so left may be confiscated and sold by order of the Director;
  - (h) offer goods or services for sale or trade except as approved in writing by the Director as part of the operational plan of a permanent or non-permanent lodge;
  - (i) bury, burn or leave any refuse of any kind except in accordance with the written instructions from the Officer-in-Charge or as provided for under these regulations;
  - (j) light any fire or leave any such fire unextinguished except as provided for under these Regulations;
  - (k) leave any materials capable of causing a fire;
  - (l) operate any radio or electronic equipment for the reproduction of sound or use any mechanical device which creates sound, in a manner likely to disturb another person or the animal life in the national park or game reserve except the normal use of motor vehicle, an aircraft or a boat; or
  - (m) interfere in any way with or feed or provide food or water for any animal except as may be authorised in writing by the Director or where any provision of food or water by the DWNP is necessary for the survival or management of animals.

#### **38. Use of firewood**

(1) The use of firewood in national parks or game reserves shall be limited to cooking in public camp grounds, mobile operator sites, day use facilities, wilderness camp sites,

walking areas, training facilities, educational group camp sites, DWNP staff camp sites and for minor social purposes in permanent or non-permanent lodges.

(2) Firewood shall not be used for water heating or cooking in permanent or non-permanent lodges.

(3) Firewood may be collected within a national park or game reserve at any location along a road or track but not within one kilometre of any other designated facility.

(4) The Officer-in-Charge may, by erecting a notice at the points of entry of the national park or game reserve, prohibit the collection of firewood along certain roads or tracks or sections thereof.

(6) A person may, for the purpose of collecting firewood, alight from a motor vehicle but may not move more than 50 metres from the motor vehicle.

(7) Subject to regulation 18, members of communities within or immediately adjacent to the national park or game reserve may enter any part of that national park or game reserve zoned as a community use zone by the management plan in order to collect firewood which may be sold to guests entering the national park or game reserve or staying overnight at a public camp site.

(8) In this regulation, "firewood" means wood which is both dead and fallen and which can be removed without the use of tools.

### **39. Filming and research**

(1) No person shall, within a national park or game reserve, conduct research or take photographs or make films, whether cine, video or television and whether in digital format or not, for reward or as part of his employment, except as authorised in writing by the Director upon payment of the fees set out in the First Schedule:

Provided that the Director may, upon application made and in circumstances where he considers it justified, reduce or waive the payment of such fees.

(2) Any authorisation provided under subregulation (1) may contain conditions under which the filming or research is permitted including areas where filming or research may be done, the times of day when filming or research may be done, the duration of the permit and any other conditions or restrictions that are deemed necessary by the Director.

(3) Any vehicles that participate in research or filming permitted under this regulation shall be clearly and legibly marked on the sides with the name of the project or company, the words "FILMING VEHICLE" or "RESEARCH VEHICLE", as applicable, on the side and rear and the words "DO NOT FOLLOW" on the rear.

(4) The filming or research permit may waive these requirements under subregulation (3).

(5) Any person who contravenes subregulation (1) or (3) or any of the conditions on the authorization as provided for under subregulation (2) shall be guilty of an offence and may in addition to the penalty provided for under regulation 42, have his research or filming permit withdrawn by the Director.

### **40. Arms and ammunition, etc.**

(1) No person, other than a wildlife officer, shall convey into a national park or game reserve, or be in a national park or game reserve in possession of, any arms, ammunition, explosive, trap or poison or any other weapon or device capable of use in the killing, maiming or capturing of any animal or plant:

Provided that a professional guide or assistant guide may carry a firearm in a walking area as provided for under regulation 17.

(2) The Officer-in-Charge may issue a written authorisation for any person to carry a sealed firearm in transit through the national park or game reserve.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall apply to any member of the armed forces of Botswana in the execution of their duties in a national park or game reserve.

(4) In this regulation-

"arms and ammunition" has the meaning assigned to it under the Arms and Ammunition Act;

"explosive" has the meaning assigned to it in the Explosives Act;

"other weapon" means a bow, arrow, spear or any form of weapon or object which may be used to kill, maim or capture animals; and

#### **41. Control programmes of animal and plants**

The management plan may provide for or the Director may, in the national interest, authorise, in writing, employees of any other department of Government to carry out control programmes of animal or plants within a national park or game reserve.

#### **42. Offence and penalty**

A person who contravenes any provisions of this Part shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P10 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months in default of payment.

### **PART IX** **Miscellaneous (regs 43-50)**

#### **43. Nuisance or misbehaviour**

(1) A person who behaves in such a manner as to create a nuisance or acts in any way detrimental to the interests of the national park or game reserve or commits an offence under these regulations shall comply with any reasonable direction, including a direction to leave the national park or game reserve, as may be given by a wildlife officer.

(2) In the event of being directed to leave the national park or game reserve under subregulation (1) such person shall not receive any compensation for any fees paid for entry or accommodation and may appeal to the Director within 14 days of such decision for a refund of fees.

#### **44. Issue of an entry permit**

(1) A wildlife officer may refuse to issue an entry permit for or may refuse entry into a national park or game reserve to a person or group of persons whom he has reason to

believe has or have contravened or may contravene the provisions of the Act or these Regulations or for any other good and proper reason in the interests of the effective management of the national park or game reserve.

(2) A person who is refused entry into a national park or game reserve under subregulation (1) shall not be refunded any fees paid under these Regulations and such person may appeal to the Director within 14 days of such decision for a refund of fees.

#### **45. Hunting rights**

(1) Persons resident in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve at the time of the establishment of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, or persons who can rightly lay claim to hunting rights in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, may be permitted in writing by the Director to hunt specified animal species and collect veld products in the game reserve and subject to any terms and conditions and in such areas as the Director may determine:

Provided that hunting rights contained herein shall be by the means specified by the Director in the permit by those persons listed therein.

(2) The meat and trophies of any animal killed under circumstances of subregulation (1) shall be used for the consumption of the holder of a written authorisation from the Director, or his dependants and may not otherwise be disposed of or sold unless a written authorisation to do so from the Director is obtained.

#### **46. Issue of warning**

Any person who contravenes any provisions of these Regulations may be issued with a warning by a wildlife officer which shall be in the form set out in the Sixth Schedule.

#### **47. Application of Regulations**

(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall apply to the Gaborone Game Reserve, the Maun Game Reserve, the Francistown Game Reserve, the Mannyelanong Game Reserve, the Nnywane Dam Game Reserve, or to any private game reserve or sanctuary.

(2) These regulations shall apply to the Gemsbok National Park unless provided for otherwise in the regulations that may be made.

#### **48. Non-liability**

The Department of Wildlife and National Parks and the Government of Botswana shall not be liable for injury or death to any person or damage to his property while using any facilities, sojourning, residing or participating in activities in a national park or game reserve.

#### **49. General penalty**

Any person who is guilty of an offence under these Regulations, the penalty for which has not been stipulated, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding P10 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven years or to both.

### **FIRST SCHEDULE FEE STRUCTURE FOR NATIONAL PARKS AND GAME RESERVES**

(Regulations 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 26, 28, 34 and 39)

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I. FEES FOR PARKS/RESERVES, CAMPING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES 1(1)			
Description	Citizen	Resident	Non-Resident
<b>A. PARK/RESERVE FEES</b>	<b>P T</b>	<b>P T</b>	<b>P T</b>
1. Private visitors, Per Person per Day *(2)	10	30	120
2. Clients of Botswana Tour Operators, Per Person per Day 2(3) *(4)	10	30	70
3. Professional Guides and Staff of Botswana Tour Operators, Per Person Per Year 3(5)	0	1,000	N/A 8(6)
<b>B. CAMPING FEES</b>			
4. Camping Fee per Person per Night 4(7) *(8)	5	20	30
<b>C. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES 9(9)</b>			
5. Camping at wilderness camp site per person, per night 4(10)	50	100	200
6. Overnight stay at observation hide per person, per night 4(11)	50	100	200
7. Participation in walking safaris in designated area, per person per day	50	100	200
8. Use of wilderness trail, per person per day	50	100	200
9. Participation in animal back safaris	50	100	200
10. Participation in night game viewing drives	5	20	30
<b>D. RESEARCH/FILMING ACTIVITIES</b>			
11. Filming Application fees, all filming/research classifications	1,000	5,000	10,000
12. Research, per person, per month or part thereof (composite fees) 9(12)	250	500	1,000
13. Filming: commercial still photography, documentaries, per person, per week or part thereof (composite fees) 9(13)	125	250	1,000
14. Filming: Advertising, feature films, per person, per week or part thereof (composite fees) 9(14)	1,000	2,000	5,000
15. Extension of Filming Permit, all filming classifications	500	2,500	5,000

II. FEES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT AND BOATS 1(15)		
Description	Botswana Registered	Foreign Registered
<b>A. MOTOR VEHICLES</b>		
1. Motor vehicles under 3500 kg, private, per day 6(16)	10	50
2. Motor vehicles under 3500 kg, commercial, per day 6(17)	30	200
3. Motor vehicles under 3500 kg, commercial, annual fee 6(18)	1,500 7(19)	N/A 8(20)
4. Motor vehicles between 3500 and 7000 kg, per day 6(21)	500	1,000
5. Motor vehicles between 3500 and 7000 kg, supply/utility, annual fee 6(22)· 10(23)	3,000	N/A 8(24)
6. Motor vehicles more than 7000 kg, per day 6(25)	800	1,500
<b>B. AIRCRAFT AND BOATS</b>		
7. Aircraft, per day	50	250
8. Aircraft, annual fee	1,500 7(26)	3,000 8(27)
9. Boat, power, per day	10	N/A 8(28)
10. Boat, power, annual fee	1,500	N/A 8(29)

**SECOND SCHEDULE  
ASPECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*(Regulation 3)*

A management plan shall, at a minimum, cover the following-

- 1. An introduction which shall contain:**
  - 1.1 reference to the creation of the national park or game reserve and description of its current boundaries;
  - 1.2 objectives for the national park or game reserve;
- 2. Zoning of the national park or game reserve for purposes of:**
  - 2.1 resource management, with limits to the acceptable change for soils, water, vegetation and animal populations;
  - 2.2 physical developments, with specifications for each zone of types and quantities of physical developments permitted, including, but not limited to:

- (a) roads, tracks, firebreaks, airfields, bridges;
  - (b) administrative structures, e.g. houses, offices, workshops, stores, entrance gates;
  - (c) water supplies both for domestic purposes and animal watering; and
  - (d) sewage and litter management facilities;
- 2.3 community use zones;
- 3. Designation of tourism facilities and activities with particular reference to:**
- 3.1 Zoning for tourism facilities and activities, with specifications for each zone of:
- (a) density of roads;
  - (b) density of motor vehicles per kilometre of road;
  - (c) total number of motor vehicles permitted;
  - (d) the allocation of the number of motor vehicles to each category of user;
  - (e) types of activities permitted (i.e. day driving, night driving, walking, power boating, mekore poling, etc.);
  - (f) numbers, locations, and capacities of tourist facilities (i.e. non-permanent lodges, mobile operator sites, public camp grounds, wilderness camp sites, observation hides, wilderness trails, day use facilities, accompanied walking areas etc.);
- 4. Locations of DWNP facilities including:**
- 4.1 Numbers and locations of DWNP facilities comprising of:
- (a) staff camps;
  - (b) entrance gates;
  - (c) information centres;
  - (d) educational group camp sites; and
  - (e) training facilities.
- 5. Staff of DWNP including:**
- 5.1 Staff numbers, ranks, functions and locations.
- 6. Filming and photography with particular reference to:**
- (a) The number of filming groups and filming vehicles that may be permitted in a sub zone within a national park or game reserve.
- 7. Management and administration including:**



- (a) policies on controlled burning, road maintenance, use of artificial watering points, etc;
- (b) recurrent budgets, administrative procedures, equipment, etc.

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- (a) policies on community consultation, education and information in relation to the management and development of the National Park or Game Reserve.

**THIRD SCHEDULE  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR NON-PERMANENT STRUCTURES**

*(Regulations 7, 20, 21, 22)*

1. There shall be no masonry at or above ground level.
2. Removal masonry septic tanks shall be constructed.
3. Grey-water soakaways for showers and sinks shall be used except in high water-table locations where all effluent shall be in sealed tanks and evacuated by sludge bowsers.
4. All floors shall be of packed soil or of wooden decking with removable metal frames for decking. Floors of these types may be covered with linoleum or matting.
5. Floors of workshop areas shall be protected with plastic sheeting or other similar protective matter, to prevent soaking into the soil of fuels and oils.
6. Construction may be of poles, reed and thatch and tents may be used.
7. Any generators or pumps shall be inaudible at 50 metres range and shall be mounted on timber frames.
8. No exotic plants, exotic animals, domestic stock or pets are permitted on a non-permanent structure.

**FOURTH SCHEDULE  
OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS**

*(Regulations 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 26, 27, 28)*

All national parks and game reserves	1 April - 30 September	1 October - 31 March
Open	06.00	05.30
Close	18.30	19.00

**FIFTH SCHEDULE  
WARNING FOR PROFESSIONAL GUIDE**

(Regulation 35(1))



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT  
(Chapter 38:01)

Date: .....

**Part 1: To be completed by DWNP Officer**

Name of Offender (Professional Guide):

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Identity of the Offender:

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Name of Company:

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Address of the Company:

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In terms of regulation 35(1) of the National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations, you are hereby warned to have contravened the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act and National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations in that you were observed-

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On (date) ..... at (time) ..... at (location)

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In (Park/Reserve) ..... by (Officer's name in capital)

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..... Signature of Officer: ..... Rank: .....

You are reminded that such action is an offence in terms of the above-mentioned act and you are hereby warned that if you are observed committing the same offence again, you will be prosecuted accordingly. It should be noted that a copy of this warning notice will be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and National Parks Headquarters for retention on your Professional Guide File and this could adversely influence the renewal of your licence.

**Part 2: To be completed by the offender**

I have read and acknowledge the correctness of the facts detailed above. \*(30)

Name in capital letters: .....

Signature: .....

Telephone Number: (Bus) ..... (Res) .....

Identity: .....

Date: .....

Company: .....

**SIXTH SCHEDULE  
WARNING TO NON-PROFESSIONAL OFFENDER**

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*(Regulation 46)*

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT  
(Chapter 38:01)

Date: .....

**Part 1: To be completed by DWNP Officer**

Name of Offender: .....

ID/Passport No.: ..... Vehicle Registration No.: .....

Address of the Offender: .....

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In terms of regulation 46 of the National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations you are hereby warned to have contravened the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act or the National Parks and Game Reserves Regulations in that you were observed:

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on (date) ..... at (time) .....

at (location).....

In (Park/Reserve) ..... by (Officer's name in capitals) .....

..... Signature of Officer: .....Rank: .....

You are reminded that such action is an offence in terms of the above-mentioned act and you are hereby warned that if you are observed committing the second offence, you will be evicted from the National Park or Game Reserve without refund of any unused portion of fees paid. You may also be prosecuted accordingly and banned from future use of Botswana's National Parks and Game Reserves.

**Part 2: To be completed by the Offender**

I have read and acknowledge the correctness of the facts detailed above. \*(31)

Name in capital letters: .....

Signature: .....

Telephone Number: (Bus) .....(Res) .....Identity: .....

Date: .....