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**MINISTRY OF TOURISM, WILDLIFE
AND ANTIQUITIES**

**ANALTICAL REPORT ON
VISITATION TO UGANDA WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION EDUCATION
CENTRE (ZOO) IN CY2020 AND
CY2021**



1.1 Introduction

The Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC) or more popularly known as Entebbe Zoo offers a perfect introduction to Uganda's incredible biodiversity and given its proximity to the capital Kampala, is one of the most visited and popular tourist sites in Uganda. The Centre is a successful mix of a zoo and a safari park because most of the animals live in large and spacious enclosures that are similar to their natural habitats.

2.0 Visitation to Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre (Entebbe Zoo) in the first three months of calendar year 2021

Visitation to the Entebbe Zoo increased by 12.9 percent in the first three months of calendar year 2021 (January to March 2021) compared to the last three months of Calendar year 2020 (October to December 2020).

All categories of visitors to Entebbe Zoo in calendar year 2021 increased with the exception of Foreign Residents. With the opening of education institutions, school groups to the Entebbe Zoo rose nine fold from 212 students recorded in the last three months of CY2020 to 1,913 students by end of March 2021.

Foreign Non-resident visitors to the centre increased threefold from 338 visitors recorded in the last quarter of CY2020 to 1,130 visitors by end of March 2021.


Overall domestic visitors to the centre rose by 10.1 percent in the first three months of CY2021 compared to the last three months of Cy2020



Table 1: Visitation to UWEC in CY2021

<u>Categories</u>	Jan-Mar 2021 compared with Oct-Dec 2020				
	October- December r (Q2)- CY2020	January - March (Q3)- CY2021	%Age Share 2021	Differenc e	% Change 2021-2020
<u>Category of Visitors</u>					
Foreign Non- Residents	338	1,130	3.6%	792	234.3%
Foreign Residents	1,330	779	2.5%	(551)	-41.4%
School Groups	212	1,913	6.2%	1,701	802.4%
Ugandans	25,582	27,179	87.7 %	1,597	6.2%
Total- Category of Visitors	27,462	31,001	100%	3,539	12.9%
<u>Categoriza tion</u>					
Foreign Non- Residents	338	1,130	3.6%	792	234.3%
Nationals	27,124	29,871	96.4 %	2,747	10.1%
Total	27,462	31,001	100%	3,539	12.9%

Source: Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities



More than two thirds of visitors (96.4 percent) who visited Entebbe Zoo in the first three months of 2021 were domestic tourists.

3.0 Visitation to Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre in calendar year 2020

The calendar year 2020 saw an unusual decline in visitation to UWEC of 82.3 percent over the calendar year 2019. Revenues from over 315,000 visitors were lost in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic with numbers falling from 383,398 visitors in 2019 to only 67,789 visitors in 2020. This is only 18 percent of visitation recorded in 2019 at the centre.

All categories of visitors reduced in numbers in CY2020 as shown in Table 2 with the highest reduction recorded by Foreign Non-Residents (75 percent);

Table 2: Visitation to the UWEC in CY2020

<u>Categories</u>	Jan-Dec 2020 compared with Jan-Dec 2019				
	January - December CY2019	January - December CY2020	%Age Share 2020	Differenc e	% Change 2020- 2019
<u>Category of Visitors</u>					
Foreign Non- Residents	8,954	2,236	3.3%	(6,718)	-75.0%
Foreign Residents	9,381	3,614	5.3%	(5,767)	-61.5%
School Groups	251,443	6,887	10.2%	(244,556)	-97.3%
Ugandans	113,620	55,052	81.2%	(58,568)	-51.5%
Total-	383,398	67,789	100%	(315,609)	-82.3%
<u>Category of Visitors</u>					
<u>Categorizati on</u>					
Foreign Non- Residents	8,954	2,236	3.3%	(6,718)	-75.0%
Nationals	374,444	65,553	96.7%	(308,891)	-82.5%
Total	383,398	67,789	100%	(315,609)	-82.3%

Distribution

by Months

January	18,184	19,736	29.1%	1,552	8.5%
February	6,889	8,559	12.6%	1,670	24.2%
March	15,971	6,463	9.5%	(9,508)	-59.5%
April	22,703	-	0.0%	(22,703)	-100.0%
May	11,569	-	0.0%	(11,569)	-100.0%
June	22,175	-	0.0%	(22,175)	-100.0%
July	98,667	-	0.0%	(98,667)	-100.0%
August	88,324	2,281	3.4%	(86,043)	-97.4%
September	16,433	3,288	4.9%	(13,145)	-80.0%
October	34,715	5,908	8.7%	(28,807)	-83.0%
November	22,853	5,780	8.5%	(17,073)	-74.7%
December	24,915	15,774	23.3%	(9,141)	-36.7%
Total-	383,398	67,789	100%	(315,609)	-82.3%
Visitors					

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