

THE MARINE CONSERVATION LAW, 1978
(Law No. 19 of 1978)

**THE MARINE CONSERVATION (TURTLE PROTECTION)
REGULATIONS, 1978**

Pursuant to the powers conferred on the Governor by section 24 of the Marine Conservation Law, 1978, the following Regulations are hereby made —

- Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Marine Conservation (Turtle Protection) Regulations, 1978.
- Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
Law No. 19 of 1978. “Law” means the Marine Conservation Law, 1978;
“turtle” means any member of any of the marine species of the Phylum Chordata, Class Reptilia, Order Chelonia, including, but without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing —
Chelonia mydas, the green turtle;
Eretmochelys imbricata, the hawksbill turtle;
Caretta caretta, the logger head turtle;
Derinohelys coriacea, the trunkback turtle;
Cheionia depressa, the Australian sea turtle; and
Lepidochelys olivacea, the Ridley turtle; and
hybrids between these various species.
- Prohibition on possession of turtle eggs. 3. Any person who has in his possession any turtle egg shall commit an offence:
Provided, however, that nothing in this regulation shall apply to:—
Law No. 21 of 1978. (a) the egg of any turtle bred in captivity by the holder of a licence granted under the Endangered Species Protection and Propagation Law, 1978; or
(b) any egg taken in accordance with a licence issued by the Board under section 16 of the Law.
- Disturbing etc., female turtles during certain months an offence. 4. Any person who attempts to take, disturb or molest in any way a female turtle at any time during the months of May, June, July, August or September in any year shall commit an offence:
Provided that nothing in this regulation shall apply to anything done to a female turtle bred in captivity by the holder of a licence under the Endangered Species Protection and Propagation Law, 1978.
Law No. 21 of 1978.

Made in Council this 19th day of September, 1978.

JENNY MANDERSON
Clerk of the Executive Council.