

National Parks Bill

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Read the first time on 13th March 1990.

An Act to make provision for national parks and nature reserves and to establish a National Parks Board and for matters connected therewith, and to repeal the Nature Reserves Act (Chapter 205 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the National Parks Act 1990 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“animal” means any member of the animal kingdom including birds, reptiles, fish and every kind of vertebrate and invertebrate and the eggs and young thereof;

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Parks Board established under section 4;

“Botanic Gardens” means any area of land designated as such for the time being in Part I of the First Schedule;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section 6 and includes any temporary Chairman so appointed;

“Fort Canning Park” means any area of land designated as such for the time being in Part I of the First Schedule;

“national parks” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part I of the First Schedule;

“nature reserves” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part II of the First Schedule;

“plant” means any member of the plant kingdom including Angiosperms, Gymnosperms, Pteridophytes, Bryophytes, Algae, Lichens and Fungi.

PART II

NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES

Establishment of national parks and nature reserves

3.—(1) The lands designated in Part I of the First Schedule are hereby declared as national parks.

(2) The lands designated in Part II of the First Schedule are hereby declared as nature reserves.

(3) National parks and nature reserves are hereby dedicated, set aside and reserved for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) the propagation, protection and preservation of the flora and fauna of Singapore;
- (b) the study, research and preservation of objects and places of aesthetic, historical or scientific interest; and
- (c) the study, research and dissemination of knowledge in botany, horticulture, biotechnology, and natural and local history.

(4) The Minister may, after consultation with the Board, by order amend the