

Legal Notice No 36 of 1978

THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT, 1977

(Act. No. 1 of 1977)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 58 of the Act)

Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1978

1. THESE REGULATIONS may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1978, and shall come into force on the 1st April 1978.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms and phrases defined in the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under that Act, and in addition:

Act" means the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977.

NATIONAL RESERVES

3. Copies of the Regulations and other Rules applicable within a national reserve shall be available on request to any visitor to such reserve subject to the payment of a nominal fee therefor to cover the cost of printing.

Copies of
The Regu-
lations to
be available

4. Except with the permission of the Director or an authorised officer in charge of a national reserve no person shall enter or leave such reserve elsewhere than at an approved entrance or exit, and any person entering shall pay such fees as may be prescribed by the Director.

Approved
entrances
and fees

5.—(1) Except as otherwise authorised under the Act no person shall molest, provoke, or disturb any animal within any national reserve.

Disturbing
animals in
national re-
serve prohi-
bited

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation, any person who approaches or follows any animal, or makes any sudden movement or noise or flashes a light or does anything else in such a manner as intentionally to cause any animal to move away from where it is, or to change its direction of travel, or to increase its pace or speed, or to become frightened or to stampede, shall be deemed to have disturbed an animal.

6. No person shall, within any national reserve, except with the permission of the Director or other authorized officer of a national reserve.

Act prohibi-
ted within a
national Re-
serve

(a) light any fire;

(b) drive any vehicle other than on an approved road;

(c) sound a motor horn within a national reserve;

(d) enter any area of the national reserve that has been declared closed to the public;

(e) introduce into or remove from the national reserve any animal including any domestic animal, or vegetation;

(j) place, erect, move, destroy or interfere with any notice, fence, gate, boundary marker or other such thing;

(g) destroy or defence any object, whether animate or inanimate.

Training
within a na-
tional reserve

7. No person shall, except with the permission of the Director—

(a) display any notice or advertisement within the national reserve or at any entrance to or on the boundary of the national reserve;

(b) collect any money from members of the public, or sell any goods, or offer any goods for sale or carry on any trade or business within the national reserve.

Discarding
litter prohibi-
ted.

8. No person shall, within any national reserve—

(a) discard any refuse or litter or in any other way disfigure the national reserve;

(b) discard any lighted cigarette, match, or any other article or material likely to cause a fire;

(c) unnecessarily cause or make any noise, or do any act which is likely to disturb or annoy any other person.

itors to
comply with
lawful orders
of the Direc-
tors etc.

9.—(1) The Director or other authorized officer in charge of a national reserve may issue orders, notices, and directions, either orally or in writing, for the purposes of—

(a) preventing any damage or injury to any animal or plant, or any behaviour on the part of any visitor to the national reserve which is likely to disturb or provoke any animal;

(b) ensuring the safety of visitors in the national reserve;

(c) preventing the causing of any nuisance within the national reserve;

(d) ensuring that the provisions of the Act and these Regulations are complied with.

(2) The Director, or other authorized officer in charge of a national reserve, may issue orders, notices, and directives, either orally or in writing for the purpose of closing off any area or part of the national reserve for purposes of administration or management of the national reserve.

(3) It shall be a condition of any person's entry into any national reserve that he shall comply with any lawful order, notice, or direction given pursuant to this Regulation.

(4) If any person fails to comply with or contravenes any order, notice, or direction issued pursuant to this Regulation, the Director or other authorized officer in charge may require such person to leave the national reserve forthwith, without refund of any fees paid, and if such person refuses to leave the national reserve forthwith, such person may be forcibly expelled from such reserve.

HUNTING LICENCES

10.—(1) Only smooth-bore shotguns shall be used for the hunting of birds and, except as allowed under subsection (2) of this section, all other weapons shall be prohibited in hunting.

Weapons restricted in hunting

(2) Only smooth-bore shotguns using not lighter than S. G. ammunition or rifles with a calibre not less than 9 mm or 300 shall be used for hunting warthogs.

11.—(1) Licences issued under section 15 of the Act shall be of the type and in the form set out in schedule I of these Regulations, and shall be subject to the payment of fees as prescribed in that Schedule and to any conditions prescribed on the licence or at the time of issue and only persons who are residents of The Gambia may be issued such licences.

Forms and fees for hunting licence, and Register of kills
Schedule I

(2) Every person issued a licence under these Regulations shall keep current throughout the hunting season and available at any time for inspection by an authorized officer the Register of Kills Form attached to the licence, and such form shall be submitted to the Wild life Conservation Department, Abuko, Kombo St. Mary, within 21 days following the close of the season for which the licence applies, and failure to properly submit such form may jeopardize the issue of any future hunting licence to that person.

12. Applications for licences shall be made in writing in the form set out in Schedule II of these Regulations.

Applications for licences
Schedule II

13. Pursuant to section 13 of the Act, the species of animals specified in Schedule III may be lawfully hunted in accordance with a valid hunting licence during the seasons of the year specified therein, and pursuant to the bag limits, if any, per day and per season, specified in Schedule III.

Animals that may be hunted
Schedule III

14. Except as provided in Regulations 13 and 18 of these Regulations, all other species of animals in The Gambia are hereby protected.

All other animals protected

15. Licences issued under these Regulations shall be valid for such period of time, not exceeding one year, as may be specified on the licence, except that no licence shall extend beyond the period of validity of the holder's firearms licence or permit.

Validity of licences

16. Any licence issued pursuant to these Regulations shall be personal to the holder and shall not be transferable.

Non-transferability

17. No licence may be issued to any person under these Regulations unless the issuing officer is satisfied that such person is fully familiar with the relevant provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

Familiarity with Regulations and Acts.

18. Pursuant to section 27 of the Act, the animals listed in Schedule IV of these Regulations are hereby declared to be vermin and it shall not be an offence for any person to hunt without a hunting licence any such vermin in any area of The Gambia except in a protected area.

Declaration of Verm in Schedule IV

SCHEDULE I
HUNTING LICENCES

Republic of The Gambia Bird Licence issued Under section 15 of the
Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977

NON TRANSFERABLE, TO BE ISSUED ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF
THE GAMBIA

No

Name

Address in The Gambia

is hereby authorised to hunt birds of the kind and up to the maximum numbers specified in the appropriate Part of Schedule III of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1978.

Fee paid.....

Date of issue.....

Place of issue

Licence valid from 15th December 19 to the following 31st August, 19

(Issuing Officer)

Conditions of issue:

1. All birds killed under this licence must be recorded on the Register of Kills Form attached to this licence.
2. Any holder of this licence shall be familiar with Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977, and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1979.
3. This licence shall be carried on the person of the holder and shall be available for inspection at any time by an authorized officer, and failure to produce such licence upon request may result in confiscation of animals already hunted and seizure of firearms.
4. The Register of Kills Form attached to this licence shall be accurately maintained throughout the hunting season, and the completed form shall be submitted to the Wildlife Conservation Department, Abuko, Kombo St. Mary, The Gambia within 21 days of the close of the season. Additional Register of Kills forms are available upon request from the same address.
5. Such other conditions as may be prescribed at the time of issue

SCHEDULE 1 — REGISTER OF KILLS

(Attached to hunting licence)

Date Name of Bird Killed Location Number Killed (Bag)

SCHEDULE 1 — LICENCE FEES

Licence Fee for a Game Licence.....D15 per annum

SCHEDULE II

(Application for Hunting Licence issued under section 17 of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977)

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this application form in all parts appropriate.

Application is hereby made for the issue of the following licence.
.....Bird Licence

Name..... Address in The Gambia.....

Give the following particulars of any firearm(s) you intend to use:
Make..... Calibre.....Serial Number.....
Firearms Licence Number..... Date and Place
of issue.....
..... valid until

Declaration to be signed by all applicants:

I hereby declare that the above particulars are correct and that I am familiar with the requirements of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977, and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1978. I further declare that I am competent in all matters related to this licence and that I do not suffer from any disease or handicap that would make me incompetent with respect to this licence.

Place of Application:

Date:

Fees enclosed:

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Signature of Applicant.

SCHEDULE III

Part A: SPECIES AND SEASONS FOR LAWFUL HUNTING

(declared pursuant to section 13 of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977)

1. Game Birds which may be legally hunted during the season beginning 1st April and ending after 31st August of every year:

Species

Bush Fowl (*Francolinus bicalcaratus*)
Guinea Fowl (*Numida maleagris galeata*)
Sandgrouse (*Eremialector quiadricinctus*)

2. Waterfowl which may be legally hunted during the season beginning 15th December and ending after 31st March of every year:

Species

Spur-winged Goose (*Plectropterus gambensis*)

Knob-billed Goose (*Sarkidornis melanotus*)
Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)
White Faced Tree Duck (*Dendrocygna Bicolor*)

Pochard (*Aythya ferina*)
Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)
Shoveler (*Spatula clypeata*)
Pintail (*Anas acuta*)
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

3. Pigeons and Doves which may be legally hunted during the season beginning 1st April and ending after 31st August of every year:

Rock Pigeon (*Columba Livia*)
Speckled Pigeon (*Columba guinea*)
Bruce's Green Pigeon (*Treron waalia*),
Green Pigeon (*Treron avstralis mudirostris*) (Swain)
Red Eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*)
Vinsceous Dove (*Streplotoelia senegalensis*)
Laughing Dove (*Stigmatopelia senegalensis*)
Blue Spotted Wood Dove (*Turtur after*)

Part B: BAG LIMIT FOR SPECIES LISTED UNDER PART A OF SCHEDULE

1. Bag limits for Game Birds listed under Part A of Schedule III

<i>Species</i>	<i>Bag limit: Per day</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bush Fowl	6 per day	100 per season
Sandgrouse	6 per day	100 per season
Guinea Fowl	2 per day	25 per season

2. Bag limits for waterfowl listed under Part A of Schedule III.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Bag limit: Per day</i>	<i>Total</i>
Spur-winged Goose	3 per day	35 per season
Knob-billed Goose	3 per day	35 per season
Garganey	3 per day	35 per season

<i>Species</i>	<i>Bag limit: per day</i>	<i>Total</i>
White Faced Tree Duck	3 per day	35 per season
Pochard	3 per day	20 per season
Tufted Duck	3 per day	20 per season
Shoveler	3 per day	20 per season
Pintail	3 per day	20 per season
Mallard	3 per day	20 per season

3. Bag limits for Pigeons and Doves listed under Part A of Schedule III.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Bag limit: Per day</i>	<i>Total</i>
All species	A total bag of 20 per day	250 per season

SCHEDULE IV

DECLARATION OF VERMIN

(Made under Section 27 of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977)

The following animals are declared to be vermin for purposes of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1977, and it shall not be an offence for any person to hunt without a hunting licence any such vermin in any area in The Gambia except in a protected area:

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>
Norman Vermin:	
House and Warehouse Rodents	
Gambian Giant Rat	<i>Cricetomys emini</i>
Warthog	<i>Phacocheirus aethiopicus</i>
Avian vermin:	
Black Headed Village Weaver	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
Black Head Weaver	<i>Ploceus melanocephalus</i>

MADE at Banjul this 21st day of December 1978.

A. M. CAMARA,
Vice President.