

## CHAPTER 87

### TURTLES ORDINANCE

(Amendment of 1986)

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Turtles Ordinance
2. In this Ordinance the word “turtle” means sea or river turtle.
3. Any person who –
  - (a) catches or takes, or attempts to catch or take, or causes to be caught or taken any turtle between such dates as the Governor in Council may, by notice publish 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 a turtle, between such dates as the Governor in Council may, by notice publish in the Gazette appoint; or
  - (d) notwithstanding paragraph (a) takes, captures or disturbs or attempts to take, capture or disturb any turtle or turtle eggs found on the shores of the territory or within one hundred yards thereof; or
  - (e) buys, sells, offers or exposes for sale or has in his possession any turtle eggs,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance, and, on summary conviction, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

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 warrant.
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 Governor in Council may, by notice publish in the Gazette appoint and upon the conviction of such person the articles so seized shall be forfeited.
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 police officer, and any magistrate may, upon conviction of any person for such an offence against this ordinance in connection with which such net, instrument or things so seized was used, order such net, instrument of thing to be forfeited.
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 a conviction.