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PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURE AND WILDLIFE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2016

An Ordinance to amend the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife Ordinance 2007

M. Wigston ADMINISTRATOR

23 February 2016

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:-

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 and comes into force on 1 March 2016.

Amendments to the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife Ordinance 2007

2. The Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife Ordinance 2007(**a**) is amended as follows.

Amendment to section 2 (interpretation)

3. In section 2—

(a) after the definition of "natural habitat of European interest" insert-

""plan" and "programme" have the meanings given to those terms in section 2 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Ordinance 2016(**b**);";

(b) omit the definition of "plan"; and

⁽a) Ordinance 26/2007 as amended by Corrigendum 35/2007 and Ordinances 10/2008 and 26/2008.

⁽**b**) Ordinance 5 /2016.

(c) after the definition of "priority species" insert-

""project" has the meaning given to that term in section 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance 2010(**a**);".

Amendment to section 10 (appropriate assessment)

4. In section 10 insert "plan, programme or" before "project" wherever it occurs.

⁽a) Ordinance 26/2010.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

- 1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (the "Ordinance"). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.
- 2. The Ordinance amends the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife Ordinance 2007. These amendments require appropriate assessments to be carried out in relation to plans or programmes that would affect a Special Area of Conservation. Currently such assessments are only required for projects that would have such an effect.
- 3. The Ordinance is part a package of environmental legislation relating to the assessment of plans and programmes. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Ordinance 2016 and the Game and Wild Birds (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 are also part of that package. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Ordinance 2016 defines the terms "plan" and "programme".
- 4. The Ordinance also corrects a minor error made when the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife Ordinance 2007 was amended by Ordinance 26/2008.

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