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A Law to provide for better Control, Conservation, and Management of Wild Animals and for connected Purposes (By Notice) Title
Date of
commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of Eastern Nigeria as follows-

Enactment.

PART I. - PRELIMINARY

1. This Law may be cited as the Wild Animals Law, 1965, and shall commence on a date to be appointed by the Governor by notice in the Eastern Nigeria Gazette.

Short title and com. mencement.

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Lat-
 - "animal" means a vertebrate or invertebrate, dead or alive, or a part thereof, and bird, reptile, fish, and the nest, egg or egg-shell thereof;
 - "fire-arm" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Fire- arms Act;
 - "Government" means the Government of Eastern Nigeria;
 - "hunt" includes intentionally to cause injury or attempt to cause in jury to an animal;
 - "Minister" mean the Minister for the time being charges with responsibility for Wild Life Preservation;
 - "trophy" means a prohibited animal or specially protected animal whether alive or dead or anything which is part of or produced from a prohibited animal or specially protected animal or part thereof, but does not include a part of such an animal which has by a bona fide process of manufacture lost its original identity;
 - "wild animal" means an animal not normally found in a domesticated state.

Appointment of officers.

3. For the purpose of this Law there shall be appointed a chief game warden, game wardens, and such other officers and employees as may be necessary.

Appointment

- 4. (1) So soon as may be after the commencement of this Lay, the Minister may appoint a committee to be known as the Wild Animals Preservation Advisory Committee (hereinafter called the Advisory Committee).
 - (2) It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee to advise and make recommendations to the Minister on all matters and questions relating to the wild animals of Eastern Nigeria.
 - (3) The Advisory Committee shall consist of a Chairman who shall be the chief game warden, and such number of other members not exceeding eight, as the Minister may determine.
 - (4) The members of the Advisory Committee may be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Minister may determine.
- PART II. PROHIBITED ANIMALS, SPECIALLY PROTECTED ANIMALS, AND PROTECTED ANIMALS.

Prohibited animals. (First Schedule)

- 5. The animals specified in the First Schedule are prohibited animals.
 - 6. (1) The Minister may, on such conditions as he may specify, permit a person in writing to hunt a prohibited animals but so that such a permission shall be given only for important scientific purposes or for essential administrative reasons.
 - (2) A person who hunts or is in possession of a prohibited animal otherwise than in accordance with a written permission of the Minister under this section is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of five hundred pounds or imprisonment for three years or both.

7. The animals specified in the Second and Third Schedules are specially protected animals and protected animals respectively

Specially protecteded animals and protected animals.

- 8. (1) The chief game warden may-
 - (a) with the approval of the Minister, grant a licence to a person to hunt or be in possession of a specially protected animal; or
 - (b) grant a licence to a person to hunt or be in possession of a protected animal.
 - (2) Subject to section 12, a person who hunts or is in possession of a specially protected animal or a protected animal except in accordance with a licence granted under this section is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or amprisonment for six months or both.

- 9. (1) Where a person who nolds a licence under section 8, is Cancellation convicted of an offence under this Law then—

 (a) the court convicting that person may, in add—sion of
 - (a) the court convicting that person may, in addition to any other penalty imposed by this Law-

(i) cancel the licence, or

- (ii) suspend it for a specified period, and
- (b) the person convicted shall produce the licence with such time as the Court may direct for the purpose of endorsement.
- (2) A licence which is suspended under subsection (1) is, during the period of suspension, of no effect and shall for that term be retained in the custody of the Court.
- (3) A person whose licence is suspended shall during the period of suspension be disqualified from holding a licence under this Law.
- 10. (1) Notwithstanding sections 6 and 8, a person shall not hunt the female of-
 - (a) a prohibited animal,
 - (b) a specially protected animal, or
 - (c) a protected animal.

when that animal is accompanied by its young or the young of the same species unless he is otherwise specially authorized so to do under this Law.

(2) A person who without special authority hunts the female of an animal of the kind mentioned in subsection. (1) in the circumstances mentioned in that subsection, is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months or both.

11. (1) A permission in writing, or a licence issued under this Law covers-

(b) any other person employed by the holder to assist him.

female animals with young prohibited.

Hunting of

licence

Permission or licence covers assistants,

(a) the holder, and

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(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) a person employed to assist the holder of a permission or licence shall not discharge any fire-arm in hunting the animal in respect of which the permission or licence is issued.

Killing animals in self defence.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law, a person commits no offence under this law by reason only that in defence of himself or his property or other person he kills-
 - (a) a prohibited animal,
 - (b) a specially protected animal, or
 - (c) a protected animal.
- (2) A person who kills an animal of the kind mentioned in subsection (1) and in the circumstances specified in that subsection shall, not more than two weeks after the killing, report the jilling to a game warden.
- (3) Where the holder of a written permission or a licence under this Law kills, in defence of life or property, an animal covered by the permission or licence, the killing shall be deemed to have been by virtue of such a permission or licence as the case may be, and the holder of the permission or licence shall enter the animal killed against the number of the species of animals which he is authorized to kill by the permission or licence.

Exemption from permission or licence.

13. A person residing in any area in Eastern Nigeria. who is entitled to traditional hunting rights may hunt a protected animal in that area without a licence provided his method of hunting does not involve a breach of a provision of this Law orthe regulations made thereunder.

PART III. - GAME RESERVES, GAME SANCTUARIES AND CLOSE SEASONS

Game reserves.

14. Subject to this Law, the Ministry may be order-

- (a) declare an area to be a game reserve, or
- (b) define or alter the limits of a game reserve, or
- (c) declare that an area shall cease to be a game reserve.

Notice of intention to create game reserve.

- (1) Before constituting an area a game reserve, the Minister shall publish a notice in the Eastern Nigeria Gazette-
 - (a) specifying, as nearly as may be, the situation and limits of the area which it is proposed to declare a game reserve;
 - (b) declaring that it is intended to constitute that area a game reserve; and
 - (c) appointing, by name, an officer to be a Game Reserve Settlement Officer (hereinafter referred to as the Settlement Officer) for the proposed game reserve.
- (2) Upon the publication of a notice under subsection (1) the Settlement Officer shall-
 - (i) in a prominent position on the land it is intended to declare a game reserve, and
 - (ii) in the offices of the Local Government Council having jurisdiction in the area, and to be read.

and interpreted to the ibhabitants of the area in every District or County Court situated or having jurisdiction in the area; in the language or languages commonly spoken in that area; and

- (b) invite persons having claims to any right or interest in, or respecting the land to be declared a game reserve to make those claims;
- (c) fix, and in the manner prescribed in paragraph (a) make known a period (Not earlier than three months from the publication of the notice) within which, and a place to or at which, persons or communities claiming those rights or interests shall either send to the Settlement Officer written statements of their claims or appear before him and state orally the nature and extent of their rights.
- 16. As soon as may be after the expiration of the period fixed under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 15 the Settlement Officer shall conduct an inquiry into-

(a) the limits and boundaries of the area specified in the notice under subsection (1) of section 15, and

(b) the substance of all claims to rights in, over, or affecting the land in the area specified in that notice, and

upon the completion of the inquiry shall compile a report thereof in which he shall-

(i) determine the limits of the land specified in the notice, and

(ii) determine, with all such particulars as may be necessary to define their nature, duration, incidence and extent, all claims submitted to him or otherwise brought to his knowledge in respect of the area specified in that notice, and state whether he admits or rejects them wholly orin part.

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(1) For the purpose of an inquiry under section 16, the Settlement Officer may procure all such evidence, written or oral, and examine all such persons and witnesses as he may consider necessary and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may-

Judicial powers of the inquiring officer.

- (a) require the evidence of a witness to be made on such oath as could be required of the witness if he were giving evidence in a Magistrate's Court;
- (b) summon a person in Eastern Nigeria to attend an inquiry in order to give evidence, and examine him as a witness or require him to produce a document or otherthing in in his possession;
- (c) issue a warrant to compel the attendance of a person who has-
 - (i) been summoned to attend under paragraph (b), and
 - (ii) filled to do so, and
- (d) order the person mentioned in paragraph(c) to pay the cost of compelling his attendance incurred by reason.

of his refusal to obey the summons and in addition impose on him a fine pot exceeding fifty pounds which shall be recoverable in like manner as a fine imposed by a Magistrate's Court;

(e) enter any land for the purpose of obtaining information or evidence.

- (2) A person summonsed under this section who, without lawful excuse or justification-
 - (a) refuses to attend as a witness, or
 - (b) neglects, to make an answer or to produce a book, paper or other document in his possession which he is requested to make or produce, as the case may be, is guilty of an offence;

Penalty, a fine of ten pounds.

- 18. Upon the completion of the inquiry the Settlement Officer shall submit a report to the Minister through the chief game warden.
- 19. Where the chief game warden is of the opinion that the exercise of any rights or claims admitted would-
 - (a) stultify the objects of the proposed game reserve, or
 - (b) seriously hinder the efficient management of the game reserve.

he shall advise the Minister accordingly and thereupon the Ministermay either-

- (c) extinguish those rights or claims upon the payment of adequate monetary compensation or the granting, in exchange, of similar rights on other similarly situated land within or without the final boundaries of the proposed game reserve; or
- (d) confine or restrict those rights or claims to a specified area either within or without the final boundaries of the proposed game reserve, or restrict the exercise of those rights to specified times of the year; or
- (a) amend the boundaries of the game reserve so as to exclude there from the area over which those rights or claims have been admitted; or
- (f) add such rights as he considers just and equitable notwithstanding that the Settlement Officer has not admitted them; or
- (g) adopt wholly or in part a combination of any two or more of the foregoing methods of dealing with admitted rights or claims.
 - (1) The Minister shall, after considering the report and settling rights and claims in the manner prescribed under section 19 publish a notice in the Eastern Nigeria Gazette specifying-
 - (a) the lands which it is finally intended to constitute a game reserve;
 - (b) the rights which may be exercised within the game reserve and the area to which the exercise is confined or restricted; and
 - (c) other special conditions affecting the game reserve.

Submission of report of inquiry.

Powers of the Minister with respect to rights admitted.

Notice as to final boundaries and settlement of rights and claims.

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Appeal.

- (2)The notice shall be made known to the people of the area in the manner described in section 15 and be communicated to every person who, or to the representative of every community which, made a claim to the Settlement Officer.
- 21. (1) Where a person who has made a claim on his own behalf, or the representative of a community which has made a claim, is aggrieved by the settlement of his claim or right as decided by the Minister, he may, within three months of the publication of the notice under section 20, appeal to the High Court having jurisdiction in the area of the proposed game reserve against thedecision of the Minister.

(2) The decision, on appeal, of the High Court shall be final.

- (3) Subject to this section, the Chief Justice may make rules of Court providing for the conduct of appeals before the High Court and for the procedure to be followed and the method of tendering evidence in those appeals.
- 22, (1) If there is no appeal at the expiration of the period specified in section 21 or, if there has been an appeal, after the determination of the appeal, the Minister may make an order constituting as a game reserve the land in respect of which an enquiry has been held.

Order establishing game

(2) The order shall-

(2)

- define the limits of the land which (a) constitutes the game reserve, and
- set forth the rights which may be exercised within the game reserve and the area to which the exercise is confined or restricted, including such rights, if any, as may have been established by the High Court upon an appeal, and
- contain such other conditions affecting the lands as the Minister may impose.
- (3)The order shall be published in the Eastern Nigeria Gazette and shall be made known to the people of the area by the Settlement Officer in the manner prescribed by paragraph (a) of section 15 in respect of a notice under subsection (2) of section
- (4) Unless the Minister otherwise indicates, the date of publication of the order in the Gazette is the date on which the land becomes a game reserve.
- 23. (1)The Minister may from time to time revise or modify, by order, an order made under section 22 after such inquiry as he may think fit.

In revising or modifying an order, the Minister may do all or any of the following acts-

- (a) exercise the powers conferred by section 19,
- (b) admit such rights as he may consider just and equitable,
- (c) declare that the whole or any part of the reserve shall cease to be a game reserve.

reserve.

Modification of Orders.

25.

Closure of

ways and watercourses.

Extinguishment and restriction of unclaimed rights.

Extinguishment of right for non-user.

Rights not to be alienated without consent of Minister.

Acts prohibited in proposed game reserve. 24. Subject to this Law or other written law the Minister may close

- (a) a way, or
- (b) à watercourse,

situated in a game reserve if another way or watercourse which is in his opinion, equally convenient exists or is provided.

- Subject to this section a right in, over, or affecting any land constituted a game reserve which is unclaimed or which is not in any way brought to the knowledge of the Settlement Officer at the time of an inquiry under section 16 shall, for the purposes of this Law, be deemed extinguished as from and including the date of commencement of an order made under section 22.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law a person may, within one year from the date of the publication of a notice undersection 20, claim any right of which he was possessed at the time of an inquiry under section 16 but which, for sufficient reason shown to the Minister, he failed to claim, and the Minister may admit and deal with the right in such manner as he is empowered to do under section 19.
- 26. A right in a game reserve which is not exercised for a period of ten years shall be deemed to have been extinguished.
 - A person shall not alienate, whether by 27 (1)sale, mortgage, on transfer, a right affecting land included in a game reserve without the prior consent of the Minister and a sale, mortgage, or transfer effect without such a consent shall be null and void.
 - (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of thirty pounds or imprisonment for two months or both.

- (3) The Minister may extinguish a right which a person attempts to alienate contrary to subsection (1).
- 28. During the period between the publication (1) of the notice referred to in subsection (1) of section 15 and the order constituting the game reserve in accordance with section 22, a person shall not acquire any right within the lands specified in the notice otherwise than by succession or under a grant or contract in writing entered into with the approval of the Minister.
 - Save as hereinafter provided, during the period specified in subsection (1) a person shall not, within the lands affected by the notice referred to in that subsection
 - erect a new dwelling house, or (a)
 - (b) clear any land fo farming or cultivation
 - (c) Cuit a tree on
 - hunt, capture, or kill a wild (d) animal.
 - Nothing in subsection (2) shall be deemed (3) to prohibit an act done with the permission in writing of a game warden.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months, or both.

29. (1) A person, other than a game warden or other employee of Government on duty, shall not enter a game reserve except under the authority of this Law or the regulations made thereunder.

Restrict_on of entry to game reserve.

(2) A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of thirty pounds or imprisonment for two months or both.

30. (1) A person who, in a game reserve, and without an authority under this Law or the regulations made thereunder-

Offence in game reserve.

- (a) hunts or takes possession of a wild animals, or
- (b) takes any forest produce, or
- (c) uproots, burns, or strips the bark or leaves from, or otherwise damages a tree, or
- (d) sets fire to grass or herbage, or kindles a fire without taking due precaution to prevent its spreading, or
- (e) pastures cattle or permits cattle to trespass; or
- (f) digs, cuts, turns or cultiviates the soil or makes a farm or plantation, or
- (g) constructs a dam or weir across a river or stream or otherwise obstructs the channel of a river or stream, or
- (h) resides in or erects a new building or makes a camp, or
- (i) fishes or attempts to kill a fish, or
- (j) sets a snare, net, trap, or other instrument for the purpose of catching or killing an animal or which is likely to catch, kill or injure an animal, or
- (k) drives or stampedes or in any way disturbs unnecessarily an animal.

is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months or both.

- (2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the chief game warden or a game warden acting on the instructions of the chief game warden from doing an act prohibited by subsection (1).
- (3) In this section, "forest produce" has the meaning assigned to it in the Forest Law.
- 31. (1) A County Council may, with the approval of the Minister-

Game sanctuary

- (a) declare an area to be a game sanctuary, or
- (b) declare that a game sanctuary shall cease to be a game sanctuary.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided in this Law or in the regulations made thereunder, a person who hunts a wild animal within the limits of a game sanctuary, is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months or both.

Declaration of close season.

- 32. (1) The Minister may from time to time by order declare a period of time to be a close season for any animal, whether a prohibited animal, a specially protected animal or a protected animal or other wild animal, and the declaration may be-
 - (a) general, or
 - (b) restricted to the limits of the area defined in the order.
 - (2) Where a period of time has been declared a close season for an animal, a person who hunts that animal within the area in respect of which the close season applies. is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of one hundred gounds or imprisonment for six months or both.

PART IV. - RESTRICTION ON METHODS OF HUNTING AND DESTROYING WILD ANIMALS

Restriction on killing fish.

33. A person who kills or captures any fish with poison or, without the permission in writing of the Minister, with any dynamite or other explosive or any electrical method or device, is guilty of an offence: Penalty, a fine of one hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months, or both.

34. (1) A person who-

Prohibiting use of motor vehicle or aircraft to hunt or stampede

animals.

- shoots a wild animal from an aircraft (a) or from a vehicle or craft propelled by mechanical means, or
- (b) uses an aircraft or mechanically propelled vehicle in such a manner as to drive away, stampede or disturb a wild animal.

is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of thirty pounds or imprisonment for two months or both.

- (2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed-
 - (a) to prevent a person from shooting, in accordance with this Law or the regulations thereunder, a wild fowl or crocodile from a launch or other river craft, or
 - (b) to affect the right of an occupier of land used for public purpose to use a motor vehicle or aircraft for the purpose of driving away, capturing or destroying an animal found on such a land where the drving away, capture, or destruction is not contrary to a written law.

PART V .- TRAFFIC IN TROPHIES

Possession of trophies. A person shall not possess a trophy or manufacture anything from a trophy unless-

- (a) the trophy has been obtained in accordance with this Law and is registered as a trophy in accordance with section 37, or
- the person is specifically (b) authorized in writing by the Minister or other person appointed by the Minister for the purpose, to possess the trophy.

(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of five hundred pounds or imprisonment for three years, or both.

36. In this haw the burden of prowing that a trophy is lawfully obtained is on the person who alleges that it is so obtained.

Onus of proof of lawful possession.

- 37. (1) A person possessing a trophy shall declare the trophy to a game warden who shall, upon Declaration satisfactory proof by the possessor that the of trophy trophy has been lawfully obtained, register the trophy and deliver to the possessor a free disposal permit in respect thereof in which the the trophy shall be identified.
 - (2) Where a trophy has been declared and registered, the game warden shall make identification marks on the trophy in accordance with regulations made under section 50 and shall enter a description of the identification marks on the free disposal permit.
 - (3) A person who-
 - (a) possesses a trophy otherwise than in accordance with this Law, or
 - b) fails to declare a trophy to a game warden,

is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of thirty pounds or imprisonment for two months or both.

38. (1) A person shall not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of a trophy which is not registered or in respect of which a free disposal permit has not been issued.

Disposal of trophy.

- (2) A person transferring, selling, or otherwise disposing of a trophy shall, upon such a transfer, sale, or disposition, transfer with the trophy the relevant free disposal permit which shall be proof that the possession of the trophy is lawful.
- (3) A person shall not purchase, receive, or otherwise obtain from another person a trophy which is not lawfully obtained.
- 39. A wild animal killed or captured in accordance with section 12 or section 43 or a carcase or remains reported to a game warden in accordance with section 41 shall be property of the Government.

40. The Minister may authorize the disposal, by sale or otherwise, of a wild animal or a part of wild animal which has become property of the Government by virtue of section 39.

- 41. (1) A person who finds the carcase or remains of an elephant or rhinoceros with the tusk or horn intact shall report the find to game warden within two weeks of the finding.
 - (2) The Minister may direct the payment of a reward to a person reporting a find under subsection (1).

Government ownership of animals.

Disposal of apimal which has become Government property. Finding remains of elephant or rhinoceros.

()) Where the person reporting the find in accordance with subsection (1) is the holder of a licence to hunt elephant or rhinoceros, he may take possession of the tusk or horn as the case may be, as if he had killed the animal from which the tusk or horn is taken by virtue of the licence.

Finding remains of other specially protected animals.

42. Where a person finds the remains of a specially protected animal other than an elephant or a rhinoceros and wishes to obtain possession thereof, he shall report the find to a game warden who may, on being satisfied that the circumstances of the finding to not constitute an offence, dispose of the remains to such a person on payment of such fees as may be provided for in regulations under section 50.

PART VI. - GENERAL

Destruction of animals for necessity.

43. (1) Where-

- (a) in order to protect human life or any property or to prevent the destruction of crops, domestic stock, or of necessity in time of famine, or
- (b) for any requirement relating to public health or public order, it is shown to the Minister or such other officer as he may appoint for the purpose that it is necessary or expedient to capture or destroy a wild animal, the Minister or that other officer may authorize a person to capture or destory that wild animal.
- (2) An authority given in accordance with this section shall-
 - (a) specify the number and species of wild animals that may be captured or destroyed;
 - (b) specify the area within which the wild animal may be captured or destroyed;
 - (c) specify the period, not being more than three months at any one time from the date of the authority, for which the authority shall be valid; and
 - (d) prescribe the method by which the wild animal may be killed or captured, where or not such a method is allowed by this Law or the regulations made thereunder having regard to the prevention of unnecessary suffering or destruction.
- 44. Where the animal killed in pursuance of and under an authority given under section 43 is an elephant the person authorized to kill the animal shall, within a period of not more than twenty-one days from the date of killing the animal, surrender the tusks of that animal to the chief game warden who shall then dispose of the tusks in accordance with the directions of the Minister.
- 45. Where a game warden suspects that an offence has been committed against the provisions of this Law or of the regulations made thereunder, he may himself search or authorize another person to search in his presence a baggage, page, vehicle, dwelling house, tent, caravan or article belonging to or under the control of the suspected offender or of the suspected offender's agent or servant and if the game warden or that other person finds an animal or part of an animal appearing to him to.

Where animal killed for necessity is an elephant.

Power to search for and seize animals.

have been killed or captured in contravention of this Law or of the regulations made thereunder; he shall seize and take that animal or that part of the animal and immediately cause the offender to be prosecuted.

46. A game warden may arrest without warnant a person whom he reasonably suspects of having committed an offence against this Law or the regulations made thereunder if that person-

Power of arrest.

- (a) on the demand of the game warden refuses to give his name and address, or
- (b) gives a name or address which is false or which the game warden has reason to believe to be talse, or
- (c) is likely to abscond.

and the game warden shall immediately cause that person to be prosecuted.

47. Where a fine is imposed in a proceeding under this Law or a regulation made thereunder, the Court imposing the fine may at its discretion direct that when the fine is paid a sum not exceeding half the amount of the fine shall be paid to the person, if any, who game the information leading to the conviction.

48. (1) A person shall not take the egg or egg-shell of a bird which is declared by this Law to be a specially protected animal unless-

- (a) the person is authorized so to do under this Law, or
- (b) the bird is lawfully kept in a domesticated estate.
- (2) A person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence:

Penalty, a fine of thirty pounds or imprisonment for two months or both.

49. In any proceeding for an offence against this Law or the regulations made thereunder the chief game warden shall be the prosecutor.

Prosecution.

- 50 The Minister may make regulations for doing all or any Regulations of the following-
 - (a) regulating the application for, issue, form, conditions, and fees payable in respect of a licence or permit to be issued under this Law;
 - (b) prescribing or altering the number of animals of a species or variety that may be hunted by virtue of a licence issued in accordance with this Law;
 - (c) prescribing or altering the limits of the areas in which an animal declared to be a specially protected animal or protected animal or other wild animal not so delcared may not be hunted, captured, or killed unless otherwise authorized under this Law;
 - (d) regulating the possession, purchase, sale, transfer or disposal of a wild animal;
 - (e) regulating the manufacture of any article from a trophy;
 - (f) requiring the holder of a licence, permit, or authority issued in accordance with this Law to submit the licence, permit or authority to a prescribed officer for endorsement or for other purpose;

Payment for information leading to conviction of offend Eggs of specially protected birds.

- (g) providing for the issue of a duplicate where a licence or permit is lost or destroyed:
- (h) prohibiting or regulating the capture or killing of fish, whether a specified fish or not, either generally or in specified waters;
- (i) providing for the protection of spawning beds;
- (j) prohibiting the making or use of game pits, nets, traps or other instruments for the purpose of hunting wild animals either generally or in specified areas;
- (k) prohibiting the use of fire for the purpose of hunting a wild animal;
- (1) providing for the declaration, registration, marking, and identification of trophies.
- (m) prohibiting the possession or carrying of a specified kind of fire-arms, lamps, or other instruments when used or likely to be used or capable of being used for hunting;
- (n) requiring the holder of a licence issued in accordance with this Law to keep a true register of wild animals hunted, captured, or killed under the licence;
- (o) regulating the keeping of wild animals in captivity;
- (p) regulating the keeping of wild animals in wild animal ranching generally;
- (q) regulating the conditions of entry to game reserves and game sanctuaries;
- (r) regulating the management of game reserves and game sanctuaries;
- (s) declaring an animal to be vermin and declaring an animal not to be vermin and providing for the eradication or control of vermin;
- (t) providing forthe fees ot be charged under this Law:
- (u) generally for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law.
- 51. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law, where a person is convicted for an offence under this Law or the Regulations made thereunder committed with fire-arms or other instruments, the Court may in additiont to the prescribed punishment, order the confiscation or destruction of the fire-arms or other instruments.
 - 52. The Wild Animal's Preservation Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Power of Court to confiscate arms or other instruments.

Repeal of Cap. 232 of Laws of Nigeria, 1948 Edition.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Chimpanzee	• • •	•••		• • •	•••	•••		Pan troglodytes.
Dama Gazelle	• •	•••		• • •	•••	•••		Gazella dama
Derby's Eland	•••	•••	• • •	•••	• • •		•••	Taurotragus derbianus
Dorcase gazelle	• • •	•••	•••	•••	• • •	•••	•••	(Loxodonta africana. (Loxodonta cyclotis.
Giraffe	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		•••	Giraffa camlopardalis.
Gorilla	• • •	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •		•••	Gorilla gorilla.
Manates	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	•••	Tricheçus senegalensis
Pigmy Hippotamus	• • •		• • •	• • •	•••	4 • •	•••	Choeropsis liberiensis.
Rhinoceros	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		Diceros bicornis.

SECOND SCHEDULE											
Caracal or Deser	t Lynx	• • •	• • •		• • •	• • •	Felis caracal.				
Cheetah	• • •		•••	• • •	e - 4.	• • •	Acinonyx jubatus.				
Colobus monkey	• • •	• • •			• • •		(Colobus polykomos.				
							(Colobus badius.				
Mature Elephant	• • •	• • •	• • • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	(Loxodonta africana. (Loxodonta cyclotis.				
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Hippopotamus, ot	ner than	the j	Pigmy	итрр	opota		Hippopotamus amphibius.				
Klipspringer	• • •	• • •	• • .•	• • •	• • •	•••	Oreotragus oreotragus.				
Situtunga	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		Limnotragus spekii.				
Crowned Crane			• • •	• • •	• • •		Balearica Pavonina pavonina.				
European Stock	• • •	• • •		• • •	• • •		Ciconia species.				
Greater Bustard	• • •	• • •					Ardeotis arab stieberi.				
Great White Hero	n	• • •					Casmerodiud albus				
William William							melanorhyneos.				
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Ostrich	• • •	• • •		• • •			Struthio camelus.				
Secretary Bird	• • •	• • •	•••	* * *	• • •	• • •	Saggitarius serpentarius gambiensis.				
Vultures			• • •	• • •	•••		All species.				
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Bushbucks		essed	Ante	торея	3 :						
West African Bus			• • •	• • •			Tragelaphus scriptus.				
S hari Bushbuck U bangi Bushbuck		• • •	• • •		• • •		Tragelaphus pietus. Tragelaphus signatus.				
Bushcow or Buffa	10	9		•••	•.••		Syncerus nanus.				
Duikers:	1 0	• • •	• • •	• •	• • •		by noor us hamus.				
Bay Duiker	• • •			• • •			Cephalopus dosalis.				
Black Duiker							Cephalopus niger.				
Ogilbys Duiker	• • •			• • •	• • •		Cephalopus ogilbyi.				
Red Flanked Duik	er	• • •		• • •	• • •		Cephalopus rufliatus.				
Yellow Backed Du	iker						Cephalopus silvicutor.				
Blue Duiker		• • •	• • •				Philantomba caerulus.				
Maxwells Duiker	• • •						Philantomba maxwelii.				
Grimus Duiker	• • •			• • •			Silvicapra grimmia.				
Hartebeests:							, ,				
Weastern Hartebe	est	• • •	• • •	• • •			Alcelaphus buselaphus.				
Senegal Hartebee	st	• • •	• • •	• • •	· • •	• • •.	Damalisous Keoyrigum.				
Kobs: Buffons Kob							Adenota kob.				
Lake Chad Kob	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •		Adenota adolfi friderici.				
Benue Kob	• • •	• • •	• • •		•••		Adenota loderi.				
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Waterbuch	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •			Kobus defasa.				
Reedbuck	• • •	• • •		• • •	0 • 0		Redunca nigeriencis.				
Oribi	0		• • •		a • •		Ourebia ouebi.				
Red Fronted Gaze		• • •	• • •		÷ • •		Gazella rufifrons.				
Red River Hog	* • •		* • •.		• • •		Potamochoerus porcus.				
Roan Antelope	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •		Hippotragus equins.				
Abyssinian Groun	d Hornbil	11	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	Bucorvus abyssinious.				
							(Pelecanus onoerotalus.				
Pelican.	• • •	• • •	• • •		• • •		(Pelecanus refesens.				
							(Pelecanus roceus.				

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Legislative Houses and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

L. O. OMCRO Clerk of the Legislature.