

THE WILD ANIMALS LAW, 1963 No.16 OF 1963

THE WILD ANIMALS (HUNTING LICENCES) REGULATIONS, 1975

Date of Commencement : (15th April, 1975).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 52 of the Wild Animals Law, 1963 the following regulations are hereby made by the Executive Council of the North-Eastern State of Nigeria:-

Title and commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Wild Animals (Hunting Licences) Regulations, 1975 and shall come into operation on the 15th day of April, 1975.

Licence to hunt or capture specially protected animals and protected animals.

2. (1) The Permanent Secretary or such officer as he may appoint may issue a hunting licence, in the form set out in the First Schedule, empowering the holder to hunt only or to capture only a specified number of specially protected animals and protected animals.

(2) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.

(3) No person shall at any one time hold more than one licence issued under this regulation.

Restriction on number of animals killed or captured.

3. (1) An applicant for a licence to be issued under regulation 2 may apply to kill or capture a number of any species of specially protected animal or protected animal up to the maximum number specified in the second column of the Second Schedule.

(2) The officer charged with the responsibility of issuing licences under regulation 2 shall enter in the second column of page three of the licence the number of specially protected animals and protected animals which the licensee has been authorised to kill or capture.

(3) The holder of a hunting licence issued under regulation 2 shall not kill or capture a number of any species of specially protected animal or protected animal greater than the number specified on his licence according to subsection 2 of this regulation.

(4) Where the holder of a hunting licence issued under regulation 2 finds the body of a specially protected animal or protected animal, he may take possession of such trophy or part thereof provided that -

- (a) The licensee reports the find to the nearest Game Protection Officer as soon as possible and in any case not more than 15 days after he has found the trophy;
- (b) such trophy shall count towards the total number of animals of that species permitted to the licensee under subsection 3 of this regulation; and
- (c) if the licensee has not been authorised by virtue of his licence to kill or capture the species of animal which he has found, the licensee shall pay the licence fee prescribed for that species under regulation 4.

Fees payable.

4. (1) The holder of a licence issued under regulation 2 shall pay a fee in advance in respect of each specially protected animal or protected animal which he has been authorised to kill or capture by virtue of his licence;

(2) The fee payable for each specially protected animal or protected animal is specified in the third column of the Second Schedule.

Power to withhold licence.

5. The officer charged with the responsibility of issuing licences under regulation 2 may withhold the issue of any licence until the applicant shall have fulfilled the following conditions -

- (a) that if the applicant wishes to hunt elephant, hippopotamus or buffalo, he is in lawful possession of a rifle of a calibre not less than 9.5mm which produces a muzzle energy of not less than 550mkg. and that he has correct ammunition for the same;

- (b) that if the applicant wishes to hunt any specially protected animal or protected animal other than elephant, hippopotamus or buffalo, he is in lawful possession of a rifle of a calibre not less than 6.5mm which produces a muzzle energy of not less than 315mkg. and that he has correct ammunition for the same;
- (c) that the applicant can fire three consecutive shots within a circle of 10cm. diameter at a distance of 100m. with the rifle with which he intends to hunt;
- (d) that if the applicant wishes to capture any specially protected animal or protected animal, the applicant must state the general methods of capture to be adopted and these should be such that they will not result in the animal to be caught suffering undue pain or hardship.

Restriction
on types of
firearms for
hunting.

6. (1) No person shall hunt elephant or hippopotamus with any type of rifle other than that specified in section (a) of regulation 5 and with any type of ammunition other than that known as "full jacket solid point".

(2) No person shall hunt any specially protected animal or protected animal other than elephant or hippopotamus with any type of rifle other than that specified in sections (a) and (b) of regulation 5 and with any type of ammunition other than that known as "soft point".

(3) No person shall hunt with an automatic or semi-automatic firearm as defined in the Firearms Act of 1958.

Validity of
licence in
N.E.State.

7. Unless otherwise endorsed to the contrary, a hunting licence issued under regulation 2 shall entitle the holder to hunt anywhere in the North-Eastern State, except in Forest or Game Reserves, subject to the provisions of the law and the regulations made thereunder.

Local
Authority
licence
to hunt
protected
animals.

8. (1) A local authority may, with the consent of the Permanent Secretary, issue to any person, whether subject to the jurisdiction of the local authority or not, a hunting licence in the form set out in the Third Schedule empowering the holder to hunt only a specified number of protected animals.

(2) A licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.

(3) No person shall at any one time hold more than one licence issued under this regulation.

Restriction
on number of
animals
killed.

9. (1) An applicant for a licence to be issued under regulation 8 may apply to kill a number of any species of protected animal up to the maximum number specified in the second column of the Second Schedule.

(2) The officer charged with the responsibility of issuing licences under regulation 8 shall enter in the third column of page 2 of the licence the number of protected animals which number the licensee has been authorised to kill.

(3) The holder of a hunting licence issued under regulation 8 shall not kill a number of any species of protected animal greater than the number specified on his licence according to subsection 2 of this regulation.

Fees payable.

10. (1) The holder of a licence issued under regulation 8 shall pay a fee in advance in respect of each protected animal which he has been authorised to kill by virtue of his licence.

(2) The fee payable for each protected animal is specified in the third column of the Second Schedule.

(3) The fee paid in respect of a hunting licence issued under regulation 8 shall be paid to the local authority issuing the licence.

Validity
of local
authority
licence.

11. Unless otherwise endorsed to the contrary, a hunting licence issued under regulation 8 shall be valid only in the area subject to the jurisdiction of the local authority issuing the same except for forest and game reserves within that area.

**Endorsement of
hunting
licence.**

12. The Permanent Secretary may at any time add by endorsement to any hunting licence issued under these regulations any special conditions which in the opinion of the Permanent Secretary are expedient, and the licensee shall comply with any such special conditions.

**Limit to
number of
licences
issued.**

13. The Permanent Secretary may at his discretion limit the number of licences issued in any one year under regulation 2 and regulation 8.

**Inspection
of licences.**

14. The holder of any hunting licence issued under regulation 2 or regulation 8 shall produce his licence for inspection whenever so required by a Game Protection Officer or any other officer specifically authorised to inspect such licences by the Permanent Secretary.

**Licences not
transferable.**

15. A hunting licence issued in accordance with these regulations shall be personal to the licensee and a licensee shall not transfer his hunting licence to any other person.

**Expiry of
hunting
licences.**

16. (1) The holder of a hunting licence issued under regulation 2 shall, within fifteen days from the date of expiry of such hunting licence, send the licence to the officer who issued it and the licensee shall certify on page 4 therein that the animals recorded are a true and complete record of all specially protected and protected animals killed or captured by him by virtue of his licence.

(2) The holder of a hunting licence issued under regulation 8 shall, within fifteen days from the date of expiry of such hunting licence, send the licence to the local authority who issued it and the licensee shall certify on page 3 therein that the animals recorded are a true and complete record of all protected animals killed by him by virtue of his licence.

(3) The local authority shall, when it receives a licence in accordance with subsection 2 of this regulation, forward the licence to the Permanent Secretary for record purposes.

Issue of
duplicate
licence.

17. (1) Where the holder of a hunting licence issued in accordance with the provisions of these regulations shall satisfy the person issuing the same that his licence has been lost or destroyed, the person issuing the original hunting licence may issue a duplicate hunting licence valid only for the remainder of the term of the original hunting licence on payment of a fee of five naira in the case of a hunting licence issued under regulation 2, and a fee of one naira in the case of a hunting licence issued under regulation 8.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), in the case of the issue of a duplicate hunting licence issued under regulation 2, the specially protected animal and protected animal killed or captured by virtue of the original licence shall be entered on the duplicate licence and shall be counted towards the number of animals that the licensee has been authorised to kill or capture by virtue of regulation 3.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), in the case of the issue of a duplicate hunting licence issued under regulation 8, the protected animal killed by virtue of the original licence shall be entered on the duplicate licence and shall be counted towards the number of animals that the licensee has been authorised to kill by virtue of regulation 9.

Penalties.

18. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of regulations 3, 6, 9, 14, 15 or 16 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred naira or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Revocation
of>NNLN 24
of 1964.

19. The Wild Animals (Hunting Licences) Regulations 1964 are hereby revoked to the extent to which it applies to the North-Eastern State.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Wild Animals Law, 1963 (No.16 of 1963)

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HUNTING LICENCE

NO.....

Licence is hereby granted to the undernamed person to hunt*/ capture* those animals named on page 3 of this licence in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Animals Law and any special conditions detailed on page 5 of this licence.

* one or other to be deleted by the officer issuing licence.

Name.....

Address.....

Date of Issue.....Valid to.....

Issued by.....

Fee Paid.....Revenue Receipt No.....Date.....

Photograph of
Holder

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Signature of Licensee

Firearm No.....

Licence No.....

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Restriction of Numbers :

The licensee shall not kill or capture a number of any species listed in column 1 of Table 1 greater than the number shown for that species in the second column of that Table.

Declaration of Trophies :

The licensee shall declare every trophy arising from the killing of a specially protected or protected animal and shall receive a Free Disposal Permit for that trophy in accordance with the Wild Animals (Trophies) Regulations, 1975 .

Endorsements :

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SECOND SCHEDULE

	Maximum number authorised to be killed on any one licence.	Per capita fee to be charged for each animal authorised.
<u>SPECIALLY PROTECTED ANIMALS:</u>		
<u>PRIMATES</u>		
All monkeys except those specified in the First Schedule, patas monkey and common baboon.	4	₦6.00
<u>PROBOSCIDAEEA:</u>		
Mature Elephant	2	150.00
<u>ARTIODACTYLA:</u>		
Hippopotamus	3	60.00
Buffalo (Bush-cow)	1	20.00
Western Hartebeest	1	15.00
Topi (Senegal Hartebeest)	1	15.00
Kob	2	8.00
Reedbuck	2	6.00
Roan Antelope	1	15.00
Waterbuck	1	15.00
Bushbuck	2	8.00
<u>REPTILES:</u>		
All monitor lizards	2	6.00
All pythons	2	10.00
<u>AVES:</u>		
All parrots	2	20.00
<u>PROTECTED ANIMALS:</u>		
<u>ARTIODACTYLA:</u>		
All duikers (except yellow-backed duiker)	3	1.00
Red-fronted Gazelle	2	3.00
Oribi	2	2.00
Warthog	2	5.00
Redriver Hbg	2	8.00
All waterfowl	unlimited	10.00

THIRD SCHEDULE

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HUNTING LICENCE

Licence is hereby granted to the undernamed person to hunt those animals named on page 2 of this licence in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Animals Law, 1963 and any special conditions detailed on page 4 of this licence.

Name.....
 Address.....

 Date of Issue..... Valid to.....
 Issued by..... Local Authority
 Fee Paid..... Revenue Receipt No..... Date.....
 Firearm Licence No.....
 Signature of Issuing Officer.....

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TABLE 1: ANIMALS PERMITTED ON THIS LICENCE

(1) Species (English Hausa)	(2) Maximum No. permitted by law.	(3) Per Capita fee.	(4) Maximum No. permitted on this Licence	(5) Fee paid
Duiker) Gada)	3	₦1.00		
Gazelle) Barewa)	2	₦3.00		
Oribi) Batsiya)	2	₦2.00		
Warthog) Aladin Daji)	2	₦5.00		
Redriver Hog) Mugun Dawa)	2	₦8.00		
All water fowl) Agwagwa, dinya)	unlimited	₦10.00		

Total number of animals permitted..... Total fee paid.....

TABLE 3

Record of Animals Killed:

(1) Species	(2) Date Killed	(3) Sex	(4) Locality	(5) Trophy permit No. & Date;
Duiker)	1.....			
Gada)	2.....			
	3.....			
Gazelle)	1.....			
Barewa)	2.....			
Oribi)	1.....			
Batsiya)	2.....			
Warthog)	1.....			
Aladin Daji)	2.....			
Redriver Hog)	1.....			
Mugun Dawa)	2.....			

I,hereby certify that the above is a complete and true record of the animals I have killed during the period of validity of this Licence.

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Signature of Licensee

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Date

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Restriction of Numbers:

The licensee shall not kill a number of any species listed in column 1 of Table 1 greater than the number shown for that species in the third column of that Table.

Declaration of Trophies:

The licensee shall declare every trophy arising from the killing of a protected animal and shall receive a Free Disposal Permit in respect of each trophy in accordance with the Wild Animals (Trophies) Regulations, 1975, for which no trophy fee will be payable.

Endorsements:

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