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



May 18th, 2023



Dear Sir,

WETLAND ATTACKS IN BUGOLOBI - KITINTALE, NAKAWA DIVISION, KAMPALA - UGANDA

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 a 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 obligate us to create, respect, protect and promote the right to a clean and healthy environment.

We report to you, wetland attacks in Bugolobi - Kitintale, Nakawa Division, Kampala - Uganda. *Attached hereto are relevant photos taken yesterday 17th May, 2023.*

The wetlands attack 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**.

The president of Uganda, **His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Tibuhaburwa Museveni** recently noted that: *"Finally, the issues of the environment - the*

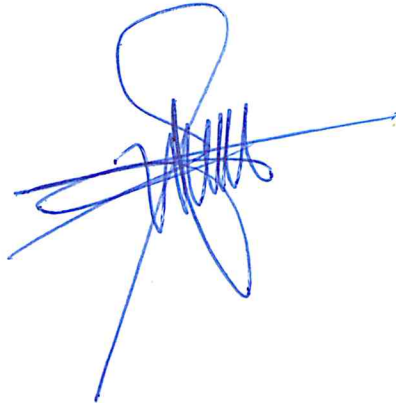
forests, the lake shores, the hilltops, etc., are crucial for our survival. We need water and clean air. Both of them come from the wetlands and forests. You cannot say that you are a patriot of Uganda, but you damage our wetlands, our forests, our river banks, our lake shores, our steep gradients, on 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 Bugolobi - Kitintale, Nakawa Division, Kampala - Uganda.
- b) Make culprits pay for the environmental degradation to the government of Uganda;
- 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop at the top, followed by several vertical strokes, and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kiiza Eron
CEO

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

WETLAND ENCROACHMENT IN BUGOLOOBI-KITINTALE, KAMPALA-UGANDA



Photo1. A section of the wetland used as a dumping site for household refuses. Majority of this is plastic waste in Bugoloobi - Kitintale swamp, Kampala – Uganda. Photo taken on 17th May, 2023.



Photo2. A new heap of soil recently added to a wetland to provide room for expansion for industrialization waste in Bugoloobi - Kitintale swamp, Kampala - Uganda. Photo taken on 17th May, 2023.



Photo3. Informal settlement recently flooded by water in Bugoloobi - Kitintale swamp, Kampala - Uganda. Photo taken on 17th May, 2023.



Photo 4. Fresh debris being added to the wetland banks waste in Bugolobi – Kitintale swamp, Kampala – Uganda. Photo taken on 17th May, 2023.



Photo5. A proposed warehouse belonging to Kulwant Singh Notay in the wetland with alleged KCCA and NEMA approvals in the heart of the wetland further increasing the flooding in this area in Bugolobi - Kitintale swamp, Kampala – Uganda. Photo taken on 17th May, 2023.