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In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3 of the Protection and Preservation of Wild Life Ordinance 1970, the Commissioner hereby makes the following regulations –

**Citation.**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Wild Life Protection (Lighting of Fires in the Outer Islands) Regulations 2018, RRBIOT c.E.7.

**Definitions.**

2. (1) In these regulations –

**Outer Islands** means any island within the Territory other than Diego Garcia and the islands situated at the mouth of its lagoon;

**responsible adult** means a person over the age of 18 years, who ensures that there is compliance with these regulations; and

**waste** means any combustible material, including natural plant materials, but not treated wood, plastic or other man-made materials.

**The lighting of fires in the Outer Islands.**

3. The lighting of a fire in the Outer Islands is permitted only –

- (a) by a responsible adult;
- (b) in a designated area; and
- (c) for the purpose of burning waste.

**Location of the fire.**

4. (1) Each designated area is specified in the Schedule.

(2) A fire may only be lit in a designated area if –

(a) all natural and flammable material is cleared for a three metre circumference around the fire; and

(b) there are no overhanging branches less than 10 metres from the fire.

(3) If there are turtle tracks or any indication of a turtle nest within 10 metres of the designated area, that area may not be used to light a fire.

**Construction of the fire.**

5. (1) The fire must be constructed so that –

(a) the base does not exceed one metre in diameter, and

(b) the height of the waste (whether burning or not) does not exceed 60 centimetres.

(2) No petroleum, gasoline or other type of accelerant may be used to start or otherwise enhance the combustion of the fire.

**Attendance at the fire.**

6. (1) A fire may not be left unattended at any time.

(2) Prior to leaving the location of the fire, the responsible adult shall ensure that it is fully extinguished.

**The exercise of care.**

7. In following these regulations, the responsible adult shall exercise great care –

(a) to ensure the safety of every person present, and

(b) to ensure that no living flora or fauna is disturbed, damaged or destroyed.

**Offence.**

8. (1) No person shall light a fire in the Outer Islands except in accordance with these regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

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## SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(1)

### Designated Areas

| Outer Island  | Location   |
|---------------|--|
| Ile de Boddam | Within the fire pit, 20 metres west of the small pier, behind the beach, near to the old plantation building.<br><br>5° 21.4' S, 72° 12.4' E   |
| Ile de Coin   | Within the square concrete structure adjacent to the beach, in front of the former plantation factory, a short distance from the old jetty to the north side of the island.<br><br>5° 26.911' S, 71° 45.562' E |

## **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.