

## Annex D : Relevant Laws and Regulations

The Ministry of Agriculture declared the Hunting of Wild Animals Law number 20 for the year 1973: Below is the detailed articles pertaining to protection of wild animals, including birds and all other animals.

### Agriculture Law No. 20 for the year 1973

#### Part two: Section 1

#### Chapter 3 Protection of birds and wild animals and their hunting regulations

Article 144 It is prohibited to hunt birds and wild animals without a license issued by the Ministry.

Article 145 A<sup>2</sup>- It is prohibited to hunt, or kill, or capture by any means of beneficial birds for agriculture, also it is prohibited to own or transport or sell or display for sale alive or dead.

B- It is prohibited to hunt raptor birds or carnivorous animals or capturing by any means or its poisoning without a permission issued by the minister.

C- The Minister specifies bird species of which the regulations of this article are applicable, and indicating the terms for issuing a hunting license for scientific purposes.

Article 146 It is prohibited to destroy dens, nests or burrows of wild animals or picking or destroying their eggs or harming their young's.

Article 147 It is for the Minister to specify areas and hunting seasons, and bird's species and wild animals that are allowed to be hunted.

Article 148 A- It is prohibited to use mechanical vehicles or spotlights or automatic guns in hunting birds and wild animals.

B- It is prohibited to use military rifle in hunting wild animals, with the exception of animals designated by the Minister.

Article 149 It is prohibited for foreigners residing outside the kingdom to hunt birds and wild animals without a license from the ministry.

Article 150 It is prohibited to enforce cruelty on animals.

The Minister issues decisions to specify certain animals that are encompassed within this prohibition.

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<sup>2</sup> This article was amended by overruling the original declaration and superseding it with the current declaration in accordance to law No. (14) for 1974 published in page 541 in volume No. 2486 in the Official Gazette in 16.4.1974.

- Article 151    A- It is prohibited to import sticky materials (used for capturing birds) or selling, owing or using.  
                  B- It is prohibited to use any form of traps for bird capturing.  
                  C- It is prohibited to hunt birds by using any camouflage devices (Colored flags, animals skin, Calling device  
                  D<sup>3</sup>- It is prohibited to use anaesthetizing drugs in hunting birds and wild animals.  
                  E<sup>4</sup>- Aquatic birds specified by the Minister are exempt from the regulations of these paragraphs.
- Article 152    The Minster forms a committee known as (The hunting committee), responsible to specify hunting grounds and hunting seasons for birds and wild animals that are allowed and all matters concerned with it.
- Article 153    Any one who hunts differently against these issued regulations of this section will be punished by a fine not less than<sup>5</sup>:  
                  A- 100 Jordanian Dinar for each desert or mountain gazelle or an ibex.  
                  B- 25 Jordanian Dinar for each Hubra bustard  
                  C- !0 Jordanian Dinar for each animal or bird with the exception of the wild boar
- Article 154    A<sup>6</sup>- In case of using a mechanical vehicles during hunting against to the regulations of article No. 148 of this law or the issued regulations, the vehicle driver will punished by a fine not less than 10 Jordanian Dinar, and the owner of the vehicle will be punished similarly if the offense was to his knowledge in addition to the punishment stated in article 153 of this law, and in case of continuing offense, the fine will be doubled and the hunting license will be withdrawn for one year.

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<sup>3</sup> This paragraph was added as paragraph (C) and the original paragraph (C) was re-numbered as paragraph (D) in accordance to the amended law No. 14 for 1974 published in page 541 in volume No. 2486 in the Official Gazette in 16.4.1974.

<sup>4</sup> This show the sequence of this paragraph was amended to become paragraph (E) after adding the present paragraph (D) in accordance to the amended law No. 14 for 1974 published in page 541 in volume No. 2486 in the Official Gazette in 16.4.1974.

<sup>5</sup> This article was amended by overruling the original declaration and superseding it with the current declaration in accordance to law No. (4) for 1968 published in page 88 in volume No. 3368 in the Official Gazette in 16.1.1986.

<sup>6</sup> This article was amended in accordance to the amended law No. (4) for 1968 published in page 88 in volume No. 3368 in the Official Gazette in 16.1.1986.

B- In case the continuing offense within one year the punishment is doubled and the weapon or the devised used in hunting will be confiscated

C<sup>7</sup>- In addition to punishments stated in articles 153 and 154, the weapon used in hunting will be confiscated for the following offenses:

1. Hunting with an expired hunting license
2. Hunting in prohibited areas
3. Hunting out of hunting season

Article 155 Ministry of agriculture personnel, public security, Armed forces and individuals not employed by the ministry entrusted by the Minster are responsible to arrest any offender against the regulations of this chapter and deliver them to the nearest police station along with a report.

***Treaties, Conventions and International Agreements Related to Coastal and Marine Environment and Resources***

Treaties, Conventions and International Agreements	Year (in force)	Description
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil	1954	- Establishes standards for oil discharges - Designates Gulf of Aqaba as a special zone with heightened protection.
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention)	1971	- Protects all characteristic flora and fauna, with emphasis on protection of the waterfowl habitats.
Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft	1972	- Prohibits the marine disposal of certain substances. - Regulates the location and the timing of marine disposal of other substances.
Convention of the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter	1973	- Regulates disposal at sea of wastes from ships, aircraft, platforms and other structures
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78) and its protocols and annexes	1978	- Prohibits discharge of oil and noxious liquid substances from ships in the Gulf of Aqaba - Requires port reception facilities
The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	1979	- Regulates export and import of listed endangered species of fauna and flora - Additionally allows Parties to give protection to selected species of flora and fauna within their jurisdiction

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)	1982	- Establishes a dispute settlement mechanism for marine pollution, and provides for conservation and utilization of living resources.
The Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment	1982	- Calls for establishment of a marine pollution emergency response center and procedures for regional data exchange and technical assistance - Calls for appropriate measures against land based water and air pollution
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (The Ozone Convention)	1985	- Regulates domestic production and consumption of green house gases.
Convention for the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel Convention)	1989	- Accompanies declaration that Jordan will not import or transship foreign hazardous wastes
The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity	1993	- Calls for identification and monitoring of biodiversity components - Calls for establishment of protected areas and emergency response plans
Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa	1994	- Combat desertification - Mitigate effects of drought.
The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	1994	- Calls for stabilization of greenhouse gases, and requires Parties to prepare greenhouse gas inventories
Peace Treaty Between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Arrangement between the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Government of the State of Israel on Cooperation in Environmental Protection and Nature Conservation	1994 1995	- Proposes cooperation in environmental planning, legislation, enforcement, monitoring, and emergency response with a focus on impacts from industry, power generation, hazardous materials, solid waste, ports and tourism
Special Arrangements for Aqaba and Eilat Between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (annex 13)	1996	- Establishes Binational Marine Peace Park- Calls for joint environmental education efforts - Promotes mutual assistance in emergency response