

## The Environment Shield

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The Executive Director  
National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)  
Kampala, Uganda.



Dear Sir,

### **WETLAND ENCROACHMENT IN BUSABALA, WAKISO DISTRICT, MULUNGU BEACH IN MUNYONYO, KAMPALA AND KITEZI, KAWEMPE DIVISION, KAMPALA**

We refer to the captioned matter.

The Environment Shield is a Ugandan environmental civic organization (nonprofit) for people and planet/nature. We are fired by the vision of green and just society.

**Articles 17 (2) (j); 20 (2) and 39 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995 and Section 3 of the National Environment Management Act, 2019** obligates us to create, respect, protect and promote the right to a clean and healthy environment.

We report to you ongoing environmental/ wetland attacks in Busabala- Wakiso District, Mulungu beach in Munyonyo, Kampala and Kitezi, Kawempe Division, Kampala. *Attached hereto are relevant and recent photos.*

The wetlands attack/ degradation/ encroachment threatens human and ecological health. It is an attack on the environment and a threat to Ugandans' right to a clean and healthy environment guaranteed by **Article 39 of the Constitution** and **Section S.3 of the National Environment Management Act, 2019**. **It undermined climate and biodiversity health.**

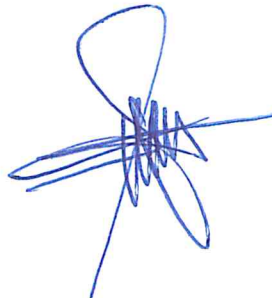
This attack on wetlands has persisted for years with impunity but for the sake of our environment, it must stop. The president of Uganda, **His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Tibuhaburwa Museveni** recently noted that: *“Finally, the issues of the environment - the forests, the lake shores, the hilltops, etc., are crucial for our survival. We need water and clean air. Both of them come from the wetlands and forests. You cannot say that you are a patriot of Uganda, but you damage our wetlands, our forests, our river banks, our lake shores, our steep gradients, on which our livelihoods depend. Even food is possible because of air, water, etc.... I will launch a mega effort, to get rid of this parasitism.”*

We accordingly urge your office and the authorities copied herein to:

- a) Stop the encroachment and deforestation of the wetland in Busabala, Wakiso District, Mulungu beach in Munyonyo, Kampala and Kitezi, Kawempe Division, Kampala;
- b) Make culprits pay for the environmental degradation to the government of Uganda; and
- c) Prosecute the culprits of the wetlands encroachment/degradation;
- d) Evict the culprits; and
- e) Restore the degraded wetlands.

We shall highly appreciate your swift and decisive action against those encroaching on the wetlands.

Sincerely,

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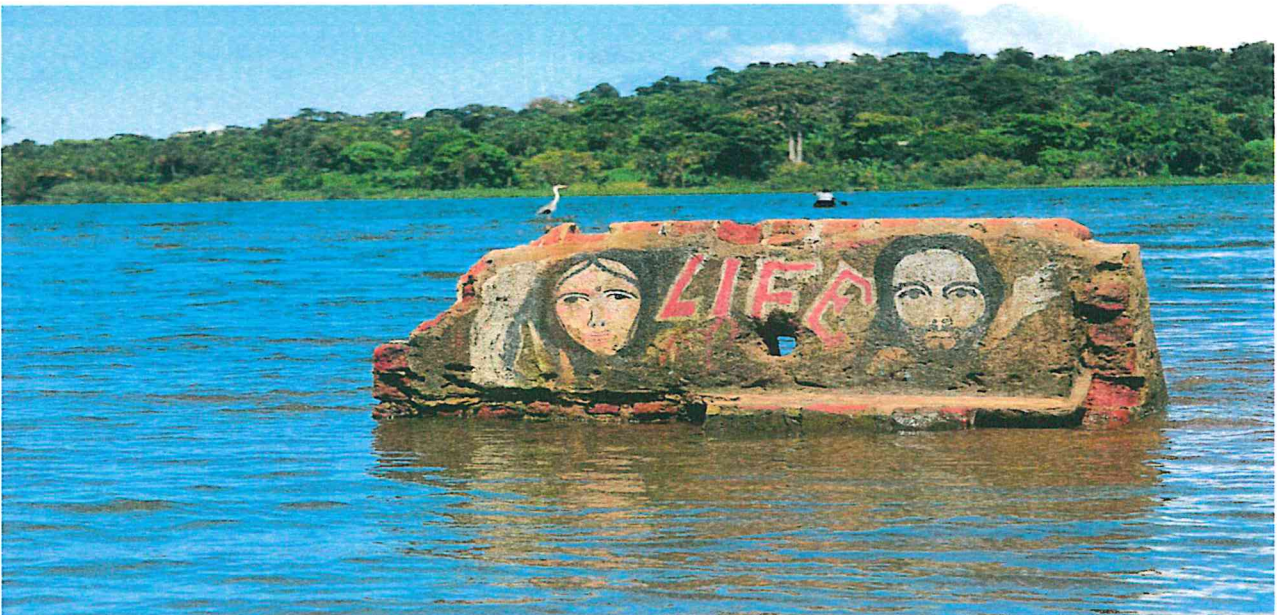
Kiiza Eron  
CEO

CC: Minister of water and environment.  
Lord Mayor, KCCA.





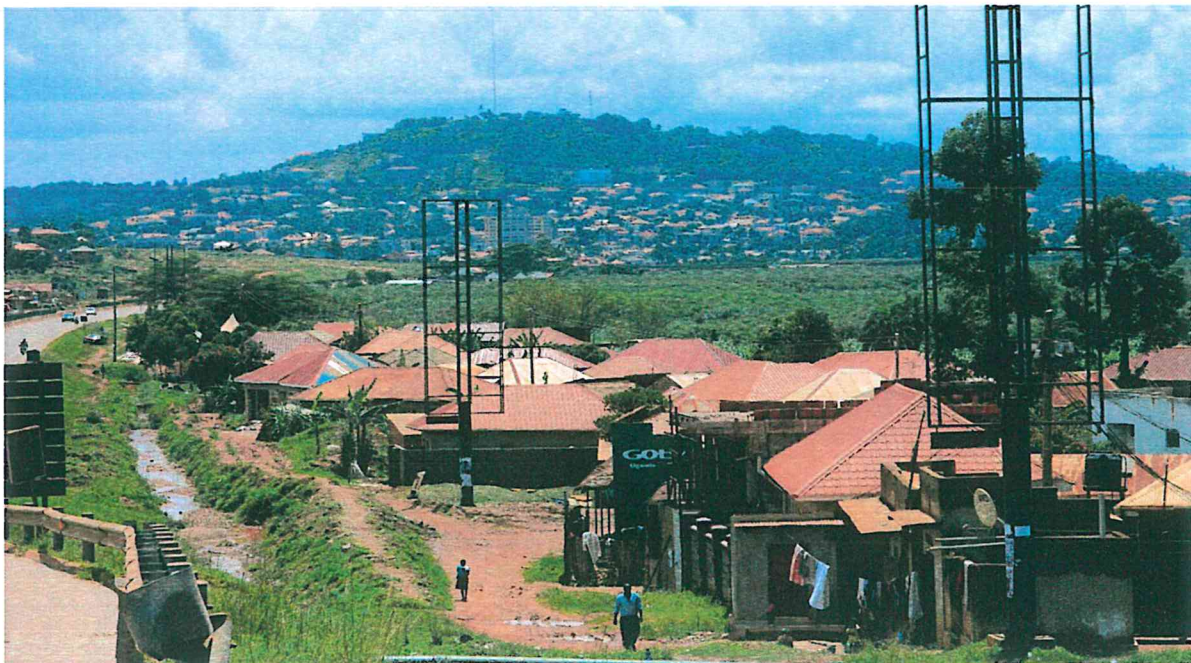
A stretch of hard stones and soil into lake Victoria in Busabala, Wakiso District designed to create more beach space at a resort. The stretch goes as long as 50meters into the lake.Photo taken by Matte on 02/05/2023 for The Environment Shield. Below is an image of remains of a house washed away by water at Mulungu Beach in Munyonyo, kampala.







A plastic recycling structure set up in a wetland in Kiteezi, Kawempe Division, Kampala next to the sewage treatment plant. Photo taken by Matte on 26/04/2023 for The Environment Shield.



A community at Busaabala, Wakiso District Traffic lights junction encroaching on a wetland whose remains appear in the background. Many of these houses are submerged when it rains. Photo taken by Matte for The Environment Shield on 02/05/2023.





A construction materials structure steadily encroaching on the wetland along Kaggwa bridge before Joining the Entebbe Express way in Busaabala, Wakiso District. Photo taken by Matte on 2/05/2023 for The Environment Shield.