

L.I. 1452-WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1989

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Provisional National Defence Council by section 11 of the Wild Animals Preservation Act 1961 (Act 43), these Regulations are made this 4th day of July, 1988

L.I. 685 amended

1. The Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685) as L.I. 685 amended is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) by the insertion immediately after sub-regulation (4) of regulation 4 thereof the following new sub-regulations

(5) No person shall at any time as group hunters, hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal

(6) Sub-regulation 5 shall not apply to hunting in a group by any persons for the purpose of a cultural festival for which a license has been granted

(b) By the substitution for regulation 5 thereof of the following new regulations:

"Offences"

(5) "Any person who contravenes any provision of regulations 1 to 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ₦10,000.00 or to imprisonment not exceeding twelve months or both and any vehicle or implement found to have been used in the commission of the offence shall be confiscated to the State"

(c) By the insertion immediately after regulation 6 of the following new regulations:

Trading in bush meat
without license is prohibited

6A (1) no person shall trade in bush-meat unless he is the holder of a license granted to him for that purpose

(2) An application for a licence under this regulation shall be made to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer or his representative in the District of residence of the applicant and shall be accompanied by such fees as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall determine

(3) Eighty percent of all fees collected for licence issued under this regulation shall be paid into the account of the relevant District Assembly and the remaining twenty percent shall be paid into the central government account

Keeping of wild animals
without licence prohibited

6B (1) No person shall keep a wild animal as a pet unless he is the holder of a license issued by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer or his representative for that purpose

(2) Application for license to keep a wild animal as a pet shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer or his representative in the area of residence of the applicant accompanied by such fees as may be determined by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

(3) The Chief Game and Wildlife Officer may in granting a licence under this section stipulate the conditions under which the wild animal shall be kept

(4) A license granted under this section may for stated reasons be withdrawn and the pet confiscated to the State

(5) All fees collected for licenses issued under the regulation shall be paid into central government account

(6) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions or regulation 6A or 6B commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding ₵10,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both.

(d) By the insertion immediately after sub-regulation (1) (c) of regulation 9 thereof of the following paragraphs

"(d) Where he has reason to suspect that the license will be used for group hunting or that clubs, sticks, cudgels or dogs will be used in the hunting; or

(e) Where the applicant is known to be involved in group hunting or associated with group hunters";

(e) By the insertion immediately after sub-regulation (2) of regulation 14 thereof of the following

(3) Where an exporter has been convicted of any infringement against any rules, regulations or directions relating to export trade of wildlife such person shall be banned from exporting wildlife for such period as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall determine

Interpretation

2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires

"Bush meat" means meat from any undomesticated animal, and

"Group hunting" means a group of two or more individuals hunting together and whose activities complement one another's for the purpose of hunting

Commandment

3. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of March 1989.

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