

THE MORANT AND PEDRO CAYS ACT

[27th April, 1907.]

Cap. 255.
Acts
14 of 1971
S. 8
2nd Sch.
19 of 1975.
Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Morant and Pedro Cays Act.

2. In this Act 'Fishery Inspector' shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Fishing Industry Act.

Interpreta-
tion.
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3. The Morant Cays and Pedro Cays shall, for all purposes other than taxation, be deemed to be within and form part of the parish of Kingston.

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Cays
deemed to
be in parish
of Kingston.

4. No person shall, without a written licence from the Minister—

Prohibition
of unau-
thorized
fishing, etc.,
on the
Cays.
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- (a) fish inside the outer limits of the territorial sea of the Morant and Pedro Cays, or either of them;
- (b) slay, or catch any birds on the said Cays, or either of them;

- (c) catch turtle on the said Cays, or either of them, or inside the outer limits of the territorial sea thereof;

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- (d) on the said Cays, or either of them, or inside the outer limits of the territorial sea thereof, shoot at any birds, or discharge firearms or rockets, or make a noise calculated to frighten the birds on the said Cays, or either of them;

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- (e) take any eggs from the said Cays, or either of them.

5. Every person who, without reasonable excuse (the proof of which shall lie on him) trespasses on the said Cays, or either of them, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

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Fishery
Inspector
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6.—(1) Any Fishery Inspector or any other person duly authorized in writing by the Minister, for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act, may at all times enter upon and inspect the Morant and Pedro Cays, or either of them, and may—

- (a) require any person engaging in any of the activities specified in section 4 to produce his licence so to do;
- (b) require any person found thereon to give any explanation concerning his presence on the said Cays, or either of them; and
- (c) search any person whom he may have reasonable cause to suspect of committing, or of having committed, an offence against this Act.

(2) No person who is a female shall be searched under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) except by another female.

Offences.
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7.—(1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 4 or who obstructs a Fishery Inspector or any person duly authorized by the Minister in the execution of his duty under this paragraph shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(2) Any person who allows to run to waste any water stored artificially on the said Cays, or either of them shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

(3) Any person who commits an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction thereof before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding four hundred dollars, and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

Arrest and
detention
of
offenders.
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8. Any Fishery Inspector or any other person duly authorized in writing by the Minister may, without warrant, arrest any person found committing an offence against this

Act and detain him until he can be taken to Kingston and delivered into the custody of the Police:

Provided that any person so arrested shall be taken to Kingston as soon as is possible after his arrest.