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The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members welcome to this special sitting, we are going to deliberate on one item that is the report of the Tourism and Cooperatives committee for the Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management plan 2019-2029. Welcome Members. Clerk!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members, there are some of our Members who are bereaved and I think the welfare team is taking care of it. Clerk proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

THE REPORT ON LAKE BOGORIA NATIONAL RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-2029

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Chair Tourism.

Hon. Tochim: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I give notice of trade, tourism and cooperatives committee on Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan 2019-2020. That this House adopts the report of the trade, tourism and cooperatives committee on Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan 2019-2029. I beg to give notice.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Clerk.

MOTION

THE REPORT ON LAKE BOGORIA NATIONAL RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-2029

Report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives committee on Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan 2019-2029.

Hon. Tochim: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I move the following motion that this House adopts the report of the trade, tourism and cooperatives committee on Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan 2019-2020.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan 2019-2029 was laid on the table of the House on afternoon of Thursday, 1st September, 2020 at 2.30 p.m. upon being tabled. The Honorable Speaker Committed it to the Committee to consider and analyze it and subsequently present a report to the House for Consideration for approval.

Mr. Speaker the Members of the committee are as follows;

1. Hon. Syllas Tochim -Chairman
2. Hon. Eunice Kakerel-Vice -Chairperson
3. Hon. Francisca Cheburet -Member
4. Hon. Paul Kibarar -Member
5. Hon. Richard Rono -Member
6. Hon. Kipruto Kimosop -Member
7. Hon. Maria Losile -Member
8. Hon. Musa Cheruiyot -Member
9. Hon. Amejia Selemoi -Member

Mandate of the committee;

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned sectors;
- b) Study the programme and policy objectives of the sector and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) Study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- d) Study, assess and analyse the relative success of the sector as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned sectors as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the house;
- f) To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those understanding Order 190(committee on Appointment); and
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the house as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of the Committee Members, I wish to extend our sincere appreciation for the support accorded to the Committee by the office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk to ensure that the Committee delivers its mandate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the committee members of Tourism, Trade and Co-operatives for their input in coming up with the Report. Finally, Mr. Speaker Sir, it is now my pleasure, on behalf of the committee to present this report to the House for adoption.

Executive summary; Mr. Speaker, Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management plan 2019-2029 has been developed in accordance with Section 44 and the fifth schedule of the wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013. It is also based on KWS protected area planning framework(PAPF), The planning standard for preparing PA management plans. In line with PAPF, this plan has been developed in a highly participatory manner, incorporating and building on ideas from a broad cross-section of Lake Bogoria National Reserve (LBNR) stakeholders.

In order to fulfill the plan's functions, the LBNR Plan structure has been developed to be as simple as possible, and as such, easily understood by stakeholders and implemented by LBNR management.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee received a memorandum from Endorois Welfare Council (EWC) with their input and considerations to be included in the LBNR Management Plan. EWC is one of the key stakeholders in the preparation of the LBNR Management Plan.

Mr., Speaker, LBNR is purposed to protect and conserve the scenic Lake Bogoria and its associated wildlife biodiversity, especially the rare and threatened species, and perpetuate the traditional livestock management systems that support conservation for the present and the future generations.

Key conservation issues and threats Mr. Speaker the following are issues of concern at LBNR;

- i. Degradation of Lake catchment areas, soil erosion and siltation
- ii. Use of water from upstream catchment areas and ground water aquifers
- iii. Pollution and eutrophication
- iv. Ecological change in other Rift Valley lakes
- v. Invasive alien species
- vi. Livestock grazing pressure
- vii. Climate change
- viii. Infrastructure development
- ix. Oil and gas exploration and development

Overview of the Lake Bogoria Management Plan 2019-2029; Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee noted that the management plan is quite detailed and after the committee went through the scrutiny of the whole document, i wish to give the Members a cursory overview of the document.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a very vital document in that it will go a long way not only to increase the revenue due to the County Government but also elevate the livelihood of the people living along Lake Bogoria National Reserve and its environs as well as putting mechanisms to protect and conserve the ecological system along Lake Bogoria.

Mr Speaker Sir, it is worth noting that the 5th Schedule to the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, 2013 requires National Reserves previously managed by the defunct local authorities and presently by the County Governments to have management plans failure to which such management shall revert to the National Government. This is something that therefore obligates the County Government to develop and gazette management plans which will go a long way in also attracting investors and donors such as the World Bank and UNEP to further improve infrastructure, management and conservation of the ecological life in the reserve which will in turn attract more tourists both local and foreign.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the management plan further has Plan structure.

In order to fulfill the Plan's functions, the Lake Bogoria National Reserve has a plan structure developed to be as simple as possible, and as such, easily understood by stakeholders and implemented by Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the management plan is largely comprised of the following

- a) Introduction; this chapter introduces the PAPF planning process used to develop the plan, and describes the plan's functions, structure and stakeholder participation mechanisms.
- b) Plan Foundations; this chapter provides an introduction to the LBNR, its location, exceptional resource values, and major management issues of concern. It sets out the LBNR's Purpose Statement, which explains why the LBNR has been established as a protected area.
- c) Lake Bogoria National Reserve Zonation Scheme, this chapter sets out areas of the LBNR where different types of land uses are permitted. The scheme also describes the management sectors that the Lake Bogoria National Reserve is divided into to facilitate efficient and effective management.
- d) The four management programmes; the main bulk of the plan is divided into four management programmes:
 - i. Ecological Management Program
 - ii. Tourism Development and Management Program
 - iii. Community Partnership and Outreach Program
 - iv. Protected Area Operations Program

Committee observations and findings; Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee in exercise due diligence in scrutinizing the management plan observed the following:

- I. That, adequate public participation was conducted within the Lake Bogoria National Reserve with regard to the development of the Lake Bogoria. It is worth noting that public participation is a constitutional provision Vide Article 196 of the Constitution, Section 87 of the County Government Act, 2012 as well as Baringo County Assembly Standing Order No. 124 that requires stakeholder consultations on issues touching on the public. Therefore the committee was satisfied that public participation was conducted in coming up with the management plan.
- II. That, there is a fundamental requirement that National Reserves in Kenya must have management plans so as the County Government is able to manage conserve the National Reserves failure to which the same shall revert to the management and conservation of the National Government and this would lead to loss of revenue and jobs benefitting the County directly.
- III. That, there is an urgent need to allocate resources to build infrastructure in the Lake Bogoria National Reserve due to the current surging of water levels in Lake Bogoria which has destroyed a lot of infrastructure within the game Reserve.
- IV. That, there's need to allocate more funds for better management and operations of the Reserve such as additional wardens and other critical personnel to effectively manage and conserve the National Reserve.
- V. That, the Committee considered the memorandum and scrutinized it thoroughly. The Committee further invited the Endorois Welfare Council and had a joint seating on 21st September, 2020 to consider their opinions, views, clarifications and suggestions on the

LBNR Management Plan. The Committee had a lengthy deliberation with the delegation from the EWC. The Committee was in agreement with most of their views and adopted as part of the recommendations.

Committee recommendations; Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee proposes the following recommendations:

- I. That, this House adopt the a proposal from this committee that the funds ploughed back and ring fenced to the National Reserve and the residents around Lake Bogoria National Reserve be increased from 10% to 25% for management of the National reserve as well as for the benefit of the community with 15% going to the community grants and 10% for the management of the National Reserve.
- II. That, the Department proceeds and prepares management plans for other Reserves within the County.
- III. That, the County Government does allocate more resources to the Lake Bogoria National Reserve for more man power, marketing and infrastructural development and enhancement.
- IV. That, the Department of Treasury formulates a fund regulation towards management of the Community Grants for proper operationalization, accountability and transparency.
- V. That, Lake Bogoria Management Plan be reviewed after every three (3) years to put into account emerging issues and socio-economic and cultural dynamics.
- VI. That, the collection of revenue be automated and technology be embraced for efficiency and improved performance. Automation will reduce cash handling and possible embezzlement.
- VII. That, the LBNR Management Plan should explicitly show a marketing strategy to increase number of visitors hence enhanced revenue collection.
- VIII. That, the Nagoya Protocol which Kenya is a signatory be domesticated to help implement the Bio-Cultural Protocol of the Endorois People.
- IX. That, the Department works closely with EWC in finalizing the preparation of the LBNR Management Plan.
- X. That, this House adopts the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Co-operatives Report on Lake Bogoria Management Plan to enable gazettelement so as to ensure efficient management, conservation and even access to donors to increase the productivity of the Lake Bogoria National Reserve to the County Government and even to the community at large.

Conclusion; Mr, Speaker, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Co-operatives to move a motion for adoption of Lake Bogoria National Reserve Management Plan, 2019-2029 report.

Mr.Speaker I want to put in to the attention of this House that Lake Bogoria National Reserve is one of the key sources of revenue for this County. It is one of the features that we have in this County as a County of great diversity; this is the place where we have visitors both local and international as tourists who come to see our place.

As by law and by directive by the laws of KWS and even UNESCO it is required that every national reserve must have a management plan otherwise it will be reverted back to national management and this will lead to loss of income due to the employment opportunities we are getting.

Mr. Speaker the committee and also the Executive have done their part of designing and putting down the policies of the management plan. Here we have partners who are keen to support in the drafting and the printing we also partnered with KWS who supported this initiative and you know very well the challenges we have been having due to the Covid pandemic, the issue of water rising because of climatic change and other reasons, the lake has been seriously affected that the gate which was built not long ago had not been commissioned has been submerged by water and the infrastructure which is going round the lake has also been submerged.

We also did not have tourists this year but it is important that we approve this management plan so that we get the target of meeting the requirement of the donor who has assisted in the process and the compilation of this report.

It is now my humble appeal to this House that we approve this plan so that we abide by the rules and we appreciate soldier on in approving tourism in our County.

Mr. Speaker sir it is now my pleasure to invite Hon. Kibarar to second the motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Kibarar.

Hon. Kibarar: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second the motion. As my chair has alluded and read the report this management plan as it has been noted there is a very important thing. Every game reserve or a national park has to have it so that it manages and runs the affairs of that reserve and ours is not an exception.

In fact as a committee we want to start with this and later we shall go to other reserves and even game parks in our County and make sure that we are not left aside or the plan is not ready for all the reserves and game parks and it is reverted back to the national level.

So it is our privilege as an Assembly that if we pass this thing we are going to another mile stone in making sure that we are within the law. So it has been highlighted that... In fact I am a Member of budget, among the main sources of revenue in our County is this Lake, we have started with this but we have Lake Baringo, Lake Kapnarok and others that we are going to go there too.

It is a major source so we do not want to lose it to the national level and we want it to remain to the County the way we have been given that is why we have come up with the report. It is a protection tool as we have been told there whereby we are going to conserve and protect even that lake in order to attract more tourists in future.

It is also a source of livelihoods to our people, we find that the community finds something back at the end of it so it has been helping the community a lot. Before we brought this report to this House we had various meetings, we have listened to various stakeholders, we have got a memorandum from the Endorois welfare council and other stakeholders including donors and even other people who wish us well and we have incorporated their suggestions in this report.

I urge the Members to pass this report so that we are within the law as we have been told by our chairman. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members debate is now open. Yes Hon. Kibet.

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion. Mr. Speaker I also must declare my interest that I am in total support of this motion. This Endorois community Mr. Speaker sir for your information is also my community. I have a lot of sentimental value to attach to this.

Mr. Speaker sir the first thing that I saw in this letter is public participation that the community and Mr. Speaker the Constitution is very clear that Article 196 the County Government Act Section 87 2012 , Baringo County Assembly Standing orders number 124, stakeholder consultation .

Mr. Speaker reading through this document I have even read the community letter here and they have been explicit, these are people who have even gone to an extend to the African Court and in pursuit of fairness and justice.

Mr. Speaker I want to agree with this motion I support this motion because for the first time we are seeing a very serious attempt by Government and by the law makers to support the community.

I have seen reserve funds that will be increased to 25% if you read through Mr. Speaker the community was saying we want 25%, they have gotten 15% and the management will get 10% to maintain the lake.

Mr. Speaker the management is still the community that should not get lost because in the spirit of togetherness we expect 100% employment from that community. Mr. Speaker this motion is addressing an issue to do with automation of revenue.

Mr. Speaker for the community to get the 25% there must be proper collection of money and for the management to get the money so that they maintain there must be prudence in revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker I have also seen somewhere the Government is committing this motion is bringing out the idea that funds must be allocated, we will not rest till funds are allocated to Lake Bogoria. Mr. Speaker Baringo is scoring very low in revenue collection and if we don't take care we saw what happened in the Senate we were added another Kshs. 1.2 billion and all that money should go to revenue generation.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to continue with the trend of sharing and consuming without production we will fail and Lake Bogoria is one of our producers; it is one source of revenue for Baringo.

Mr. Speaker if you go to record in fact all the money that Baringo collects come from Lake Bogoria and it is very sad that our people have to go all the way to African Courts to achieve justice that they would have achieved here with the support of our Government.

Mr. Speaker, we should say no to subjecting our people to suffering, we must support our people at all times. If our people had even room to manage their resources we will reduce the cry and ever since we developed the Ward Fund our people now have more knowledge about how funds are utilized and the same to Lake Bogoria let it be the best place to be.

Mr. Speaker there is no reason why an individual can develop the best hotel in Lake Bogoria and the Government with the entire resources cannot develop even a single hotel Mr. Speaker. If we were to develop a good hotel in Lake Bogoria, thanks for what is happening that now we have a good road coming from Laikipia all the way to Marigat.

Mr. Speaker, the numbers of tourists will triple because they have been going all the way to Nakuru and coming back and tourists doesn't like that. Now they will be starting their journey from Nairobi they go to Mount Kenya circuit they come to Laikipia, they come to Bogoria and they go to the Western circuit and it will be a big business Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I urge that this motion should attract the highest level of attention from this House Mr. Speaker. The implementation committee should realize that this is not just like any other motion because it is the most important motion we can have in this House.

This is why Mr. Speaker... we are in recess and you called for a special sitting, there must be a reason why we came for this particular motion and the only way we can give it more reasons is by implementing it.

Mr. Speaker I congratulate our chair it is good that when you are a Leader good things come through you, good things happen during your leadership. This is going to be a legacy that the chairman of this time Hon. Tochim and we will not go without mentioning the able MCA of Mochongoi and the largest Endorois community.

I will not refuse to mention our vice chair who is also proclaimed Endorois... and also the Speaker, he is also an elder, he is part and parcel and if we bring all this energies together, Mr. Speaker I am one person who is very passionate about Baringo generating revenue, if there will be a committee that will be formed to generate revenue for Baringo let me be a Member so that we help Baringo Mr. Speaker.

There is no time that we will succeed without generating revenue, finally let us action this motion and support it a hundred percent and God will see what we have done today. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kibet. Yes Hon. Kebut.

Hon. Kebut: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion and congratulate the committee for coming up with this report. Mr. Speaker the committee has made good recommendations but I only want to go through the recommendation number three that the Government allocates more resources to Lake Bogoria National Reserve for more man power, marketing and infrastructural development. Mr. Speaker I am the chair of finance and economic planning which revenue falls under the mandate of oversight of that committee and Mr. Speaker there is a day we visited Lake Bogoria and we realized that there is a lot of loop holes in revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker the management is facing a lot of challenges, just to mention but a few, when we were there we realized that they did not have a vehicle to move around, the staff do not have furniture in their offices some of them are standing, they do not have motor bikes to assist those casuals employed by the community to do the cleaning and especially in the washrooms and there was something else I don't know if I can call it a toilet or a pit latrine.

It was in a pathetic state and upon inquiry the major complaint was that they don't have money to run operations, they only collect revenue and remit all of it to the treasury. Mr. Speaker this is our only source of revenue in fact what we are collecting in Lake Bogoria is almost three quarters of what we are getting in all the other sectors.

Mr. Speaker, I support so that we adopt this report and the implementation, I echo what the Hon. Member of Kabarnet Ward has said that it should be implemented immediately so that we can collect more revenue. Mr. Speaker there is a lot of privileges.

Mr. Speaker we spot checked some of the vehicles carrying the local tourists and unfortunately one of the buses was carrying over 45 passengers but they recorded 32 out of 45. The capacity of the vehicle is 45 and they recorded 32 and the vehicle itself had 52, so we need to take this seriously.

I think we need to cooperate with Tourism committee so that we can go deep in this sector otherwise we will not be looking so much in to the resources which we are getting from the National Government.

Mr. Speaker sir, Baringo is capable of generating revenue of over Kshs. 700 million look at what we are getting, Lake Bogoria itself is giving us around Kshs. 80 million and we are supposed to get even more like Kshs. 300 million.

Mr. Speaker the Government need to partner with the private sector so that they can lease part of it and private developers can come up with big hotels like what is happening in Maasai Mara and other areas so I support this report. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Elizabeth.

Hon. Elizabeth: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion and congratulate the Chair for Tourism for bringing this very important document to this House. Mr. Speaker, tourism is a major economic activity in our County and in recommendation number seven that we need to get marketing strategies to increase the number of visitors which will enhance revenue collection.

If you have a plan and you do not have marketing strategy even to get these visitors will be very hard. Mr. Speaker we need to have marketing strategy so that we can use the technology because nowadays technology is with us and if we have this good marketing strategies Mr. Speaker and we use our young people so that they can market Baringo to the entire world we shall be having many visitors.

Mr. Speaker when we went to Singapore the other time there is a very small place which is not even half an acre and Mr. Speaker they are getting millions of money so if we will utilize Lake Bogoria we will get enough revenue for our County Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker point number 10, I urge Members to pass this report to enable gazatement, if we have a place like Lake Bogoria and it is not gazetted then even there are some people who can even come and encroach.

So the gazatement is very important so that it can allow efficient management and also conservation and even access to donors and also to increase the productivity of Lake Bogoria. Mr. Speaker, if you go to a place like Kisumu they have brought in animals like lions and other wild animals and when you go for report writing we even pay so that we can get in to the game parks.

So we may also need some wild animals in Lake Bogoria so that it can increase revenue otherwise I support this motion and I wish it can be passed today and implemented tomorrow. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Aengwo.

Hon. Aengwo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir I also wish to add my voice to this report from the Tourism committee. I support this motion because for actual sense in Baringo if we can say what contributes to our revenue I think there are only two sectors which are livestock and tourism.

It is very unfortunate that we have turned a blind eye to especially the tourism sector we should have been putting a lot of money because it is an area that generates revenue. Therefore, this report or motion is timely because all along we have been struggling to allocate some budget to management of lake Bogoria national reserve but for this time round it is quite in order that it has a 10% of what is collected there to be ploughed back so that it can improve the structures and whatever is needed to uplift the reserve.

Mr. Speaker even what the chair finance and economic planning said about the state of the social amenities around there is actually true Mr. Speaker we need to improve it because Counties like Narokare very rich because of tourism, Mombasa are not doing anything else it is just tourism, the Coast Province is just tourism.

Mr. Speaker, the greatest part in Baringo is arid and some of those areas God were good to have given us lake Bogoria but it is unfortunate that we have not tapped the potential of lake Bogoria. I think this is high time that we really appreciate and tap this potential so that we can improve our livelihoods Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker I thank God because Covid-19. I don't understand because since the time it came money was stolen and the curve has always been coming down, the number of cases reported is down so I believe in the near future tourists will start coming in the locals and those ones from overseas. To wind up my support to this motion is that it is also shocking and I want to call upon this Assembly, Kabarnet hotel is closed up to today and it is just like the hotels we go to like the Sunset hotel in Kisumu, it is a Government institution just like Kabarnet here.

Mr. Speaker sir we have to do something, I don't know whether it falls in the tourism department but we need to also put some money to our hotel here so that also other Counties when they are coming here for benchmarking and other businesses they enjoy and leave some money in our County.

You can imagine that was our heritage, the second president left for us but it is shocking that nobody is turning an eye to it. It has just been left, employees are laid d off, nobody cares what happens, I think they are very few that they cannot even stage a demonstration like the health workers. Mr. Speaker this is the time that we should say something also about the Kabarnet hotel.

Mr. Speaker Kabarnet hotel has to be running so that our County can also get revenue, it can be domesticated so that it should not be taken to the national, the County can run and manage it and we shall get revenue. Mr. Speaker how we collect revenue is what is finishing Baringo I don't know what is so difficult about automating the revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker I think going forward if we are not careful and we continue relying on the equitable share we are not going to go far, I also call upon our chair tourism that we should not only rely on Lake Bogoria we have even Lake Kapnarok reserve but it is not giving us anything what is there is only dazzling push and pull, at any time we have not gotten anything from that reserve plus many others. So that I don't tire and others want to contribute I want to stop by saying that I support this motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Aengwo you have actually raised issues of revenue collection and it is your duty and the chair finance and tourism. Yes Hon. Kimosop.

Hon. Kimosop: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this report and from the onset I need to state that I am a Member of the committee and that I am one of the MCAs whose Wards cover Lake Bogoria , I and Hon. Kibarar and yourself Mr. Speaker. But fundamentally it is my Ward that is the major gate from this other side.

I appreciate the work of this committee and the technical team for the tireless work that they did to bring us this report and also appreciate the whole process that led us to where we are. The preparation of a management plan is a requirement as per the KWS Act and that we are actually almost late in getting the management plan. It is arequirement as per the law and also as per the national protocols all the way to UNESCO.

Mr. Speaker even as we discuss this one of Lake Bogoria we still need to insist that the executive need to move further and get a management plan for lake Baringo and a management plan for lake Kapnarok because it is a requirement of the law.

Mr. Speaker the process was rigorous ...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Majority Leader can you do the necessary.

Hon. Kimosop: Mr. Speaker the process was rigorous but I need to state that the recommendation number one has been received wholeheartedly by us the community and the leadership of that community that now we are getting 25% with clear instructions that 15% goes to the community and 10% goes to the plaguing bag for the management of the lake.

Mr. Speaker I will say something about that, that it is important to note that which percentage are we talking about that will actually go back to the maintenance of the lake, it is very easy for us to get the money for the management of the lake but if we don't maintain the lake where we are sourcing the revenue from then we risk losing the revenue and even losing the lake.

There are occasions Mr. Speaker for example lack of water, lack of boreholes, you will see animals dying all over lake Bogoria because we spend all the resources to the extent that we do not remember that we have livestock in the parks and that it needs infrastructure and maintenance.

I am happy that we are plaguing back 10% back to the community and this is the only point that I have stood here to say I am happy that we are getting 15% to the community and will be reviewed after three years to see if it will go back and the 10% is going for the management of the lake, I appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker because I was in the committee, the views that the chair raised represents the views of the committee, I think it is just prudent to allow Members to make the contributions but I think Mr. Speaker, listening to the contributions that Members have made one point that I need to state is if we can tap in to tourism actually tourism is a mine field, it is a gold that we in Baringo have actually not been able to potentially exploit it.

Mr. Speaker when we went to Dubai, I think the chair finance was with me you will be surprised on how we were paying for virtually everything for us to watch. Manmade sceneries, tourism features like even the aquariums in the Dubai mall they have created an aquarium where there is

a lot of water then they put some flying frogs and fish and that kind of thing and they are getting a lot of money because of that.

When we went for the dancing fountain to see how it is happening, they are getting a lot of money, even the way they have built a triangle and a rectangle building, for you to access it it is also a lot of money. In fact now that there is no longer oil in Dubai and the only source of income in Dubai is tourism.

So Mr. Speaker we have huge potential in fact everything in Baringo is a tourist attraction site from the way lake Bogoria is from your Ward Mr. Speaker a place called Mulkokwey up there Nyalilpuch if we could have a road going down and if we could even station our buses strategically in Nairobi, in Nakuru to ensure that people do not struggle to get transport, the only struggle to pay for transport that is available and they are able to be in Baringo and we give them option as a County that there is lake Bogoria or Lake Kapnarok so that it is one way trip with facilitation and we have avenues of where they can spend, I think that is an item that our Governor and those aspiring for Governorship and us as the leadership here need to think that we have tourism potential in Baringo.

Finally Mr. Speaker I am sincerely humbled I thank my colleagues who have spoken a head of me, I have listened to Hon. Elizabeth, Hon. Aengwo and Hon. Kibet , as a community we have been subjected to a lot of injustices, the Endorois community went through a lot, what led us to file a case in the African commission of human and people's rights was because of the challenges that we were going through and it is a big day for us today that we can listen to colleagues across Baringo.

You know the predecessor the equivalent of the MCA Kabarnet Ward when we were filing the case I African commission was the mayor of Kabarnet that time, Hon. Chelagat if I am not wrong and those are names and the equivalent of Hon. Aengwo here was Bultut those time. Mr. Speaker those are names however much we respect them and we wish that they rest in peace but those were the times that there was a lot of intolerance in Baringo.

Some of the communities like the Endorois felt that they were marginalized, minority and they were to file cases all over, that is the case with Ilchamus community and now today listening to the MCA of Kabarnet the equivalent of that mayor may his soul rest in peace and the MCA Saiomo Kipsaraman the Bultut may his soul rest in peace, talk in favor of the Endorois community it is a great day and I thank you most sincerely colleagues. God bless you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Tarus.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this motion and the report of the committee of tourism. First I congratulate the chair who is my neighbor for the good work that they have done with the committee, on the recommendation number one where it envisages increasing the amount that is given to the community from 10% to 25% to benefit the community and 15% of that 25% to go to the community whereas 10% goes to the national reserve.

This is a very good gesture which will assist in developing that particular area. It is actually plugging back what we received back to that particular reserve. Mr. Speaker if this is managed prudently then we will realize good infrastructure, even the neighbor's and the people who live around the lake will also get employment because once you make the place to be good more visitors will come in and even the community can be able to employ their own people the money

that is ploughed back can also be able to employ more people and that will be a plus for our community.

Mr. Speaker we also have number two, the department proceeds and prepares management plans for other reserves within the County. This particular report is for lakeBogoria but it has expanded to cover other national reserves like we have Kapnarok and others which maybe will be able to come up in future.

I think this report is catering for all the reserves that we have and the County Government does allocate more resources to Lake Bogoria national reserve, indeed it is very true that I joined the finance committee somewhere last year and we went round and if you look at the road that is used by the tourists you might think that that particular reserve does not bring revenue to the Baringo Government because it is neglected, it is like no one even knows that that road needs to be upgraded so that it can assist the tourists.

Mr. Speaker at one point we met some tourists, the local tourists from Nairobi who said that they had gone there that day but they would never come back reason being the nature of the road. But if we can have a management plan, we have more resources being channeled to that particular national reserve then better things will be on our way.

Mr. Speaker I want to move to number six, that collection of revenue be automated and technology be embraced for efficiency and improved performance, automation will reduce cash handling and possible embezzlement. Mr. Speaker while we were there as the committee for finance you will realize that the guys were using a motorbike to ferry millions of cash and it is only because we are in Baringo but had it been in other areas where people smell where the money is I believe bad things would have happened. But God forbid.

Mr. Speaker this is the way to go because embezzlement will not be there and also issues of security will be enhanced because of the cashless system. Recommendation number seven that the LBNR management plan should explicitly show marketing strategy to increase number of visitors hence enhances revenue collection.

This is a very important and fundamental recommendation because this will help to increase the number of tourists whether local or international tourists and this will make us to receive more money from the tourists and if this recommendations that is number one to number ten is implemented as it is and the soonest possible then we are likely to get more revenue from lake Bogoria, lake Baringo and also other reserves that we have Mr. Speaker.

Otherwise I support the motion fully and I urge that we pass this particular motion and in particular the implementation committee, Mr. Speaker we have been passing very nice motions, bills but they are gathering dust because nobody has signed them in to law for the sake of the bills, nobody has implemented the bills and motions, I don't know the reason why it is like this House is being taken for granted and we need to rise up to the occasion and make sure that what we pass because this will eventually assist our people, should be implemented fully. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is your point of concern Hon. Elizabeth.

Hon. Elizabeth Mr. Speaker my point of concern is that every Member has been talking about security and I did not see in the recommendation of the committee about maybe having a CCTV, a Member was saying a bus was having 45 passengers and they recorded 25 so if we can have a CCTV at the gate Mr. Speaker I think we will curb all these mischievous ways of this people.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Elizabeth for the clever way of putting other issues. Mover.

Hon. Tochim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Before I make my final remarks I want to appreciate the question by Hon. Elizabeth Kipsang that the document should have captured the concern of a CCTV but really it should not capture everything but this is just but a guide of how the management plan should be but you will agree with me that the document has raised automated collection of revenue and part of this automation is including the modern way of CCTV.

Mr. Speaker CCTV will also encourage seriousness and being faithful to the work by the staff so I appreciate the idea of introducing CCTV is very important and I thank all the Members who have contributed to this motion and it is my wish that this is going to be approved and it is going to be an object or a guide or one which is to be emulated by other national reserves.

This is just a small step we have taken to improve our tourism sector and revenue collection. Thank you for coming today because it is just the middle of our recess but I am really humbled by your coming and we have really deliberated and engaged on this motion and it is going to go many years, it is going to be historic that today we have approved the management plan in line with the guidelines of the national reserve and KWS together with the UNEP. I very happy, thank you very much and I appreciate this debate that we have heard today. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members Having contributed to the motion and having followed up I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Order Members. This House is Adjourned until anytime notified or to the end of the recess.

The House rose at 5.03PM.