

**NATIONAL PARKS (CURIEUSE MARINE
NATIONAL PARK) REGULATIONS**

S.I. 15 of 1991.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks (Curieuse Marine National Park) Regulations.

Citation.

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

Interpretation.

“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.

“Reserve” means Curieuse Marine National Park as defined by the National Parks (Curieuse Marine) (Designation) Order.

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Sub. Leg.

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

3. Subject to regulation 12, any person who, within the Reserve :

Unlawful to kill or disturb animals, etc. in National Park.

- (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 distrubs any humus, soil, sand mud, gravel, or rock for any purpose whatsoever,

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

Unlawful to introduce living animals or plants.

4. Subject to regulation 12, any person who willfully introduces into the National Park any living creature, or egg of any living creature, or any plant, seed or other part of any plant, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

Unlawful to litter.

5. Subject to regulation 12, 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 National Park, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2.000 and to imprisonment for six months.

Unlawful to possess weapon or traps.

6. Subject to regulation 12, any person who introduces into or has in his possession in the National Park 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.

Unlawful to light fire.

7. Subject to regulation 12, any person who lights a fire or does anything likely to cause a fire in the National Park, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and imprisonment for six months.

Unlawful to deface notice.

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.

9.(1) The Minister, in consultation with the Director, may designate, by notice in the *Gazette*, areas set aside for the mooring and anchoring of vessels. Power to restrict mooring.

(2) The designated areas shall be demarcated by the Director in such manner as will conveniently draw thereto the attention of the public utilizing such area, and the Director may also provide mooring facilities in such area.

(3) Where the Minister has designated an area under sub-regulation (1), any person who, in the National Park, moors or anchors a vessel or causes or permits any vessel to be moored or anchored other than in the area so designated, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

(4) Where mooring facilities have been provided by the Director within the National Park, any person who uses any anchor or causes or allows an anchor to be used without reasonable cause or lawful excuse, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

(5) Notwithstanding regulation (3), in the event that no area has been designated under sub-regulation (1), it shall be lawful to secure a vessel by an anchor to the sea floor in the National Park:

Provided that any person who uses or causes or allows to be used any anchor within the National Park in such a way as to disturb or damage any coral is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

(6) Subject to the proviso to sub-regulation (5), it shall be lawful, for exceptional reasons in an emergency, to moor a vessel in the National Park other than in an area designated under sub-regulation (1), or use an anchor in an area designated under sub-regulation (1), notwithstanding that there are mooring facilities provided in the area.

(7) The Minister, acting upon the advice of the Director, may amend or vary, by notice in the *Gazette*, the designated areas set aside for the mooring and anchoring of vessels.

- Unlawful to ski etc. 10. Any person who uses or permits to be used any surfboard or water-ski in the National Park is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.
- Control on use of pleasure boat. 11. Any person who, in the National Park, without reasonable cause, uses or permits to be used any pleasure boat or any other craft in a reckless manner, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public or without due care and attention is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of R 2,000 and to imprisonment for six months.
- Exemption. 12.(1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the Director may, with the agreement of the Commission, authorize, subject to such conditions as he may think fit, any act which otherwise is prohibited by regulations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

(2) Any athorization referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall be confined to lawful acts related to the management of the National Park or to scientific research within the National Park and to the securing of the objectives of these Regulations and the 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 control access to park. 13. The Director may, with the agreement of the Commission —

(a) close any part or parts of the National Park to public access;

(b) indicate days or times when the public may be allowed access to the National Park;

(c) impose such other restrictions on public access as may be in the interest of good wildlife management.
- Power of arrest. 14.(1) A warden or police officer may, without warrant, arrest any person whom he shall find committing any offence under these Regulations or the Act.

(2) A warden or police officer may, at any time within or in the vicinity of the National Park, without a warrant, stop and search any vehicle, vessel or craft where he has reasonable belief that the vehicle, vessel or craft is or has been used in connection with the commission of an offence under these Regulations.

15.(1) The Director may, with the agreement of the Commission, impose a fee or charge of a maximum of R100 for — Fees.

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

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