

CHAPTER 87.

TURTLES.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Turtles Ordinance*. Short title.
2. In this Ordinance, the term "turtle" means sea or river turtle save and except trunk turtles. Interpretation.
3. Any person who— Offences.
- (a) catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any turtle between such dates as the Administrator in Council may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint; or
- (b) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), at any time catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken, any turtle which is under twenty pounds in weight; or
- (c) slaughters any turtle or buys, sells, exposes for sale or has in his possession the whole or any portion of the meat of such turtle, between such dates as the Administrator in Council may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint; or
- (d) takes, or attempts to take, or causes to be taken, any turtle eggs (including the eggs of trunk turtles) between such dates as the Administrator in Council may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint; or
- (e) buys, sells, exposes for sale, or has in his possession any turtle eggs (including the eggs of trunk turtles) between such dates as the Administrator in Council may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint,
- shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, and, on summary conviction, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Power of
arrest.

4. If any police officer shall have reasonable grounds for believing that any person is committing or attempting to commit an offence against this Ordinance he may arrest such person without a warrant.

Forfeiture of
articles, &c.

5. Any police officer may seize any turtle or part thereof or any turtle eggs (including the eggs of trunk turtles) found in the possession of any person between such dates as the Administrator in Council may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint and upon the conviction of such person the articles so seized shall be forfeited.

Forfeiture of
nets, &c.

6. Any net, instrument or thing which any police officer has reasonable grounds for believing is being or has been used for or in connection with the commission of any offence against this Ordinance shall be seized by such officer, and any magistrate may, upon the conviction of any person for an offence against this Ordinance in connection with which such net, instrument or thing so seized was used, order such net, instrument or thing to be forfeited.

Moiety of fine
to informer.

7. Upon any conviction under this Ordinance the magistrate may order that a part of any fine imposed not exceeding a moiety be paid to any person whose information led to such conviction.