

CHAPTER 449**THE TURTLE ACT**

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TURTLE

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1. This Act may be cited as the Turtle Act. **Short title.**
2. In this Act— **Interpretation.**

"turtle" shall be deemed not to include the Loggerhead Turtle (*Thalassochelys caretta*);

"tortoise" shall include land turtle.
3. Any person who— **Offences.**

(a) catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any turtle or turtle eggs between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September both days inclusive;

(b) at any time catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any turtle which is under twenty pounds in weight;

(c) slaughters any turtle or buys, sells, exposes for sale or has in his possession the whole or any portion of the meat of such turtle, or turtle eggs between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September, both days inclusive;

(d) catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any tortoise or tortoise eggs between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of July both days inclusive;

(e) at any time catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any tortoise of which the length measured from neck scale to tail piece is less than ten inches;

(f) slaughters any tortoise or buys, sells, exposes for sale or has in his possession the whole or any portion of the meat of such tortoise, or tortoise eggs between the first day of April and the thirty-first day of July, both days inclusive,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and, on summary conviction, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Power of arrest.

4. If any constable shall have reasonable grounds for believing that any person is committing or attempting to commit an offence against this Act he may arrest such person without a warrant.

Forfeiture of turtle, tortoise, etc.

5. Any turtle or part thereof or turtle eggs, or any tortoise or part thereof or tortoise eggs in respect of which any constable has reasonable grounds for believing an offence against this Act has been committed shall be seized by such constable, and upon the conviction of such person for such offence such articles aforesaid so seized, shall be forfeited.

Forfeiture of nets, etc.

6. Any net, instrument or thing which any constable has reasonable grounds for believing is being or has been

used for or in connection with the commission of any offence against this Act shall be seized by such constable, and any Magistrate may, upon the conviction of any person for an offence against this Act in connection with which such net, instrument or thing so seized was used, order such net, instrument or thing to be forfeited.

7. Upon any conviction under this Act the Magistrate may order that a part of any fine imposed not exceeding a moiety be paid to any person or persons whose information led to such conviction. **Moiety of fine to informer.**
