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ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ACT (CAP. 504)

Conservation of Wild Birds (Declaration of the Autumn Hunting Season for Turtle Dove) Regulations, 2016

BY VIRTUE of the powers conferred by article 61 of the Environment and Development Planning Act, and in terms of the provisions of the fourth proviso of regulation 10(6) of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, the Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Conservation of Wild Birds (Declaration of the Autumn Hunting Season for Turtle Dove) Regulations, 2016.

Interpretation.

2. Terms and expressions used in these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the same meaning as given to them in the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "Wild Birds Regulations". S.L. 504.71

Establishment of hunting period.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 19(3) of the Wild Birds Regulations, the Autumn Hunting season for Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) on land shall only be between the 1st September and the 30th September of any given year, both days included:

Provided that the provisions of regulation 19(3) of the Wild Birds Regulations shall remain applicable to the hunting of Turtle Dove, save as is otherwise inconsistent with this provision.

Hunting conditions.

4. (1) The overall bag limit for the Autumn Hunting Season for Turtle Dove shall be 7,000.

(2) The Autumn Hunting Season for Turtle Dove may be terminated prior to the 30th September of each year if the quota established in sub-regulation (1) has been reached.

(3) The licensee shall inform the Wild Birds Regulation Unit of the number of Turtle Doves caught through the telephonic game reporting system before leaving the hunting area.

(4) In the event that the quota has been reached, the licensees shall receive a notification to this effect and no further hunting of

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Turtle Dove may be permitted therefrom.

Offences and penalties.

5. Any person who fails to comply with any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the punishments established under regulation 27 of the Wild Bird Regulations.

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