

**THE ZAMBIA WILDLIFE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

**MEMORANDUM**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Zambia Wildlife Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Wildlife Management Licensing Committee; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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# A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Act to amend the Zambia Wildlife Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Zambia Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Zambia Wildlife Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement  
Cap. 201

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Committee holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Committee in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

“Anti-Corruption Commission” means the Anti-Corruption Commission established under the Constitution;

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15 “Emoluments Commission” means the Emoluments Commission established under the Constitution; and

Cap. 1

“legally disqualified” means the absence of legal capacity as provided in section 4 of the Mental Health Act;.

Cap. 305

Amendment  
of section 7

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the—

(a) deletion of subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(2) The Committee consists of the following part time members appointed by the Minister: 5

(a) a representative each of the ministries responsible for—

(i) chiefs;

(ii) green economy; and

(iii) mines; 10

(b) a representative of the Office of the President;

(c) a representative of the Attorney-General;

(d) a representative of the Anti-Corruption Commission; 15

(e) a representative each from an association responsible for—

(i) the hunting industry; and

(ii) tourism operators;

(f) a representative of the Wildlife Producers Association of Zambia; 20

(g) a representative of a civil society organisation with knowledge and experience in matters relating to tourism and wildlife; and 25

(h) one person from the private sector with relevant knowledge and experience in matters relating to this Act.

(3) The Director shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. 30

(4) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.

(5) The Minister shall appoint the Chairperson from among the members of the Committee.;

(b) insertion of the following new subsections immediately after subsection (5):

5 (6) The members of the Committee shall elect the Vice Chairperson from among themselves.

(7) A person shall not be appointed as a member of the Committee if that person—

(a) is not a citizen;

10 (b) is an undischarged bankrupt;

(c) is legally disqualified from performing the functions of a member;

15 (d) has been convicted of an offence under this Act or any other written law and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without an option of a fine.; and

(c) renumbering of subsections (6) and (7) as subsections (8) and (9), respectively.

4. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by the repeal of the heading and the substitution therefor of the following:

Repeal and replacement of heading to First Schedule

## FIRST SCHEDULE

*(Section 7(9))*

## THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Amendment  
of First  
Schedule

5. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended—
- (a) in paragraph 3, by the deletion of sub-paragraph (5) and the substitution therefor of the following: 5

(5) Seven members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.; and

- (b) by the deletion of paragraph 5 and the substitution therefor of the following: 10

5. A member of the Committee or sub committee of the Committee shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine.