

S. I. No. 43 of 1976

THE TURTLES ORDINANCE  
(Chapter 141)

**The Green Turtles Protection Regulations, 1976.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 and 12 of the Turtles Ordinance the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Green Turtles Protection Regulations 1976 and shall apply throughout Seychelles.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise permits—

“closed season” means the period beginning on the 1st day of November in any year and terminating on the last day of February in the following year ;

“open season” means the period beginning on the 1st day of March in any year and terminating on the last day of October in the same year ;

“sale” includes exchange or barter ;

“turtle” means the green turtle or tortue de mer.

3. Save as otherwise provided in regulation 9 of these regulations, it shall be unlawful for any person to harpoon, kill, destroy or take possession of any female turtle for any reason whatsoever.

4. Save as otherwise provided in regulation 9 of these regulations, no person shall purchase, sell, exhibit for sale, export or be in possession of any female turtle, either alive or dead, or of the meat of a female turtle, of calipee and of other products of female turtles at any time of the year.

5. Save as otherwise provided in regulation 9 of these regulations, no person shall purchase, sell, exhibit for sale, export or be in possession of any male turtle, either alive or dead, or of the meat of a male turtle, of calipee and of other products of male turtles during the closed season.

6. Save as otherwise provided in regulation 9 of these regulations, it shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession of any form of turtle meat which has been preserved by salting : *(Revised & replaced by S.I. 51/77.)*

Provided that during the open season any person, other than a person referred to in regulation 7(2) of these regulations, may have in his possession, at any one time up to, but not more than, two kilograms of the meat of a male turtle which has been preserved by salting and which meat is solely for his own consumption and not for sale or other commercial purpose.

7.—(1) The sale, serving or possession of turtle meat or of any part or product of a male or female turtle on or off the premises of any hotel, guesthouse, restaurant or any place where food or drink is sold for consumption on or off the premises, is prohibited.

(2) Any person who sells or causes to be sold or buys or causes to be bought or serves or consumes or possesses turtle meat or any part or product of a male or female turtle in any place mentioned in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

8. Save as otherwise provided in regulation 9 of these regulations no turtle, male or female, or any part or product thereof may be exported from Seychelles.

9.—(1) The Minister may grant to any person a special licence in writing authorising that person, his servants, or agents, to catch and rear turtles subject to such conditions as the Minister may think fit and the catching and rearing

of turtles in accordance with a licence in force under this regulation shall be exempt from the operation of the foregoing provisions of these regulations.

(2) A licence granted under this regulation may at any time be amended, varied or revoked.

10. Any person who contravenes the provisions of regulations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 of these regulations or who contravenes the conditions of any licence granted by the Minister under the provisions of regulation 9 shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one thousand rupees and to imprisonment for one year.

Offences and penalties.

11. Any provision of the Ordinance or of any regulation made thereunder which is contrary to or inconsistent with any provisions of these regulations shall stand suspended for such time as the latter provision remains in force.

Suspension of certain provisions of the Ordinance and of the regulations made thereunder.

12. The Green Turtles Protection Regulations are hereby revoked.

Revocation of S. I. No. 91 of 1968  
S. I. No. 102 of 1968.

Made by the Minister on the *seventh* day of June, 1976.

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