
**G A M E A N D W I L D B I R D S (H U N T I N G)
R E G U L A T I O N S 2 0 2 3**

The Chief Officer makes the following Regulations in exercise of the power in section 17(1) of the Game and Wild Birds Ordinance 2008(a):

Citation, commencement and expiry

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Game and Wild Birds (Hunting) Regulations 2023.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 19 August 2023.

(3) These Regulations expire on 1 March 2024.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

(a) “the Summer-Autumn Game Season 23” means the period from 20 August 2023 to 3 November 2023 (both dates included), except the period from 21 August 2023 to 26 August 2023 (both dates included) and the period from 28 August 2023 to 2 September 2023 (both dates included);

(b) “the Autumn-Winter Game Season 23-24” means the period from 5 November 2023 to 29 February 2024 (both dates included), except 25 December 2023, the period from 1 January 2024 to 2 January 2024 (both dates included).

Maximum number of certain species

3.—(1) On any day, no holder of a game licence may hunt or possess—

(a) more than 1 hare (*Lepus europaeus*);

(b) more than 4 chukars (*Alectoris chukar*); or

(c) more than 1 frankolin (*Frankolinus francolinus*).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), no holder of a game licence may hunt or possess—

(a) more than 6 turtle doves (*Streptopelia turtur*) on any one day; and

(a) Ordinance 21/2008. Section 17 was amended by Ordinances 8/2013 and 10/2018. There are other amendments to Ordinance 21/2008 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

- (b) more than 12 turtle doves during the period from 3 September 2023 to 24 September 2023 (both dates included).
- (3) No holder of a game licence may hunt or possess a turtle dove (*Streptopelia turtur*) unless—
 - (a) the total number of turtle doves (*Streptopelia turtur*) killed in the Republic and the Sovereign Base Areas has not exceeded 15756 birds; and
 - (b) the holder of the game licence has complied with all requirements to report the hunting or possession of turtle doves (*Streptopelia turtur*) as imposed by the Republic and as amended from time to time.

Permitted periods for hunting for certain species

4.—(1) During the Summer-Autumn Game Season 23, the holder of a game licence must not shoot, kill, capture or pursue a species specified in column 1 of the table in Schedule 1 except within the period, and on the days, specified in the corresponding row of column 2 of that table.

(2) During the Autumn-Winter Game Season 23-24, the holder of a game licence must not shoot, kill, capture or pursue a species specified in column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 except within the period, and on the days, specified in the corresponding row of column 2 of that table.

Hunting accompanied by dogs

5.—(1) The holder of a game licence who shoots, kills, captures or pursues game must not be accompanied by dogs except—

- (a) during the Summer-Autumn Game Season 23, within the areas in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area marked as follows on the maps in Schedule 3 (being plots of land in the former bed of the Kouris river), subject to the provisions of subsection (2)—
 - (i) the plots marked 445 and 516 on the map in Part 1 of Schedule 3;
 - (ii) the plot marked 205 on the map in Part 2 of Schedule 3;
 - (iii) the plot marked 132 on the map in Part 3 of Schedule 3;
- (b) during the Summer-Autumn Game Season 23, as from 1 October 2023, within any part of the Dhekelia Sovereign Base Area that is neither a general game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (General Game Reserves) Order 2019(a), nor a temporary game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (Temporary Game Reserves) Order 2023(b);
- (c) during the Autumn-Winter Game Season 23-24, on any Wednesday or Sunday from 5 November 2023 to 31 December 2023 (both dates included), within any part of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia that is neither a general game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (General Game Reserves) Order 2019, nor a temporary game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (Temporary Game Reserves) Order 2023;
- (d) during the Autumn-Winter Game Season 23-24, on any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, from 6 November 2023 to 30 December 2023 (both dates included), except Monday 25 December 2023, and on any day from 3 January 2024 to 29 February 2024 (both dates included), within any part of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia that is neither a general game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (General Game Reserves) Order 2019, nor a temporary game reserve, under the Game and Wild Birds (Temporary Game Reserves) Order 2023.

(2) Where subsection (1)(a) applies, the holder of a game licence who shoots, kills, captures or pursues game must not be accompanied by more than 2 hunting dogs.

(a) P.I. 11/2019.
 (b) P.I. 13/2022.

(3) Where subsection (1)(c) applies, the holder of a game licence who shoots, kills, captures or pursues game must not be accompanied by more than 4 hunting dogs.

(4) Where subsection (1)(b) or (1)(d) applies, the holder of a game licence who shoots, kills, captures or pursues game must not be accompanied by more than 2 hunting dogs, subject to the following conditions—

- (a) the dogs are used solely for the hunting of game of the Turdus species,
- (b) the dogs are used solely for retrieval purposes, and
- (c) the hunting is stationary.

Dated this 14th day of August 2023.

Clare Elizabeth Simpson,
Chief Officer,
Sovereign Base Areas.

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4(1)

Hunting of game during the Summer-Autumn Game Season 23

<i>Column 1</i> Species	<i>Column 2</i> Hunting period (both dates included)
<i>Coturnix coturnix</i> Quail	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Columba livia</i> Rock dove	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Columba palumbus</i> Woodpigeon	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Columba oenas</i> Stock dove	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i> Turtle dove	03/09/2023 – 24/09/2023
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> Collared dove	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Alauda arvensis</i> Skylark	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Pica pica</i> Magpie	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Corvus monedula</i> Jackdaw	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Corvus corone cornix</i> Hooded crow	20/08/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Turdus merula</i> Blackbird	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Turdus pilaris</i> Fieldfare	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Turdus philomelos</i> Song thrush	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Turdus iliacus</i> Redwing	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i> Mistle thrush	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023
<i>Scolopax rusticola</i> Woodcock	01/10/2023 – 03/11/2023

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(2)

Hunting of game during the Autumn-Winter Game Season 23-24

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Species</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Hunting period (both dates included)</i>
<i>Lepus europaeus</i> Hare	05/11/2023 – 31/12/2023 on Wednesdays and Sundays only
<i>Alectoris chukar</i> Chukar	05/11/2023 – 31/12/2023 on Wednesdays and Sundays only
<i>Francolinus francolinus</i> Francolin	05/11/2023 – 31/12/2023 on Wednesdays and Sundays only
<i>Anas Penelope</i> Wigeon	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Anas strepera</i> Gadwall	05/11/2023 – 03/02/2024
<i>Anas crecca</i> Teal	05/11/2023 – 03/02/2024
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> Mallard	05/11/2023 – 03/02/2024
<i>Anas acuta</i> Pintail	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Anas querquedula</i> Garganey	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Anas clypeata</i> Shoveler	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Aythya ferina</i> Pochard	05/11/2023 – 03/02/2024
<i>Aythya fuligula</i> Tufted duck	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Anser anser</i> Greylag goose	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Anser albifrons</i> Great white-fronted goose	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i> Pheasant	05/11/2023 – 03/12/2023
<i>Coturnix coturnix</i> Quail	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024

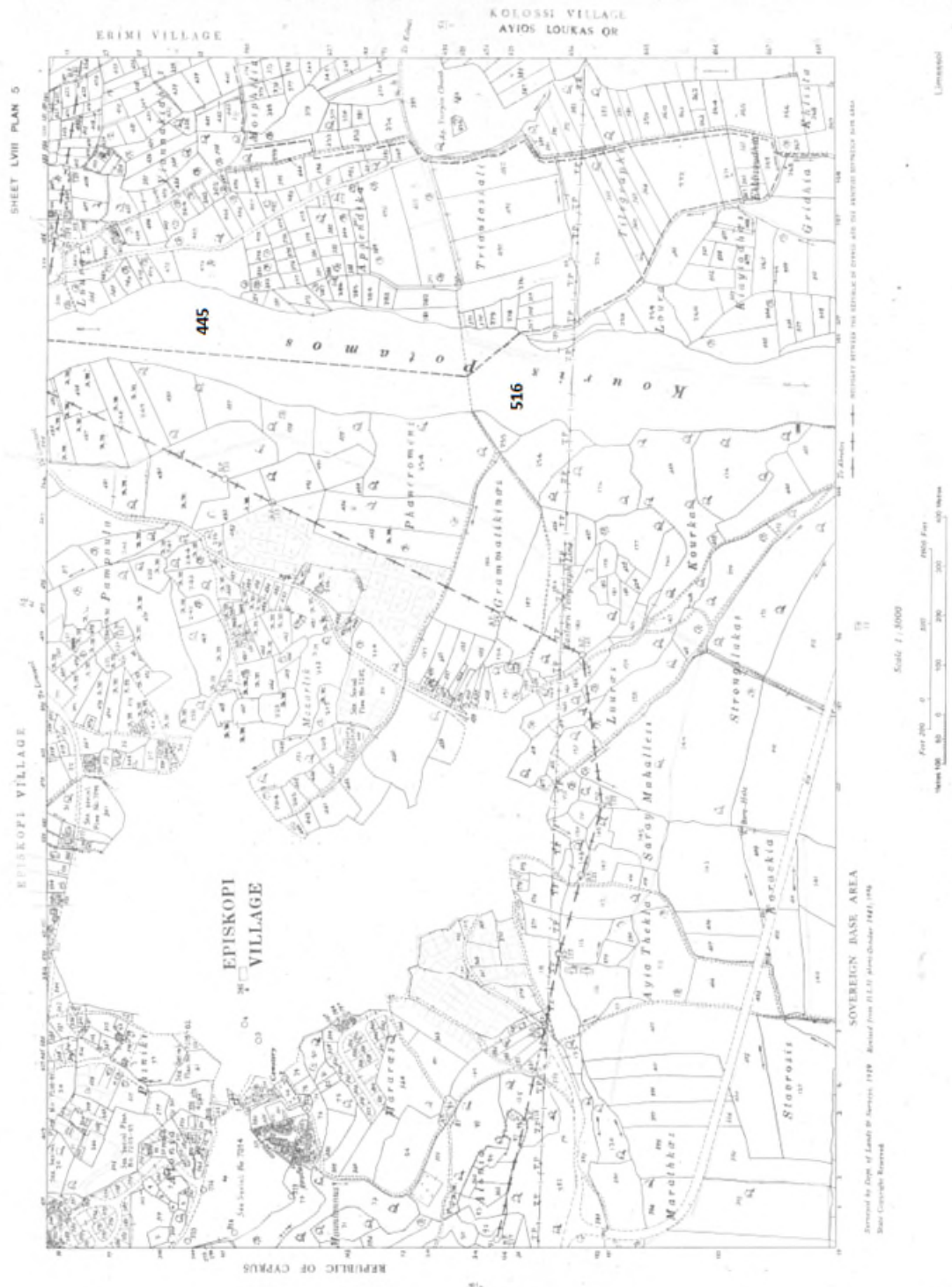
<i>Fulica atra</i> Coot	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024
<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i> Jack snipe	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i> Snipe	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
<i>Scolopax rusticola</i> Woodcock	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024
<i>Columba livia</i> Rock dove	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024
<i>Columba palumbus</i> Woodpigeon	05/11/2023 – 24/02/2024
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<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> Collared dove	05/11/2023 – 31/12/2023
<i>Alauda arvensis</i> Skylark	05/11/2023 – 10/02/2024
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<i>Turdus viscivorus</i> Mistle thrush	05/11/2023 – 24/02/2024
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> Starling	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024
<i>Pica pica</i> Magpie	05/11/2023 – 29/02/2024
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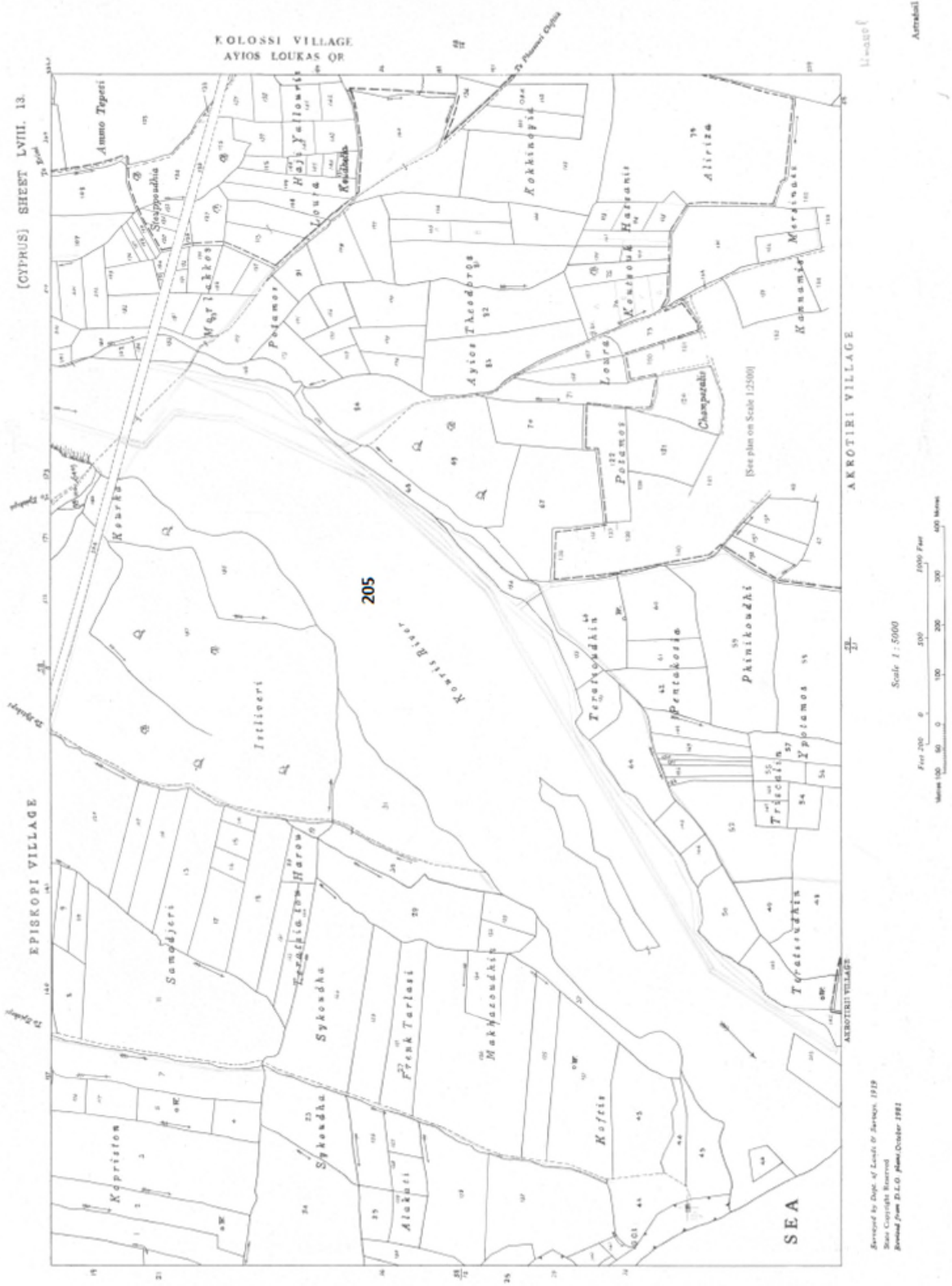
SCHEDULE 3

Hunting of game accompanied by a dog during the Summer-Autumn Game Season 22

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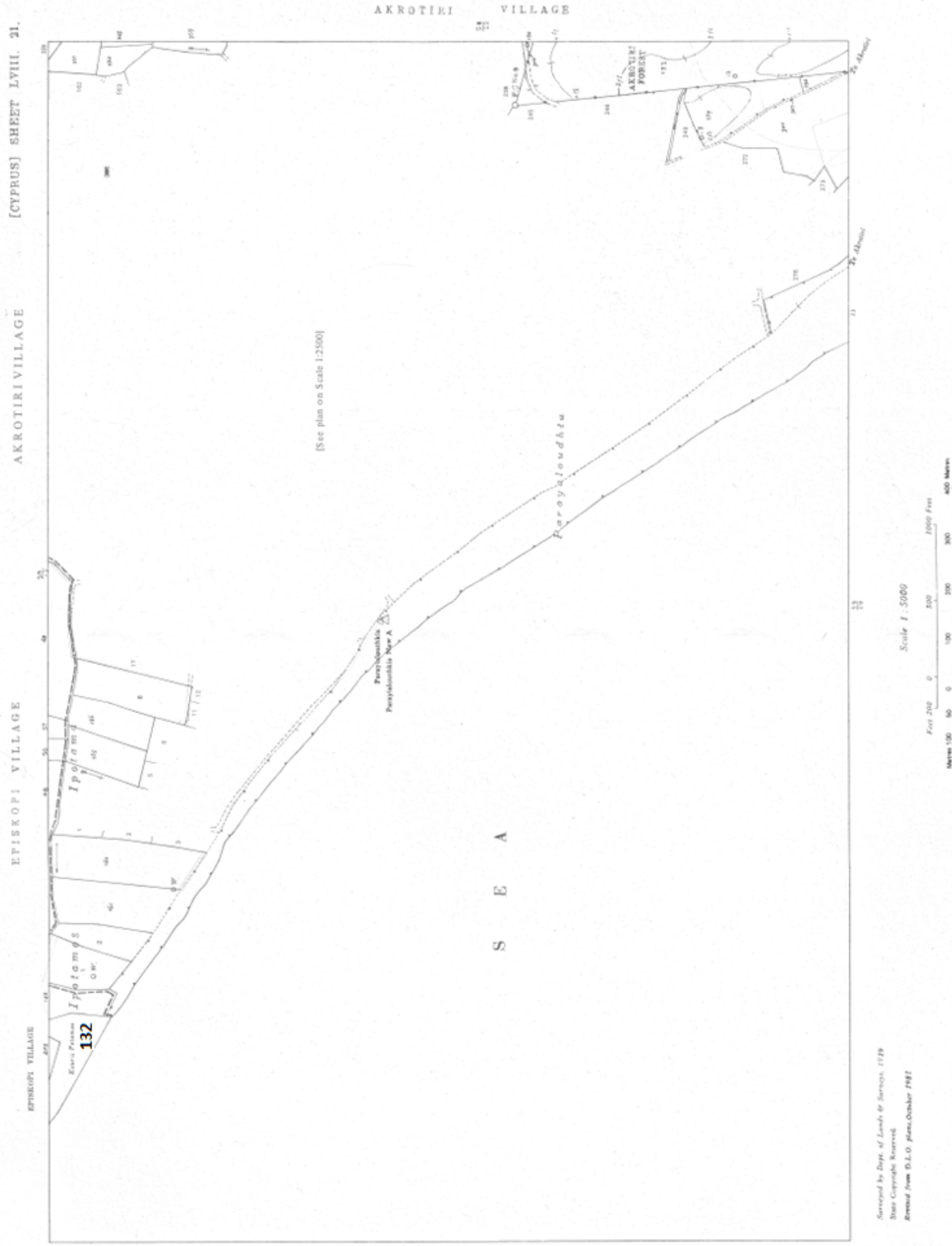
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PART 3

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Game and Wild Birds (Hunting) Regulations 2023. It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Regulations. It does not form part of the Regulations.
2. Regulation 4, together with Schedules 1 and 2, specifies the permitted periods for hunting particular species of game within each of the two game seasons. The two game seasons are prescribed by the Game and Wild Birds (Game Seasons) Order 2023 (a).
3. Regulation 5, together with Schedule 3, specifies the number of hunting dogs by which a person may be accompanied within permitted periods during each of the two game seasons in each of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.
4. The restrictions in these Regulations apply in addition to the restrictions imposed by the Game and Wild Birds Ordinance 2008 (the “2008 Ordinance”) and any other public instruments made under it. It would not be lawful to hunt a species of game, even during a prescribed period, if the hunting contravened a provision of the 2008 Ordinance or a relevant public instrument (for example, a provision relating to the method of killing, or the prohibition on hunting between sunset and sunrise).

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