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WILDLIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY

Act
No. 29 of 1968.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILDLIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY OF CEYLON.

[22nd June. 1968.]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon Act,

Corporation, the three previous holders of the office of President and not more than twelve other members of the Corporation to be elected respectively in accordance with the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

Incorporation of Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon.

2. From and after the passing of this Act the President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Committee for the time being of the Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon and such and so many persons as are now members of the Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a Corporation with continuance for ever under the style and name of the Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at their pleasure.

(2) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

(3) The first Committee of Management shall consist of E. B. Wikramanayake, Esq., Q.C., President, D. B. Ellapola, Esq., and Dr. L. D. C. Austin, Vice-Presidents, T. W. Hoffmann, Esq., Honorary General Secretary, Lalith Senanayake, Esq., Honorary Assistant Secretary, C. P. de Silva, Esq., Honorary Treasurer and C. E. Norris, Esq., Dr. R. L. Spittel, R. S. V. Poulier, Esq., Major A. MacNeil Wilson, A. H. E. Molamure, Esq., Max P. Hemple, Esq., Dr. C. W. A. de Silva, B. S. C. Ratwatte, Esq., Dr. Ranjan Fernando, S. A. Elapata, Esq., K. Sunderampillai, Esq., Selwyn Samarawee, Esq., J. W. Subasinghe, Esq., and Mrs. Jane Sexstone.

General objects of the Corporation.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

- (a) to assist and co-operate in the prevention from destruction of wild animals and plants and to encourage the preservation, wherever possible, of Wildlife in Sri Lanka in natural conditions; and
- (b) to promote an interest in the life histories of all forms of animal life and to co-operate with other societies and institutions which have similar aims and objects.

5. It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members, and by a majority of votes, to make rules for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members; for the conduct of the duties of the Committee of Management and of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation; for the procedure in the transaction of business; and otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended or cancelled subject, however, to the requirements of section 7.

Power to make rules.

Management.

4. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation as hereinafter provided, be administered by a Committee of Management consisting of the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Honorary General Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Secretaries and Honorary Treasurer of the

Rules of the Corporation.

6. Subject to the provision in section 5 contained, the rules set forth in the Schedule* shall for all purposes be the rules of the Corporation:

Provided, however, that nothing in the section contained shall be held or construed to prevent the Corporation at all times hereafter from making fresh rules or from altering, amending, adding to or cancelling any of the rules in the Schedule or to be hereafter made by the Corporation.

to the said Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatever except in the presence of two of the members of the Committee of Management who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

Amendment of rules.

7. No rule in the Schedule* nor any rule hereafter passed at a general meeting shall be altered, amended, added to or cancelled except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the Corporation provided that such amendment shall have been previously approved by the Committee of Management.

10. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property movable or immovable which may become vested in it by any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act subject to the rules in force for the time being of the said Corporation with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Power of Corporation to hold property.

Debts, liabilities, &c.

8. All debts and liabilities of the said Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the said Wildlife Protection Society of Ceylon shall be paid

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or any body politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

* Schedule omitted.— Private enactment.