

CHAPTER 230.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION.

AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PROTECTION OF
WILD BIRDS.

52 of 1952.
58 of 1954.
G.N. 13 of 1960.
S.I. No. 26 of
1966.
12 of 1972.
E.L.A.O., 1974.
5 of 1987.
Short title.

[11th August, 1952.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection Act.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“game warden” means any person appointed by the Minister in accordance with section 3;

5 of 1987, Sch.

“immature bird” means any wild bird not yet able to fly;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Wild Animals and Birds Protection;

E.L.A.O., 1974.

“open season” means any period of the year other than the close season assigned to any wild bird in the Schedule to this Act;

“wild bird” means any bird enumerated in the Schedule to this Act.

Schedule.

3.—(1) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, appoint any person to be a game warden for the purposes of this Act.

Appointment of game wardens.
5 of 1987, Sch.

(2) Every game warden appointed under subsection (1) shall have such powers and perform such duties as are assigned to him under this Act.

4.—(1) Any person who during the close season respectively assigned to any wild bird by the Schedule to this Act—

Killing or capturing certain wild birds during the close season punishable.
Schedule.

(a) kills or captures, or attempts to kill or capture any such wild bird;

(b) uses or has in his possession any firearm or other weapon or any line, trap, snare, net or other instrument for the purpose of capturing any such wild birds;

(c) takes from any nest or place of deposit the eggs of any such wild bird,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

*12 of 1972, s. 2
and Sch.*

(2) Any person who from any boat, vessel, vehicle or aircraft in, on or over any water kills or captures the White Crowned Pigeon (*Columba leucocephala*), whether during the close or the open season, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

*Reserves for the
protection of
wild birds.
E.L.A.O., 1974.*

5.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Minister to establish reserves for the protection of any wild bird and from time to time to vary, enlarge or reduce the extent of such reserves.

(2) Such reserves may comprise any land belonging to the Crown or to any private owner.

(3) Any person who enters upon any such reserve with intent to kill or capture any wild bird shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

*Exposing for
sale, having in
possession or
control any wild
bird, etc., pu-
nishable in cer-
tain cases.
12 of 1972, s. 2
and Sch.*

6.—(1) Any person who shall expose or offer for sale any wild bird or the eggs, skin or feathers of any wild bird shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) Any person who during the close season respectively assigned to any wild bird by the Schedule to this Act, where such close season comprises the whole year, shall have in his possession or control any such wild bird or the eggs, skin or feathers of any such wild bird shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(3) Any person who during the close season respectively assigned to any wild bird by the Schedule to this Act, where such close season does not comprise the whole year, shall have in his possession or control any such wild bird, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act unless he proves that such wild bird was killed or captured during the open season in respect of such wild bird.

(4) Any person who at any time shall have in his possession or control or who shall expose or offer for sale any immature bird shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Expenses 14. All expenses incurred in enforcing and carrying out the provisions and objects of this Act shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund by warrant in the usual manner.

Sections 2, 4,
6, 8 and 11.

SCHEDULE.

	Name of Birds	Duration of close season
	1. All wild birds other than those enumerated in items 2 and 3 of this Schedule.	The whole year
S.I. 26 of 1966 12 of 1972, s. 2 and Sch	2. White Crowned Pigeon (<i>Columba leucocephala</i>), Zenaida or Wood Dove (<i>Zenaida aurita</i>), Ringnecked Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>), Guinea Fowl (<i>Numida meleagris</i>), Black-crowned Night Heron (<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>), Yellow-crowned Night Heron (<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>).	1st March to 14th September
	3. Mourning or "Florida" Dove (<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>), all wild ducks and geese (Family Anatidae) except: Whistling Duck (<i>Dendrocygna arborea</i>), Bahama Duck (<i>Anas bahamensis</i>), Ruddy Duck (<i>Oxyrua jamaicensis</i>), Bob White Quail (<i>Coturnix virginianus</i>), Chucker Partridge (<i>Alectoris graeca</i>), Wilson's or Jack Snipe (<i>Capella gallinago delicata</i>), Coot (<i>Fulica americana</i>).	1st April to 14th September