No. 12 of 1986. The South-East Peninsula Land Development and Conservation Act, 1986.

Saint Christopher and Nevis.

I assent,

CLEMENT A. ARRINDELL Governor-General. 6th November, 1986.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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AN ACT to provide for the development, conservation and management of the South-East Peninsula, to establish a Land Development and Conservation Board with specific powers and functions, and for matters connected thereto.

(By Order published in the Gazette.)

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Saint Christopher and Nevis and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the South-East Peninsula Land Development and Conservation Act, 1986 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by Order publish in the Gazette.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

- "Board" means the South-East Peninsula Land Development and Conservation Board established under section 3 of this Act;
- "Minister" means the Minister for the time being charged with the subject of Planning and Development;

Short title and commencement.

Commencement.

Interpretation.



"South-East Peninsula" means the area as defined in the Schedule to this Act;

"wild animal" means any deer or other animal designated by the Minister by Order under this Act;

"wild bird" means any bird specified in the Schedules to the Wild Bird Protection Act.

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3.(1) There shall be established a South-East Peninsula Land Development and Conservation Board.

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(2) The Board shall be comprised of five members appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be appointed Chairman of the Board.

(3) The members of the Board shall be appointed to serve for a period not exceeding three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) The Board shall regulate its own proceedings and may establish Committees and co-opt persons to serve on any Committee.

(5) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member if he considers it expedient so to do.

Powers and 4. The powers and functions of the Board functions of shall be - the Board.

- (a) to evaluate residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and other development schemes;
- (b) to make recommendations concerning:-
 - (i) allotment, reservation and zoning of land for different purposes;
 - (ii) control of pollution and maintenance of the environmental quality of the South-East Peninsula, including coastal conservation;

- (iii) development and implementation of an environmental protection plan;
- (iv) schemes to develop lands in terms of the Land Develop-ment (Control) Act;

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- (c) to carry out planning studies relating to the various sectors of the South-East Peninsula;
- (d) to monitor development schemes and if necessary to make further recommendations; and
- (e) to do any other matter incidental or consequential to the aforementioned powers and functions or to evaluate any matter required by the Minister.

5.(1) The Board shall prepare a South-East Peninsula Development and Land Use Management Plan to include the following - South-East Peninsula Development Plan.

- (a) the guidelines to be used in determining the suitability of particular developmental activities in the Peninsula;
- (b) proposals dealing with the following subjects –
 - (i) land use;
 - (ii) transport facilities;
 - (iii) preservation and management of the scenic and other natural resources;
 - (iv) recreation and tourism;
 - (v) waste disposal facilities and power plants;
 - (vi) living resources;
 - (víi) human settlements;

- (viii) agriculture and industry within the South-East Peninsula;
 - (ix) coastal conservation;
 - (x) any other developmental matter submitted by the Minister.

(2) The Board shall submit the Plan and any schemes evaluated by it to the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Land Development (Control) Act.

(3) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister make the Development and Land Use Management Plan available for public inspection and invite submission of comments or recommendations thereon in writing.

(4) Upon approval of the Plan made by the Minister by Order published in the Gazette, the Plan shall regulate developmental activity in the South-East Peninsula.

Offences.

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6.(1) Any person who -

- (a) fails to comply with the requirements of the Development Plan;
- (b) resists or obstructs the Board or any officer in the exercise of any power conferred or as directed by the Board in conformity with any other Act;
- (c) fails to comply with the provisions or Regulations made under this Act;
- (d) makes any statement, which to his knowledge is false or incorrect, in any return or information furnished by him in compliance with a notice issued by the Board,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a

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fine of not less than one thousand five hundred dollars and not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Every person who is guilty of an offence under this Act, shall in addition to the fines prescribed under this section, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction.

7.(1) The South-East Peninsula is hereby designated a conservation area.

(2) Any person who other than by authority in writing from the Minister -

- Designation of Conservation Area and related Offences.
- (a) wilfully kills, wounds or takes any wild animal or wild bird;
- removes, injures or (b) takes, destroys any nest or egg of any wild bird;
- (c) exposes for sale or knowingly has in his possession any such wild animal or wild bird or any part of such animal or bird, killed, wounded or taken in the conservation area;
- (d) exports or attempts to export the carcass or skin of any wild animal or the skin or plumage of any wild bird killed, or taken wounded ìn the conservation area;

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.

8. (1) The Minister may in consultation Regulations. with the Board, make Regulations to give effect the principles and provisions of this to Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality

of powers under sub-section (1), the Minister may make Regulations relating to the laying out, maintenance and improvement of roads, the laying out and sub-division of land for building purposes, the erection, construction and alteration of buildings and structures the class and design of buildings or structures to be erected in any specified part of the South East Peninsula and for zoning any area or the use to which any land may be put.

SCHEDULE

All that area in the Parish of St. George, Basseterre extending from the boundary of the Frigate Bay Development Area to the extremities of Nag's Head and Scotch Bonnet, such area to be more particularly designated by the Minister by Order made under this Act.

I. C. BUCHANAN Speaker.

Passed the National Assembly this 28th day of October, 1986.

F. ALPHONSO LEWIS Clerk of the National Assembly.

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