

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

No. 13



of 2025

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title and commencement
2. Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 38:01
3. Amendment of section 73 of the Act
4. Amendment of section 92 of the Act

An Act to amend the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act.

Date of Assent: 07.05.2025

Date of Commencement: ON NOTICE

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Amendment) Act, 2025 and shall come into operation on such a date as the Minister may, by Order published in the <i>Gazette</i>, appoint.</p> | <p>Short title and commencement</p> |
| <p>2. The Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act) is amended in section 2 by inserting in their correct alphabetical order, the following new definitions —</p> <p>(a) “arms of war” has the same meaning as assigned under the Arms and Ammunition Act; and</p> <p>(b) “firearm” has the same meaning as assigned under the Arms and Ammunition Act.</p> | <p>Amendment to section 2 of Cap. 38:01</p> <p>Cap. 24:01</p> |
| <p>3. Section 73 is amended by —</p> <p>“(3) Where it is necessary for the discharge of his duties or the exercise of his power under this Act, and notwithstanding the provisions of the Arms and Ammunition Act, a wildlife officer may carry a fire-arm not covered under the Arms and Ammunition Act or arms of war with him, even on land of which he is not the owner, for the —</p> <p>(a) protection of himself or any other person;</p> <p>(b) prevention or investigation of offences against this Act; or</p> <p>(c) arrest of any person committing or suspected of committing an offence under this Act; and</p> | <p>Amendment of section 73 of the Act</p> |

Amendment of
section 92 of
the Act

- (b) inserting immediately after subsection (3), the following new subsection —
“(3A) The Director, the Commander, Botswana Defence Force and the Commissioner, Botswana Police Service shall determine the type of arms of war to be used in terms of subsection (3).”.
- 4. Section 92 of the Act is amended by —
 - (a) substituting paragraph (n), the following new paragraph —
“(n) the control of the use of and the administration of firearms and arms of war; and
 - (b) inserting immediately after paragraph (n), the following new paragraph —
“(o) the conditions of service.”.

PASSED by the National Assembly this 1st day of April, 2025.

DR. GABRIEL G. G. MALEBANG,
Clerk of the National Assembly.