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Cleanup of Nairobi river launched

The cleanup of Nairobi River was launched on 19th April 2018 at Michuki memorial park.



NEMA DG Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu addressing media during the launch of Nairobi River Cleanup at Michuki memorial Park, Nairobi [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

The launch was led by the Permanent Secretary ministry of Environment and Forestry, Charles Sunkuli, NEMA Director General Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu and representatives from the county government among other government departments. A central command centre for cleaning of the river was also been established.

During the launch, PS Sunkuli announced that the cleanup will involve a multiagency coordination where relevant stakeholders have been brought onboard. NEMA has been mapping out premises contributing to the pollution of Nairobi River since Monday 16th April 2018.

Speaking during the launch, NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu warned those involved in pollution that the

Authority will take action on them. “The Authority has been mapping premises in Dagoretti, Kawangware, Karen (Nairobi Dam), Kirichwa rivers, Mater and Kiamaiko in order to inform the clean of the river and take action against polluters,” Wahungu stated.

He added that those who have encroached on riparian reserves and polluting the rivers are advised to vacate. Some of the polluters of the river includes slaughterhouses, slums, businesses and residences.



CS Transport James Macharia and CS Environment Keriako Tobiko leads the tour of Nairobi River [PHOTO: J. OCHIENO/NEMA]

The Environment and Forestry Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko accompanied by his counterpart Transport CS, James Macharia also inspected Nairobi River on 20th April 2017 ahead of its planned cleanup and restoration programme next month.

The exercise is part of the Nairobi Regeneration Program championed by President Uhuru Kenyatta.



NEMA's Environmental Inspector holds a meeting with one of the slaughter house manager at Dagoretti slaughter houses [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]



CS Keriako Tobiko chats with DG NEMA Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu during the tour of Nairobi River [PHOTO: J.OCHIENO/NEMA]

Kiamaiko slaughterhouses closed

NEMA has closed all the slaughterhouses in Kiamaiko, Nairobi, for not complying with various regulations, especially waste management.

According to NEMA Director General, Prof. Geoffrey Wahungu the Authority has ordered the immediate closure of Kiamaiko slaughterhouses because they do not have pretreatment facilities as required of such facilities to install waste water pre-treatment facilities for quality analysis.

Prof. Wahungu added that the slaughterhouses were a major source of pollution for the river, which is currently being rehabilitated by the agency, the Ministry of Environment and the Nairobi County Government.

The operations of the slaughterhouses were officially closed on 24th April 2018 and were ordered to relocate to their site. Moreover, the operators have been directed to comply and the public advised not to engage with the Kiamaiko slaughterhouses.

Through this, the Authority, the Nairobi County Government and the Director of Veterinary Services were ordered to immediately commence decommissioning of the Kiamaiko Slaughterhouses.

NEMA plants trees at Ol Bolossat forest

NEMA participated in the planting of trees at Ol Bolossat Forest, Nyandarua County on April 10th 2018.

The ceremony was led by Nyandarua Governor H.E Francis Kimemia. NEMA was represented by Deputy Director Coastal Marine and Fresh Waters, Stephen Katua and County Director for Environment in Nyandarua County, Nancy Muui. More than 15,000 trees were planted.



NEMA Deputy Director, Mr. Stephen Katua planting a tree at Ol Bolossat Forest station [PHOTO: S. IRUNGU/NEMA]

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