

Keeping
a gambling
house.

4. Any person who shall keep, hold, or use any house or other premises or establishment for the purpose of gambling therein, or shall admit the public thereto for the purpose of gambling, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Permitting
gambling in a
place of
public resort.

5. All keepers, occupiers, or managers of drinking shops, cafés, taverns, khans, shops, baths, or other places of public resort, or of any premises occupied by any club or society, who shall permit or wilfully countenance gambling therein, or in any yard, garden, or other premises attached thereto, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Lotteries.

6. Any person who shall to the public nuisance or scandal advertise, establish, conduct or take part in any lottery, or solicit contributions towards or in respect of any lottery or scheme whereby money or other things are given to be divided among the contributors by chances or prizes, or by any game, method or device whatsoever depending on chance, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two pounds.

Informers.

7. A reward not exceeding one-half of the fine levied, may, at the discretion of the Court before which an offence under this Law is tried, be awarded to the persons who shall have given information which led to the apprehension and conviction of the offender.

Gambling
debts
irrecoverable
at law.

8. No person shall be able by any process of Court to recover any debt or claim which shall arise out of any lottery or gambling transaction.

Short title.

9. This Law may be cited as the Gambling Law, 1896.

GAME AND WILD BIRDS.

38 OF 1922.

TO REGULATE THE KILLING OF GAME AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GAME AND WILD BIRDS.

MALCOLM STEVENSON.]

[November 13, 1922.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Game and Wild Birds Protection Law, 1922.

Definitions.

2. In this Law :—

“ Game ” means hares, pheasants, partridges, francolins, sand grouse, quails, bustards, wild swans, wild geese, wild duck of any kind, woodcock and snipe.

“ Game Bird ” means any bird included in the term Game.

“ Wild Bird ” means any undomesticated bird not included in the term Game.

Sec. 2 of Law 38 of 1922 (at p. 408) is repealed and in place thereof the following section shall have effect:-

2. In this Law:-

"Game" means hares, pheasants, partridges, and francolins.

"Game bird" means any bird included in the term Game.

"Wild bird" means any undomesticated bird not included in the term Game.

Sec. 3 (4) is hereby repealed and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:-

3. (4) A license under this Law other than one granted under the provisions of sec. 5 (3) hereof shall commence on the 20th August and shall expire on the 31st March provided always that licenses issued in respect of the year expiring the 1st March, 1926, shall be good and valid up to and including the 31st March, 1926.

Sec. 5 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

5. (1) No person shall from the 1st February to the 19th August, both days inclusive, in any year shoot, kill, take, sell or expose for sale or attempt to shoot, kill, or take game or wild birds.

(2) Provided that the High Commissioner in Council may order that within such areas as shall be specified in such order wild birds may be shot, killed or taken, or attempted to be shot, killed or taken, from the 1st February to the 31st March, both days inclusive, in any year.

(3) Provided also that the Commissioner of the District may by license under his hand authorize the shooting of crows, sparrows, thrushes, blackbirds, starlings, larks, beccaficos, bee-eaters, doves, hoopoes, golden orioles, pigeons, jackdaws, magpies, ravens and hawks between the 1st April and 15th June, both days inclusive. Every such license shall state the name of the person to whom it is granted, and the period during which and the place at which the person holding the license may shoot such wild birds as aforesaid.

(4) Wild birds shot in pursuance of the provisions of sub-sections 2 and 3 hereof may be sold.

(5) Except in pursuance of a license under sub-section 3 hereof mentioned or in furtherance of his official duties no person shall between the 1st April and 19th August, both days inclusive, carry a gun provided always that the Commissioner of the District may by license under his hand authorize the carrying of a gun for a specified purpose on an occasion of particular urgency.

(6) Provided also that during any period of the year crows, sparrows, thrushes, blackbirds, starlings, larks, beccaficos, bee-eaters, doves, hoopoes, golden orioles, pigeons, jackdaws, magpies, ravens and hawks may be snared, limed, captured or destroyed and sold in any manner.

Vide Law 6 of 1925 secs 2, 3 & 4.

Licences.

3.—(1.) No person shall by any means whatsoever shoot, kill, take, pursue, sell or expose for sale or attempt to shoot, kill, take or pursue Game without a licence under the provisions of this Law.

Shooting, etc., game illegal without licence.

(2.) Licences under this Law shall be in such form as the High Commissioner shall from time to time approve and may be granted, signed and issued by any Commissioner or by such other officer as the High Commissioner may appoint.

Licences, how granted.

(3.) The charge for a licence under this Law shall be one pound.

Charge for licence.

(4.) A licence under this Law shall expire on the 1st of March after it is issued.

Duration of licence.

(5.) If any person shall be discovered doing any act in respect whereof a licence is required under the provisions of this Law, such person may be called upon by any Commissioner or officer authorized by him or by any peace officer or gamekeeper or field watchman or by any person who has been granted a licence under the provisions of this Law to produce for inspection his licence, and if he shall refuse or fail so to produce his licence or in default thereof to give on demand his true name or address or shall give a false name or address he shall be guilty of an offence under this Law.

Production of licence may be demanded.

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Moufflon.

4.—(1.) No person shall shoot, kill, take, or pursue or attempt to shoot, kill, take or pursue Moufflon, except by the express permission of the High Commissioner in writing under the hand of the Chief Secretary.

Except under special permit Moufflon entirely protected.

(2.) The High Commissioner may issue a permit under the preceding sub-section in such form and upon such conditions as he may think fit.

Permit, how granted.

Game.

5.—(1.) No person shall from the 15th February to the 4th September, both days inclusive, in any year shoot, kill, take, sell or expose for sale or attempt to shoot, kill or take Game.

Game: close season 15th February to 4th September, both days inclusive.

(2.) Provided that the owner or occupier of any plantation, vineyard, garden or other cultivated land may himself or by any person duly authorized by him at all times trap or snare hares on such plantation, vineyard, garden or other cultivated land.

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(3.) Provided that the High Commissioner in Council may order that within such areas and during such periods as shall be specified

in such order, wild swans, wild geese, wild duck of any kind, woodcock, and snipe may be shot, killed or taken, or attempted to be shot, killed or taken, from the 15th February to the 15th March, both days inclusive, in any year.

(4.) Provided that the Commissioner of the District may by licence under his hand authorize the shooting of crows or sparrows between the 15th February and the 31st May, both days inclusive. Every such licence shall state the name of the person to whom it is granted, and the day or days on which and the place at which the person holding the licence may shoot crows or sparrows.

Eggs of game birds entirely protected.

6. No person shall at any time destroy, take or attempt to destroy or take, sell, expose for sale or have in his possession the eggs of any Game Bird. X

Wild Birds.

Wild birds : close season : 15th February—4th September, inclusive.

7. No person shall between the 15th February and the 4th September, both days inclusive, in any year shoot, kill, take, sell or expose for sale or attempt to shoot, kill or take any wild bird.

Provided, however, as follows:—

Thrushes, blackbirds, starlings, larks, beccaficos, bee-eaters, doves, pigeons, jackdaws, crows, magpies, ravens, hawks and sparrows may be snared, lamed, captured or destroyed and sold, in any manner except by shooting during the aforesaid period.

Certain local species of wild bird entirely protected.

8. No person shall at any time shoot, kill, take, sell or expose for sale or attempt to shoot, kill or take any of the following birds peculiar to the Island of Cyprus:—

- Cyprian Wren (*Anorthura cypristes*).
- Cyprian Water-ousel or Dipper (*Cinclus olympicus*).
- Cyprian Wheatear or Chat (*Saxicola cyprica*).
- Cyprian Coal Titmouse (*Parus cypristes*).
- Cyprian Tree Creeper (*Certhia harterti*).
- Cyprian Crossbill (*Loxia guillemardi*).
- Cyprian Scops Owl (*Scops cyprica*).

Provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed if any such bird is accidentally shot or taken on birdlime.

Wild birds' eggs entirely protected.

9. No person shall at any time destroy, take or attempt to destroy or take, sell, expose for sale or have in his possession the eggs of any wild bird.

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sec 6*

Provided, however, that this section does not apply to the eggs of bee-eaters, doves, pigeons, jackdaws, crows, magpies, ravens, hawks and sparrows. Certain exemptions.

Reserved Areas.

10.—(1.) The High Commissioner in Council may at any time and from time to time order that any specified areas of the Island be reserved for the preservation of game for a period of not more than five years as is prescribed. Areas may be reserved.

Sec. 6 of Law 38 of 1922 (at p. 410) is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following words:—

"Any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months."
Vide Law 6 of 1925 sec. 5.

(5.) No area which has been reserved shall, after the expiration of the period for which such reservation has been prescribed, be again reserved until it has been free from reservation for a period of at least one year. given.
Reserved area always to be open for a period after reservation.

Permanent Reserved Areas.

11.—(1.) In addition to the powers conferred upon him under the provisions of section 10, the High Commissioner in Council may, subject to the provisions hereafter contained, order that any specified area be reserved for the preservation of game for such time as is prescribed by such Order in Council. An area prescribed in pursuance of the powers contained in this section is herein referred to as a permanent reserve. Permanent reserve.

(2.) Not more than one permanent reserve shall be created in any one District. One permanent reserve only in one District.

(3.) No permanent reserve shall exceed twenty square miles in area. Area of permanent reserves.

(4.) Every such Order in Council shall be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and notice of such Order shall be given by the Commissioner of the District in which such area so reserved is situate to the Mukhtars of every village in such District. Notice of reserve.

Notice of such order shall also be posted by such Commissioner in a conspicuous place at his office.

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Reserved Areas.

10.—(1.) The High Commissioner in Council may at any time and from time to time order that any specified areas of the Island be reserved for the preservation of game for such time not exceeding three years as is prescribed by such Order in Council. Areas may be reserved.

(2.) No single area so reserved shall exceed sixty square miles. No single reserved area to exceed 60 square miles.

(3.) The aggregate area of any areas so reserved in any District shall not exceed one-third of the total area of such District. Aggregate of reserved areas in any District limited.

(4.) Every such Order in Council shall be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and notice of such Order shall be given by the Commissioner of the District in which such area so reserved is situate to the Mukhtars of every village in such District. Notice of reservation, how to be given.

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Penal and Miscellaneous Provisions.

Export of
game illegal.

12. The exportation of game is hereby prohibited.

Possession
of freshly
killed game
during close
season.

13. No person shall be in possession of freshly killed game at any period during which it is prohibited to shoot, kill, take, sell or expose for sale any game of that kind.

Pursuing
game in a
reserved area.

14. No person shall shoot, kill or pursue, or attempt to shoot, kill or pursue game in a reserved area or in a permanent reserved area.

Use of
inflammable
wadding.

15. No person shall use as wadding any linen or waste rag whilst shooting within any State Forest or Government or Municipal plantation.

Shooting
game from
shelters.

16. No person shall shoot game from shelters except in the case of wild swans, wild geese and wild ducks of any kind.

Use of decoys
illegal.

17. No person shall make use of decoys for the purpose of shooting, killing or taking game, except in the case of wild swans, wild geese and wild ducks of any kind.

Export of
wild birds'
skins and
eggs illegal.
Permit to
obtain
specimens
for scientific
purposes.

18. The exportation of the skins or eggs of any game or wild bird is prohibited.

19. The High Commissioner may at any time issue a permit in writing under the hand of the Chief Secretary authorizing any person in the interest of science to obtain specimens of any game or wild bird or of the eggs thereof and to export the same.

Reward to
informers.

20. Where any person upon conviction for any offence against this Law has been sentenced to pay a fine the Court by which he has been convicted may award any portion of such fine to the person whose information has, in the opinion of the Court, led to such conviction.

Penalties.

21. Any person committing or attempting to commit any breach of this Law shall be liable:—

(a.) For a first offence, to a fine not exceeding five pounds, and to have his licence forfeited and to be prohibited from carrying a gun for a period of twelve months from the date of conviction, and

(b.) For a second and every other offence, to a fine not less than two pounds or more than ten pounds, and his licence shall be forfeited and he shall be prohibited from carrying a gun for a period of not less than twelve months or more than five years from the date of conviction.

Sec. 16 of Law 38 of 1922 (at p.412) is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following words:-

X "Any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months."

Vide Law 6 of 1925 sec.6.

Sec. 17 of Law 38 of 1922 is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:-

17. No person shall make use of :-

(a) decoys for the purpose of shooting, killing or taking game, except in the case of wild swans, wild geese and wild ducks of any kind; or

(b) motor cars at night ~~for~~ time for the purpose of shooting game therefrom or shall in any way use motor cars at night time for the purpose of attracting and shooting game.

Any person convicted of an offence under this section shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months.

Vide Law 2 of 1927.

Sec.21 of Law 38 of 1922 is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following section shall have effect:-

21. Any person committing or attempting to commit any breach of this Law for which no specific penalty has been otherwise provided shall be liable:-

(a) For a first offence, to a fine not exceeding five pounds, and to have his license forfeited and to be prohibited from carrying a gun for a period of twelve months from the date of conviction.

(b) for a second and every other offence, to a fine not less than two pounds or more than ten pounds, and his license shall be forfeited and he shall be prohibited from carrying a gun for a period of not less than twelve months or more than five years from the date of conviction.

Provided always that in every case on conviction of an offence under this Law the gun shall be confiscated.

Law 6 of 1925 sec. 8.

(1) As to tax on goats see p. 261.