

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS (LIONS) (KILLING RESTRICTION) ORDER

(section 90)

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1. Citation

This Order may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Lions) (Killing Restriction) Order.

2. Restriction to kill lions

Section 46 (1) of the Act which permits the owner or occupier of land, or any agent of

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such owner or occupier to kill any animal which caused, is causing or threatens to cause damage to any livestock, crops, water installation or fence on such land shall not apply in respect of a lion.

3. Report to wildlife office

(1) Where a lion causes damage to livestock or property, the owner or occupier of land, or any agent of such owner or occupier, shall make a report thereof, to the nearest wildlife office or police station, within seven days of the event.

(2) A person who kills a lion shall, within seven days of the event, make a report thereof to the nearest wildlife office or police station.

(3) A person who contravenes a provision of this regulation commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding P1,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

4. Conditions for killing lion

(1) A person may kill a lion where—

- (a) a lion or a group of lions has killed livestock; or
- (b) a lion or a group of lions threatens human life in terms of section 47 of the Act.

(2) Where a group of lions is involved, a person may kill only one lion in the group.

5. Prevention of damage

A person who kills a lion shall show that prior to killing the lion, he or she attempted to prevent damage from being caused to his or her livestock or property by the lion concerned or a group of lions through—

- (a) herding livestock; and
- (b) enclosing livestock in a secure kraal.

6. Burden of proof

A person who kills or wounds a lion shall—

- (a) prove that the lion that was killed or wounded or the group of lions to which that lion belonged at the time it was killed or wounded caused damage to his or her livestock or property;
- (b) prevent damage to the lion carcass and to the livestock carcass;
- (c) skin the lion carcass and the livestock carcass in a manner which preserves the skin of the lion or livestock for forensic investigations; or
- (d) preserve the area where the lion or the livestock were killed or wounded, for forensic investigations.

7. Offences and penalties

A person who contravenes any provision of this Order commits an offence and is liable to

a fine not exceeding P1,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.