

[Act No. 1798, October 12, 1907]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMAL LIFE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person in the Philippine Islands to hunt, wound, take, or kill, or have in his or her possession, living or dead, or to purchase, offer, or expose for sale, transport, ship, or export, alive or dead:

(a) Any wild bird, other than a game bird. No part of the plumage, skin, or body of any such bird shall be sold or had in possession for sale: *Provided, however,* That the birds commonly known as eagles, hawks, owls, crows, galancian, and mayas shall not be included among the birds protected by this Act: *And provided further,* That nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to prohibit the keeping of any bird for a domestic pet;

(b) Any goose, duck, rail, coot, mudhen, gallinule, shore bird, plover, surf bird, snipe, woodcock, sandpiper, tatler, curlew, wild chicken, pheasant, quail, pigeon, dove, hornbill, mound builder, or brush turkey, or such other game birds as shall hereafter be added to this list, in case the Secretary of the Interior, as hereinafter provided, shall establish a close season for such birds or any of them;

(c) Any deer, musk deer, tamaraw, squirrel, or lemur, or such other mammal as shall hereafter be added to this list in case the Secretary of the Interior, as hereinafter provided, shall establish a close season for such mammals.

And it shall be unlawful for any person to take or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird protected by this Act or to have such nest or eggs in his or her possession except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, wound, take, or kill any of the birds or mammals protected by this Act in any other manner than by the use of a gun, spear, lance, or bow and arrow, and no person shall at any time lay or set any trap, snare, net, bird lime, swivel gun, deer lick, pitfall, or any other contrivance or device whatever with intent to catch, take, or kill any of the birds or mammals protected by this Act, or make use of any-artificial light, battery, or other deception or contrivance whatever with intent to attract or deceive any of the birds or mammals protected by this Act, except that decoys may be used in hunting game birds. The constructing or setting of a trap or snare adapted for taking or killing birds or mammals protected by this Act shall be prima facie evidence of such constructing and setting with intent to take or kill

SEC. 3. The foregoing sections of this Act shall not apply to anyone who may hunt, wound, take, or kill any bird or mammal or who may take the eggs of any bird in order to secure food for himself or his family; nor to any person holding a permit conferring upon him the right to take birds, their nests or eggs, and mammals for scientific or other purposes. A permit may be granted by the Secretary of the