

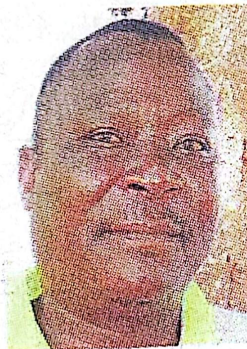
Wildlife authority gives Kamdini farmers ox-ploughs

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The Uganda Wildlife Authority, in partnership with the African Wildlife Foundation, has urged farmers in Juma parish, Kamdini sub-county, Oyam district, to embrace modern commercial farming through which most of their concerns could be addressed.

The community liaison officer for the districts that border Murchison Falls conservation area, Geoffrey Oula, was on Monday speaking to members of Kamkwani Chilli Growers Association in Akuridia village.



Oula said the African Wildlife Foundation was committed to supporting farmers of Acholi and Lango, especially those neighbouring the park with start-up capital in the form of ox-ploughs. He encouraged farmers to persist in chilli cultivation to improve their household income and distributed nine ox-ploughs worth sh2m to the association.

Meanwhile, Godfrey Lubangakene, the warden for community conservation attached to Karuma wildlife reserve, noted that the human-wildlife conflict, reduced from 89% to 25% due to hardworking rangers.

Lubangakene said farmers and community wildlife scouts in Bombeyi and Apala "B" village have volunteered, trained in entrepreneurship and stray animal management measures.



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