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An Act for the protection, preservation and management of wildlife for the purposes of maintaining a healthy ecosystem and safeguarding public safety and health, and for related matters.

[18/2020]

[22 October 1965]

Short title

1. This Act is the Wildlife Act 1965.

[18/2020]

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal” includes any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish or invertebrate, whether of a wild nature or otherwise;

“animal-related business” means —

- (a) the operation of any place or establishment for the purpose of —

- (i) using or holding animals for display, sport, entertainment, sale, breeding or conservation;

or

- (ii) the care, boarding, grooming, treatment, vaccination, inoculation, training or destruction of animals, for reward;

- (b) the provision of any service relating to the care, boarding, grooming, treatment, vaccination,

inoculation, training, transportation, capture or destruction of animals, for reward; or

(c) the operation of any animal rescue or welfare organisation or facility,

but does not include any business in respect of animals intended for consumption;

“authorised officer” means any person appointed under section 4(2) by the Director-General to be an authorised officer;

“Board” means the National Parks Board established by the repealed National Parks Act (Cap. 198A, 1991 Revised Edition) as in force before 1 July 1996 and continued by section 3 of the National Parks Board Act 1996;

“conveyance” includes any vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or other mode of transport;

“Director-General” means the Director-General, Wildlife Management appointed under section 4(1);

“enforcement officer” means an authorised officer, a police officer or an officer of customs;

“limited liability partnership” has the meaning given by the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005;

“officer of customs” has the meaning given by the Customs Act 1960;

“owner” includes any person for the time being in charge of any wildlife (whether alive or dead), part of a wildlife, article, conveyance or other thing, and any person for the time being in occupation of any building;

“place” means any public or private place and includes —

(a) any land, whether built on or not;

(b) any body of water; and

(c) any area, whether or not enclosed, and whether above-ground, underground or underwater;