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# Sport Hunter Killed By Buffalo In Karenga Community Wildlife Area

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The Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) has expressed deep regret following the tragic passing of Mr. Frank Stuart Cox, an American sport hunter, during a scheduled hunting expedition in the Karenga Community Wildlife Area (KCWA) on February 3, 2025.

In the afternoon of the incident, Mr. Cox, accompanied by fellow American hunter Mr. Trappe Mini Rudolf Francis, a UWA ranger, and a Uganda People's Defense Force (UPDF) officer, encountered a group of five buffaloes. In the course of the hunt, one buffalo was shot but managed to retreat into a nearby thicket. Tragically, upon being located once more, the buffalo charged at the group, fatally goring Mr. Cox and seriously injuring Mr. Trappe.

“Emergency response teams were deployed immediately, and both victims were transported to the Kidepo National Park airstrip in preparation for airlifting to Kampala. Despite these rapid efforts, Mr. Cox succumbed to his injuries before the aircraft’s arrival. Mr. Trappe was successfully airlifted to Kampala for further medical attention, where he is currently receiving care.” Part of the Statement reads.

The incident has been reported to the police in Karenga, and investigations into the unfortunate circumstances are ongoing. The remains of the deceased have been transferred to Mulago Hospital City Mortuary for post-mortem examination.

UWA has conveyed heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Cox, emphasizing their commitment to safety in wildlife activities. The authority also wishes Mr. Trappe a swift and full recovery.

The Karenga Community Wildlife Area is a vital conservation zone located adjacent to Kidepo Valley National Park in the Karenga District. Managed by local communities in collaboration with the Karenga District Local Government and Uganda Wildlife Safaris, the area serves as a crucial buffer zone for wildlife dispersal and sustainable utilization. It is home to a diverse range of wildlife species, including buffaloes, antelopes, elephants, and big cats, and offers opportunities for regulated activities such as sport hunting and ecotourism.

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