



**SAINT VINCENT.**

No. 18 of 1954.

I Assent,

**E. B. BEETHAM,**

Governor.

[L.S.]

14th May, 1954.

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend the Birds and Fish Protection Ordinance to Lobsters.

[ 1st June, 1954. ]

Enacted by the Legislature of Saint Vincent.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Birds and Fish Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954, and shall be read as one with the Birds and Fish Protection Ordinance, (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) and all amendments thereto.

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2. After section 16 of the principal Ordinance the following sections shall be inserted :—

Addition of new sections to principal Ordinance.

17(1) Any person who shall expose for sale, sell, buy or have in his possession any lobster of less than one pound in weight or measuring less than nine inches in total body length shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance : Provided that it shall not be an offence for anyone to have in his possession lobsters of less than one pound if such lobsters are certified by the Superintendent of Agriculture as being kept or intended to be kept in a lobster farm in which they will be raised to a weight of not less than one pound.

“ Protection of lobsters.

Close season  
for lobsters.

(2) Any person who shall at any time take, catch, destroy, have in his possession, sell, expose or offer for sale in any place whatsoever any female lobster when the same shall be found to be carrying eggs, shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(3) Any person who shall at any time catch, take, or find caught in any of his fishing gear or other apparatus any female lobster when the same shall be found to be carrying eggs shall immediately return the said lobster unharmed into the sea or else be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

18(1) There shall be a close season for lobsters which shall extend from the first day of May to the thirtieth day of September in each year.

(2) Any person who shall—

- (a) take, catch, destroy, or buy, or
- (b) have in his possession, sell, expose or offer for sale, any lobster during the close season for the same shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(3) It shall be a defence (the burden of proof whereof shall lie on the person charged) to show—

- (a) in respect of a charge laid under paragraph (a) of the preceding subsection that the said lobster was taken, caught, destroyed or bought outside the Colony or before the commencement of the close season;
- (b) in respect of the charge laid under paragraph (b) of the said subsection that the lobster in his possession or sold or exposed or offered for sale was obtained outside the Colony or before the commencement of the said close season.

(4) The Governor in Council may by order published in the Gazette alter the date of the close season for lobsters."

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O. E. LEIGERTWOOD,  
*Acting Clerk of Legislative Council.*

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