

## THE WILD ANIMALS LAW, 1963 NO.16 OF 1963

## THE WILD ANIMALS (TROPHIES) REGULATIONS, 1975

Date of Commencement: (15th APRIL, 1975)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 52 of the Wild Animals Law, 1963 Cap.140 the following regulations are hereby made by the Executive Council of the North-Eastern State of Nigeria:-

Title and Commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Wild Animals (Trophies) Regulations, 1975 and shall come into operation on the 15th day of April, 1975.

Trophy fee for prohibited animals.

2. A trophy fee of four hundred naira shall be payable in respect of each prohibited animal killed or captured.

Payment of trophy fee for prohibited animal.

3. Upon the killing or capturing of any prohibited animal, the person who has killed or captured such prohibited animal shall pay the trophy fee therefore in accordance with regulation 2 to the nearest Game Protection Officer.

Permanent Secretary may reduce or waive trophy fee for prohibited animal.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 2, the Permanent Secretary may reduce or waive the trophy fee payable in respect of any trophy arising from a prohibited animal killed or captured in accordance with section 5 of 54 of the law.

No trophy fee for specially protected or protected animals.

5. No trophy fee shall be payable in respect of specially protected animals or protected animals killed or captured.

Declaration of trophy of specially protected and protected animals.

6. (1) Upon the killing or capturing of any specially protected animal or protected animal by a person holding a licence to kill or capture specially protected or protected animals, the person shall declare such animal as a trophy as soon as possible thereafter to the nearest Game Protection Officer.

(2) Upon the killing of any protected animal by a person holding a licence issued under this regulation by a local authority the person shall declare such animal as a trophy as soon as possible thereafter to the local authority officer who issued the licence.

Registration  
of trophy.

7. On the declaration of any trophy, the Game Protection Officer or local authority officer charged with issuing hunting licences to whom the trophy has been declared, having satisfied himself that the trophy was lawfully obtained, shall -

- (a) endorse upon the hunting licence by virtue of which the animal was killed or captured -
  - (1) the species of animal from which the trophy derived;
  - (2) the date of the killing or capturing of the animal from which the trophy was derived; and
  - (3) the number and date of the free disposal permit issued in accordance with these regulations; and
- (b) prepare and issue to the licensee a free disposal permit in accordance with these regulations.

Form of free  
disposal  
permit.

8. A free disposal permit shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule.

Identification  
of trophy.

9. The officer issuing the free disposal permit shall enter upon the free disposal permit the particulars required thereon and shall, if it is possible to do so without unduly lessening the value of the trophy, mark on the trophy itself the number of the free disposal permit issued in respect of that trophy.

Elephant tusks.

10. Where the trophy is the tusk of an elephant, the Game Protection Officer shall record on the free disposal permit the weight of the tusk and the length thereof measured along the outside curve.

Transfer of  
trophies.

11. Whenever a trophy is transferred from one person to another in accordance with section 39 of the law, the transferer shall, before transferring the trophy and the free disposal permit, enter or cause to be entered in the appropriate place on the free disposal permit the name and address of the transferee.

Division  
of trophy.

12. When any trophy for which a free disposal permit has been issued is divided or otherwise broken up the possessor of that trophy shall obtain from the Game Protection Officer a free disposal permit for each part of the divided trophy. Each free disposal permit shall be passed on to the purchaser or recipient of that trophy or part thereof.

Trophy  
dealer's  
licence.

13. (1) The Permanent Secretary may issue a trophy dealer's licence in the form set out in the Second Schedule to any person or persons wishing to trade in trophies for the purpose of resale.

(2) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.

(3) No person or persons shall trade in trophies for the purpose of resale except in accordance with a licence issued under this regulation.

(4) The fee for a licence issued under this regulation shall be one hundred naira.

Register to  
be kept of  
trophy  
dealers.

14. The name of every person or persons possessing a licence issued under regulation 13 shall be entered in a register kept for that purpose by the Permanent Secretary.

Trophy dealer  
to display  
licence.

15. Every registered trophy dealer shall prominently display at his place of business his trophy dealer's licence issued under these regulations and section 39 of the law.

Dealer to  
maintain  
register of  
trophies.

16. (1) Every registered trophy dealer shall maintain a register in which he shall record each trophy he purchases or sells together with the number and date of the free disposal permit accompanying that trophy.

(2) The register of each registered trophy dealer shall be open to inspection at any time by a Game Protection Officer, or such subordinate officer as he may authorise for that purpose.

Premises  
liable to  
inspection.

17. A trophy dealer's premises shall be liable to inspection at any time by a Game Protection Officer or such subordinate officer as he may authorise for that purpose.

Issue of  
duplicate  
licence.

18. Where the holder of a licence issued under regulation 13 shall satisfy the Permanent Secretary that his licence has been lost or destroyed, the Permanent Secretary may issue a duplicate licence valid only for the remainder of the term of the original licence on payment of a fee of ten naira.

Penalties.

19. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of regulations 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15 or 16 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months.

(2) Where the trophy fee payable in accordance with regulation 2 has not been paid, the court may order the payment of the trophy fee in addition to any other penalty inflicted.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

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#### Free Disposal Permit

This permit authorises the holder to possess or transfer the trophy described herein provided that -

- (a) the trophy is maintained as described herein and shall not be altered in any way;
- (b) when the trophy is transferred this permit shall simultaneously be transferred with the trophy;
- (c) the transferer shall enter the name and address of the transferee on this permit before the permit is transferred.

Free disposal permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Station \_\_\_\_\_

Name of holder \_\_\_\_\_

Address of holder \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Hunting Licence \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Trophy :

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Registration Marks \_\_\_\_\_

Transferred to -

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND SCHEDULE

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TROPHY DEALER'S LICENCE

The holder of this trophy dealer's licence is hereby authorised to trade and deal commercially in trophies as provided under the Wild Animals Law 1963 and regulations made thereunder.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Licence Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued By \_\_\_\_\_

Revenue Collectors Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_

## The Wild Animals Law, 1963, Section 39 -

Disposal of trophy.

39. (1) No person shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any trophy to another person unless such trophy has been declared and registered and a free disposal permit issued in respect thereof.

(2) On the transfer, sale or disposal of any trophy, the person transferring, selling or disposing of the trophy shall at the same time transfer with the trophy the relevant free disposal permit therefore as proof of the lawful possession of the trophy.

(3) No person shall purchase, receive or otherwise obtain from another person a trophy which is not lawfully obtained.

Section.

53. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 39 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding sixty naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months or to both such fine and imprisonment.