

## **Decision 46 COM 7A.51**

### **Lake Turkana National Parks (Kenya) (N 801bis)**

#### **Executive Summary of the report**

The Lake Turkana National Parks were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list in 1997 with a minor boundary modification in 2001. The site was inscribed in the list of World Heritage in Danger in June 2018. A Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of the Site from the list of Sites in Danger (DSOCR) was submitted and adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session held in New Delhi India in 2024. Kenya participated in a training workshop in December 2024 in Rabat, Morocco organized by ICESCO that focussed on the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of the site from the list of sites in danger. The DSOCR has been refined and a funding proposal is under development.

Concerning the current state of the site, the climate change phenomenon has been acute at the site. There has been a rapid rise in the lake levels within the last 5 years which has resulted in large areas of the lake shore being inundated by water affecting the aquatic zone of the park and some of KWS and NMK physical infrastructure.

Assessment of wildlife species numbers was carried out done in October, 2024 and community engagement exercises were undertaken jointly done by United Nations Environmental Programme, KWS and NMK. Routine management activities are ongoing including park security patrols.