# DRONE REGULATIONS - EAST AFRICA

#### **KENYA**

Is it legal to fly recrea- tional drones in your country?	Yes, subject to acquiring the correct licenses from the government	
Are there any regula- tions on flying recrea- tional drones at pre- sent?	<ul> <li>A person shall not operate a RPAS above 400 feet above Ground Level and within 50 meters of any person, vessel, vehicle or structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the RPAS.</li> <li>A person shall not operate a RPAS at night; or beyond visual line of sight (VIoS)</li> <li>A person shall not operate a RPAS near an aerodrome</li> </ul>	
Do you need a licence or any certification to fly recreational drones?	Yes. One is required to got approval from the Ministry of Defence and authorization from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority.	
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet	
What is the law on rec- reational drones in your top tourist loca- tions?	Flying drones in National Parks is forbidden.	
More information and Registration Form	https://www.kcaa.or.ke/sites/default/files/publication/ Draft_CiviAviation_Unmanned_Aircraft_Systems_Regulations_2019_Revised.pdf	

#### TANZANIA

Is it legal to fly recre- ational drones in your country?	Yes subject to acquiring the correct licenses from the government.	
	Drones should be flown during the day in convenient weather and not near airports, military bases and government buildings.	
Do you need a li- cence or any certifi- cation to fly recrea- tional drones?	You need to seek and obtain permit from: 1. Filming board of Tanzania 2. Permanent Secretary Ministry of Defence 3. Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) 4. Conservation Commissioner-Tanzania National Parks 400 feet	
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet	
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	<ul> <li>Tanzania national parks (TANAPA) do not allow anyone to enter with and/ use the drone inside the park. However, application be made to the conservation commissioner Tanzania National Parks attaching copies of the permits from Ministry of Defence, Filming board and TCAA.</li> <li>Drone must be flown (operated) not less than 50 meters from the ground</li> <li>Drone must NOT be flown in the presence of other un related tourists</li> <li>Operator must report to the chief park warden before commencing the activity</li> <li>Drone must be operated under the supervision of park personnel</li> <li>Apart from other relevant park fees, the operator must pay the ranger service fee</li> <li>The operator shall pick and drop the park personnel (ranger) at the authorized point( office/ ranger post/ residential area/ gate)</li> <li>For Serengeti no drones shall be flown during crossing.</li> <li>No drones shall be flown in the vicinity of a property (unless owners of the facility approves).</li> </ul>	
More information and Registration Form	http://www.tcaa.go.tz/files/Air%20Navigation%20Services/Aeronatical%20Information% 20Circulars/AIC%2005%20-%202017%20Unmanned%20Aircraft%20Systems.pdf	

### RWANDA

Is it legal to fly recre- ational drones in your country?	Yes subject to acquiring the correct licenses from the government.	
	<ul> <li>The unmanned aircraft system regulations provide for an enhanced regulatory and permit framework for unmanned aircraft operations in Rwanda. The enhanced framework:</li> <li>provide for operations of RPA of maximum take-off weight not exceeding 25 kilograms;</li> <li>limit the operations of RPA to visual line of sight (VLOS) operations (i.e., the lateral distance between the RPA and the remote pilot must not be more than 300 metres);</li> <li>prohibit flying an RPA at a speed exceeding 87 knots (100 metres/hour);</li> <li>prohibit operators from flying or operating an RPA above an altitude of 100 metres;</li> <li>prohibit operations of RPA at lateral distance of less than 50 m from any person, building, structure, vehicle, vessel or animal not associated with the remotely piloted aircraft opera-</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>tion;</li> <li>prohibit an RPA from fly over people or congested areas unless a permit is issued;</li> <li>prohibit operators from flying or operating an RPA within 10 km of an aerodrome regardless of height, unless authorized to do so;</li> <li>prohibit an RPA from overflying or taking photographs of a prohibited areas;</li> <li>prohibit night operations of RPA;</li> <li>prohibit a person from acting as a pilot or operator flying more than one RPAS at the same time;</li> <li>require operators to obtain a permit or certificate to fly or operate an RPA;</li> <li>require operators of RPAS to subscribe for liability insurance;</li> <li>provide the necessary enforcement powers to deter malicious or dangerous RPAS activities which may threaten public safety and security;</li> </ul>	
Do you need a li- cence or any certifi- cation to fly recrea- tional drones?	Yes. You need a permit from the civil aviation authority if you want to fly an RPAS outdoors.	
What is the maximum height recreational drones can be flown above ground level?	300 feet	
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	N/A	
More information and Registration Form	https://www.caa.gov.rw/fileadmin/templates/Regulatory_Services/ Frequently_asked_questions_on_flying_drones_in_Rwanda.pdf	

## UGANDA

Is it legal to fly recreational drones in your country?	Yes, subject to acquiring the correct licenses from the government.
Are there any regulations on flying rec- reational drones at present?	<ul> <li>Do not fly your drone over people or crowds of people</li> <li>Respect other peoples privacy when flying your drone</li> <li>Do not fly your drone near military installations, power plants, or any other area that could cause concern among local authorities</li> <li>Do not fly your drone near airports or in areas were aircraft are operating</li> <li>You must fly during daylight hours and only fly in good weather conditions</li> </ul>
Do you need a licence or any certifica- tion to fly recreational drones?	Yes. The licence is being given upon a formal application to the Commander of Defence Forces and the Civil Aviation Authority.
What is the maximum height recreation- al drones can be flown above ground level?	400 feet
What is the law on recreational drones in your top tourist locations?	Flying drones in National Parks is forbidden.
More information and Registration Form	Contact the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority



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