

# *Field trip to Mabamba Wetland*

*Wednesday 20,2019*



Mabamba Wetland is an extensive marsh of 16,500 ha stretching through a long narrow bay, fringed with papyrus towards the main body of Lake Victoria in Mpigi District. Mabamba is one of the wetlands of international importance (a Ramsar site since 2006). It is an Important Bird Area and has grown into one of the most interesting and spectacular sites for birding in Uganda. It is one of the few sites where the elusive Shoebill stork can be seen in the natural environment. Mabamba boasts over 260 bird species.

The community in Mabamba Wetland is organized under a site support group called the Mabamba Wetland Ecotourism Association comprising of fishermen, bird guides, huntsmen, farmers and crafts women all depending on this same resource.

## Field trip schedule

7 am A bus will pick us up from the hotel and take us to the Mabamba wetland, where we will be boarding wooden boats taking us around the wetlands, each with a local guide.

11 am After the boat tour, we will go to the Nkima Forest Lodge for lunch. At the lodge, there is opportunity to take a walk in the surrounding forest area, see a breathtaking view of the wetland, or just relax and take a swim in the swimming pool.

4 pm Back at the hotel



## Nkima Forest Lodge

is located in its own patch of indigenous forest on Nansubuga hill overlooking the Mabamba Wetlands. This eco-friendly lodge has been built with minimal disturbance to the surrounding forest and the open grassland on top of the hill. The forest has numerous bird species, as well as Red-tailed monkeys (after which the lodge is named) and Vervet monkeys. The site also has many species of butterflies and insects, as well as smaller mammals such as squirrels, mongoose, and bushbabies.

The lodge offers freshly cooked food with a limited, but changing menu covering a range of cuisines, and caters for all dietary requirements. The chefs have been trained by the owners, who take a personal interest in the quality of the food. There is also a swimming pool with chairs and loungers.

## Practicalities

We recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and binoculars.

For those of you who might want to do a private tour before or after the meetings, you can contact

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