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Size of Uganda

Relatively Very small Country,

- ❑ **Surface area of 236,040 Km²;**
- ❑ **Land - 199,710 Km² (84.6%)**
- ❑ **Water - 36,330 Km² (15.4%)**

Location

- ❑ **Land-Locked Country**
- ❑ Located deep **in the Great Lakes Region of Africa**
- ❑ **With 2,698 Km of International Boundary,** shared as immediate neighbor, with
 - **DRC on the West; 765Km (28.35%)**
 - **Kenya on the East; 933Km (34.58%)**
 - **Rwanda on the South West ; 169Km, (6.26%)**
 - **Sudan on the North; 435Km and (16.13%)**
 - **Tanzania in the South; 396Km. (14.68%)**

Relative Topography

- ❑ Unique panorama of a **plateau that towers over the Africa Continent.**
- ❑ **Wider Altitudinal Variations**; accounting for:
 - **Wider Climatic Conditions** in time and space.
 - **Suitable Habitats for Wide Number of Species** (Plants and Animals).
- ❑ **Lowest Point** (Lake Albert); at **621m** and, part of the Albertine Rift Valley.
- ❑ **Highest point** (Margherita of Rwenzori Mountains); at **5,110m** .

Natural Ecological Systems

- ❑ **Over Five Vegetation (Ecological) Zones of Africa converge on or are part of Uganda;**
- ❑ **This is Far much higher Compared to the Scenario of other countries on the African Continent.**
- ❑ **The Converging Zones characterise what is unique to them, namely;**
 - **the Ecological Processes, and**
 - **Life Forms, including Human**
- ❑ **Thus making Uganda Relatively very Diverse; Ecologically and Ethnically.**

Vegetation or Bio-Geographical Zone Convergence, Coupled with Altitudinal Variation Effect; Accounts for

- ❑ Enhanced Ecological and Climatic Effect, leading to the country's **Unusual Natural and Cultural Endowment**
- ❑ **Unique and Rich Ecological Mosaic**, and **High Occurrence of Rare, Endemic** (*not found elsewhere*) and **Restricted** (limited to particular habitat) **Species** (*Fauna and Flora*).

Some of the Unique Country Attributes

- ❑ **The Source of the River Nile ; as known by History and Science**
- ❑ **Permanent Snow fields on Equator; Rwenzori Mountains.**
- ❑ **Home to Lake Bunyonyi; Nature Lovers Delight, and reported as 2nd deepest Crater Lake in the World**
- ❑ **Home to a big part of the highly scenic Lake Victoria; with over 84 Islands insider Uganda.**
- ❑ **Land of Historical Cultural Self Governance; Kingdoms and Chiefdoms (4 Kingdoms Fully Functional, while two are being Negotiated under the Constitution)**

Greater Virunga Ecosystem

(Part of the Great Western Rift Valley)

□ The Albertine Rift Valley:

- Africa's richest in terms of endemic species) and threatened species.
- 35% of all African biodiversity is found in the Albertine Rift Valley

□ The Greater Virunga Ecosystem:

- The Greater Virunga Landscape (12,800Km²) is the richest landscape within the Albertine Rift.
- Has one of the most diverse habitats and altitudinal mosaic.
- Incorporates 6 of Uganda's 10 National Parks, 5 Key Wildlife Reserves, 4 Key Forest Reserves

Key Areas of Species Diversity and Richness

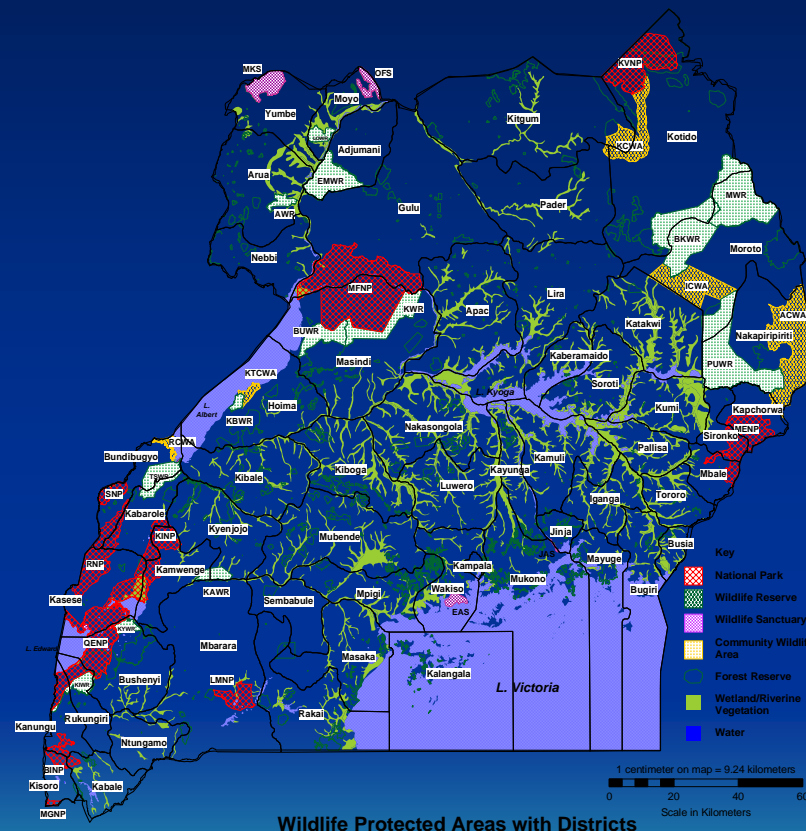
- ❑ **Very healthy Population of over 5,950 Chimpanzees (2004)**
- ❑ **At least 50% of the global population of the Rare and Endangered Mountain Gorillas - *Gorilla gorilla beringei* (at least 350),**
- ❑ **Record of 1,006 (“56”) species of birds (over 10% of worlds total),**
- ❑ **Over 4,600 plant species.**

Wildlife Conservation Areas

(And other Nature Conservation Areas (Forest Reserves and Wetlands))

Over 10% of Uganda's Surface area set aside as formal Wildlife Protected Areas

- ❑ National Parks 10; Red
- ❑ Wildlife Reserves 14; Light Yellow
- ❑ Community Wildlife Areas 5; Deep Yellow
- ❑ Wildlife Sanctuaries ; 12
- ❑ Estimated that over 50% of Wildlife still stays on land outside Wildlife Areas; much of which is privately owned and developed.



People; Culture/Tradition and Institutions

(Population: over 27m peoples)

- ❑ **Diverse, rich, well developed and vibrant cultures and traditions; with a very remarkable sense hospitality and humility.**
- ❑ **Historical variety and richness of (i) Languages, (ii) Cultures, (iii) Economies and remarkable level of (iv) Social Organisations.**

Churchill's Observations: 1908

- ❑ My journey is at an end,
- ❑ the tale is told,
- ❑ and the reader who has followed so faithfully
- ❑ and so far has a right to ask what message I bring back.
- ❑ It can be stated in three words.
- ❑ **“Concentrate upon Uganda”**

(Churchill, Observations 1908 Contn.)

- ❑ But it is alive by itself.
- ❑ It is vital;
- ❑ and in my view, in spite of its insects and its diseases,
- ❑ it **ought in the course of time to become the most prosperous** of all “our Eastern and Central African possessions”,
- ❑ and perhaps the **“financial driving wheel of all this part of the World!”**

Churchhill Observations, 1908 Cont.2

- ❑ My counsel plainly is – **“Concentrate upon Uganda!”**
- ❑ **Nowhere else in Africa will a little money go so far.**
- ❑ **Nowhere else will the results be (i) more brilliant, (ii) more substantial or (iii) more rapidly realised.**

Churchill Observations, 1908

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- ❑ Uganda is from end to end “one Beautiful garden”,
- ❑ where the staple food of the people grows almost without labor.
- ❑ Does it not sound like a paradise on earth?
- ❑ It is the Pearl of Africa

Conclusion

- ❑ **Uganda is indeed a Country Gifted by Nature:**
 - ❑ **Unusually endowed with Natural and cultural heritage, both renewable and none renewable.**
 - ❑ **Hospitable and humorous peoples**
 - ❑ **Mild weather all year around for the whole country**

Conclusion (Cont.)

- ❑ There is need for timely and strategically moderated interventions, in order to achieve meaningful visibility and impact on a highly competitive regional and global market.
- ❑ Tourism is the fastest growing sectors of the national services sector of the economy, which however faces a host of challenges; one of which is developing the Religious and Cultural Tourism.



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