



USES OF DRONES/REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (RPAS) IN THE NATIONAL PARKS.

The use of Drones in the National Parks is only allowed for authorized Resource Protection, Research and Training purposes. Researchers and those wishing to use Drones in the National Parks shall comply with the following requirements;

1. Applicants shall comply with provisions of The Civil Aviation (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) Regulations, 2018 and all other applicable laws of the United Republic of Tanzania
2. Applicants shall submit copies of all the required permits from the relevant authorities such as **TCAA**, **TPDF**, **COSTECH**, and Filming Board indicating the use and purpose of **RPAS** in their flight mission;
3. All users shall have a letter of approval from **TANAPA** - Conservation Commissioner of using **RPAS** within the National Parks;
4. Researchers who wish to conduct filming as their method of research shall comply with the existing **TANAPA** filming guidelines number **TNP/BDS/SOP/04**, rules, and regulations;
5. Copies of the photo and video footage obtained using **RPAS** shall be submitted to **TANAPA** for further internal review prior to publication or distribution;
6. Any user of **RPAS** within the national parks shall be attached to and accompanied with a trained **TANAPA** staff;
7. Time for launching **RPAS** should be in-line with the **TANAPA** visitor's rules and regulations;
8. There shall be no operation of more than one **RPAS** in one area of 300 Km² at a time;
9. The allowable minimum flight height above the ground level for **RPAS** should be 100m (333ft) and maximum flight height of 120m (400ft) in the designated areas
10. There shall be penalties for drone operators who violate these guidelines. Penalties shall be as per the provision of compound offences and/or confiscation of the drone;
11. Drones must not be operated in the presence of other activities that are incompatible with its operations;
12. Drones pilot must report to the respective Park Officer In-Charge with all relevant documents before commencing the activity;
13. Prospective users of Drones in National Parks shall specify the geographical locations where they intend to use the drones.
14. Permits of using drones in the National Parks shall be valid within 30 days.
15. The Conservation Commissioner has the right of revoking the permit of using **RPAS** within the National Park.