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The Green Turtles Regulations 1968 - SI No.11 of 1968

As amended by:

Ordinance No.8 of 1981

Ordinance No.6 of 1984

Ordinance No.1 of 2017

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Protection and Preservation of Wild Life Ordinance 1968, hereinafter referred to as **the Ordinance**, His Excellency the Commissioner has made the following regulations –

**Citation.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Green Turtles Protection Regulations 1968, RRBIOT c.E.1.

**Definitions.**

2. In these regulations –

**Commissioner** means the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory;

**sale** includes exchange or barter;

**the Territory** means the British Indian Ocean Territory;

**turtle** means the green turtle or *tortue de mer*.

**Prohibition to harpoon, kill, destroy, and take possession of turtles.**

3. Save as otherwise provided in section 4 of the Ordinance, no person shall harpoon, kill, destroy or take possession of any turtle for any reason whatsoever.

**Prohibition to purchase, sell, etc. turtles and products of turtles.**

4. Save as otherwise provided in section 4 of the Ordinance, no person shall purchase, sell, exhibit for sale, export or be in possession of any turtle, either alive or dead, or of turtle meat, of calipee and of other products of turtles.

**Offences and penalties.**

5. Any person contravening the provisions of regulation 3 or regulation 4 of these regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of £5,000 and to imprisonment for one year.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Revised Regulations)*

The Revised Regulations of the British Indian Ocean Territory (showing the law as at 1 September 2020) incorrectly included Proclamations. This error has been rectified by a periodic revision pursuant to section 15 of the Law Revision Ordinance 2015 (showing the law as at 26 March 2024). Only Chapter E of the Revised Regulations of BIOT was affected.

This periodic revision has –

- a. Removed the Proclamations from the Revised Regulations of BIOT,
- b. Adjusted the reference numbers of the Revised Regulations within Chapter E, and
- c. Added The Appointment of Director of Fisheries Order (Chapter E.9), which was made after the last revision date.

The periodic revision has not affected or amended the substance of any of the laws concerned.