

Wild Animals and Birds Ordinance

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An Ordinance to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Wild Animals and Birds Ordinance (*Chapter 238 of the Revised Edition*).

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Wild Animals and Birds Ordinance, 1964, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“Director” means the Director of Primary Production and includes the Assistant Director of Primary Production (Veterinary);

“veterinary authority” means the Director of Primary Production, the Assistant Director of Primary Production (Veterinary), the Senior Primary Production Officer (Veterinary), and includes any person appointed in writing by the Director of Primary Production to be the veterinary authority under the provisions of subsection (2) of section 3 of the Animals Ordinance, 1964 (Ord. of 1964);

“wild animals and birds” include all species of animals and birds, *ferae naturae*, but shall not include domestic dogs and cats, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, domestic pigs, poultry and ducks.

Power to make orders

3. The Minister may by order —

- (a) declare the time of the year during which any wild animal or bird shall not be killed or taken;
- (b) declare the time of the year which shall be deemed to be the breeding season of any wild animal or bird;
- (c) prohibit within the State or any part thereof the killing or taking of any wild animal or bird;
- (d) prohibit within the State or any part thereof the netting, snaring or taking by means of any contrivance of any wild animal or bird;
- (e) provide for the licensing of places where wild animals and birds are kept in captivity and the fees that shall be payable for the issue of a licence; and
- (f) provide for the control, registration and licensing of any species of wild animal or bird.

Penalty for killing or keeping wild animals or birds without a licence

Schedule

4.—(1) Any person who kills, takes or keeps any wild animal or bird other than those specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance without a licence shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and to the forfeiture of the wild animal or bird.

(2) The Minister may from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, add to, alter or amend the Schedule to this Ordinance.

Defence of property

5.—(1) Nothing in this Ordinance shall make it unlawful for the occupier or person in charge of any land to kill or take any wild animal or bird found damaging or destroying the crops or any other property thereon.

(2) In any prosecution under this Ordinance, the onus of proof of the fact that any wild animal or bird was found damaging or destroying crops or other property shall be upon the person who makes such an allegation.