

CHAPTER 323

FILFLA NATURE RESERVE ACT

To provide for the establishment of the Filfla Natural Reserve.

(1st June, 1988)*

ACT XV of 1988, as amended by [Legal Notice 424 of 2007](#).

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| <p>1. The short title of this is the Filfla Nature Reserve Act.</p> | <p>Short title.</p> |
| <p>2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -</p> <p>"flora and fauna" are to be construed as meaning all plants and animals, resident or migratory, species of which exist in the wild state on the Island of Filfla;</p> <p>"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the environment.</p> | <p>Interpretation.</p> |
| <p>3. All the surface area of the Island of Filfla shall be a protected nature reserve.</p> | <p>Establishing Filfla as a nature reserve.</p> |
| <p>4. The killing, capture, collection, trapping, maintaining in captivity, taxidermy, commercial exploitation, as well as picking and hunting of any species of flora and fauna in or from the Filfla nature reserve is prohibited:</p> <p>Provided that the Minister may remove such prohibition for the purpose of scientific study in particular cases.</p> | <p>Prohibition of killing, etc., of flora and fauna from nature reserve.</p> |
| <p>5. (1) Access to the Filfla nature reserve shall be by permission to be granted by the Minister for educational and scientific purposes.</p> <p>(2) In granting permission the Minister may impose such conditions as he may deem appropriate.</p> <p>(3) Members of the Police and the Armed Forces of Malta shall have access to the Filfla nature reserve for the purposes of defence and security, rescue operations and the control of smuggling and the investigation of crimes.</p> | <p>Access to nature reserve.</p> |
| <p>6. Any person who contravention of the provisions of this Act or any condition of a permission granted under the last preceding article, shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine (<i>multa</i>) not exceeding one thousand and one hundred and sixty-four euro and sixty-nine cents (€1,164.69) or to both such imprisonment and fine.</p> | <p>Offences and penalties.
<i>Amended by:</i>
<i>L.N. 424 of 2007.</i></p> |

*See article 1(2) of the Act as originally enacted, which subarticle has been omitted under the [Statute Law Revision Act](#), 1980.