

**GOVERNMENT ¹[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa]
FOREST AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

28th February, 1984.

No. SOFT.I.(FAD)VIII-6/76.--- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 43 of the ²[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1975 (³[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Act V of 1975), Government of ⁴[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa], is pleased to make the following rules:

1. (1) These rules may be called ⁵[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Possession Hunting, Capturing and Sale of Carnes Rules, 1984.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:---

(a) "Act" means the ⁶[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Wildlife (Protection Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 1975, (⁷[Khyber Pakhtunkhwa] Act V of 1975).

(b) "Season" means a hunting season for cranes;

(c) "Wildlife Officer" means all officers of Wildlife Wing of Forest Department and includes Conservator Wildlife, Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, Rango Officer, Wildlife, Deputy Ranger, Wildlife, Head Watcher and Watcher Wildlife;

(d) "Year" means a calendar year beginning from 1st January, and ending on 31st December;

3. (1) No person shall, unless he be in possession of a valid licence, permit or a certificate of lawful possession.

(a) possess any kind of cranes for any purpose what-so-ever; or

¹ Subs by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2011.

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³ Subs by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2011.

⁴ Subs by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2011.

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- (b) hunt or capture any crane by any means what-so-ever; or
- (c) establish any camp for trapping, catching or capturing of cranes by any means what-so-ever; or
- (d) export cranes.

(2) Any person desirous to possess, hunt, capture trap or export cranes shall apply to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife, for the grant of licence, permit or certification, as the case may be, who may grant the same, sub jeet to other provisions of these rules, on payment of fee prescribed in rule 4.

4. (1) For the purposes of rule 3 the following fee shall be levied and charged.

- (a) for possession of cranes Rs. 50/- per bird per annum.
- (b) for catching of cranes (only by traditional method of establishing hunting camps and throwing Sooya).
 - (i) Rs. 1000/- per camp for each spring hunting season.
 - (ii) Rs. 500/- per camp for each fall hunting season.
- (c) export of crane from the Province destined for place within the country. Rs. 500/- per crane.
- (d) Export of cranes from the Province and destined to place outside the country. Rs. 2,000/- per crane.

(2) All licence, permit or a certificate granted under sub-rule (2) of rule 3 shall be valid for such area and for such period as may be specified therein.

5. No. licence, permit or certificate issued under rule 3 shall entitle the holder thereof to:---

- (i) deal in cranes as profession, trade or business or otherwise buy or sell any crane;
- (ii) possess, catch, hunt or export any species of crane except common crane and demoiselle crane;
- (iii) hunt, kill or capture any crane by means of a fire-arm or any other device except catching of cranes by traditional means of establishing catching caps and using sooya for catching cranes between dusk and dawn.

6. Spring catching season for cranes shall commence from 25th February and last till 15th April and fall catching season shall commence from 1st September and will last till 30th November every year.

7. (1) A catching camp will mean a place where a group of two or more captive cranes are placed during hunting season for catching wild cranes.

(2) All the captive cranes placed within 100 meters of one another shall be assumed to belong to a single camp unless otherwise proved.

(3) Area occupied by a single camp including living huts, tents and places of call birds, etc., shall not exceed 100 meters square. Call cranes found outside this area limit shall be deemed to belong to another camp for which separate fee shall be charged.

8. (1) In case of more than one hunter in a camp crane catching licence may be issued in the name of camp leader. The licence shall also contain the list of all the hunters in the Camp.

(2) Once crane catching licence is issued, no addition to the list of hunters will be admissible except upon payment of a fee of Rs. 300/- per new hunter joining the camp.

(3) Crane hunting licence shall be issued only to the persons who are above 18 years of age.

9. Where a person donates a healthy crane to Wildlife Department for banding or research purposes, possession licence for equal number of cranes so donated will be issued to the donar with out charging any fee and an acknowledgement of his co-operation. Such possession licence shall be renewed for two consecutive years free of charge whereafter the licensee himself will be required to renew the licensee on payment of the prescribed fee.

10. Cranes hatching and bred in captivity shall be exempted from possession licence fee. The owners of these cranes shall get their cranes registered with the Wildlife Department and shall make them available for inspection whenever required.

11. No person shall, as a profession, trade or business, deal in the trophy or meat of any kind of crane.

12. Every Wildlife Officer, for the purposes of these rules is authorised to exercise the powers under sections 24 and 25 of the Act.

13. A Wildlife Officer may seize any crane found in possession of any person in contravention of the Act or these rules or any fee rang crane whose owner is not known and the crane so seized shall be the property of Government.

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Forest and Agriculture Department.

⁸ Subs by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. IV of 2011.