

National Environment Management Authority

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS ACT CAP 2A

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WETLANDS) DRAFT REGULATIONS, 2025 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC of the intention of the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Environment, Climate change and Forestry to publish the above mentioned Regulations.

The **OBJECTIVES** of the proposed Regulations include-

- a) To revise the Environmental Management and Coordination (Conservation and Management of Wetlands) Regulations, 2009 and thus provide for conservation of wetlands and their resources in Kenya;
- b) To promote the integration of wise-use of resources in wetlands into local, county, and national planning for, ecological, aesthetic, cultural and socio-economic development;
- c) To ensure the protection of the diversity of wetland habitats, flora and fauna;
- d) To promote awareness creation, education, research, indigenous knowledge and partnerships with other relevant institutions in the management of wetland ecosystems;
- e) To protect wetlands within river basins, lake basins and coastal zones from pollution including siltation, agricultural and infrastructural developments, over exploitation, alien and invasive species, and other activities likely to degrade the wetland ecosystem.

A draft of the proposed Regulations and the Regulatory Impact Statement may be accessed from **www.nema.go.ke**: Link: **<https://shorturl.at/2tJ76>**

Comments on the proposed Regulations are hereby invited from the general public through written memoranda addressed to **emcareview@gmail.com** or **legalnema@gmail.com** and to be submitted by close of day on the **25th February, 2025**.

Public participation meetings will thereafter be held physically in regional venues that will soon be notified to the public.

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