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CHAPTER 151

WILD ANIMALS

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER CONTROL, CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF WILD ANIMALS

NN 1963.
Cap 140.
SSLN 1 of
1982.

[30 April 1963] Date of
commence-
ment.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Law may be cited as the Wild Animals Law. Short title.

2. In this Law:—

"animal" means any vertebrate or invertebrate, dead or alive, or any part thereof, and includes birds, reptiles, fishes and nests, eggs and eggshells thereof; Interpreta-
tion.
SSLN 1 of
1982.

"Commissioner" means the State Commissioner for the time being charged with responsibility for animal and forest resources;

"court" means a magistrate's court or any area court on which jurisdiction has been conferred in accordance with section 24 of the Area Courts Law; Cap. 9.

"firearm" shall have the same meaning as in section 2 of the Firearms Act; Cap. 69
(1958).

"Game Protection Officer" means any person authorised by the Commissioner to enforce the provisions of this Law and any regulations made hereunder and includes the State Game Warden;

"to hunt" means to kill or capture or take or to attempt to kill or capture or take an animal or any intentional causing of injury, or any attempt to cause injury to an animal;

"immature elephant" means an elephant, the tusk or tusks of which when weighed together do not exceed twenty-two pounds in weight;

"mature elephant" means an elephant, the tusk or tusks of which when weighed together exceed twenty-two pounds in weight;

"State" means Sokoto State of Nigeria;

"trophy" means any prohibited animal or specially protected animal either alive or dead, or anything which is part of or produced from a prohibited animal or a specially protected animal or part thereof, but does not include any part thereof which has by a *bona fide* process of manufacture lost its original identity;

"wild animal" means any animal not normally found in a domesticated state.

Appoint-
ment of
officers.

3. A State Game Warden and Game Protection Officers shall be appointed.

PART II—PROHIBITED ANIMALS, SPECIALLY PROTECTED ANIMALS AND PROTECTED ANIMALS

Prohibited
animals.
First
Schedule.

4. The animals specified in the First Schedule shall be prohibited animals.

Permission
to hunt pro-
hibited
animals.

5.—(1) The Commissioner may give permission in writing to any person to hunt any prohibited animal on such conditions as the Commissioner may specify so, however, that such permission shall only be given for important scientific purposes or for essential administrative reasons.

(2) No person shall hunt or be in possession of any prohibited animal except in accordance with the written permission of the Commissioner under this section.

6. The animals specified in the Second Schedule shall be specially protected animals and the animals specified in the Third Schedule shall be protected animals.

Specially
protected
animals and
protected
animals.
Second
Schedule.
Third
Schedule.

7. The Commissioner may grant a licence to any person to hunt or be in possession of any specially protected animal or protected animal.

Licence to
hunt speci-
ally pro-
tected and
protected
animals.

(2) No person shall hunt or be in possession of any specially protected animal or protected animal except in accordance with a licence issued under this section.

8.—(1) Any court before which a person is convicted of any offence under this Law or the regulations made thereunder may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, if the person convicted holds a licence under section 7, suspend his licence for a specified period.

Suspension
of licence.

(2) Any person so convicted, if he holds a licence under section 7, shall produce the licence within such time as the court may direct for the purpose of endorsement.

(3) A licence suspended by a court in accordance with this section shall during the term of suspension be of no effect and shall for that term be retained in the custody of the court and a person whose licence is suspended shall during the period of suspension be disqualified from holding a licence under this Law.

9. No person shall hunt any female prohibited animal, female specially protected animal or female protected animal when such animal is accompanied by its young or the young of the same species, unless otherwise specially authorised to do so under the provisions of this Law.

Hunting of
female ani-
mals with
young prohi-
bited.

10.—(1) Any permission in writing or licence issued under the provisions of this Law shall cover in addition to the holder of such permission or licence, any other person employed by him to assist him in hunting.

Permission
or licence to
cover
assistants.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), no person employed to assist the holder of permission, or a licence under this Law shall discharge any firearm in the hunting of the animal in respect of which such permission or licence is issued.

Animals
killed in de-
fence of life
or property.

11.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, no person shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Law by reason of his having killed any prohibited, specially protected or protected animal in defence of himself or of any other person.

(2) Any person who kills a prohibited animal, a specially protected animal or a protected animal in defence of himself or of any other person shall, not more than two weeks after such killing, report such killing to a Game Protection Officer.

(3) Where the animal killed in defence of life is killed by the holder of written permission under section 5 or a licence under section 7 to hunt such animal, the killing shall be deemed to have been by virtue of such written permission or licence, as the case may be, and the holder of such written permission or licence, as the case may be, shall enter the animal killed against the number of such species of animal which he is lawfully permitted to hunt by virtue of the written permission or licence.

PART III—GAME RESERVES, GAME SANCTUARIES AND CLOSE SEASONS

Game
reserves.

12. The Governor may in accordance with section 19 and subject to sections 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18 constitute any area a game reserve, or define or alter the limits of any game reserve, or declare that any area shall cease to be a game reserve.

Notice of
intention
to create
a game
reserve.

13. Before any area is constituted a game reserve the Commissioner shall publish a notice in the State Gazette:—

- (a) specifying the situation and limits of the area which it is proposed to declare a game reserve;
- (b) declaring that it is intended to constitute such lands a game reserve;
- (c) appointing by name an officer to be a Game Reserve Settlement Officer for the proposed game reserve;

(d) inviting the submission to the Game Reserve Settlement Officer of claims to the exercise of rights within the area intended to be declared a game reserve;

(e) appointing a date, not earlier than three months after the date of the publication of the notice, and a place on and at which all claims to rights in or over or affecting the lands which it is proposed to constitute a game reserve shall be heard by the Game Reserve Settlement Officer.

14. The Game Reserve Settlement Officer shall:—

- (a) inquire into the limits and boundaries of the area specified in the notice referred to in section 13;
- (b) inquire into the substance of all claims to exercise rights within the area specified in the notice referred to in section 13 and shall determine whether such rights are admitted or not;
- (c) upon the completion of his inquiry the Game Reserve Settlement Officer shall deliver his judgment in which he shall:—

- (i) determine the limits of the land specified in the notice referred to in section 13;
- (ii) determine, with all such particulars as may be necessary to define their nature, duration, incidence and extent, all claims preferred or brought to his knowledge in respect of the area specified in the notice referred to in section 13 and admitting or rejecting the same wholly or in part,

and shall file a certified true copy of the judgment at the Ministry of Land and Survey

(d) deliver to the Commissioner a report showing whether in his opinion any right or claim admitted wholly or in part would:—

- (i) stultify the objects of the game reserve; or
- (ii) seriously hinder the efficient working of the game reserve,

and in either case shall indicate from his examination of the lands specified whether any right admitted, wholly or in part, which in his opinion would stultify the objects of the

Duties of
the Game
Reserve
Settlement
Officer.

game reserve or seriously hinder the efficient working of the game reserve, could be extinguished, with appropriate monetary compensation, or by grant in exchange of similar rights on other similarly situated land either within or without the final boundaries of the game reserve, or could be confined or restricted to certain areas within or without the game reserve or the exercise thereof confined to a certain time of year, without undue hardship to the right holders.

Officer to have judicial powers.

15. For the purposes of the inquiry referred to in section 14 the Game Reserve Settlement Officer shall have the powers of a District Judge.

Publication of judgment.

16. Every judgment of a Game Reserve Settlement Officer delivered in accordance with section 14 shall be made known, as far as is practicable, to every person and community which preferred any claim or in respect of which any claim was brought to the notice of the Game Reserve Settlement Officer.

Appeals.

17. Any person who has made a claim on his own behalf, or where a claim has been made on behalf of a community the representative of that community may, within three months of the date of delivery of the judgment of the Game Reserve Settlement Officer, appeal to a District Judge against that portion of the judgment which affects his claim or the claim made on behalf of the community which he represents, as the case may be, and may further appeal to the High Court from the decision of the District Judge.

Modification of judgment.

18. Where the Game Reserve Settlement Officer has in the course of his judgment admitted wholly or in part any right or claim and in the opinion of the Commissioner the exercise of such right or claim or any part thereof:-

- (a) would stultify the object of the game reserve; or
- (b) would seriously hinder the efficient working of the game reserve,

the Commissioner may:-

- (i) extinguish any such rights or claims, other than rights or claims in respect of land, with appropriate monetary compensation; or

- (ii) confine or restrict any rights or claims to certain areas either within or without the game reserve or the exercise of such rights to certain times of the year; or

- (iii) adopt wholly or in part any one or any combination of the above methods in dealing with the matter,

and the Commissioner of Land and Survey may extinguish any such rights or claims in respect of land with appropriate monetary compensation.

19.—(1) Upon the expiry of a period of not less than three months from the date of the publication of the judgment in accordance with section 16 the Governor may make an order constituting the lands in respect of which an inquiry has been held a game reserve, so however, that if any appeal has been made against such judgment no such order shall be made until such appeal has been determined.

Constitution of game reserve.

(2) An order under subsection (1) shall set forth:-

- (a) the limits of the lands which constitute the game reserve;
- (b) all rights affecting the same;
- (c) such additional rights as the Governor shall consider it just and equitable to allow notwithstanding that such rights have not been allowed in the judgment of the Game Reserve Settlement Officer.

(3) An order under subsection (1) shall in addition to being published in the State Gazette be made known in the same manner as was the judgment of the Game Reserve Settlement Officer.

(4) From the date of the publication of the order in the State Gazette the lands therein referred to shall be a game reserve.

20.—(1) An order made under section 19 may be revised or modified by the Governor by order.

Modification of the order constituting game reserve.

(2) In any revision or modification under subsection (1) the Governor may, after such inquiry as he shall think fit:-

- (a) exercise the powers conferred upon the Commissioner or the Commissioner of Land and Survey by section 18;
- (b) create such additional rights as he shall consider just and equitable; or

(c) declare that the whole, or any part, of the game reserve shall cease to be a game reserve.

Further powers affecting rights.

21. In any game reserve the Commissioner may close any right of way or watercourse where in his opinion another right of way or watercourse equally convenient already exists or is provided.

Extinguishment of rights.

22. Subject to any right to compensation, every right in or over land in respect of which no claim shall have been made to the Game Reserve Settlement Officer, or of which no knowledge shall have been acquired by that officer before delivery of his judgment, shall be extinguished.

Extinguishment of rights by non-use.

23. If any right within a game reserve shall not have been exercised for a period of ten years it shall be deemed to have been extinguished.

Rights not to be alienated without consent of Commissioner.

24.—(1) No person shall alienate any right affecting land included in a game reserve by sale, mortgage or transfer without the consent of the Commissioner first had and obtained and any such sale, mortgage or transfer effected without such consent shall be null and void.

(2) The Commissioner may extinguish the right which any person attempts to alienate contrary to subsection (1).

Acts prohibited in proposed game reserve.

25.—(1) During the period between the date of the publication of the notice referred to in section 12 and the date of publication of the order constituting the game reserve in accordance with section 19:—

- (a) no person shall acquire any right within the lands specified in the notice otherwise than by succession or under a grant or contract in writing entered into with the approval of the Commissioner; and
- (b) save as hereinafter provided, no person shall:—
 - (i) erect any new dwelling;
 - (ii) clear any new lands for farming or cultivation;
 - (iii) cut any tree;
 - (iv) hunt, capture or kill any wild animal

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be deemed to prohibit any act done with the permission in writing of a Game Protection Officer.

26. No person, other than a Game Protection Officer or other Government Officer on duty, shall enter any game reserve except he is authorised so to do under this Law or regulations made hereunder.

Restriction of entry to game reserve.

27. No person shall in any game reserve, unless otherwise authorised to do so under this Law or by regulations made hereunder:—

Acts prohibited in game reserve.

- (a) hunt or take possession of any wild animal;
- (b) take any forest produce as defined in the Forestry Law;
- (c) uproot, burn, strip the bark or leaves from, or otherwise damage any tree;
- (d) set fire to any grass or herbage or kindle a fire without taking due precaution to prevent it spreading;
- (e) permit any domestic animal to enter or trespass in the game reserve;
- (f) dig, cut, turn or cultivate the soil or make a farm or plantation;
- (g) construct any dam or weir across any river or stream or otherwise obstruct the channel of any river or stream;
- (h) reside in or erect any building or make any camp;
- (i) fish or attempt to kill fish;
- (j) set any snare, net, trap or other instrument for the purpose of catching or killing animals or likely to catch, kill or injure any animal;
- (k) drive, stampede or in any way disturb unnecessarily any animal.

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28. The State Game Warden or any Game Protection Officer acting upon the instructions of the State Game Warden may carry out within a game reserve any of the acts prohibited in section 27.

Officers permitted to perform prohibited acts.

Power to declare game sanctuary.

29. A local government council may, with the approval of the Commissioner, declare any area to be a game sanctuary or declare that any game sanctuary shall cease to be a game sanctuary.

Hunting in game sanctuary prohibited.

30. Save as otherwise provided in this Law, or any regulations made hereunder, no person shall hunt any wild animal within the limits of a game sanctuary.

Declaration of close season.

31. The Commissioner may from time to time by order declare any period of time to be a close season for any wild animal, whether a prohibited animal, a specially protected animal or a protected animal or other wild animal, and such declaration may be general or may be restricted to the limits of any area defined in the order.

Hunting of animals in close season prohibited.

32. During a close season for any animal no person shall hunt such animal within the area in respect of which the close season applies.

PART IV—RESTRICTION ON METHODS OF HUNTING AND DISTURBING WILD LIFE

Restriction on killing of fish.

33. No person shall use any poison or, without the permission in writing of the Commissioner, any dynamite or other explosive or any electrical method or device for the killing or capturing of fish.

Use of motor vehicle or aircraft for hunting prohibited.

34. No person shall shoot at any wild animal from any aircraft or from any vehicle or craft propelled by mechanical means:

Provided that any person may, subject to the provisions of this Law or of any regulations made hereunder, shoot at wild fowl or crocodile from a launch, small craft, boat or canoe.

Use of motor vehicle or aircraft to stampede animals prohibited.

35.—(1) No person shall use any aircraft or mechanically propelled vehicle in such a manner as to drive, stampede or disturb any wild animal.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the right of occupiers of land used for public purposes to use motor vehicles or aircraft on

such land for the purpose of driving away, capturing or destroying any animal found in such land where such ejection, capture or destruction is not otherwise contrary to law.

PART V—TRAFFIC IN TROPHIES

36.—(1) No person shall possess any trophy or manufacture anything from any trophy unless such trophy shall have been lawfully obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Law and shall have been registered as a trophy in accordance with section 38 or unless otherwise specifically authorised in writing by the Commissioner or such officer as may be appointed for him for this purpose.

Possession of trophy.

(2) Every person possessing a trophy shall pay a trophy fee as prescribed by regulations under this Law.

37. The onus of proof that any trophy was lawfully obtained shall lie on the possessor thereof.

Onus of proof.

38.—(1) The possessor of any trophy shall declare such trophy to a Game Protection Officer and, provided that he can satisfy the officer to whom he has declared such trophy that he has obtained the same lawfully, such trophy shall be registered by such Game Protection Officer who shall deliver to the possessor a free disposal permit therefor in which such trophy shall be identified.

Declaration of trophy.

(2) The Game Protection Officer shall make identification marks on such trophy declared to him in accordance with subsection (1) in accordance with regulations under section 52 and shall enter a description of such marks on the free disposal permit.

39.—(1) No person shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any trophy to another person unless such trophy has been declared and registered and a free disposal permit issued in respect thereof.

Disposal of trophy.

(2) On the transfer, sale or disposal of any trophy the person transferring, selling or disposing of the trophy shall at the same time transfer with the trophy the relevant free disposal permit therefor as proof of the lawful possession of the trophy.

(3) No person shall purchase, receive or otherwise obtain from another person a trophy which is not lawfully obtained.

Government
ownership of
animals.

Disposal of
Government
property.

Finding of
remains of
elephant or
rhinoceros.

Finding
remains of
other
specially
protected
animals.

Destruction
of animals
of necessity.

40. Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 11 and subsection (3) of section 42, any animal killed or captured in accordance with section 11 or section 44, or any carcass or remains reported to a Game Protection Officer in accordance with section 42 shall be the property of the Government.

41. The Commissioner may authorise the disposal either by sale or otherwise, of any animal or part thereof which is Government property by virtue of the provisions of section 40.

42.—(1) Any person who shall find the carcass or remains of an elephant or rhinoceros with the tusk or horn intact shall, within two weeks of such finding, report the find to a Game Protection Officer.

(2) The Commissioner may direct the payment of a reward to any person reporting a find in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) If the person reporting the find in accordance with subsection (1) is the holder of a licence to hunt elephant or rhinoceros he may take possession of the tusk or horn, as the case may be, as if he had killed the animal from which such tusk or horn is taken by virtue of such licence.

43. Any person who shall find the remains of any specially protected animal other than an elephant or rhinoceros may, if he wishes to obtain possession thereof, report the find to a Game Protection Officer and, provided that the officer to whom the report is made shall be satisfied that the circumstances of the finding do not constitute an offence, the Game Protection Officer may dispose of the remains to such person on payment of such fees as may be provided for in regulations under section 52.

PART VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

44.—(1) If it shall be shown to the Commissioner, or other such officer as he may appoint for the purpose, that it is necessary or expedient in order to protect the lives of any person or protect property or prevent the destruction of crops or of domestic stock or of necessity in time of famine or for any requirement relating to public health or public order that any animal, whether a prohibited animal, a specially protected animal, a protected animal or other

wild animal shall be captured or destroyed, the Commissioner or such officer as he may appoint for the purpose may authorise any person to kill or capture such animal.

(2) An authority given in accordance with subsection (1) shall:—

- (a) specify the number and species of animals which may be captured or destroyed;
- (b) specify the area within which the animal or animals may be captured or destroyed;
- (c) specify the period for which the authority is valid provided that such period shall not exceed three months at any one time;
- (d) specify the methods by which the animal or animals may be killed or captured (even though such methods may be otherwise prohibited by the provisions of this Law or any regulations made thereunder) having due regard to the prevention of any unnecessary suffering or destruction.

45. Where the animal killed of necessity by virtue of an authority given under section 44 shall be an elephant the person authorised to kill such animal shall, within a period of not more than three weeks of the killing of the animal, surrender the tusks thereof to the Regional Game Warden and the Regional Game Warden shall then dispose of the tusks in accordance with the direction of the Commissioner.

Where animal killed of necessity is elephant.

46. Where any Game Protection Officer suspects that an offence has been committed against the provisions of this Law or of any regulations made hereunder he may inspect and search, or authorise a subordinate officer to inspect and search in his presence, any baggage, package, vehicle, dwelling, tent, caravan or article belonging to or under the control of a suspected person, or of that person's agent or servant and, if the Game Protection Officer, or his subordinate, shall find any animal or part thereof, appearing to have been killed or captured in contravention of this Law or of any regulations made hereunder, the officer may seize the same and take the same before a court to be dealt with according to law.

Power to search and seize.

Power to arrest.

47. Any Game Protection Officer may arrest without warrant any person whom he reasonably suspects of having committed an offence against this Law or of any regulation made hereunder if such person shall refuse to give his name and address or shall give a name and address which the Game Protection Officer reasonably believes to be false, or if such person is likely to abscond, and the Game Protection Officer shall immediately take such arrested person before a court to be dealt with according to law.

Payment for information leading to conviction of offender.

48. Where in any proceeding under the provisions of this Law, or of any regulations made hereunder, any fine is imposed the court may at its discretion direct that when any such fine is paid a sum not exceeding half the sum so paid shall be awarded to any person having given information leading to the conviction of the offender.

Eggs of birds.

49. No person, unless he is otherwise authorised under this Law so to do, shall take the egg or eggshell of any bird which is declared to be a prohibited animal or a specially protected animal unless the bird is lawfully kept in a domesticated state.

Possession or sale of powdered rhinoceros horn.

50. No person shall possess, sell, purchase, transfer or otherwise dispose of any powdered rhinoceros horn, unless otherwise authorised to do so by the provisions of this Law.

Power to prosecute.

51. In any proceedings for an offence against this Law or of any regulations made hereunder the state may be represented by a Game Protection Officer.

Regulations.

52. The Governor may make regulations for all or any of the following matters:-

- (a) regulating the application for, issue of, form of, conditions of, and fees payable in respect of any licence or permit issued under the provisions of this Law;
- (b) prescribing or altering the number of animals of any species or variety which may be hunted by virtue of any licence issued in accordance with the provisions of this Law;
- (c) prescribing or altering the limits of any areas in which any animal declared to be a specially protected animal or

protected animal or any animal not so declared, may not be hunted, captured or killed unless otherwise authorised under this Law;

- (d) regulating the possession, purchase, sale, transfer or disposal of any animal, whether a specially protected animal or other animal;
- (e) prescribing trophy fees and regulating the manufacture of any article from a trophy;
- (f) requiring the holder of any licence, permit or authority issued in accordance with the provisions of this Law to submit the licence, permit or authority to a prescribed officer for endorsement or other purpose;
- (g) providing for the issue of a duplicate licence or permit in the event of a licence, or permit being lost or destroyed and for a fee for such issue;
- (h) prohibiting or regulating the capture or killing of any fish, or any specified kind of fish, either generally or in specified waters;
- (i) providing for the protection of spawning beds;
- (j) prohibiting the making or use of any game pits, nets, traps or other instruments for the purpose of hunting any animal, either generally or in specified areas;
- (k) prohibiting the use of fire for the purpose of hunting any animal;
- (l) providing for the declaration, registration, marking and identification of trophies, and for a fee for so doing;
- (m) prohibiting the possession of or carrying of any specified kind of arm, lamp or other instrument when used for or likely to be used for or capable of being used for hunting;
- (n) requiring the holder of any licence issued in accordance with the provisions of this Law to keep a true register of animals hunted, captured or killed by virtue of that licence;
- (o) regulating the keeping of wild animals in captivity;
- (p) providing for the regulation of wild animal ranching or the management of wild animal ranching generally;
- (q) regulating the management of game reserves and game sanctuaries;

- (r) regulating the conditions of entry to game reserves and game sanctuaries;
- (s) providing for the fees to be charged under this Law;
- (t) generally for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Law.

Penalties.

53.—(1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 5 or section 36 (where the offence shall involve a prohibited animal) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 7, 9, 25, 27, 30, 32, 33 or 36 (where the offence shall involve a specially protected animal) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 8, 11, 26, 34, 39, 49 or 50 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) In the case of a conviction for any offence under this Law or the regulations made hereunder the court may in addition to any other punishment imposed order the confiscation or destruction of any firearm or other instrument used or carried by the offender at the time of such offence.

Special permission.

54. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Law, the Commissioner may, by special permission given in writing, authorise any person representing a recognised scientific organisation or scientific institution to commit an act which otherwise may be an offence against this Law;

Provided that such permission shall only be given for purposes of scientific work approved by the Governor.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Chimpanzee	...	...	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>
Dama Gazelle	...	...	<i>Gazella dama</i>
Derby's Eland	...	...	<i>Taurotragus derbianus</i>
Dorcas Gazelle	...	...	<i>Gazella dorcas</i>
Immature Elephant	...	...	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Giraffe	...	...	<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i>
Gorilla	...	...	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
Manatee	...	...	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>
Pigmy Hippopotamus	...	...	<i>Trichechus senegalensis</i>
Rhinoceros	...	...	<i>Choeropsis liberiensis</i>
			<i>Diceros bicornis</i>

SECOND SCHEDULE

Caracal or Desert Lynx	...	...	<i>Felis caracal</i>
Cheetah	...	...	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>
Colobus Monkey	...	...	<i>Colobus polykomos</i>
			<i>Colobus badius</i>
Mature Elephant	...	...	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
Hippopotamus	...	...	<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i>
Other than the Pigmy Hippopotamus	...	...	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
Klipspringer	...	...	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
Situtunga	...	...	<i>Limnotragus speki</i>
Crowned Crane	...	...	<i>Balearica pavonina pavonina</i>
European Stork	...	...	<i>Ciconia species</i>
Greater Bustard	...	...	<i>Ardeotis arab stieberi</i>
Great White Heron	...	...	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Ostrich	...	...	<i>melanorhynchus</i>
Secretary Bird	...	...	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
Vultures	...	...	<i>Sagittarius serpentarius</i>
			<i>gambiensis</i>
			All species

THIRD SCHEDULE

Bushbucks or Harnessed Antelopes—		
West African Bushbuck	...	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
Shari Bushbuck	...	<i>Tragelaphus pictus</i>
Ubangi Bushbuck	...	<i>Tragelaphus signatus</i>
Bushcow or Buffalo	...	<i>Syncerus nanus</i>
Duikers—		
Bay Duiker	...	<i>Cephalopus dorsalis</i>
Black Duiker	...	<i>Cephalopus niger</i>
Ogilbys Duiker	...	<i>Cephalopus ogilbyi</i>
Red Flanked Duiker	...	<i>Cephalopus rufilatus</i>
Yellow Backed Duiker	...	<i>Cephalopus silvicultor</i>
Blue Duiker	...	<i>Philantomba caeruleus</i>
Maxwells Duiker	...	<i>Philantomba maxwellii</i>
Grimms Duiker	...	<i>Silvicapra grimmia</i>
Hartebeests—		
Western Hartebeest	...	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>
Senegal Hartebeest	...	<i>Damaliscus Keoyrigum</i>
Kobs—		
Buffons Kob	...	<i>Adenota kob</i>
Lake Chad Kob	...	<i>Adenota adolfi friderici</i>
Benue Kob	...	<i>Adenota loderi</i>
Waterbuck	...	<i>Kobus defasa</i>
Reedbuck	...	<i>Redunca nigeriensis</i>
Oribi	...	<i>Ourebia ouebi</i>
Red Fronted Gazelle	...	<i>Gazella rufirostris</i>
Red River Hog	...	<i>Poramochoerus porcus</i>
Roan Antelope	...	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>
Abyssinian Ground Hornbill	...	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>
Pelican	...	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>
		<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>
		<i>Pelecanus roceus</i>

CHAPTER 152

WILLS

AN EDICT TO PROVIDE FOR WILLS OF PERSONS NOT SUBJECT TO CUSTOMARY LAWS

SS 25 of 1987

[7 May 1987] Date of commencement.

1. This Edict may be cited as the Sokoto State Wills Edict. Citation.
2. In this Edict unless the context otherwise requires:

"Child" includes a step-child, a child whose paternity has been acknowledged in accordance with any customary law applicable in Nigeria, a child adopted whether before or after the commencement of this Edict in pursuance of an adoption order made under any statute in force in Nigeria or in any other country, a child; *en ventre sa mere*, and a child legitimated under the Legitimacy Law; Cap. 79.

"property" includes right of occupancy, sublease, sub-underlease and funds, securities for moneys, share of Government, debts, things in action, rights, credits, goods and other property whatsoever which by law devolves upon the executor or administrator and any share or interest therein;

"will" includes a testament, codicil and an appointment by will or by writing in the nature of a will in exercise of a power.

3.—(1) It shall be lawful for every person to bequeath or dispose of, by his will executed in accordance with the provisions of this Edict, all property to which he is entitled, either in law or in equity, at the time of his death: Power to dispose property by will.

Provided that the provisions of this Edict shall not apply:—

- (a) to any property which the testator had no power to dispose of by will or otherwise under customary law to which he was subject;