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PLUMAGE BIRDS PROTECTION

An Act to prohibit the export of the plumage of wild birds, except for scientific or educational purposes; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

23 of 1915
47 of 1970
13 of 1994
Government Notices
277 of 1964
497 of 1964

[27th November, 1915]

1. This Act may be cited as the Plumage Birds Protection Act.

Short title

The Laws of Zambia

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

Interpretation

"Director" means the Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and National Parks;

"plumage" includes the skin or body of a bird with the plumage on it.

(As amended by G.N. No. 277 of 1964)

3. (1) No person shall export or cause or procure to be exported or have in his possession for the purpose of export from Zambia any plumage of any wild birds.

Prohibition on export or sale of plumage birds

(2) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale in Zambia or have in his possession in Zambia for the purpose of sale any plumage of any wild birds.

(3) The prohibitions contained in subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to-

(a) the plumage of wild birds for the time being excluded from the operation of this Act by statutory notice;

(b) the plumage of wild birds in respect of which a permit has been granted under this Act;

(c) the plumage of wild birds ordinarily used as articles of diet.

(As amended by No. 47 of 1970)

4. The Director may, from time to time by statutory notice, exclude any wild bird from the operation of this Act for such period or periods as he may prescribe or until further notice.

Power to exclude birds from operation of this Act

(As amended by G.N. No. 277 of 1964)

5. Where the Director is satisfied that the plumage of any wild birds is to be sold or exported for scientific or educational purposes, he may grant a permit in writing authorising such sale or export.

Permits

(As amended by G.N. No. 277 of 1964)

6. Any person contravening the provisions of section *three* shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred penalty units or, in default of payment, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.

Penalty

(As amended by Act No. 13 of 1994)