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PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Forestry and Wildlife hereby wishes to inform the general public that a tragic incident involving wild elephants occurred on Thursday, 19 November 2026, at about 4 pm, in the Crater Lake area, within the Mount Cameroon National Park, South-West Region.

Sadly, the incident resulted in the death of a tourist of Swiss national who was part of a tourist hike group of 11 (eleven) persons comprising 6 (six) tourists, 1 (one) guide and 4 (four) porters.

The relevant decentralised services of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, in collaboration with the competent administrative, judicial, security and health authorities, have taken necessary measures to provide assistance and care to the survivors, recover the deceased's remains and establish the exact circumstances surrounding this tragic incident.

On behalf of the Government of Cameroon and in his own name, the Minister of Forestry and Wildlife decries such a loss in human life and extends his deepest condolences to the family of the deceased, his loved ones and the Swiss community. He also expresses his profound sympathy to all other members of the group affected by this tragic event.

On this occasion, he reaffirms the great importance the Government attaches to the safety of visitors in Protected Areas and to the prevention of risks associated with the presence of wild animals in their natural habitat.

Thus, he urges all visitors to strictly comply with the safety instructions, to follow authorised routes and to heed to instructions issued by the various authorities, without prejudice to the preventive and safety measures implemented by relevant authorities.

Finally, the Minister of Forestry and Wildlife reiterates Government's commitment to promoting responsible nature-based tourism, that strikes a balance between the protection of people, biodiversity conservation and respect for the natural behaviour of wildlife.

Done in Yaounde, 21 NOV 2026

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