

National Parks (Aldabra Special Reserve) Regulations S.I. 87 of 1981.

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PART I - PRELIMINARY

- Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks (Aldabra Special Reserve) Regulations.
- Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “animal” includes reptile and bird;
- “Commission” means the Seychelles National Environment Commission established under section 3 of the Act (but subject to section 12 of the Act);
- “craft” includes any kind of boat or water craft, but does not include a craft while engaged in saving life or proceeding to or coming from anywhere to save life;
- “explosives” has the meaning assigned in section 2 of the Explosives Act;
- Cap. 77. “Foundation” means the Seychelles Islands Foundation established under section 3 of the Seychelles Islands Foundation Decree;
- Cap. 217.
- S.I. 86/1981 (Cap. 141 Sub. Leg.) “Reserve” means the Aldabra Special Reserve as designated by the National Parks (Special Reserve Aldabra) (Designation) Order (being, in terms of section 2 of the Act, an area set aside in which characteristic wildlife requires protection and in which all other interests and activities are subordinated to this end);
- “Warden” means the officer of the Foundation appointed, with the agreement of the Commission, to manage and be in charge of the Reserve.

PART II - PRESERVATION OF ENVIRONMENT

- Damage etc. to property of Foundation. 3. Subject to Regulation 10, no person shall in the Reserve remove, deface, damage or obscure any buoy, marker, notice, structure, craft or equipment belonging to or placed by the Foundation.

4. Subject to Regulation 10, no person shall in the Reserve — Damage or disturbance to wildlife.
- (a) kill, capture, take, shoot, or wilfully injure or disturb by any means —
 - (i) any animal whether vertebrate or invertebrate and whether alive or dead; or
 - (ii) the egg, spawn, nest or shell of any animal; or
 - (b) disturb, remove or destroy for any purpose any plant or the fruit or seed of any plant; or
 - (c) disturb, remove or destroy for any purpose the substrate (being humus, soil, sand, mud, gravel, rock, coral or reef debris) forming the habitat of any animal or plant.
5. Subject to Regulation 10, no person shall bring into, or have in his possession in the Reserve, Ban on weapons, explosives, etc.
- (a) a weapon or device designed or which may be used to contravene Regulation 4;
 - (b) an explosive, explosive device or firework or a poisonous substance.
6. Subject to Regulation 10, no person shall bring, or permit to be brought, into the Reserve — Ban on introducing wildlife.
- (a) any animal or the egg or spawn of any animal; or
 - (b) any plant or the fruit or seed of any plant,
- which is capable of reproducing or propagating itself.
7. Subject to Regulation 10, no person shall light a fire in the Reserve or do anything likely to cause a fire in the Reserve. Ban on lighting fires.
- 8(1) Subject to Regulation 10, no person in the Reserve shall throw down, drop, leave or otherwise deposit anything or substances so as to deface by litter or pollute the Reserve. Litter and pollution.
- (2) No person shall outside the Reserve throw down, drop, leave or otherwise deposit anything or substance so as to cause

or contribute to the defacement by litter or pollution of the Reserve.

(3) In addition to any penalty imposed under Regulation 15, a person who contravenes this Regulation may be ordered by the court to pay the whole or any part of any costs incurred by the Foundation in restoring any part of the Reserve affected by the defacement or pollution caused by that person.

PART III — MISCELLANEOUS

Fees and charges.

9(1) The Foundation may, with the agreement of the Commission, impose a fee or charge of a maximum of R. 100 for —

- (a) entry into the Reserve;
- (b) the performance of acts in the Reserve; or
- (c) services provided by it in relation to the Reserve.

(2) The Foundation shall give notice in the *Gazette* of fees or charges imposed under sub-regulation (1).

Authorised exemptions.

10. The Foundation may, with the agreement of the Commission, authorise in writing the doing of anything in the Reserve which —

- (a) would otherwise contravene Part II of these Regulations;
- (b) is otherwise lawful; and
- (c) is in furtherance of —
 - (i) the better management of the Reserve; or
 - (ii) scientific research in the Reserve; or
 - (iii) the purposes of the Act and these Regulations,

and may in its discretion, for the better management of the Reserve, impose general or special conditions on that authorisation.

Restrictions on entry etc.

11(1) The Foundation may, with the agreement of the Commission,

- (a) close the whole or any part of the Reserve to public access;
- (b) prohibit craft not authorised by the Warden from entering or being in the Reserve;
- (c) indicate days or times when the public may land on the Reserve;
- (d) in its discretion impose restrictions on public access in furtherance of better wildlife management in the Reserve.

(2) The Foundation shall give notice in the *Gazette* of restrictions imposed under sub-regulation (1).

12. A person in the Reserve shall comply with any direction given by the Warden or by an officer of the Foundation on his behalf. Directions of Warden etc.

13. The Warden or an officer of the Foundation or a police officer may at any time board and inspect a craft in the Reserve where he has reasonable grounds to suspect that the craft or a person in the craft is contravening the Act or these Regulations. Boarding of craft.

14. No person shall prevent, hinder, obstruct or interrupt— Obstruction of Warden etc.

- (a) the Warden or an officer of the Foundation or of the Commission in the proper discharge of his functions; or
- (b) a person employed by or acting under the authority of the Foundation or the Commission in the proper execution of work connected with the improvement, maintenance or regulation of the Reserve.

PART IV - OFFENCES

15. A person who contravenes — Offences and penalties.

- (a) any provision of Regulation 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 or 14; or

(b) a condition of an authorisation under Regulation 10; or

(c) a prohibition or restriction imposed under Regulation 11,

is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for 3 months and to a fine of R. 2000.
