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IN exercise of the powers conferred on the President by sections 3 and 11 of the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43), these Regulations are hereby made this 4th day of March, 1971.

PART I—RESTRICTIONS ON HUNTING, ETC.

Animals wholly protected.

1. No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Animals partly protected.

2. No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) young animals; or

(b) animals accompanied by their young,

of any of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Animals protected in close season.

3. No person shall between the 1st day of August and the 1st day of December in any year hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations.

Prohibited methods of hunting.

4. (1) No person shall manufacture, use or be in possession of any gin trap which may be used for the purpose of hunting, capturing or destroying any animal.

(2) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using any artificial light or flare.

(3) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using nets (except in the case of fish or poisonous snakes), unless authorised in writing to do so by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

(4) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using pitfalls, snares effective only in conjunction with pitfalls, poison or poisoned weapons.

Offences.

5. Any person who contravenes any provision of regulations 1 to 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

PART II—GAME LICENCES

Prohibition of hunting without licence.

6. (1) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) any adult animal of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations when unaccompanied by its young; or

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Animals partly protected.

2. No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) young animals; or

(b) animals accompanied by their young,

of any of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Animals protected in close season.

3. No person shall between the 1st day of August and the 1st day of December in any year hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations.

Prohibited methods of hunting.

4. (1) No person shall manufacture, use or be in possession of any gin trap which may be used for the purpose of hunting, capturing or destroying any animal.

(2) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using any artificial light or flare.

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Offences.

5. Any person who contravenes any provision of regulations 1 to 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

PART II—GAME LICENCES

Prohibition of hunting without licence.

6. (1) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) any adult animal of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations when unaccompanied by its young; or

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- (b) any of the species mentioned in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations outside the close season referred to in regulation 3,

unless he is the holder of a valid licence to do so (hereinafter called "a game licence") granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

7. (1) Application for a game licence shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of five new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations. Application for game licence.

(2) The Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall not grant a game licence to hunt, capture or destroy any of the aforesaid animals with firearms unless the applicant satisfies him that he is lawfully in possession of a licence granted under regulation 59 or 60 of the Arms and Ammunition Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 200), authorising him to use a firearm for the period during which he requires a hunting licence under these Regulations.

8. (1) A game licence shall be in the form specified in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations and shall— Form and validity of game licence.

- (a) be valid for a period of six months from the date of the grant of the licence; and
- (b) authorise the hunting, capturing or destroying only of the species listed in the licence and in numbers not in excess of the numbers specified in the licence;
- (c) authorise the hunting, capturing or destroying permitted by the licence to be carried out only by the means specified in the licence.

(2) A game licence may be issued subject to such special conditions and restrictions as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer may in his discretion think fit to impose, and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the licence.

(3) A game licence shall not be transferable and shall not authorise a person to hunt, capture or destroy any animal in contravention of these Regulations.

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Discretion
to grant
licence.

9. (1) The grant of a game licence under these Regulations shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer, and he may refuse to grant such licence:—

- (a) where in his opinion the grant of the licence would be undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned; or
- (b) where the applicant has been convicted of any offence under these Regulations; or
- (c) where he is not satisfied of the competence of the applicant to use a firearm for hunting, or to recognise the species in respect of which the licence is applied for.

(2) Where for any reason the grant of a licence is refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

PART III—GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMITS

Application
of Part III.

10. The provisions of this Part shall be in addition to the provisions of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana.

Prohibition
of exporting
without
permit.

11. (1) No person shall export or attempt to export from Ghana—

- (a) any animal (whether living or dead) of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules to these Regulations; or
- (b) any elephant's tusk; or
- (c) any hides or skins in commercial quantities, of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules to these Regulations,

unless he is the holder of a valid permit to do so (hereinafter called "a game and trophy export permit") granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis.

Application
for game
and trophy
export
permit.

12. Application for a game and trophy export permit shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of three new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations.

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13. (1) A game and trophy export permit shall be in the form specified in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations and shall— Form and validity of permit.
- (a) be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the grant of the licence; and
 - (b) only authorise the export of items of the nature and not in excess of the quantities specified in the permit;
 - (c) only authorise the export of the items to which the permit relates in a single consignment;
 - (d) only authorise the export of the items to which the permit relates by the means and from the place specified in the permit.

(2) A game and trophy export permit may be issued subject to such special conditions and restrictions as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer may in his discretion think fit to impose, and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the permit.

(3) Where the holder of a game and trophy export permit contravenes any special condition or restriction endorsed on the permit, the permit shall from the time of such contravention be void for all purposes.

(4) A game and trophy export permit shall not be transferable and shall not authorise the export of the items to which it relates in more than one consignment.

14. (1) The grant of a game and trophy export permit shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer, and he may refuse to grant such permit;— Discretion to grant permit.

- (a) where in his opinion the grant of the permit would be undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned; or
- (b) where he is not satisfied that any item to which the permit relates has been lawfully acquired.

(2) Where for any reason the grant of a game and trophy export permit is refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

PART IV—GENERAL

15. (1) A Game Officer may seize any equipment or apparatus which is in the possession or custody of any person in contravention of any provision of these Regulations. Forfeiture of illegal equipment and apparatus.

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SERIES A—MAMMALS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
(viii) <i>Artiodactyla</i>:	
(a) Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibius
(b) Pygmy hippopotamus	Choeropsis liberiensis
(c) Senegal hartebeest	Damaliscus lunatus
(d) Sitatunga	Tragelephas spekei
(e) Eland	Taurotragus derbianus
(f) Water chevrotain	Hyamoschus aquaticus
(g) Bongo	Boocercus enryceros
(h) Roan antelope	Hippotragus equinus

SERIES B—REPTILES

(i) <i>Crocodylia</i>:	
(a) Nile crocodile	Crocodylus niloticus
(b) Long-snouted crocodile	Crocodylus cataphractus
(c) Broad-fronted crocodile	Osteolaemus tetraspis
(ii) <i>Lacertilia</i>:	
(a) Nile monitor	Veranus niloticus
(b) Bosc's monitor	Veranus exanthematicus
(iii) <i>Chelonia</i>:	
All marine turtles:—	
(a) Hawksbill turtle	Eretmochelys imbricata
(b) Green or Edible turtle	Chelonia mydas
(c) Leathery turtle	Dermochelys coriacea

SERIES C—BIRDS

(i) <i>All Birds of Prey</i>,	
including:—	
(a) Falcons, kites, hawks, eagles, buzzards, kestrels, etc.	Falconidae
(b) Owls	Tytonidae and Strigidae

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SERIES C—BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
(ii) <i>Egrets:</i>	
(a) Great white egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
(b) Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
(c) Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
(iii) <i>Sagittariidae:</i>	
(a) Secretary bird	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
(iv) <i>Ciconiidae</i> (Storks):	
(a) Marabou	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
(b) Jabiru or saddle-bill	<i>Ephippiorynchus senegalensis.</i>
(c) Sacred ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
(d) Hadada	<i>Hagedashia hagedash</i>
(e) Spotted breasted ibis	<i>Lampribus rara</i>
(f) Goliath heron	<i>Typhon goliath</i>
(v) <i>Balearicidae</i> (Cranes):	
(a) Crowned crane	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>
(vi) <i>Phasianidae</i> : (Game birds)	
(a) White-breasted Guinea Fowl	<i>Agelastes meleagrides</i>
(vii) <i>Picathartidae:</i>	
(a) Bare-headed rock fowl	<i>Picathartes gymnocephalus.</i>

SECOND SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in any year. The hunting, capturing or destroying of any young animal, or adult accompanied by its young, of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited at all times.

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.SERIES A—MAMMALS	.SCIENTIFIC NAME
(i) Primata:	
(a) White-collared mangabey.	<i>Cercocebus torquatus</i>
(b) Mona Monkey ..	<i>Cercopithecus mona</i>
(c) Spot-nosed Monkey ..	<i>Cercopithecus petaurista</i>
(d) Green Monkey ..	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
(e) Patas Monkey ..	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>
(ii) Carnivora:	
(a) Lynx	<i>Felis caracal</i>
(b) Serval	<i>Felis serval</i>
(c) African civet	<i>Viverra civetta</i>
(d) Two-spotted palm civet	<i>Nandinia binotata</i>
(e) Forest genet	<i>Genetta maculata</i>
(f) Bush genet	<i>Genetta tigrina</i>
(g) Wild cat	<i>Felis libyca</i>
(h) Gambian Mongoose ..	<i>Mungos gambianus</i>
(i) Cusimanse (long-nosed Mongoose).	<i>Mungos obscurus</i>
(j) Dwarf mongoose ..	<i>Herpestes sanguinus</i>
(k) Marsh mongoose ..	<i>Atilax paludinosus</i>
(l) White-tailed mongoose	<i>Ichneumia albicauda</i>
(m) Egyptian mongoose ..	<i>Herpestes ichneumon</i>
(n) Spotted hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
(o) Hunting dog	<i>Lycaon pietus</i>
(p) Side-striped jackal ..	<i>Canis adustus</i>
(iii) Lagomorpha:	
(a) Togo hare	<i>Lepus capensis</i>
(iv) Rodentia:	
(a) Crested porcupine ..	<i>Hystrix</i> sp.
(b) Brush-tailed porcupine	<i>Atherurus africanus</i>
(c) Pel's flying squirrel ..	<i>Animalurus peli</i>
(d) Flying squirrels ..	<i>Animalurus</i> spp.
(e) Pygmy flying squirrel ..	<i>Idiurus</i> spp.
(v) Hyracoidea:	
(a) Tree bear	<i>Dendrohyrax arboreus</i>
(b) Rock hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i> .

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SERIES A--MAMMALS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
(vii) <i>Artiodactyla</i>:	
(a) Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
(b) Red river hog (Bush pig).	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>
(c) Giant Forest hog ..	<i>Hylochoerus meinertzhageni</i> .
(d) Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
(e) Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
(f) Reedbuck	<i>Redunca redunca</i>
(g) Western hartebeest ..	<i>Alcelaphus bucelaphus</i>
(h) Waterbuck	<i>Kobus defassa</i>
(i) Kob	<i>Kobus kob</i>
(j) Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>
(k) Royal antelope ..	<i>Neotragus pygmaeus</i>
(l) Red-fronted gazelle ..	<i>Gazella rufifrons</i>
(m) Yellow-backed duiker	<i>Cephalophus sylvicultor</i>
(n) Black duiker	<i>Cephalophus niger</i>
(o) Bay duiker	<i>Cephalophus dorsalis</i>
(p) Red-flanked duiker ..	<i>Cephalophus rufitatus</i>
(q) Red duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>
(r) Maxwell's duiker ..	<i>Cephalophus maxwelli</i>
(s) Gray duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i> .

SERIES B—REPTILES

(i) <i>Ophidia</i>:	
(a) African python ..	<i>Python sebae</i>
(b) Royal python	<i>Python regia</i>
(ii) <i>Chelonia</i>:	
(a) Bell's hinged tortoise ..	<i>Kinixys belliana</i>
(b) Common hinged tortoise	<i>Kinixys sp.</i>
(c) Gaboon terrapin ..	<i>Pelusios sp.</i>
(d) Marsh terrapin ..	<i>Polemedusa subrufa</i>
(e) Soft-shelled turtle ..	<i>Trionyx triunguis</i> .

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SERIES C—BIRDS.

- (i) *Psittacidae*:
All parrots
- (ii) *Columbidae*:
All doves and pigeons
- (iii) *Musophagidae*:
All touracos and plantain-eaters.
- (iv) *Ploceidae*:
All weavers, waxbills, mannikins, bishop birds, firefinches, cordonsbleus, whydahs, canaries.
- (v) *Sterninae*:
All terns.

THIRD SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in any year.

SERIES A—MAMMALS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
(i) <i>Primata</i> :	
(a) Baboon	<i>Papio anubis</i>
(ii) <i>Erinaceidae</i> :	
(a) Hedgehogs	<i>Atelerix</i> sp. <i>Erinaceus</i> sp. <i>Paraechinus</i> sp.
(iii) <i>Rodentia</i> :	
(a) Tree squirrels	<i>Heliosciurus</i> sp. <i>Funisciurus</i> sp. <i>Protoxerus stangeri</i> <i>Aethosciurus</i> sp.
(b) Ground squirrels ...	<i>Xerus</i> sp.
(c) Giant rat (Pouched rat)	<i>Cricetomys gambianus</i>

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SERIES B—BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME
(i) Phasianidae:	
(a) All Francolins (bush fowl).	Francolinus sp.
(b) Stone-partridge (Stonebantam)	Ptilopachus petrosus
(c) Quails	Coturnix sp.
(d) All Guinea-fowls ..	Numida meleagris
	Guttera sp.
(ii) Otididae:	
(a) All Bustards	Ardeotis arabs Neotis denhami Eupodotis senegalensis Lissotis melanogaster
(iii) Anatidae:	
(a) Hartlaub's duck ..	Pteronetta hartlaubii
(b) White faced duck (Wishiwishi).	Dendrocygna viduata
(c) Fulvous duck	Dendrocygna fulva
(d) Pygmy goose	Nettapus auritus
(e) Knob-billed goose ..	Sarkidiornis melanotos
(f) Egyptian goose ..	Alopochen aegyptiacus
(g) Spur-winged goose ..	Plectropeterus gambensis

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer by applicants for a game licence. To be accompanied by a fee of NQ5.00.

APPLICATION FOR GAME LICENCE TO HUNT, CAPTURE OR DESTROY WILD ANIMALS

I,

(Name)

of (Address)

hereby apply to be granted a Game Licence under Part II of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971.

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(a) *Purpose of application* (e.g., sport, sale of bushmeat, trade in live animals, etc.)

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(b) *Particulars of current Licence to bear Firearms* (to be completed by applicants intending to use firearms as a means of hunting or destroying).

(i) *Licence No.*.....

(ii) *Date issued*.....

(iii) *Type of Firearm*.....

(c) *Proposed Method of hunting or capture* (to be completed by applicants intending to use any means of hunting or capture other than (b) above).

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(d) *Species which the applicant wishes to hunt, capture, or destroy:*

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(e) *Previous conviction(s):*

I have been convicted of the following offences under the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43).....

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(State particulars of convictions, if any)

I declare that all the information given above is correct.

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(Signature (or L.T.P.))

Date.....

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Authorized means of hunting/capturing/destroying (*delete inapplicable words*).....

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Special conditions.....

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Date of issue.....

Place of issue.....

Game Officer.....

Rank.....
for Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

Note.—See overleaf for important information.

On the reverse side of the licence there shall be written the following:

1. This licence is valid for six months from the date of issue.
2. This licence is not transferable.
3. Close season—1st August to 1st December.
4. Your attention is drawn to the Wild Animals Preservation (Game Reserves) Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 171) and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685) and the Schedules thereto. Copies of these Regulations and Schedules may be inspected at the office of issue of this licence, and may be purchased at that office.

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SIXTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer by applicants for a game and trophy export permit. To be accompanied by a fee of NQ3.00.

APPLICATION FOR A GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMIT

Name of applicant.....
(In the case of a company, give details of registration)

Address

I,....., hereby apply for a permit to export the following species and/or trophies in one consignment:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Number of Items</i>
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.....

Place of export (airport, port, etc.).....

State whether the above-named species and/or trophies are for personal use or for sale.....

Name and address of consignee.....

State how the above-named species and/or trophies were acquired:

I declare that the above particulars are correct.

Signature (or L.T.P.)

Date.....

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SEVENTH SCHEDULE

GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMIT

Fee—Three New Cedis

In pursuance of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685), I hereby permit (Name)..... of (Address) to export from (place of export—port, airport, etc.).....

the following species and/or trophies, subject to compliance with the provisions of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana:—

<i>Description</i>	<i>Number of Items</i>
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in a single consignment to— (Name and address of consignee).....

Special conditions and restrictions.....

Date of issue.....

Place of issue.....

Game Officer.....

Rank.....
for Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

NOTE.—See overleaf for important information.

On the reverse side of the Permit there shall be written the following:—

1. This Permit is valid for twelve months from the date of issue.
2. This Permit is not transferable.

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3. Possession of this Permit does *not* exempt the holder from compliance with other laws relating to the export of animals and trophies, i.e: the holder must also obtain the appropriate Export Licence from the Ministry of Trade, and, where necessary, a Health Certificate from a Veterinary Officer.
4. Your attention is drawn to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685), copies of which may be examined at the office of issue of this Permit, or which may be purchased at that office.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES TO THE ACT

1. The First Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and
- (b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

2. The Second Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and
- (b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

3. The Third Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and
- (b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

4. The Fourth Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and
- (b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

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5. The Fifth Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed as items 1 to 7 in the said Schedule;

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the following new item:—

“1. Rodents and poisonous snakes not specified in the First to Fourth Schedules to this Act.”;
and

(c) by the consequential renumbering of item 8 in the said Schedule as item 2.

By command of the President.

T. D. BRODIE-MENDS
*Minister responsible for Lands and
Mineral Resources*

Date of *Gazette* notification: 30th April, 1971.