

# PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES



## Forestry Department · Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT

## Chapter 72

Act No. 16 of 19 · commenced 9th November 1987, issued 2009

| SECTION | OFFENCE                                                                                                                                                                       | FINE              | IMPRISONMENT                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| § 11    | Hunting, carrying weapons or dogs for hunting, disturbing nests or eggs, clearing land, pasturing livestock, lighting fires, or removing forest produce in a wildlife reserve | \$2,000 → \$4,000 | Up to 1 year, 2nd offence                    |
| § 13    | Hunting, disturbing, possessing, or selling protected wildlife, their eggs or young                                                                                           | \$2,000 → \$4,000 | Up to 1 year, 2nd offence + 5-yr firearm ban |
| § 15    | Hunting, disturbing nests or eggs, or possessing wildlife during close season                                                                                                 | \$2,000           | Up to 6 months                               |
| § 22    | Importing or exporting wildlife without written permission                                                                                                                    | \$4,000           | Up to 9 months                               |
| § 25    | Refusing to give, or giving a false, name or address to an officer                                                                                                            | \$750             | Up to 3 months                               |
| § 26    | Assaulting, hindering, or obstructing an officer                                                                                                                              | \$2,000           | Up to 6 months                               |
| § 29    | Prohibited hunting methods — electrical devices, poisons, traps, pits, polluting waterways                                                                                    | \$2,000           | Up to 6 months                               |
| § 34    | General penalty — any offence with no penalty otherwise specified                                                                                                             | \$750             | Up to 3 months                               |

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FOREST RESOURCE CONSERVATION ACT

## Chapter 60

Act No. 47 of 1992 · commenced 15th July 1992, issued 2009

| SECTION | OFFENCE                                                                                                                                                                                                       | FINE            | IMPRISONMENT                            |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| § 9     | Failing to provide requested forest resource information within 60 days                                                                                                                                       | Up to \$1,000   | —                                       |
| § 30    | Conservation-area offences — polluting waterways, removing river material, causing erosion or landslides, violating a lease or conservation plan, destroying vegetation without authority, producing charcoal | Up to \$5,000   | Up to 1 year, + \$200/day if continuing |
| § 43    | Breaching an authorised officer's arrest powers — refusing name/address or to cease an offence, or giving false details                                                                                       | Up to \$2,000   | Up to 6 months                          |
| § 51    | Forest reserve or co-operative agreement offences — felling, clearing, cultivating, pasturing livestock, damaging markers, erecting structures                                                                | Up to \$5,000   | Up to 1 year                            |
| § 52    | Obstructing, assaulting, hindering, or inciting resistance against a forest officer                                                                                                                           | Up to \$10,000  | Up to 2 years                           |
| § 53    | Repeat offenders — any offence, if convicted again within 5 years                                                                                                                                             | Double the fine | Double the term                         |

### ALSO WORTH NOTING

- A person convicted of hunting protected wildlife (s.13) also forfeits any firearm licence for a minimum of five years.
- Courts may order compensation (s.54) for the market value of affected trees or forest produce under the Forest Resource Conservation Act.
- Seized property or equipment may be forfeited to the Crown (s.55) or impounded (s.56).