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1.0. Background

Hot air balloon (Balloon) Safari was originally launched in the Serengeti National Park in 1989 and extended to Tarangire and Ruaha National Parks. Over the years, balloon safari has increasingly become a popular activity in the parks. These guidelines therefore stipulate how this activity shall be carried out in Tanzania National Parks.

2.0. Area of Operations

Specific areas where ballooning activities can take place shall be guided by the respective park management in line with the GMP. The park management in collaboration with the balloon operator shall identify and verify suitable sites for launching, landing, breakfast and base camps.

3.0. Operator requirements

The operator shall have: -

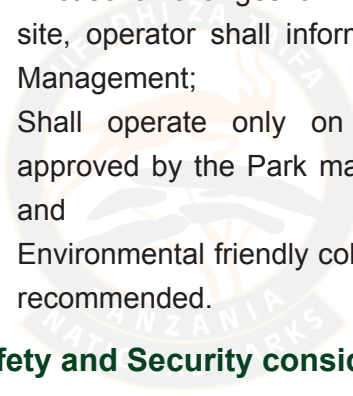
- i. Permission letter from CC;
- ii. Air service license (ASL);
- iii. Air operator certificate (AOC);
- iv. Have a valid Balloon License Issued by Tanzania Tourism Licensing Board (TTLB);
- v. A clean business record; and
- vi. TANAPA lease agreement.

4.0. Personnel Qualifications

Personnel conducting regulated activities shall meet qualification requirements by the Civil Aviation Regulations and any other relevant authority.

5.0. Environmental and Social Considerations

The operator shall comply with the following conditions:

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- i. Shall not fly over staff house/tourist facilities;
 - ii. The minimum flight altitude shall be 1,500 ft (45m) above ground to avoid disturbance to animals and other visitors;
 - iii. In case of changes of new landing site, operator shall inform the Park Management;
 - iv. Shall operate only on the zone approved by the Park management; and
 - v. Environmental friendly color is highly recommended.

6.0. Safety and Security consideration

- i. The pilot in command shall, without prejudice to Civil Aviation Regulations, give pre-flight briefing including:
 - a) Safety and security procedures;
 - b) Balloon experience;
 - c) Duration of the flight; and

- ii. Balloon operator shall have a reliable communication system and rescue/emergence response plan.

7.0. Duration of the activity and maximum number of passengers

- i. Balloon operation other than takeoff may start from 03.00hrs to 10.00hrs local time;
- ii. Only balloon vehicles and staff shall undertake the operations; and
- iii. Maximum number of balloons per company shall be as stipulated in the lease agreement.

8.0. Payment modalities

Payment shall be made using government electronic gateway (GePG-MoFP), Banks, Mobile wallet and any other approved means of payment. Fees for the activity shall be in accordance to TANAPA fee structure as may be reviewed from time to time.

9.0. Manifest and Payment Modality

- i. Balloon fees shall be paid as per respective national park fee structures that may be reviewed from time to time;
- ii. Operators shall submit draft manifest by 10.00pm for all expected flights of the following day;
- iii. Operators shall be required to upload scanned manifest (signed by the Captain) before each landing and the system shall not allow amendments afterwards;
- iv. Payment in accordance with the number on the final manifest shall be effected by latest 10.00am of the same day of operation; and
- v. Operators shall be allowed to login into TANAPA reservation system fill in permit numbers not later than 1.00pm of the day of operation.

10.0. Penalty

S/N	Description	Penalty (USD)
1.	Late submission of draft manifest	500
2.	Failure to upload scanned manifest (signed by the Captain) before each landing	500
3.	Late payment of balloon operation fees	500
4.	Late filling of permit numbers into the TANAPA reservation system	500
5.	Under declaration of number of passengers	500 on top of required fees

11.0. Indemnity

Balloon operator shall comply with the indemnity requirement as specified in the Lease agreement.

12.0. Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring shall be carried regularly. Annual evaluation shall be conducted to assess conformity to requirements.

13.0. Review

Review of the guidelines shall be done as may be deemed necessary.

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