

SECTION 2

THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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SI. 40 of 1968.
SI. 19 of 1999

[18th April, 1966]

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4. No person shall shoot etc., any protected bird.
5. No person shall take etc., eggs or nests of any protected bird.
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Citation. 1 These regulations may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection Regulations.

Interpretation. 2 In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires "bird" means a wild land or sea bird whether alive or dead and includes the plumage or skin thereof.

Birds declared protected. 3(1) All birds, except as hereafter provided, are hereby declared to be protected throughout Seychelles during the whole year.

(2) The following birds shall not be protected -

- (a) the Cardinal Bird or Tisserin (*Foudia Madagascariensis*), the African Barn Owl or Hibou, the Mynah and the House Sparrow;

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- (b) the Seychelles Bulbul or Merle (*Ixocincla Crasirostris*) on the islands of Frigate, La Digue and Praslin, from the 15th April to the 15th November (both dates inclusive);
- (c) the Cattle Egret or Madame Paton (*Bubulcus Ibis*) and the Grey Heron or Florentin (*Ardea Cinerea*) on the islands where sea birds lay their eggs and listed in the Schedule to the Birds' Eggs (Collection) Regulations;
- (d) the nestling of the Wedge-tailed Shearwater or Fouquet (*Procellaria Pacifica Hamiltoni*) from the 1st January to the 31st March (both dates inclusive) on all islands except Beacon or Ile Séche, Les Mamelles, North Cousin or Cousin, South Cousin or Cousin and Vache Marine.

No person
shall shoot
etc., any
protected
bird.

- 4 No person shall -
- (1) shoot, kill or take, or
 - (2) purchase, sell or exhibit for sale, or export, any bird declared to be protected under regulation 3.

No person
shall take
etc., eggs or
nests of any
protected
bird.
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- 5 No person shall take, purchase, sell, exhibit for sale, destroy or tamper with the eggs or nests of any bird declared to be protected under regulation 3:

Provided that this regulation shall not be deemed to affect in any way the provisions of Birds' Eggs Act and of any regulations made thereunder which shall have full force and effect.

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WILD ANIMALS AND BIRD PROTECTION ACT

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Culling
and controlling
of bird
population

5A.(1) The Minister may, in the interest of public health and safety or for the purposes of conservation of a species or sub-species of wild animal or bird, authorise by notice in the *Gazette*, the culling, selective culling or controlling of certain bird populations.

(2) The Notice shall specify the area and period within which the acts authorised will be carried out.

Offences and
penalties.

6. Any person who contravenes regulation 4 or regulation 5 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the penalties provided under section 3 of the Act.