

S.I. 115 of 1979

TURTLES ACT
(Cap. 141)**Turtles (Protection) Regulations, 1979**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the Turtles Act, the Minister of State in the President's Office responsible for Agriculture, hereby makes the following Regulations—

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| <p>1. These Regulations may be cited as the Turtles (Protection) Regulations, 1979.</p> | Citation |
| <p>2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
“sell” includes to expose or offer for sale.</p> | Interpretation |
| <p>3. No person shall catch, kill, harpoon or otherwise take possession of any turtle in the areas specified in the Schedule :
Provided that the Minister may permit the taking alive, and subsequent release, of turtles for the purposes of scientific research.</p> | Protection of all turtles in certain areas |
| <p>4. (1) Except by or with the consent of the owner of the island, no person shall catch, kill, harpoon or otherwise take possession of any turtle on any outer island.
(2) For the purposes of this Regulation
(a) “owner” includes lessee ; and
(b) “outer island” means the islands specified as such in Schedule 1 to the Constitution.
(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulation (1) the Minister may permit the taking alive, and subsequent release, of turtles for the purposes of scientific research, and the taking of eggs for rearing purposes.</p> | Restriction on catching etc., in other areas |

Prohibition on purchase, sale, etc., of preserved or stuffed Hawksbill turtles

5. (1) No person shall purchase, sell or export any preserved or stuffed Hawksbill turtle or any part thereof unless authorized by the Minister.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply to the purchase, sale or export of Hawksbill turtle shell, when detached from the bony part of the carapace or plastron.

Offences and penalty

6. Any person who contravenes the provisions of regulation 3, 4 or 5 shall be guilty of an offence and liable to the penalties provided in section 11(2) of the Act.

Revocation of S.I. 95 of 1977

7. The Hawksbill Turtles (Protection) Regulations, 1977, are revoked.

SCHEDULE

(Reg. 3)

1. The islands of Aride, Cousin, Cousine and Curieuse
2. That part of Mahe lying to the east of the Airport runway and formerly forming South East Island.
3. The islands St. Anne, Moyenne, Round, Cerf, Long and Cachee.
4. The Aldabra atoll and lagoon.

MADE this 23rd day of November, 1979.

K. ST. ANGE,
Minister of State in the
President's Office responsible
for Agriculture.
