

## Introduction

Ghana's Forest and Wildlife Policy, which was launched in 1994, is the guiding document for the development of the sector.

The Forestry Commission, the main implementing body of the Policy, is a corporate body integrating the activities of all the public agencies that were previously individually responsible for the management and regulation of utilization of forest and wildlife resources in Ghana. The Wildlife Division now forms an integral part of the Forestry Commission amidst other divisions such as the Timber Industry Development Division and Forest Services Division. This as a result of the Forestry Commission Act, 1999, Act 571.

Since the enactment of the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961, Act 43, there have been other subsidiary Legislations. These are the Wildlife Reserves Regulations 1971, L.I. 710 and Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1971, L.I. 685 from which the Wildlife Department now Wildlife Division draws its authority.

Over the years, these subsidiary regulations: L.I.685 and L.I.710 have witnessed several amendments. The laws in this state become unavailable in time of need for easy reference by the Law enforcement agencies such as the Police, Magistrates, Lawyers, District Assemblies, Traditional Rulers, NGOs, and other stakeholders in wildlife management. The compilation of these laws is to make them available for easy reference.

A copy of the booklet titled: " Consolidated Wildlife Laws of Ghana - 2nd Edition, December 2002" can be obtained from the offices of the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission for easy reference.