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**NATIONAL PARKS (LA DIGUE VEUVE SPECIAL
RESERVE) REGULATIONS**

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks (La Digue Veuve Special Reserve) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Commission” means the Seychelles National Environment Commission established under the provisions of section 3 of the National Parks and Nature Conservancy Act.

“Director” means the Director of Conservation and National Parks in the Department of Environment.

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“Reserve” means La Digue Veuve Special Reserve as defined by the National Parks (La Digue Veuve Special Reserve) (Designation) Order.

“Warden” means any officer of the Commission appointed under paragraph 6 of the Schedule to the National Parks and Nature Conservancy Act.

No killing etc. in
reserve.

3. Subject to regulation 9, any person who, within the Reserve :

- (a) kills, captures, takes or willfully injures, has in his possession, disturbs or destroys by any means whatsoever any animal, or the eggs, spawn, nests or shells thereof, whether vertebrate or invertebrate and whether living or dead; or

- (b) disturbs, removes or destroys for any purpose any plant or the fruit or seeds of any plant; or
- (c) removes or willfully disturbs any humus, soil, sand mud, gravel, or rock for any purpose whatsoever from or in any part of the Reserves,

is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for twelve months.

4. Subject to regulation 9, any person who willfully introduces into the Reserve any living creature, or any plant, or egg of any living creature, or any seed or other part of any plant, guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

Introduction of living creature etc. prohibited.

5. Subject to regulation 9, any person who, other than in receptacles provided for that purpose, throws down, drops, discards, or otherwise deposits anything whatsoever in such circumstances as to cause, contribute to or tend to lead to the defacement by litter or the pollution by chemicals or other noxious substances or domestic effluent of any part of the Reserve, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

No littering.

6. Subject to regulation 9, any person who introduces into or has in his possession in the Reserve any weapon or device designed for or capable of being used for the capture, injury or killing of wildlife, or any explosive, explosive device or firework or any poisonous substance, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

No weapon.

7. Subject to regulation 9, any person who lights a fire or does anything likely to cause a fire in the Reserve, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and imprisonment for six months.

No lighting fire.

8. Any person who removes, defaces, damages or obscures any marker, notice, structure, or equipment belonging to or placed by the Commission is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

Removal etc. of any marker etc.

- Exception. 9(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2) the Director may, with the agreement of the Commission, authorize subject to such conditions as he think fit, any act which otherwise is prohibited by regulation 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- (2) Any authorization referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be confined to lawful acts related to the management of the Reserve or to scientific research within the Reserve and to the securing of the objectives of these Regulations and of the National Parks and Nature Conservancy Act.
- (3) Any person who fails to comply with any conditions of authorization granted by the Director under sub-regulation (1) is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.
- Director may close Reserve. 10. The Director may, with the agreement of the Commission:
- (a) close any part or parts of the Reserve to public access;
 - (b) indicate days or times when the public may be allowed access to the Reserve;
 - (c) impose such other restrictions on public access as may be in the interest of good wildlife management.
- Power of arrest. 11.(1) A warden or police officer may, without warrant, arrest any person whom he shall find committing any offence under these Regulations or the National Parks and Nature Conservancy Act.
- (2) A warden or police officer may at any time within or in the vicinity of the Reserve, without a warrant, stop and search any vehicle where he reasonably believes that the vehicle is or has been used in connection with the commission of an offence under these Regulations.
- Fees. 12.(1) The Director may, with the agreement of the Commission, impose a fee or charge of a maximum of R 100 for:

- (a) entry into the Reserve;
- (b) the performance of acts in the Reserve; or
- (c) services provided in relation to the Reserve.

(2) The Director shall give notice in the *Gazette* of fees or charges imposed under sub-regulation (1).
