

## Nature Reserve's – The Abuko Nature Reserve

Abuko is the Gambia's most visited tourist attraction receiving approximately 33,000 visitors per year.

### I – Series of Wildlife in Abuko Nature Reserve (WWF) -1976

Leopard, Statunga , Serval Cat, Harnessed Antelope



In 1967 wildlife officer Eddie Brewer and his daughter Stella Marsden visited the area and realised the conservation importance of the forest and its wildlife. Brewer made a request to the government for the area to be protected. In 1968 the Department of Wildlife, now the Gambia Department of Parks and Wildlife Management was established at the reserve.

### III – Series of Butterflies in Abuko Nature Reserve (WWF) – 1980

Large Spotted Acraea , Yellow Pansy , Veined Swallowtail , Foxy Charaxes



Nature reserves play an important role in achieving sustainable development and preserving the stability and balance of the environment .They also provide a suitable environment for conducting scientific research and protecting the biological diversity in addition to investing the marginal lands in addition to developing tourism industry.

### II – Series of Birds in Abuko Nature Reserve (WWF) -1978

Verreaux's Eagle-Owl

Lizard Buzzard

African Harrier-Hawk

Long-crested Eagle

