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In exercise of the powers conferred on the President by sections 3 and 11 of the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) these Regulations are hereby made this 4th day of March, 1971.

PART V - RESTRICTIONS ON HUNTING ETC

No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the First Schedule to these Regulations

No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy young animals or Animals accompanied by their young, Of any of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations

No person shall between the 1st day of August and the 1st day of December in any year hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the second and Third Schedules to these Regulations.

No person shall manufacture, use or be in possession of any gin trap which may be used for the purpose of hunting, capturing or destroying any animal.

No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using nest (except in the case of fish or poisonous snakes) unless authorized in writing to do so by the Chief Game and Wildlife Office.

No persons shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal using pitfalls, snares effective only in conjunction with pitfalls, poison or poisonous weapons.

Any person who contravenes any provision of regulations 1 to 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

PART II-GAME LICENSES

No person shall hunt, capture or destroy-

Any adult animal of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations when accompanied by it young or

Any of the species mentioned in the schedule and Third schedule to these Regulations outside the close season referred to in regulation 3, unless (hereinafter called "a game license") granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

PART II – GAME LICENCE

No persons shall hunt, capture or destroy-

Any adult animal of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations when accompanied by its young or

Any of the species mentioned in the Second and third schedules to these regulations outside the close season referred to in regulation 3, unless he is the holder of a valid license to do so (hereafter called “a game licensee”) granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these regulations.

Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

Application for a game license shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of ten new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

The Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall not grant a game license to hunt, capture or destroy any of the aforesaid animals with firearm unless the applicant satisfies him that he is lawfully in possession of a license granted under regulation 59 or 60 of the Arms and Ammunition Regulations, 1062 (L.I. 200), authorizing him to use a firearm for the period during which he requires of hunting license under these Regulations.

A game license shall be in the form specified in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations and shall

Be valid for a period of six months from the date of the grant of the license and

Authorize the hunting, capturing or destroying only of the species listed in the license and in numbers not in excess of the numbers specified in the license

Authorize the hunting, capturing or destroying permitted by the license to be carried out only by the means specified in the license.

A game license may be issued subjected to such special conditions and restrictions as the Chief Game and Wildlife officer may in his discretion think fit to impose and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the license.

A game license shall not be transferable and shall not authorize a person to hunt, capture or destroy any animal in contravention of these Regulations.

The grant of a game license under these Regulations shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer and he may refuse to grant such license.

Where in thin his opinion the grant of the license would b e undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned or

Where the applicant has between convicted of any offence under these Regulations or

Where he is not satisfied of the competence of the applicant to use a firearm for hunting or to recognize the species in respect of which the license is applied for

Where for any person the grant of license refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

PART III – GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMITS

The provision of this Part shall be in addition to the provisions of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana.

No person shall export or attempt to export from Ghana.

Any animal(whether living or dead) of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules to these Regulations or

Any elephant’s tusk or

Any hides or skin in commercial quantities, of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules of these Regulations.

Unless he is the holder of a valid permit to do so (hereinafter called” a game a trophy export permit”) granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

Any person who contravenes this regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis.

Application for a game and trophy export permit shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of three new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations,

A game and trophy export permit shall be in the form specified in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations and shall

Be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the grant of the license and

Only authorize the export of items of the nature and not in excess of the quantities specified in the permit

Only authorize the export of the items to which the permit relates by the means and from the place specified in the permit.

A game and trophy export permit may be issued subject to such special conditions and restrictions as discretion think fit to impose, and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the permit.

Where the holder of a game and trophy export permit contravenes any special condition or restriction endorsed on the permit, the permit shall from the time of such contravention be void for all purposes.

A game and trophy export permit shall not be transferable and shall not authorize the export of the items to which it relates in more than one consignment.

The grant of a game and trophy export permit shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer, and he may refuse to grant such permit.

Where in his opinion the grant of the permit would be undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned or

Where he is not satisfied that any item to which the permit relates has been lawfully acquire

Where for any reason the grant of a game and trophy export permit is refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

Game Officer may seize any equipment or apparatus which is in the possession or custody of any person in contravention of any provision of these Regulations.

Any equipment or apparatus so seized shall be retained by the Game Officer and

If no proceedings are commenced against the person from whom such equipment or apparatus was seized within three months of the seizure the said equipment or apparatus shall be restored to that person or

If that person is convicted of an offence under these Regulations the said equipment or apparatus shall be forfeited by the Court before which he was convicted.

Equipment or apparatus forfeited by the Court under paragraph 2b of this regulations shall be delivered as soon as practicable

To the police, in the case of firearm or

To the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in any other case

Where a Game Officer finds any equipment or apparatus whose use is unlawful by virtue of these Regulations and the owner of such equipment or apparatus is not apparent the Game Officer shall take possession of that equipment or apparatus and deliver it as soon as practicable to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

Equipment or apparatus taken possession of by the Game Officer under paragraph 3 or 4 of this regulation may be disposed of in a manner such as the Officer thinks fit.

Regulations 1 and 6 shall not apply in the case of Game officer acting in accordance with his official duties.

Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed preventing any person from killing any wild animal in defence of himself or of any other person, but in such a case the first mentioned person shall where he kills an animal referred to in the first to fourth schedules to these regulations, forthwith report the matter to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

The first to Fifth Schedules to the Wild Animals Preservation Act 1961 (Act43) are hereby amended in the manner indicated in the Eighth Schedule to these Regulations

The following statutory instruments are hereby revoked:- Wild Animals Preservation (close season and restrictions on hunting) regulations, 1962 (L.I. 212).

FIRST SCHEDULE

ANIMALS COMPLETELY PROTECTED

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this schedule is absolutely prohibited at all time.

SERIES A – MAMMAL	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Primata	
Chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes
Black and White	Colobus polykomos
Olive colobus	Colobus verus
Red colobus	Colobus badius
Diana monkey	Cercopithecus diana
Bosman's potto	Perodicticus potto
Bush baby	Galago senegalensis
	Galagoides demidovi

Philidota:	
Giant pangolin	Main gigantean
Long tailed	Manis tetradactyla
Tree pangolin	Manis tricuspis
Tubulidentata	
Aardvark	Crycteropus afer
Sirenia	
Manatee	Trichechus senegalensis
Carnivora	
Lion	Panthera leo
Leopard	Panthera pardus
Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus
Rate; pr Honey Badger	Mellivora capensis
Clawless otter	Anonyx capensis
Golden cat	Felis
Proboscidea	
Elephant	Loxodonta africana
Rodentia	
Palm squirrels	Expixerus epii
Artiodactyla	
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibious
Pygym hippopotamus	Cheropsis libriensis
Senegal hartebeest	Damaliscus lunatus
Sitatunga	Tragelephas spekei
Eland	Taurotragus derbianus
Water chevrontain	Hyyamosheus aquaticus

Bongo	Boocercus eucrycerus
Roan antelope	Hippopotamus
SERIES B – REPTILES	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Crocodile:	
Nile crocodile	Crocodilus niloticus
Long snouted crocodile	Crocodiles cataphratus
Broad fronted crocodile	Osteolaemus tetraspis
Lacertilia:	
Nile monitor	Veranus niloticus
Chelonia: all marine turtle	
Hawksbill turtle	Eretmochelys imbricate
Green or Edible turtle	Chelonia mydas
Leathery turtle	Dermochelys coriacea
SERIES C – BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
All birds of prey including:	
Falcons, kites, hawks	Falconidae
Eagles, buzzards, kestrels	
Etc	
Owls	Tytonidae and Strigidae
Egrets	
Great white egret	Casmarodius albus
Little egret	Egretta garzetta
Cattle egret	Bubulcus ibis
Sagittariidae:	
Secretary bird	Sagittarius serpentarius

Ciconiidea (storks):	
Marabou	Leptoptilos crumeniferus
Jabiru or saddle-bill	Ephippiorynchus
	Senegalensis
Sacred ibis	Threskiornis aethiopicus
Hadada	Hagedashia hagedash
Spotted breasted ibis	Lampribus rara
Goliath heron	Typhon goliath
Balearicidea (cranes):	
Crowned crane	Balearica pavonina
Phasianidae (Game birds)	
White breasted	
Guinea fowl	Agelastes meleagrides
Picathartidae	
Bare headed rock fowl	Picathartes gymnocephalus

SECOND SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in the schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in year any year. The hunting, capturing or destroying of any young or adult accompanied by its young of any species listed in this schedule is absolutely prohibited at all times.

SERIES A – MAMMALS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Primata:	
White colored mangabey	Cerocebus torquatus
Mona monkey	Cercopithecus mona
Spot nosed monkey	Cercopithecus petaurista
Green monkey	Cercopithecus aethiops

Patas monkey	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>
Carnivora:	
Lynx	<i>Felis caracal</i>
Serval	<i>Felis serval</i>
Africa civet	<i>Viverra civetta</i>
Two spotted palm civet	<i>Nandinia binotata</i>
Forest genet	<i>Genetta maculate</i>
Bush genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
Wild cat	<i>Felis libyca</i>
Gambian mongoose	<i>Mungos gambianus</i>
Cusimanse	(long nose mongoose)
	<i>Mungos obscurus</i>
Dwarf mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguinus</i>
Marsh mongoose	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>
White tailed mongoose	<i>Ichenumia albicauda</i>
Egyptian mongoose	<i>Herpestes inchneumon</i>
Spotted hyena	<i>Crocota crocuta</i>
Hunting dog	<i>Lycaon Pietus</i>
Side striped Jackal	<i>Canis adutus</i>
Lagomorpha:	
Togo hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
Rodentia:	
Creste porcupine	<i>Hystrix sp.</i>
Brush tailed porcupine	<i>Artherurus africanus</i>
Pel's flying squirrel	<i>Animalurus peli</i>
Flying squirrel	<i>Animalurus spp.</i>
Pygym flying squirrel	<i>Idiurus spp.</i>
Hyracoidea:	

Tree bear	Dendrohyrax arboreus
Rock hyrax	Procavia capensis
Artiodactyla:	
Warthog	Phacochoerus aethiopicus
Red River hog (bush dog)	Potamochoerus porcus
Giant forest hog	Hylochoerus
	meinertzhageni
Bush buck	Tragelaphus scriptus
Buffalo	Syncerus caffer
Reedbuck	Redunca redunca
Western hartebeest	Alcelaphus bucelaphus
Waterbuck	Kobus defassa
Kob	Kobus kob
Oribi	Ourebia ourebi
Royal antelope	Neotragus pgmaeus
Red fronted gazelle	Gazella rufifrons
Yellow backed duiker	Cephalophus sylvicultor
Black duiker	Cephalophus niger
Bay duiker	Cephalophus dorsalis
Red flanked duiker	Cephalophus rufitatus
Red duiker	Cephalophus natalensis
Maxwell's duiker	Cephalophus maxwelli
Gray duiker	Sylvicapra grimmia
SERIES B – REPTILES	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Ophidia:	
African python	Python sabae
	Python regia
Royal python	
Chelonia:	

Bell's hinged tortoise	Kinixys belliana
Common hinged tortoise	Kinixys sp.
Gaboon terrapin	Pelusios sp.
Marsh terrpin	Polemedusa subrufa
Soft shelled turtle	Trionyx triunguis
SERIES C – BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Psittacidae:	All parrots
Columbidae:	All doves and pigeos
Musophagidae:	All touracos and plaintain eaters
Ploceidae:	All weavers, waxbills, man-nikins, bishop bird, fire finches, cordonsbleus, whydahs and canaries
Sterninze;	All terms

THIRD SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in any year.

SERIES A – MAMMALS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Primata:	
Baboon	Papio anubis
Erinaceidae:	
Hedgehogs	Atelerix sp.
	Erinaceus sp.
	Paraechinus sp.
Rodentia:	
Tree squirrels	Helioscirus sp.
	Funisciurus sp.

	Protoxerus stangeri
Ground squirrels	Xerus sp.
Giant rat (pouched rat)	Cricetomys gambianus
SERIES – BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Phasianidae:	
All francolins (bush fowl)	Fancolinus sp.
Stone partridge	(stone bantam)
	Ptilopacus petrosus
Quails	Coturnix sp.
All Guinea – fowls	Numida meleagris
	Guttera sp.
Otididae:	
All bustards	Ardeotis arabs
	Neotis denhami
	Eupodotis melanogaster
Anatidae:	
Hartlaubs’s duck	Pteronetta hartlaubii
White faced duck	(wishiwishi)
	Dendrocygna viduata
Fulvous duck	?Dendrocygna fulva
Pygmy goodr	Nettapus auritus
Knob billed goose	Sarkidiornis melanotos
Egyptian goose	Alopochen aegytiacus
Spur winged goose	Plectropeterus
	Gambensis

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer by applicants for a game license. To be accompanied by a fee of

APPLICATION FOR GAME LICENSE TO HUNT, CAPTURE OR DESTROY WILD ANIMALS

I,

(NAME)

of (address)

hereby apply to be granted a Game License under Part II of the Wildlife Conservation Regulation, 1971.

Purpose of application (e.g. sport, sale of bush meat, trade in live animals, etc)

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Purpose of current License to bear Firearms (to be completed by applicants intending to use firearms a means of hunting or destroying).

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License No.

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Date issued.

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Type of firearm.

Propose method of hunting or capture (to be completed by applicants intended to use any means of hunting or capture other than (b) above

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Species which the applicant wishes to hunt, capture or destroy:

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Previous conviction (s)

I have been convicted of the following offences under the Wild Animals Preservation Act 1961 (Act 43)

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(state particulars of conviction if any)

I declare that all the information given above is correct.

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(Signature or (L. T. P.)

Date

FIFTH SCHEDULE

GAME LICENSE

In pursuance of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I.685), I hereby license

Name

Address

*holder of a license to bear a firearm no.

.....Dated

.....to hunt/capture/destroy (delete

inapplicable words) the following species and in numbers specified on the attached from
(9GW/2) subject however to the restrictions and special conditions in this license for a period of
six months expiring onday of

.....19.....dated

at.....This.....

Day of.....19.....

FEE PAID:

Restrictions: Here state any special restrictions e.g. in relation to females and young or close
season.

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Authorised means of hunting/capturing/destroying (delete inapplicable words)

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District of Operation

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(Game Officer)

Rank

For: Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

*NOTE: See overleaf for important information

On the reverse side of the license there shall be written the following: This license is valid for six months from the date of issue

This license is not transferable

Close season – 1st August – 1st December

Your attention is drawn to the Wild Animals Preservation (Game Reserve) Regulation, 1962 (L.I. 171) Wildlife Reserves Regulations 1971 (L.I. 710) and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685) wildlife Conservation (Amendments) Regulations 1988 and 1989 (L.I. 1284, 13 5 7 and 1452 and schedules thereto. Copies of these regulation as and schedules may be inspected at the Office of issue of the license, and may be purchased at Ghana publishing Corporation.

Setting of bush fire for any purpose whatsoever is prohibited by PNDC Law 46.

RENEWAL OF GAME LICENSE

(GW/FORM 2)

The Game License herein of

Name

Adresse

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Is hereby renewed for a period of six months to hunt/capture/destroy animals in the schedule attached. (deleted inapplicable words)

This renewal expires on theday of
..... 19

Dated at this

Day of 19

FEE PAID:

SIXTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer (Executive Director) by applicants for a game and trophy export permit. To be accompanied by a fee of N 3.00

APPLICATION FOR A GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMIT

Name of applicant(In the case of a company, give details of registration)

Address

I,

Hereby apply for a permit to export the following species and/or trophies in one consignment:

Description Name of items

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Place of export (airport, port etc)

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State whether the above named species and/or trophies are for personal use or for sale

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Name and address of consignee

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State how the above named species and/or trophies were acquired

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I declare that the above particulars are correct.

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signature (or L.T.P)

Date

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in a single consignment to

(Name and address of consignment)

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Special conditions and restrictions

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Date of issue

Place of issue

Game Officer

Rank

For Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

NOTE –See overleaf for important information

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMIT

Fee – Three New Cedis

In pursuance of the Wildlife Conservation Regulation 1971 (L.I.), I hereby permit (Name)

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Of

(Address)

to export from (place of export-airport, port etc)

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the following species and/or trophies, subject to compliance with the provision of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana:

Description Number of Items

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in a single consignment to

(Name and address of consignment)

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Special conditions and restrictions

.....
Date of issue

Place of issue

Game Officer

Rank

NOTE – See overleaf for important information. On the reverse side of the Permit there shall be written the following:-

This Permit is valid for twelve months from the date of issue.

This is not transferable

Possession of this Permit does not exempt the holder from compliance with other laws relating to the export of animals are trophies i.e. the holder must also obtain the appropriate Export License from the Ministry of Trade and where necessary, a Health Certificate from a Veterinary Officer.

Your attention is drawn to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I.) copies of which may be examined at the office of issue of this Permit or which may be purchased at that office.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULED TO THE ACT

The First Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows-

By the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said schedule and

By the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed; in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

The Second Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act43) is hereby amendments follows-

By the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule and

By the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the second Schedule to these regulations.

The third Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows

By the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule and

By the addition to the schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Second to these Regulations

The fourth Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows –

By the removal of the names of all animals listed in the said Schedule and

By the addition to the said schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the second to these Regulation

The fifth Schedule to the Wildlife Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is here amended as follows –

By the removal of the names of all animals listed as items 1 to 7 in the said Schedule;

By the addition to the said Schedule of the following new item

“Rodents and poisonous snakes not specified in the First Fourth Schedule to this Act”; and by the consequence renumbering of item in the said schedule as item 2

By Command of the President

T.D. BRODIE-MENDS

Minister responsible for Lands Mineral Resources

Date of Gazette notification: 30th April 1971.

Forestry Commission of Ghana