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This Law establishes a legal framework for the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects and their habitat with a view of conservation of biological diversity, prevention of harm to life and health of wild animals as a result of the adverse effects of anthropogenic factors, diseases, emergencies, adverse environmental conditions and ensuring the ability of animal kingdom objects to satisfy economic, aesthetic and other needs of present and future generations.

**CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1. Terms and Concepts Used for the Purposes of this Law and their Definitions

1. **“Acclimatization of wild animals”** means ensuring the adaptation of wild animals to a new habitat as a result of their introduction with the formation of stable self-replicating populations; (Paragraph 1 of Article 1 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. **“Range of wild animal species”** (hereinafter referred to as “range”, unless otherwise specified) means an area of the geographical distribution of individuals of a certain wild animal species, regardless of the degree of permanence of its habitation, except for the places of its accidental entry;

3. **“Disastrous state of wild animals”** means the existence of wild animals in conditions that constitute a threat to their health and/or can cause their death (in the foci of contagious animal diseases, fires, in flood, drought, icy conditions, poisoning, suffocation in the water body, crossing by water and on slippery ice, exhaustion from a shortage of feed, and also in other similar conditions); (Paragraph 3 of Article 1 of the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

4. **“Biological diversity of the animal kingdom”** means the diversity of wild animals within the species of wild animals, between the species of wild animals and in natural ecological systems; (as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

5. Excluded.

(Paragraph 5 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

6. Excluded.

(Paragraph 6 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

7. Excluded.

(Paragraph 7 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

8. **“Wild animal species”** means a taxonomic unit, a genetically and/or reproductively isolated community of wild animal individuals, which forms populations possessing common morpho-physiological characters and occupying the common (continuous or partially discontinuous) range;

9. **“Reproduction of wild animals”** means a natural (controlled or uncontrolled) or artificial process of the renewal of wild animals, the restoration of their qualitative and quantitative characteristics in the population structure;

10. **“Settlement of wild animals”** means activity aimed at the release of wild animals into lands;

11. **“State Animal Kingdom Cadastre”** means a systematic compendium of data on the geographical distribution of wild animal species, quantitative and qualitative characteristics of animal kingdom objects, economic assessment and use of their resources, as well as other data on animal kingdom objects needed for their safeguarding and sustainable use;

12. **“Derivative”** means a derivative of a wild animal (caviar, eggs, hunting trophies, stuffed animals, souvenirs, jewelry and other products), as well as their derived products (medicinal, food, perfume and cosmetic, etc.);

13. **“Wild animals”** means mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects and other animals that inhabit earth (on the surface, in the soil, in underground voids) in surface waters and the atmosphere in natural freedom conditions, as well as wild animals in captivity;

14. **“Wild animals in captivity”** means wild animals caught from their natural habitat and their offspring kept and/or bred in conditions with the restriction of their natural freedom;

15. Excluded.

(Paragraph 15 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

16. **“Wild animals belonging to rare and endangered species of wild animals”** means wild animals of individual species in relation to which there is data on animal kingdom monitoring, the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre, scientific and other research that show an annual reduction, within 10 years or three generations (a higher value in the time interval is selected), in their number and/or range, or adverse changes of their habitat, or the limited distribution and small number of their populations;

(Paragraph 16 of Article 1 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

17. **“Capture of wild animals”** means the removal of wild animals from their habitat without conservation of their lives;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

18. **“Documents for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects”** means decisions of local executive and regulatory bodies, lease agreements for hunting and fishing areas, permits and other documents for the right to exercise certain types of use of animal kingdom objects or activity associated with the use of animal kingdom objects provided for by this Law and other legislative acts;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

19. **“Abusive treatment of wild animals”** means the capture of wild animals, which are in the disastrous state, destruction of wild animal habitats, except as otherwise provided for in this Law and other legislative acts, beatings, torture of wild animals and other actions/inaction that contradict the rules established by legislation and publicly accepted norms for the humane treatment of animals;

20. **“Animal kingdom”** means a protected component of the natural environment, a renewable natural resource, which constitutes a collection of all wild animals permanently inhabiting the territory of the Republic of Belarus or inhabiting it temporarily, including wild animals in captivity;

21. **“Procurement of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects”** means a type of the special use of animal kingdom objects carried out by legal persons, individual entrepreneurs independently or with the involvement of citizens on the basis of civil law or labor contracts for the capture of wild animals that do not belong to hunting or fishing objects for the purposes of their use in economic activity;

22. **“Purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects”** means a type of activity associated with the use of animal kingdom objects exercised by legal persons, individual entrepreneurs by acquiring of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects on the basis of a sale or purchase agreement or another transaction on their estrangement for the purposes of their use in economic activity;

23. **“Safeguarding of wild animals”** means activity aimed at the prevention of harm to life and health of wild animals from the impact of anthropogenic factors, diseases, adverse environmental factors, as well as emergency situations;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#))

24. Excluded.
(Paragraph 24 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 [No. 18-3](#))

25. **“Removal of wild animals”** means the capture or catching of wild animals from their habitat.

26. **“Invasive alien wild animals”** means wild animals outside their natural range forming viable populations in the state of natural freedom the distribution and number of which pose a threat to biological diversity;

27. **“Introduction of wild animals”** means settlement of wild animals, belonging to a certain species, on lands outside the natural range of this wild animal species;

28. **“Limits on the removal of wild animals”** means maximum permissible volumes of the removal of wild animals established for a certain period of time for the users of animal kingdom objects exercising the special use of animal kingdom objects;

29. Excluded.

(Paragraph 29 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

30. **“Migratory species of wild animals”** means the entire population or a geographically isolated part of the population of certain species of wild animals a large proportion of which cyclically and intentionally crosses the State border of the Republic of Belarus;

31. Excluded.

(Paragraph 31 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

32. **“Animal kingdom monitoring”** means an integral part of the National Environmental Monitoring Framework of the Republic of Belarus, which constitutes a system of observation over the state of animal kingdom objects and their habitat, assessment and forecast of their changes when exposed to natural and anthropogenic factors;

33. **“Continuity of the habitat of animal kingdom objects”** means the spatial arrangement of natural objects that provides the continuity of the ranges of wild animal species and their migration paths, the unimpeded crossing of wild animals, the formation and maintenance of wild animal concentration places during the period of their reproduction, feeding and wintering;

34. **“Standards for the allowable removal of wild animals”** means standards limiting the removal volume of wild animals for the purposes of conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects.

(Paragraph 34 of Article 1 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

35. **“CITES specimens”** means wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives that fall within the scope of the [Convention](#) on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora of March 3, 1973 (CITES);

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

36. **“Animal kingdom objects”** means wild animals, including those that belong to hunting and fishing objects, as well as populations of wild animals;

36-1. **“Facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals”** means hunting enclosures, harboring enclosures, facilities used for fur breeding, animal breeding, poultry farming (aviculture), and fish farming (pisciculture), where wild animals are kept and/or bred for the purposes of further use in economic activity that belong to the species included in the [Red Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens (apart from sturgeon fish species), wild animals whose catching for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat;

(Paragraph 36-1 of Article 1 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

37. **“Optimal number of wild animals”** means the number of wild animals, which may for a long period of time inhabit lands, naturally reproduce themselves, make the best use of food resources that provides the maximum output of quality products of the use of animal kingdom objects with no significant harm to natural environment components, as well as life, health and property of citizens, property of legal persons;

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

38. **“Tools for the removal of wild animals”** means hunting tools, fishing gears, tools for the capture of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects; other tools, devices, facilities and means used for the removal of wild animals;

(Paragraph 38 of Article 1 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

39. **“Catching of wild animals”** means the removal of wild animals from their habitat with saving of their lives for keeping and/or breeding in captivity, settlement, introduction and other similar purposes;

(Paragraph 39 of Article 1 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

40. Excluded.

(Paragraph 40 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

41. Excluded.

(Paragraph 41 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

42. Excluded.

(Paragraph 42 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

43. Excluded.

(Paragraph 43 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

44. **“Safeguarding of animal kingdom objects”** means activity (including reproduction, settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, breeding and protection of wild animals) aimed at the conservation of spatial, species and population integrity of animal kingdom objects, their number, resource potential and productivity, prevention of their extermination and another harmful impact on them;

45. **“Safeguarding of the habitat of animal kingdom objects”** means activity aimed at the conservation, restoration of the habitat of animal kingdom objects for the purposes of natural reproduction and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects;

46. **“Density of wild animals”** means the quantity indicator of wild animals of a certain species per unit area of land suitable for their habitation;

47. **“Use of animal kingdom objects”** means the use of animal kingdom objects, their beneficial properties and/or products of life of animal kingdom objects in carrying out economic and another activity;

48. **“Users of land lots and/or water objects”** means legal persons and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs (hereinafter referred to as “legal persons, citizens”, unless indicated otherwise), who are provided, according to the procedure established by legislative acts, with land lots and/or water objects or their parts within the boundaries of which animal kingdom objects live;

49. **“Users of animal kingdom objects”** means legal persons, citizens, who in accordance with the procedure established by legislation, are granted the right to the use of animal kingdom objects and/or exercise activity associated with the use of animal kingdom objects;

50. **“Population of wild animals”** means an isolated community of wild animals of the same species inhabiting certain lands;

51. **“Products of use of animal kingdom objects”** means removed wild animals (including wild animals in captivity), their parts and/or derivatives, as well as products of life of animal kingdom objects;

52. **“Commercial measure of a wild animal”** means the minimum size of a wild animal, which allows its removal upon reaching it;

53. Excluded.

(Paragraph 53 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

54. **“Resettlement of wild animals”** means the introduction of wild animals intended to change the habitat of wild animals within their range;

55. **“Reintroduction of wild animals”** means the introduction of wild animals of a certain species into lands where they previously lived, but from where they disappeared for some reason;

56. **“Animal kingdom resources”** means animal kingdom objects of a consumption value, which are used or may be used in exercising by legal persons, citizens of economic and another activity;

57. Excluded.

(Paragraph 57 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

58. Excluded.

(Paragraph 58 of Article 1 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

59. **“Crossing of wild animals”** means combining the natural or artificial genetic material of wild animals of the same species from different populations or ranges destined for improving the gene pool and reducing an inbreeding effect (closely related crossing);

60. **“Methods of use of animal kingdom objects”** means a set of techniques and operations using tools for the removal of wild animals or without using such tools by means of which the use of animal kingdom objects is exercised;

61. **“Habitat of animal kingdom objects”** means the natural environment in which animal kingdom objects live in the state of natural freedom;

62. **“Lands”** means a part of the territory of the Republic of Belarus, which is the permanent habitation environment of animal kingdom objects, or is of importance for their reproduction, feeding, wintering, migration and is used or may be used to carry out the use of animal kingdom objects and activity associated with the use of animal kingdom objects;

63. **“Sustainable use of animal kingdom objects”** means the use of animal kingdom objects in such a manner and at such a pace the application of which does not lead in the long-term to the exhaustion of biodiversity of animal kingdom objects, and thus allowing to retain its ability to satisfy economic, aesthetic and other needs of present and future generations;

64. **“Exposure”** means a public display of wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives at exhibitions, symposia, conferences and other similar events, as well as educational, cultural and scientific institutions.

Article 2. Legal Regulation of Relations in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. Legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom is based on the [Constitution](#) of the Republic of Belarus and comprises this Law, Acts of the President of the Republic of Belarus, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, as well as the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

2. Civil legislation norms shall apply to relations in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in the case where such relations are not regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

3. Relations in the field of environmental protection, the protection and use of lands (including soils), bowels, waters, the atmospheric air, forests and the plant kingdom as habitat components of animal kingdom objects shall be regulated respectively by legislation on environmental protection, on the protection and use of lands, on the protection and use of bowels, on the protection and use of waters, on the protection of the atmospheric air; on the use, safeguarding, protection and reproduction of forests; on the safeguarding and use of the plant kingdom, unless otherwise provided for by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

4. Relations associated with the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in the border zone and on the frontier belt, as well as in the territories exposed to radioactive contamination as a result of the disaster at the Chernobyl Atomic Power Station shall be regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, unless otherwise provided for by legislation on the State Border of the Republic Belarus and legislation on the legal regime for the territories exposed to radioactive contamination as a result of the disaster at the Chernobyl Atomic Power Station respectively.

5. Relations in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in specially protected natural areas shall be regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, unless otherwise provided for by legislation on specially protected natural areas, except for the relations associated with granting of rights to the use of animal kingdom objects and

carrying out of activities related to the use of animal kingdom objects, which are regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

6. Relations in the field of the protection of wild animals against animal diseases shall be regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, unless otherwise provided for by the legislation on veterinary activity.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

7. Relations associated with the import and/or export of wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives shall be regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, on the foreign economic activity, on customs regulation, by international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, international legal acts constituting the right of the Eurasian Economic Union.
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

Article 3. International Treaties of the Republic of Belarus

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

If the international treaty of the Republic of Belarus establishes other rules than those contained in this Law, then the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

Article 4. Parties to a Relationship in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

Parties to a relationship in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom may be as follows:

President of the Republic of Belarus, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, local Councils of Deputies, executive and regulatory bodies, other state bodies/organizations exercising the state regulation and administration in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects, as well as the bodies of territorial public self-government within their competence;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

legal persons of the Republic of Belarus, citizens of the Republic of Belarus (including individual entrepreneurs) who are the users of animal kingdom objects, land lots and/or water objects, or exercise economic and other activities that have a harmful impact on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

foreign citizens, stateless persons, foreign states, as well as foreign and international organizations, regardless whether they have the status of a legal person or not, unless otherwise specified by the [Constitution](#) of the Republic of Belarus and international treaties of the Republic of Belarus.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

Article 5. Objects of Relations in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

Objects of relations in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall be as follows:

wild animals and their populations;

habitat of animal kingdom objects (lands);

removed wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives;

useful properties and products of life of animal kingdom objects;

The Paragraph excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3;

rights to the use of animal kingdom objects.

Article 6. Right of Ownership of Animal Kingdom Objects, their Parts and/or Derivatives

1. Animal kingdom objects inhabiting in the state of natural freedom the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall be owned by the State.

2. Wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives removed, in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, from the habitat of animal kingdom objects by legal persons, citizens shall be owned by these legal persons, citizens unless otherwise provided for by legislative acts.

3. Wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity by legal persons, citizens in accordance with this Law, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, civil legislation shall be owned by these legal persons, citizens unless otherwise provided for by legislative acts.

4. In the cases provided for by this Law and other legislative acts, restrictions and prohibitions may be imposed on the use of removed wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives owned by legal persons, citizens, as well as on the use of wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity.

5. Effectuation of the right of ownership of animal kingdom objects, their parts and/or derivatives must not contradict the common good and safety, cause harm to the environment, historical and cultural values, infringe upon the rights and interests of other persons protected by law.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

Article 7. Principles of the Safeguarding and Use of Animal Kingdom Objects and their Habitat

The safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects must be exercised on the basis of principles as follows:

sustainable use of animal kingdom objects, including the conservation of biological diversity;

use of animal kingdom objects in ways that do not allow the abusive treatment of wild animals (the principle of humanity);

providing assistance to wild animals in the disastrous state;

(the Paragraph introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

delineation of the right to the use of animal kingdom objects and rights to the use of land, forests, waters and other natural resources;

use of animal kingdom objects according to the purposes of their provision;

limitation or prohibition of economic and other activities that have a harmful impact on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them;

payment for the use of animal kingdom objects, except for the cases provided for by this Law and other legislative acts;

economic incentive for the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects;

priority of the generally recognized principles of international law in the field of the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat;

legality and feasibility of the instructions of state bodies exercising control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their officials;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

responsibility for a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

compensation for harm caused to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat;

compensation for harm caused by game animals as a result of the destruction of or damage to agricultural and/or forest cultures;

access, in accordance with legislative acts, to ecological information in the field of the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their habitat.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

CHAPTER 2

STATE REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL KINGDOM SAFEGUARDING AND USE

Article 8. State Bodies/Officials Exercising the State Regulation and Administration in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

State regulation and administration in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall be exercised by the President of the Republic of Belarus, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local Councils of Deputies, executive and regulatory bodies, other state bodies (hereinafter referred to as “authorized state bodies in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use”, unless otherwise specified) within the scope of their competence.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 9. Competence of the President of the Republic of Belarus in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. The President of the Republic of Belarus in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall:

1.1. determine unified state policy;

1.2. excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 1.2 of Article 9 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.3. determine authorized state bodies in the field of hunting husbandry and fishery management, as well as their competence;

1.4. approve the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting, the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing;

1.5. make decisions on the transfer of hunting and fishing areas to hunting husbandry and fishery for gratuitous use;

1.6. determine [rates](#) for establishing the amount of compensation for harm caused to the environment by individuals and legal persons as a result of the illegal removal or extermination of wild animals and a harmful impact on their habitat;

1.7. determine authorized state bodies and officials that exercise control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

2. The President of the Republic of Belarus shall also exercise other powers entrusted to him/her by the [Constitution](#) of the Republic of Belarus and legislative acts.

Article 10. Competence of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall:

1.1. ensure the implementation of unified state policy;

1.2. ensure the implementation of measures for the safeguarding, scientifically grounded use of animal kingdom objects and restoration of biological diversity of the animal kingdom;

1.3. approve state programmes in the field of the animal kingdom safeguarding and use;

(Sub-paragraph 1.3 of Article 10 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.3-1. Excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3;

1.4. approve:

[rules](#) for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity, as well as settlement, introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing;

rules for regulating the distribution and number of wild animals;

rules for the capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects;

rules for the use of wild animals for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during the implementation of cultural activity;

The Paragraph excluded. – The Law of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3;

1.4-1. establish a procedure for granting of permits for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, unless otherwise established by the President of the Republic of Belarus;

(Sub-paragraph 1.4-1 of Article 10 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

1.4-2. establish the procedure and conditions for the registration of:

wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity (including their offspring that has reached the age of three months), belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus, or are CITES specimens, wild animals the catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, unless otherwise established by the President of the Republic of Belarus;

facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals;

production facilities where the production of sturgeon fish species and/or products from them, including caviar, is carried out;

(Sub-paragraph 1.4-2 of Article 10 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.5. ensure the organization and development of an educational system, upbringing in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use and the formation of ecological culture, as well as training and retraining of specialists for carrying out activities in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use.

2. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus shall exercise other powers in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, this Law and other legislative acts.

Article 11. Competence of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall:

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.1. pursue unified state policy;

1.2. coordinate the activity of authorized state bodies in this field, unless otherwise established by legislative acts;

1.3. exercise control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects in the form of inspections in the field of the safeguarding, protection, reproduction and use of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus, wild animals that are not hunting and fishing objects according to the procedure established by legislation on control/supervisory activity, on environmental protection and other forms of control stipulated by legislation on control/supervisory activity;

(Sub-paragraph 1.3 of Article 11 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.4. establish in cases and according to the procedure prescribed by this Law limitations and prohibitions on certain types of use of animal kingdom objects, use of wild animals of certain species, on certain lands and during the designated period, as well as on the use of certain tools, techniques for the removal of wild animals, unless otherwise established by legislative acts;

1.5. establish in cases and according to the procedure prescribed by this Law and other legislative acts, limitations, prohibitions or other measures with regard to the safeguarding, removal, keeping and/or breeding in captivity, exhibiting of wild animals, including wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, to the species that fall under the scope of international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, their parts and/or derivatives or trade in such animals, their parts and/or derivatives, as well as in relation to the safeguarding of their habitat;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

1.6. excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 1.6 of Article 11 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.6-1. raise claims to legal persons and/or citizens who have caused harm to animal kingdom objects, their habitat, and claims in court for compensation for harm caused to animal kingdom objects, their habitat, the cost of illegally obtained products, file claims in court for compensation for harm inflicted on animal kingdom objects, their habitat by way of the summary procedure;

(Sub-paragraph 1.6-1 of Article 11 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3; as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.6-2. excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 1.6-2 of Article 11 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.6-3. carry out the registration of:

wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity (including their offspring that has reached the age of three months) that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens;

facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals;

production facilities at which the production of sturgeon fish species and/or products from them, including caviar, is carried out;

(Sub-paragraph 1.6-3 of Article 11 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.7. carry out international cooperation in this field.

2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection shall also exercise other powers in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in accordance with this Law and other legislative acts.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 12. Competence of Local Councils of Deputies, Executive and Regulatory Bodies in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. Local Council of Deputies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall:

1.1. approve regional sets of measures that ensure the implementation of state programmes in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom stipulating financing out of the funds of local budgets (local Councils of Deputies of regional and basic territorial levels);

1.2. exercise other powers in accordance with legislative acts.

(Paragraph 1 of Article 12 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2. Local executive and regulatory bodies in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall:

2.1. form and submit for approval to the local Council of Deputies of regional and basic territorial levels regional sets of measures that ensure the implementation of state programmes in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom that stipulate the financing out of the funds of local budgets (local executive and regulatory bodies of regional and basic territorial levels);

(Sub-paragraph 2.1 of Article 12 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2.2. make decisions on granting of a right to the procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects in their subordinated territory and on termination of such a right;

(Sub-paragraph 2.2 of Article 12 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.3. excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 2.3 of Article 12 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.4. excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 2.4 of Article 12 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.4-1. organize the implementation of activities on the safeguarding of wild animals;

(Sub-paragraph 2.4-1 of Article 12 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No.18-3)

2.4-2. upon an application of the related territorial body of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection coordinated with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, make decisions on the transfer of identified habitats of wild animals, belonging to the species included in

the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, to the users of land lots and/or water bodies for protection;
(Sub-paragraph 2.4-2 of Article 12 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No.18-3; as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2.5. in cases and according to the procedure stipulated by this Law and other legislative acts, set limitations and prohibitions on the implementation of economic and other activities during which wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, to the species that fall within the scope of the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus are used, as well as their parts and/or derivatives;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

2.5-1. excluded;
(Sub-paragraph 2.5-1 of Article 12 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.5-2. raise claims to legal persons and/or individuals caused harm to animal kingdom objects, their habitat and claims in court to compensate for harm caused to animal kingdom objects, their habitat;
(Sub-paragraph 2.5-2 of Article 12 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

2.5-3. excluded;
(Sub-paragraph 2.5-3 of Article 12 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2008 No. 201-3)

2.6. excluded;
(Sub-paragraph 2.6 of Article 12 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

2.7. exercise other powers in accordance with legislative acts.

Article 13. Participation of Citizens, Public Associations and the Bodies of Territorial Public Self-government in Addressing the Issues Associated with Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1. Citizens shall have the right to participate in solving the issues associated with the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom through referendums, meetings and other forms of direct participation in state and public affairs in accordance with legislation. Authorized state bodies shall facilitate, in accordance with legislation, the participation of citizens in solving the issues associated with the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

2. Citizens, public associations and the bodies of territorial public self-government shall have the right to obtain from authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom ecological information in the field of the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their habitat in accordance with [legislation](#) on environmental protection.

3. Public associations and the bodies of territorial public self-government shall undertake work on the outreach and nurture of caring attitude to animal kingdom objects in citizens, the prevention of doing harm to them and/or deteriorating their habitat, as well as the prevention of penetration of invasive alien wild animals into natural ecological systems.

4. Citizens, public associations and the bodies of territorial public self-government shall:

4.1. put forward proposals to authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom for establishing (abolishing) limitations and prohibitions on the use of animal kingdom objects;

4.2. provide assistance to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, other authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in carrying out of measures for the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and their habitat.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

CHAPTER 3

SAFEGUARDING OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS AND THEIR HABITAT

Article 14. Individuals Exercising the Safeguarding of Animal Kingdom Objects and/or their Habitat

The safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat shall be exercised by authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, other state bodies (organizations), the officials of state forest protection within the scope of their competence, the users of animal kingdom objects, as well as legal persons, individual entrepreneurs carrying out economic and other activities not associated with the use of animal kingdom objects, but having a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or posing potential danger to them.

Article 15. Measures for the Safeguarding of Animal Kingdom Objects and/or their Habitat

1. The safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat shall be ensured by:

1.1. imposing, in cases and according to the procedure prescribed by this Law and other legislative acts, of limitations and prohibitions on the use of animal kingdom objects, as well as on the implementation of economic and other activities that have a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them;

1.2. norming in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

1.3. establishing of rules for the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

1.4. carrying out of state ecological expertise of design solutions of planned economic and other activities the implementation of which may have a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them, in cases and according to the procedure established by [legislation](#) in the field of state ecological expertise, a strategic ecological assessment and an environmental impact assessment;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of July 18, 2016 [No. 399-3](#))

1.5. carrying out by legal persons and individual entrepreneurs during economic and other activities that have or may have a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat of measures ensuring the prevention of or compensation for a possible harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/their habitat;

1.6. reproduction of wild animals;

1.7. keeping and/or breeding of wild animals in captivity for the conservation of biological diversity of the animal kingdom, the gene pool of wild animals;

1.8. Excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 1.8 of Article 15 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

1.9. settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing of wild animals;

1.10. regulating the distribution and number of wild animals, including invasive alien wild animals;

1.11. carrying out the protection of wild animals;

1.12. regulating the export of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, their parts and/or derivatives, as well as the import and/or export of CITES specimens;

(Sub-paragraph 1.12 of Article 15 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.13. imposing of limitations, prohibitions or other measures in relation to the safeguarding, removal, keeping and/or breeding in captivity, the exposure of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, their parts and/or derivatives or trade in such animals, their parts and/or derivatives, including in relation to the safeguarding of their habitat;

1.14. declaring of specially protected natural areas and reserving the territories to be declared as specially protected natural areas for the purposes of conservation of biological diversity of the animal kingdom; establishing and maintaining of the National Ecological Network and declaring of biosphere reserves;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

1.15. organizing of scientific research aimed at the elaboration of scientifically grounded measures for the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects;

1.16. taking measures for preventing of a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and their habitat exerted by invasive alien wild animals;

1.17. organizing and carrying out of activities aimed at preserving of migration routes and places of concentration of wild animals during their reproduction, feeding, wintering and migration;

1.18. imposing, in cases and according to the procedure established by this Law and other legislative acts, of limitations and prohibitions on the implementation of economic and other activities on the land lots of importance for the reproduction, feeding, wintering and migration of migratory species of wild animals, including for the prevention of the occurrence of obstacles on the ways of their migration or ensuring the continuity of their habitat;

1.19. identifying the habitats of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, typical and rare biotopes, and transferring these habitats to the

users of land lots and/or water bodies under protection with the establishment of a special regime for the safeguarding and use of the habitats of such animals;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.20. taking measures for improving the habitat of animal kingdom objects;

1.21. taking measures for restoring of a habitat of animal kingdom objects, including by regulating the water regime, constructing artificial dwellings, creating protective plantings, preventing of the undesirable change of plantings, as well as adopting other measures for the safeguarding of a habitat of wild kingdom objects;

1.22. exercising control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects;
(Sub-paragraph 1.22 of Article 15 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

1.23. establishing responsibility for a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and bringing individuals violated it to liability;

1.24. keeping record of animal kingdom objects and their utilization capacity by monitoring the animal kingdom and the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre;

1.25. organizing and developing an educational system, fostering in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and forming of ecological culture, as well as training and retraining of specialists for carrying out of activities in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, carrying on propaganda on the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their habitat;

1.26. accessing, in accordance with legislative acts, ecological information on the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their habitat;
(Sub-paragraph 1.26 of Article 15 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

1.27. implementing other measures for the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection may determine additional measures for the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat and organizing their implementation, unless otherwise established by legislative acts in field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

3. Implementation of measures for the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat must not cause harm to the environment, historical and cultural values, life, health and/or property of citizens, and property of legal persons.

Article 16. Limitations and Prohibitions on the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. In order to safeguard animal kingdom objects and their habitats, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local executive and administrative bodies within the scope of their competence in accordance with the procedure established by this Law and other legislative acts may impose limitations or prohibitions on the exercise of certain types of use of animal kingdom objects, as well as on the use of certain species of wild animals:

- 1.1. on certain lands;
- 1.2. within the designated period;
- 1.3. with the usage of certain tools for the removal of wild animals;
- 1.4. by special ways of usage of animal kingdom objects.

(the Paragraph 1 of Article 16 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2. Limitations and prohibitions stipulated by [Paragraph](#) 1 of this Article may be established in the case as follows:

2.1. outbreak of epizootics and other emergencies;

2.2. declaring of specially protected natural areas and the reservation of territories to be declared as specially protected natural areas, the formation of the National Ecological Network and declaring of biosphere reserves;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

2.3. transfer under the protection of the habitats of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, typical and rare biotopes;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.4. Excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 2.4 of Article 16 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.5. deterioration of the conditions of the natural reproduction, feeding, wintering, and migration of wild animals;

2.6. adverse changes in the age and/or sex structure of the wild animals' population;

2.7. introduction and acclimatization of wild animals;

2.8. Excluded;

(The Sub-paragraph 2.8 of Article 16 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2.9. in other cases stipulated by legislative acts.

3. Limitations and prohibitions on the use of animal kingdom objects shall be established on the basis of data from the National Animal Kingdom Cadastre and animal kingdom monitoring, the record-keeping of animal kingdom objects and their utilization capacity, the evaluation of animal kingdom resources, results of control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects, as well as on the proposal of authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and the State Inspectorate for the Safeguarding of the Animal and Plant Kingdom under the President of the Republic Belarus.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

4. When exercising the use of animal kingdom objects, the following shall be prohibited:

4.1. capture of wild animals in distress, except for the cases of suffocation in water bodies and other cases provided for by this Law and other legislative acts;

4.2. removal of wild animals from specially protected natural areas and other territories if, according to the regime for the protection and use of these territories, the removal of wild animals is prohibited in them;

4.3. collection of eggs, larvae and pupae of ants, except for the cases where such collection is allowed by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

4.4. collection of eggs of birds, destruction of lodges of wild animals (nests, holes, huts and other lodges), except for the cases provided for by [Paragraphs 1-3 of Article 19](#) of this Law and other legislative acts;

4.5. taking actions that may lead to unauthorized penetration into the lands of alien species of wild animals;

4.5-1. use of explosive devices, poisons and other chemicals, tools and methods for the removal of wild animals that may cause harm to other animals or humans (crossbows, electric traps, trap pits, loops, nails, hooks, etc.), unless otherwise provided for by legislative acts;
(Sub-paragraph 4.5-1 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

4.6. taking other actions prohibited by this Law, the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting, the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

5. In cases where it is impossible to prevent the death of wild animals in distress, their capture may be authorized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 17. Safeguarding of Wild Animals Belonging to Rare and Endangered Species of Wild Animals, as well as to the Species of Wild Animals Subject to International Treaties of the Republic of Belarus

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

1. Rare and endangered species of wild animals in the territory of the Republic of Belarus shall be included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus.

2. In order to safeguard wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection shall organize work on the identification of habitats of such animals and keep record of these habitats.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

3. Local executive and regulatory bodies upon an application of the related territorial body of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection coordinated with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus shall make decisions on the transfer of the identified habitats of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus under the protection of the users of land lots and/or water bodies.
(as worded in the [Laws](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 [No. 18-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

4. A user of a land lot and/or a water body who receives the habitat of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus under the protection shall be granted a habitat certificate for wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus and a preservation order stipulating a special regime for the protection and use of this habitat.

5. A [procedure](#) for the transfer of habitats of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus under the protection of the users of land lots and/or water bodies, the form of a habitat certificate for wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus and a preservation order, as well as the procedure and conditions for their issuance shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

6. Unauthorized removal of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, their illegal trafficking, as well as other actions that may cause their death, reduction in the number or disturbance of their habitat shall be prohibited.

7. Removal of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus from their habitat shall be carried out in accordance with the [procedure](#) and under the terms established by legislation on environmental protection.
(Paragraph 7 of Article 17 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

8. In order to safeguard wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, the species falling under the scope of the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection may impose limitations, prohibitions or other measures for the safeguarding, removal, keeping and/or breeding in captivity, exhibiting of such animals, their parts and/or derivatives or trade in such animals, their parts and/or derivatives, as well as the protection of their habitat.
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus November 10, 2008 [No. 444-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

In order to improve the habitat of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus and the species falling under the scope of international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, scientifically grounded works on burning down of dry vegetation and its remains on the root, cane, reeds and other thickets of wild plants shall be allowed. The specified works may be carried out in specially protected natural areas and in the habitats of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus transferred to the user of a land lot and/or a water body under protection, unless this contradicts the established regime for the protection and use of these areas and habitats.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

9. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection shall ensure the development and approval of management plans for wild animal populations belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, as well as the species falling under the scope of international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, action plans for the conservation of these wild animal species and other measures for the safeguarding of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, as well as the species falling under the scope of international treaties of the Republic of Belarus. The accomplishment of these measures and control over their implementation shall be organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 [No. 18-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

10. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection may submit proposals to local executive and regulatory bodies and file lawsuits to impose limitations and prohibitions on economic and other activities in the process of which wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, the species falling under the scope of the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, as well as their parts and/or derivatives are used or activities that have a harmful effect on such animals and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 [No. 444-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

Article 18. Protection of Wild Animals

1. Protection of wild animals shall be exercised by authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, other state bodies (organizations) within the scope of their competence, the users of animal kingdom objects, as well as legal persons and individual entrepreneurs exercising economic and other activities not related to the use of animal kingdom objects, but having a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, or posing potential danger to them. The accomplishment of measures for the protection of wild animals shall be organized by local executive and regulatory bodies.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 [No.18-3](#))

2. The users of animal kingdom objects for the purposes of the protection of wild animals shall be obliged:

2.1. to plan, finance and timely implement preventive and other measures for the protection of wild animals in accordance with this Law, the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting, the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing, and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

2.2. not to allow the storage and use of plant protection products, fertilizers and other materials hazardous for animals and/or their habitat, handling of wastes without the implementation of measures ensuring the prevention of death, diseases of wild animals and a harmful effect on their habitat;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#))

2.3. to ensure compliance with veterinary and sanitary regulations, immediately take measures for curing of sick animals and preventing the spread of their diseases;

(Sub-paragraph 2.3 of Article 18 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#))

2.4. to take urgent measures for saving of wild animals in distress;

2.5. in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and legislation on veterinary activities, to regulate the number of wild animals – the transmitters of infectious diseases and/or their pathogens;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#))

2.6. not to allow the abusive treatment of wild animals;

2.7. to timely inform local executive and regulatory bodies about the facts of mass disease and/or death of wild animals.

3. Responsibilities provided for by [Sub-paragraph 2.2 of Paragraph 2](#) of this Article shall also apply to legal persons, individual entrepreneurs exercising economic and other activities not related to the use of animal kingdom objects, but having a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or posing potential danger to them.

4. For the persons specified in [Paragraphs 2-3](#) of this Article, other responsibilities on the protection of wild animals may also be stipulated by legislative acts in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

CHAPTER 4

REGULATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND NUMBER OF WILD ANIMALS. SETTLEMENT (INCLUDING RESETTLEMENT), INTRODUCTION, REINTRODUCTION, ACCLIMATION, CROSSING AND REPRODUCTION OF WILD ANIMALS

Article 19. Regulation of the Distribution and Number of Wild Animals

1. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals shall apply to:

1.1. wild animals that cause harm to the components of the natural environment, life, health and property of citizens, property of legal persons;

1.2. wild animals that cause harm to rural, forestry, and hunting husbandry, and/or fishery;

1.3. invasive alien wild animals;

1.4. wild animals the number of which exceeds the optimal number of wild animals defined by hunting management projects, bio-economic or biological justification;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

1.5. wild animals that deteriorate the sanitary and aesthetic state of inhabited localities, residential, industrial, cultural and household and other structures and facilities;

1.6. wild animals that cause a disturbance to the residents of inhabited localities;

1.7. wild animals that pose a threat to or impede transport communications, the operation of power lines, industrial and military facilities;

1.8. wild animals born with disabilities in the physical development or afflicted with a disease dangerous to their life, life or health of other animals and/or citizens.

2. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals shall be exercised without the removal or with the removal of wild animals from their habitat.

3. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals without the removal from their habitat shall be exercised by:

3.1. liquidation or reduction of habitats, the reproduction, feeding and wintering of wild animals, the distribution and number of which are subject to regulation;

3.2. implementing measures to increase the number of natural predators and competitors of wild animals the distribution and number of which are subject to regulation;

3.3. applying of methods for forestry and agriculture, agrotechnical techniques (development of mixed cultures of forest plantations, formation of uneven-aged forest plantations, cultivation of sown herbs along the perimeter of forest hunting areas etc.) contributing to the reduction of harm caused to forestry and agriculture, the number and concentration of wild animals on certain lands;

3.4. implementing of biotechnical measures that attract hunting animals to the hunting facilities rented or provided for free use;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

3.5. destruction during the period from August 15 to February 15 of bird nests located on plantations in inhabited localities, residential, industrial, cultural and household and other structures and facilities;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

3.6. disturbing of wild animals, scaring them away, including the use of electronic and other technical devices;

3.7. arrangement of fences, other devices and special structures to restrict access and/or movement of wild animals.

4. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals without the removal of wild animals from their habitat shall be allowed without a permit for the removal wild animals from their habitat.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

5. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals with their removal from their habitat may be exercised by the catching and capture of wild animals.

6. Catching of wild animals in order to regulate their distribution and number shall be carried out according to the [rules](#) for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity, as well as settlement, introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing.

7. Capture of wild animals in order to regulate the distribution and number of wild animals shall be carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, unless otherwise provided for by legislative acts.
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#); June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

8. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals by the capture of wild animals shall be allowed in cases where other methods regulating the distribution and number of wild animals are impossible or ineffective.

9. Excluded.
(Paragraph 9 of Article 19 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

10. Excluded.

(Paragraph 10 of Article 19 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

11. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals must be carried out by methods ensuring the prevention of harm to other animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat.

12. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals shall be prohibited by:

12.1. use of explosive devices, poisons of an indiscriminate effect (except for the cases of regulation of the distribution and number of crows and gulls on the sites where wastes are stored) and other chemicals other than immobilizing, contraceptive and soporific veterinary medications;

12.2. use of tools and methods for the removal of wild animals, which may cause harm to other wild animals or humans (crossbows, electric traps, trap pits, loops, and hooks).

13. A [list](#) of invasive alien wild animals and conditions for the regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals shall be determined by the [rules](#) regulating the distribution and number of wild animals, unless otherwise established by legislative acts.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January, 22 2013 No. 18-3)

Article 20. Settlement (Including Resettlement), Introduction, Reintroduction, Acclimatization and Crossing of Wild Animals

1. Settlement (including resettlement) of wild animals in lands shall be carried out according to hunting management projects, piscicultural and biological, and biological justification in compliance with the requirements established by this Law, the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting, the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

2. Introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals shall be carried out upon a [permit](#) for the introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in accordance with the procedure established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus upon a conclusion of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus on the admissibility of introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2010 [No. 109-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

Permits for introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals shall not be required upon a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 [No. 18-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

3. Requirements for settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization and crossing of wild animals shall be established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection by agreement with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

4. A procedure and conditions for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization and crossing shall be established by the [rules](#) for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity, as well as settlement, introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing. (as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

5. Unauthorized settlement (including resettlement) of wild animals in lands, introduction, reintroduction and crossing of wild animals shall be prohibited. (as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

6. Settlement (including resettlement) of invasive alien species of wild animals in lands, their introduction, reintroduction and cross-breeding shall be prohibited. (Paragraph 6 of Article 20 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Article 21. Reproduction of Wild Animals

1. Reproduction of wild animals shall be provided by establishing of conditions for their natural or artificial reproduction.

2. Establishing of conditions for the natural reproduction of wild animals shall be provided by:

2.1. imposing limitations and prohibitions on the use of animal kingdom objects, as well as on carrying out in the breeding places of wild animals of works that cause a harmful effect on wild animals and their breeding places;

2.2. norming in the field of animal kingdom safeguarding and use;

2.3. carrying out of biotechnical activities;

2.4. construction and operation of facilities for the passage of wild animals through transport communications, dams and other obstacles on the way of their migration, as well as other protection structures;

2.5. declaring of specially protected natural areas, as well as reserving of areas to be declared as specially protected natural areas, establishing and ensuring the functioning of the National Ecological Network and declaring of biosphere reserves, identifying and transferring under the protection of the users of land lots and/or water bodies of typical and rare biotopes.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus May 5, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

2.6. other measures in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

3. Artificial reproduction of wild animals shall be ensured by:

3.1. settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, crossing (apart from interspecies crossing) of wild animals;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

3.2. breeding of wild animals in captivity for the purposes of subsequent settlement (including resettlement) in lands;

3.3. other measures in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

4. Legal persons and individual entrepreneurs exercising the special use of animal kingdom objects must plan, finance and implement measures for the reproduction of wild animals in accordance with this Law, the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting, the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing, and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

5. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local executive and regulatory bodies, and other authorized state bodies in the area of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall plan, finance and organize the implementation of measures for the reproduction of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus out of the funds of the republican and local budgets allocated for these purposes in accordance with budget legislation, as well as other sources in accordance with legislation. (as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

CHAPTER 5

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE A HARMFUL EFFECT ON ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS AND/OR THEIR HABITAT OR POSE POTENTIAL DANGER TO THEM

Article 22. Requirements in the Field of the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom Imposed on Urban Planning, Development of Inhabited Localities and Territories

1. Urban planning, the development of inhabited localities and territories, including the organization of mass recreation places of citizens, the development of touristic routes must be carried out taking into account the need to preserve animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat.

2. Urban development of land lots within the boundaries of which wild animals live that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, to the species that fall under the scope of international treaties of the Republic of Belarus shall be allowed, unless a decision has been made to reserve these territories for declaring them as specially protected natural areas or transfer them under protection as the habitats of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or establish another special regime for their safeguarding and use in accordance with legislative acts. (as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

Article 23. Requirements Imposed on the Construction and other Activities Not Related to the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects, but Having a Harmful Effect on them and/or their Habitat or Posing Potential Danger to them

1. Construction and other activities not related to the use of animal kingdom objects, but having a harmful effect on them and/or their habitat or posing potential danger to them, must be carried out in compliance with the requirements for legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and legislation on environmental protection.

2. Legal persons and individual entrepreneurs whose construction and other activities have a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose potential danger to them shall be obliged to plan and implement measures to prevent and/or compensate for a possible harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat in accordance with design decisions on the planned construction and other activities that have passed the state ecological expertise in cases and

according to the procedure established by legislation in the field of state ecological expertise, a strategic environmental assessment and an environmental impact assessment and in their absence – with the plans coordinated with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. (as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of July 18, 2016 [No. 399-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

3. When placing, designing, erecting, reconstructing, expanding, technically reequipping, modernizing, changing a production profile, dismantling and/or demolishing objects and complexes having a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, or posing potential danger to them, design documentation must stipulate the following:
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

3.1. measures ensuring the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat against a harmful effect on them of chemical and radioactive substances, wastes, as well as physical and other harmful effects;

3.2. measures ensuring the preservation of migration routes and places of concentration of wild animals, including through the construction and commissioning of facilities for the passage of wild animals through transport communications, dams and other obstacles on the ways of their migration, zoo-nurseries and other facilities for the breeding of wild animals, as well as other structures erected to prevent and/or compensate for a possible harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat. The construction and commissioning of the specified facilities must be carried out before the erection, reconstruction, expansion, technical re-equipment, modernization, changing a production profile, dismantling and/or demolition of objects and complexes that may cause harm to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

3.3. other measures ensuring the prevention of a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat.

4. Measures carried out to prevent and/or compensate for a possible harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat must be provided with guaranteed volumes and the sources of funding sufficient for the prevention and/or entire compensation for a possible harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat.

5. When carrying out construction, dredging or blasting works, extracting mineral resources or water plants, laying cables, pipelines or other utilities, executing other works on water bodies, including in cases where it is not possible to implement measures stipulated in [Paragraphs 2-3](#) of this Article, compensatory payments shall be made, except for the case specified in [Part 2](#) of this Paragraph.

Compensatory payments shall not be made if the financing of works specified in [Part 1](#) of this Paragraph is carried out entirely out of the funds of republican and local budgets and/or the specified works aim to restore the habitat of wild animals.
(Paragraph 5 of Article 23 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

6. A [procedure](#) for determining the amount of compensatory payments and their execution shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

CHAPTER 6 USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS

Article 24. Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1. Use of animal kingdom objects shall be exercised by the following types:

1.1. hunting:

recreational hunting;

commercial hunting;

1.2. fishing:

recreational fishing;

commercial fishing;

1.3. capture and procurement of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects;

1.4. use of wild animals in scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during the cultural activity;

1.5. use of useful properties of vital activities of animal kingdom objects;

1.6. use of products of vital activities of animal kingdom objects.

2. Use of animal kingdom objects shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure for the general and special use of animal kingdom objects.

Article 25. General Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. General use of animal kingdom objects shall be exercised by individuals by the following types:

1.1. recreational hunting;

(Sub-paragraph 1.1 of Article 25 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.2. recreational fishing;

1.3. capture of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects;

1.4. use of wild animals in scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during the cultural activity;

1.5. use of useful properties of vital activities of animal kingdom objects;

1.6. use of products of vital activities of animal kingdom objects.

2. General use of animal kingdom objects shall be exercised by individuals free of charge, without documents for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects, except for the cases stipulated by this Law and other legislative acts.

Article 26. Special Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. Special use of animal kingdom objects shall be carried out by legal persons, individual entrepreneurs for a fee, unless otherwise provided for by this Law and other legislative acts, by the following types:

1.1. commercial hunting;

1.2. commercial fishing;

1.3. procurement of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects;

1.4. use of wild animals in scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity;

1.5. use of useful properties of vital activities of animal kingdom objects;

1.6. use of products of vital activities of animal kingdom objects.

2. The right to the special use of animal kingdom objects shall be granted without the provision of land lots and/or water bodies within the boundaries of which animal kingdom objects provided for use live, except as otherwise stipulated by the rules for fishery and fishing.

The right to the special use of animal kingdom objects within the boundaries of specially protected natural areas shall be provided by coordination with state environmental institutions that exercise administration of specially protected natural areas, and if such institutions have not been established – with state bodies (other state organizations) in the administration of which specially protected natural areas have been transferred.

(Paragraph 2 of Article 26 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

3. The right to the special use of animal kingdom objects shall arise for legal persons and individual entrepreneurs on the basis of documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects stipulated in [Articles 29-30](#) of this Law, the rules for hunting husbandry and hunting, the rules for fishery and fishing.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

4. In order to provide the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects shall specify binding requirements, limitations and other conditions for the use of animal kingdom objects.

5. Transferring of the right to the special use of animal kingdom objects to other persons, as well as giving it in pledge or providing as a contribution to the statutory fund of economic partnerships and business entities or as a share contribution to the production cooperative shall be prohibited.

Article 27. Hunting

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Hunting shall be carried out according to the procedure and on the terms established by the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting.

Article 28. Fishing

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Fishing shall be carried out according to the procedure and on the terms established by the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing.

Article 29. Capture and Procurement of Wild Animals that Do Not Belong to Hunting and Fishing Objects

1. Capture of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects may be carried out by citizens free of charge in the form of common use within the norm for the removal of wild animals.

2. Procurement of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects may be carried out by legal persons, individual entrepreneurs for a fee upon a decision of the related local executive and regulatory body in accordance with the rules for the capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No 326-3)

3. A list of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects used for capture and procurement, as well as the conditions of their capture and procurement shall be established by the [rules](#) for capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

Article 30. Use of Wild Animals for Scientific, Pedagogic and Educational, as well as Recreational, Aesthetic and other Purposes during Cultural Activity

1. Use of wild animals for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity (hereinafter in this Article – the use of wild animals for scientific and cultural purposes) without the removal of animal kingdom objects from their habitat (observation, photographing, marking, etc.) shall be carried out free of charge and without documents for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects.

2. Excluded.

(Paragraph 2 of Article 30 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011, No. 261-3)

3. Use of wild animals for scientific and cultural purposes with their removal from their habitat shall be free of charge. The basis for the removal of wild animals from their habitat for scientific and cultural purposes shall be a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, apart from wild animals included in the list of species of wild animals whose removal for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity shall be carried out without a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat.

(Paragraph 3 of Article 30 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

4. Excluded.

(Paragraph 4 of Article 30 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

5. A list of species of wild animals the use of which for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity shall be carried out without a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, the conditions for the use of wild animals for scientific and cultural purposes shall be established by the [rules](#) for the use of wild animals for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity, unless otherwise established by legislative acts.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

Article 31. Use of Useful Properties of Vital Activities of Animal Kingdom Objects

Use of useful properties of vital activities of animal kingdom objects (formation of soil humus, pollination of plants, biological protection of plants and animals against pests, diseases, etc.) without the removal of animal kingdom objects from their habitat shall be carried out free of charge and without documents for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects.

Article 32. Use of Products of Vital Activities of Animal Kingdom Objects

Use of products of vital activities of animal kingdom objects (honey, wax and other products of vital activities of wild animals) shall be carried out free of charge and without documents for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects.

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Information on specially protected natural areas is posted on the official website of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus (<http://www.minpriroda.gov.by/ru/>).

Article 33. Use of Animal Kingdom Objects Inhabiting Specially Protected Natural Areas

1. Granting of rights to the use of animal kingdom objects and implementation of activities related to the use of animal kingdom objects in specially protected natural areas shall be carried out in accordance with this Law, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom by agreement with the state body (other state organization), in the administration of which a specially protected natural area has been transferred.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of July 2, 2009 No. 32-3)

2. Use of animal kingdom objects inhabiting specially protected natural areas may be carried out in accordance with the regime for the protection and use of these areas, the established provisions on specially protected natural areas, this Law, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

3. In specially protected natural areas, apart from reserves (except for the case specified in [Part 3](#) of this Paragraph), the conservation areas of National Parks, wildlife sanctuaries, the use of animal kingdom objects shall be prohibited in accordance with the regime for their protection and use, the general and special use of animal kingdom objects may be carried out, as well as activities related to the use of animal kingdom objects and the regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals.

In reserves (apart from specially determined areas that do not include natural complexes and objects for the preservation of which nature reserves have been declared), the conservation areas of National Parks, wildlife sanctuaries, the use of animal kingdom objects shall be prohibited in accordance with the regime for their protection and use, the regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals and the removal of wild animals for scientific purposes may be carried out.

In specially determined areas of the reserves that do not include natural complexes and objects for the preservation of which the reserves have been declared, the general use of animal kingdom objects, excluding hunting, may be carried out.

4. Regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals in specially protected natural areas shall be exercised in accordance with [Article 19](#) of this Law.

5. Use of animal kingdom objects for scientific purposes in specially protected natural areas shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure and on the terms established by the rules for the use of animal kingdom objects for scientific, pedagogic and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity.

CHAPTER 7

ACTIVITY RELATED TO THE USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS

Article 34. Types of Activity Related to the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

Activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects may be carried out by the following types:

hunting husbandry management;

fishery management;

purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

Article 35. Right to Exercise Activity Related to the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. Right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects by the types specified in [Article 34](#) of this Law shall arise for legal persons, individual entrepreneurs on the basis of documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects stipulated by the rules for hunting husbandry and hunting, the rules for fishery and fishing, [Paragraph 1 of Article 38](#) of this Law and other legislative acts.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. Transferring of the right to carry out activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects to other persons, as well as giving it in pledge or providing as a contribution to the statutory fund of economic partnerships and business entities or as a share contribution to the production cooperative shall be prohibited.

Article 36. Hunting Husbandry Management

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Hunting husbandry management shall be exercised in the manner and on the terms specified by the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting.

Article 37. Fishery Management

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Fishery management shall be exercised in the manner and on the terms specified by the [rules](#) for fishery and fishing.

Article 38. Purchase of Wild Animals that Do Not Belong to Hunting and Fishing Objects

1. Purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects may be exercised by legal persons, individual entrepreneurs for a fee upon decisions of related local executive and regulatory bodies in accordance with the [rules](#) for capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. A list of wild animal species used for purchase that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects, as well as their purchasing conditions, shall be established by the rules for capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

CHAPTER 8

TERMINATION OF THE RIGHT TO THE SPECIAL USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS AND THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE ACTIVITY RELATED TO THE USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE USERS OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS, PROTECTION AND GUARANTEE OF THEIR RIGHTS

Article 39. Termination of the Right to the Special Use of Animal Kingdom Objects and the Right to Exercise Activity Related to the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. The right to the special use of animal kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects shall be terminated in the case of:

1.1. expiry of a period for the special use of animal kingdom objects, as well as a period for exercising activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects specified in documentation for the right to the use of animal world objects;

1.2. termination of documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects on the grounds stipulated by legislative acts;

1.3. liquidation of a legal person or termination of individual entrepreneur's activities to whom animal kingdom objects were provided for the special use or who carried out the activities related to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.4. renunciation by a legal person or an individual entrepreneur of the right to the special use of animal kingdom objects or the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.5. imposing, in cases and according to the procedure provided for by this Law and other legislative acts, of prohibitions on the use of animal kingdom objects and/or the implementation of activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.6. use of animal kingdom objects for the purposes other than intended;

1.7. failure to exercise the special use of animal kingdom objects or activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects for more than one year from the date of obtaining documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.8. systematic (more than twice within twelve months) violation of terms specified in the documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.9. failure within prescribed time limits to make payments stipulated by legislation in the field of the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects;

1.10. extermination of wild animals;

(Sub-paragraph 1.10 of Article 39 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1.11. abusive treatment of wild animals;

1.12. other cases stipulated by legislative acts.

(Sub-paragraph 1.12 of Article 39 introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. The right to the special use of animal kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects for the cases specified in [Sub-paragraphs 1.1-1.5 of Paragraph 1](#) of this Article shall be terminated on the day of the related event and in cases specified in [Sub-paragraphs 1.6-1.11 of Paragraph 1](#) of this Article – upon a decision of the authorized state body in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom having granted such rights.

3. Decisions on termination of the right to the special use of animal kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects shall be made by the authorized state body in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom having granted such rights on the grounds of materials evidencing that upon a receipt of a written order from state bodies, exercising control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects, from their officials a legal person, an individual entrepreneur have not implemented appropriate measures within the established period to redress committed violations of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and/or conditions stipulated in documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

4. Legislative acts may establish another procedure for termination of the right to the special use of animal kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects.

5. Decisions on termination of the right to the special use of animal kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects may be challenged in a judicial procedure.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Article 40. Rights and Obligations of the Users of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. Users of animal kingdom objects shall have the right to:

1.1. exercise the use of animal kingdom objects and activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects to the extent that is allowed by this Law, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, legislation on environmental protection and terms stipulated by documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects;

1.2. obtain full, reliable and timely information from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, other authorized government bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom about animal kingdom objects provided to them for use;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1.3. access lands inhabited by animal kingdom objects provided to them for use;

1.4. independently choose methods of the use of animal kingdom objects and the exercise of activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects in accordance with this Law and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

1.5. conduct settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, crossing of wild animals in accordance with this Law, the rules for hunting husbandry and hunting, the rules for fishery and fishing and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

1.6. carry out the catching of wild animals in accordance with this Law, the rules for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of their keeping and/or breeding in captivity, as well as settlement, introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, crossing and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

1.7. independently manage wild animals removed, in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom and civil legislation, their parts and/or derivatives, unless otherwise stipulated by legislative acts;

1.8. claim compensation for damages caused as a result of the unlawful removal or extermination of wild animals and a harmful effect on their habitat or file lawsuits to compensate for such damages;

(Sub-paragraph 1.8 of Article 40 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

1.9. exercise other rights stipulated by this Law and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

2. Users of animal kingdom objects shall be obliged to:

2.1. comply with the requirements of this Law, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, legislation on environmental protection and other legislation;

2.2. fulfill the terms specified in documentation for the right to the use of animal kingdom objects;

2.3. exercise the use of animal kingdom objects in accordance with the purposes they are provided for;

2.4. ensure the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects used by them, carrying out required biotechnical activities;

2.5. make in due time payments established by legislation in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

2.6. exercise the use of animal kingdom objects in accordance with established standards, limits, quotas and other norms for the removal of wild animals, take measures to achieve the optimal number of wild animals, ensure the maintenance of the optimal number of wild animals (including by regulating their distribution and number) and not to allow the exceedance of the optimal number of wild animals;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

2.7. keep record of the number of wild animals and their utilization capacity;

2.8. employ methods of the use of animal kingdom objects and tools for their removal the use of which prevents causing harm to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, except as otherwise stipulated by legislative acts;

2.9. prevent the abusive treatment of wild animals;

2.10. comply with the instructions of state bodies exercising control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects and their officials;
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

2.11. prevent a violation of the rights of other users of animal kingdom objects, as well as the users of land lots and/or water bodies, where the use of animal kingdom objects or activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects is carried out;

2.12. Excluded;
(Sub-paragraph 2.12 of Article 40 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#))

2.13. compensate, in accordance with legislation, for harm caused during the use of animal kingdom objects;

2.14. perform other duties stipulated by legislative acts.

Article 41. Protection and Guarantee of the Rights of the Users of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. Violated rights of the users of animal kingdom objects shall be subject to restoration. Harm caused to the users of animal kingdom objects in connection with a violation of their rights shall be subject to compensation according to the procedure established by civil legislation.

2. Rights of some users of animal kingdom objects may be restricted in the interests of other users of animal kingdom objects, as well as in state and public interests in cases and according to the procedure established by this Law and other legislative acts.

3. In order to protect the violated or disputed right to the use of animal kingdom objects, the users of animal kingdom objects may apply to appropriate authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, as well as to court according to the procedure established by legislation.

CHAPTER 9 KEEPING AND BREEDING OF WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY

Article 42. Keeping and/or Breeding of Wild Animals in Captivity

1. Keeping and/or breeding of wild animals in captivity may be carried out for:

1.1. settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing;

1.2. Excluded;
(Sub-paragraph 1.2 of Article 42 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

1.3. scientific, pedagogic and educational as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes during cultural activity;

1.4. obtaining products of use of animal kingdom objects;

1.5. training of hounds, hunting birds and decoy animals;

1.6. other purposes that do not contradict legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom.

2. Catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be carried out free of charge. The basis for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, except for wild animals included in the list of species of wild animals, whose removal for the purpose of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be carried out without a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat.

(Paragraph 2 of Article 42 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

3. Excluded.

(Paragraph 3 of Article 42 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

4. A list of species of wild animals, whose removal for the purpose of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out without a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat, as well as conditions for the catching of wild animals shall be established by the [rules](#) for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity, as well as settlement, introduction, reintroduction, acclimatization, and crossing, except as otherwise specified by legislative acts.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

5. Keeping and/or breeding of wild animals in captivity shall be carried out, provided that requirements for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals in captivity established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection are complied with.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#); of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

6. Excluded;

(Paragraph 6 of Article 42 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

Article 43. Registration of Wild Animals Kept and/or Bred in Captivity

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

1. Wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity (including their offspring that has reached the age of three months) shall be subject to registration, except for the case specified in [Part 2](#) of this Paragraph:

belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens;

catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat.

Wild animals kept at facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals, at production facilities where the production of sturgeon fish species and/or products from them is carried out, including caviar, shall not be subject to registration.

2. Owners of wild animals specified in [Part 1](#) of [Paragraph 1](#) of this Article shall be obliged to apply for registration to the state body exercising registration of such animals within one month from the date of catching or purchasing of these animals.

Owners of the offspring of wild animals specified in [Part 1](#) of [Paragraph 1](#) of this Article shall be obliged to apply for registration to the state body exercising registration of such animals within five days from the date offspring have reached the age of three months.

3. The basis for registration of wild animals specified in [Part 1](#) of [Paragraph 1](#) of this Article shall be the documentation stipulated by legislation on administrative procedures submitted by their owners to the state body exercising registration of such animals, as well as an act on compliance of conditions for keeping of wild animals with requirements for their keeping established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection and an act confirming the fact of birth of the offspring of wild animals in captivity (in the case of registration of wild animals bred in captivity) drawn up by the territorial body of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection with participation of the representatives of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus or another scientific organization that has specialists in zoology as its staff members.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

Registration of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens shall be carried out by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 [No. 201-3](#))

Registration of wild animals the catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat shall be exercised by the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

4. The fact of registration of wild animals subject to registration shall be confirmed by the registration certificate for wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity.

Registration of wild animals shall be carried out without charge in the manner and on the terms established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, except as otherwise established by the President of the Republic of Belarus.

5. Keeping and/or breeding in captivity of non-registered wild animals subject to registration shall be prohibited.

Article 43-1. Registration of Facilities for Keeping and/or Breeding of Wild Animals

(introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1. Facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals shall be subject to registration at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2. Legal persons and individual entrepreneurs who have on the right of ownership, economic management, operational administration or on another legal basis facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals shall be obliged to apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection for their registration before the start of economic activity using these facilities.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

3. The fact of registration of facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals shall be confirmed by the registration certificate for such facilities.

Registration of facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals shall be carried out without charge in the manner and on the terms established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

4. Keeping and/or breeding of wild animals at non-registered facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals shall be prohibited.

Article 43-2. Registration of Production Facilities where Sturgeon Fish Species are Produced and/or Products from them, Including Caviar. Specifics of Handling of Sturgeon Fish Species and/or Products from them, Including Caviar

(introduced by the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1. Production facilities, where sturgeon fish species are produced and/or products from them, including caviar (hereinafter referred to as “production facilities”, unless otherwise specified), shall be subject to registration at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

2. Legal persons and individual entrepreneurs who have on the right of ownership, economic management, operational administration or another legal basis production facilities shall apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection for registration of such facilities before the start of economic activity using these facilities.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

3. The fact of registration of production facilities shall be confirmed by the registration certificate for such facilities.

Registration of production facilities shall be carried out without charge in the manner and on the terms established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

4. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus may establish specifics of handling of sturgeon fish species and/or products from them, including caviar.

CHAPTER 10

TRANSACTIONS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF WHICH ARE WILD ANIMALS, THEIR PARTS AND/OR DERIVATIVES

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 [No. 261-3](#);
January 22, 2013 [No. 18-3](#))

Article 44. Excluded.

(Article 44 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

Article 45. Transactions the Subject Matter of which are Wild Animals, their Parts and/or Derivatives. Exposition of Wild Animals, their Parts and/or Derivatives
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

1. Owners of wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives or persons authorized by them may make transactions the subject of which are wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives in compliance with the requirements of this Law and civil legislation.

2. Transactions the subject matter of which are non-registered wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity subject to registration in accordance with [Paragraph 1](#) of [Article 43](#) of this Law shall be prohibited.

3. Sale, exchange, donation or otherwise alienation of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens, wild animals the catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat (except for the case specified in [Paragraph 5](#) of this Article), including their parts and/or derivatives, their exposure may be carried out by the owners of specified wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives or by persons authorized by them upon availability of one of the documents confirming the legality of the possession of such animals, their parts and/or derivatives specified in [Paragraph 6](#) of this Article.

4. Settlement of transactions related to the execution of works on the production of stuffed animals, souvenirs and other items from the captured wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens, wild animals the catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat (except for the case specified in [Paragraph 5](#) of this Article), including their parts and/or derivatives, may only be carried out upon presentation by a person for whom such works are performed of one of the documents confirming

the legality of the possession of such animals, their parts and/or derivatives. In this case, a copy of such document must be handed over to a person performing works on the production of stuffed animals, souvenirs and other items from the captured wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens, wild animals the catching of which for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out on the basis of a permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat (except for the case specified in Paragraph 5 of this Article), their parts and/or derivatives.

5. When citizens make transactions the subject matter of which are wild animals captured by them in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, wild animals that belong to the game animals of non-standardized species, fishing objects, as well as the species of wild animals included in the list of species used for capture and procurement that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects, their parts and/or derivatives, the availability of documents confirming the legality of the possession of such animals, their parts and/or derivatives shall not be required.

6. The following shall apply to documents confirming the legality of the possession of wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives:

6.1. permit for the removal of wild animals from their habitat;

6.2. registration certificate for wild animals kept and/or bred in captivity;

6.3. act confirming the birth of the offspring of wild animals in captivity;

6.4. registration certificate for facilities for keeping and/or breeding of wild animals;

6.5. registration certificate for production facilities, where sturgeon fish species are produced and/ or products from them, including caviar;

6.6. trophy list;

6.7. certificate of inheritance;

6.8. purchase and sale, exchange, donation, and other alienation agreements;

6.9. lease, gratuitous use agreements;

6.10. other documents established by international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, international law acts constituting the right of the Eurasian Economic Union, legislative acts and Resolutions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 46. Excluded.

(Article 46 excluded. – The Law of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

CHAPTER 11
NORMING IN THE FIELD OF ANIMAL KINGDOM SAFEGUARDING AND USE
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 47. Norming in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. Norming in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall be carried out in accordance with the qualitative and quantitative state indicators of animal kingdom objects for the purposes of their sustainable use;

2. Norming in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall be provided by establishing of:

2.1. standards, limits, quotas and other norms for the removal of wild animals;

2.2. commercial measure of wild animals;

(Sub-paragraph 2.2 of Article 47 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.3. Terms and methods of the removal of wild animals;

2.4. tools for hunting and fishing, other tools for the removal of wild animals and characteristics of these tools;

2.5. zootechnical, zoohygienic and veterinary sanitary rules;

(Sub-paragraph 2.5 of Article 47 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

2.6. other requirements in accordance with legislation.

3. Excluded.

(Paragraph 3 of Article 47 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Article 48. Standards, Limits, Quotas and other Norms for the Removal of Wild Animals

1. Excluded.

(Paragraph 1 of Article 48 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. Standards for the permissible removal of wild animals shall be determined on the basis of animal kingdom monitoring data, the record of animal kingdom objects, an assessment of animal kingdom resources and their use, scientific research results and established in accordance with the rules for hunting husbandry and hunting, the rules for fishery and fishing, and the rules for the capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

(Paragraph 2 of Article 48 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

3. A [procedure](#) for the animal kingdom resources assessment shall be established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection by agreement with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Article 49. Requirements for the Safeguarding of Animal Kingdom Objects and/or their Habitat during the Development and Approval of Technical Normative Legal Acts

During the development and approval of technical normative legal acts the implementation of which may have a harmful effect on animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, requirements for legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, legislation on environmental protection must be taken into account.

CHAPTER 12 ECONOMIC MECHANISM FOR ANIMAL KINGDOM SAFEGUARDING AND USE

Article 50. Economic Mechanism for Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

The economic mechanism for the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom is an integral part of the economic mechanism for environmental protection and nature management and shall be determined by this Law, legislation on environmental protection, tax, budget legislation, legislation in the field of prices and pricing and other legislation.

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

Article 51. Structure of the Economic Mechanism for Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

The economic mechanism for the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall include as follows:

financing of programmes and activities in the field of the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects;

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

payments in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom;

material incentives for citizens, including officials and other employees of legal persons effectively carrying out the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects in accordance with the procedure established by legislation;

other economic incentive measures for the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects stipulated by legislative acts.

Article 52. Payments in the Field of Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

1. Payments in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall be collected in the form of taxes, fees (duties), as well as lease payments for hunting and fishing areas and other payments established by legislative acts.

2. Imposition, introduction, modification and termination of taxes, fees (duties) in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, as well as a procedure and terms of their collection shall be determined by tax legislation.

3. The amount, procedure and conditions for collecting of rental charges for hunting and fishing areas and other charges in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall

be determined in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, legislation in the field of prices and pricing.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

CHAPTER 13
ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE FIELD OF THE SAFEGUARDING AND USE OF
ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS. STATE ANIMAL KINGDOM CADASTRE. ANIMAL
KINGDOM MONITORING. SCIENTIFIC PROVISION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING
AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS

Article 53. Accountability of Animal Kingdom Objects and their Utilization Capacity

1. Accountability of animal kingdom objects and their utilization capacity shall be carried out for the purposes of obtaining data on the state of animal kingdom objects, the volume, character and regime for their use required for:

1.1. exercising state regulation and administration in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom, control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects;
(Sub-paragraph 1.1 of Article 53 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

1.2. maintaining the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre;

1.3. assessing animal kingdom resources, setting standards, limits, quotas and other norms for the removal of wild animals;

1.4. developing activities for the safeguarding of animal kingdom objects, assessing the effectiveness of their implementation;

1.5. determining the amount of compensation for harm caused to animal kingdom objects.

2. A [procedure](#) for the accountability of animal kingdom objects and their utilization capacity, except for wild animals that belong to hunting and fishing objects, shall be established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

3. A procedure for the accountability of wild animals that belong to hunting and fishing objects and their utilization capacity shall be determined by the rules for hunting husbandry and hunting, the rules for fishery and fishing.

4. Legal persons, individual entrepreneurs exercising the special use of animal kingdom objects, activity related to the use of animal kingdom objects shall be obliged to carry out the accountability of wild animals and their utilization capacity and submit reliable primary statistical data in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom in accordance with legislation on state statistics.

Article 54. State Animal Kingdom Cadastre

1. The maintenance of the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre shall be carried out by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection jointly with other state bodies (organizations).
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

Scientific support for the maintenance of the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre shall be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.
(Paragraph 1 of Article 54 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2. A procedure for the maintenance of the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre and use of its data shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 55. Animal Kingdom Monitoring

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of January 22, 2013 No. 18-3)

1. Animal kingdom monitoring is a type of environmental monitoring and shall be carried out by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus within the National Environmental Monitoring Framework in the Republic of Belarus.

2. A [procedure](#) for animal kingdom monitoring and the use of its data shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 56. Scientific Support of the Safeguarding and Sustainable Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

1. Scientific support of the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects shall be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, other scientific and environmental organizations.

2. The National Academy of Sciences of Belarus in the field of the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall:

2.1. participate in the elaboration and implementation of scientific-technical policy;

2.2. exercise coordination of scientific activity;

2.3. ensure the implementation of state fundamental research programmes and state scientific-technical programmes;

2.4. participate in maintaining of the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre and performing animal kingdom monitoring and conduct their scientific support, carry out cadastral examination of lands (collection of information on the availability, distribution, species composition, state and use of animal kingdom objects);

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 [No. 444-3](#); of December 23, 2015 [No. 326-3](#))

2.5. carry out work on the identification in the territory of the Republic of Belarus of wild animals that belong to rare and endangered species of wild animals, prepare scientific justification and other materials required to include these wild animal species in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or exclude them from it;

2.6. carry out activities on the identification in the territory of the Republic of Belarus of the habitats of wild animals that belong to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus;

2.7. draw conclusions on the admissibility of settlement (including resettlement), introduction, reintroduction, crossing of wild animals, as well as on the species belonging of wild animals in captivity and on providing conditions for the keeping of wild animals in captivity in accordance with biological, species and individual needs of these animals;
(Paragraph 2.7 of Article 56 as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

2.8. coordinate the [procedure](#) for the assessment of animal kingdom resources;

2.9. provide scientific support to regulate the distribution and number of wild animals, including invasive alien wild animals;

2.10. participate on a contractual basis in the activities on the assessment of animal kingdom resources, assessment of harm caused to animal kingdom objects and by animal kingdom objects, development of biological justifications and other activities on the study of the state of animal kingdom objects and elaboration of measures for improving of their safeguarding and sustainable use;

2.11. put forward in accordance with the procedure established by legislation proposals for financing scientific and innovation activity;

2.12. provide scientific support for international treaties of the Republic of Belarus;
(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3)

2.13. exercise other powers in accordance with legislative acts.

3. Other scientific and environmental organizations may provide scientific support for the safeguarding and sustainable use of animal kingdom objects in line with [Sub-paragraphs 2.9- 2.10](#) of [Paragraph 2](#) of this Article, except as otherwise established by legislative acts.

CHAPTER 14 CONTROL OVER THE SAFEGUARDING AND USE OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

Article 57. Control over the Safeguarding and Use of Animal Kingdom Objects

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of June 18, 2019 No. 201-3)

1. Control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects shall include a system of measures aimed at preventing, detecting and suppressing of a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom implemented in the form of inspections in the areas specified in [Paragraph 2](#) of this Article, and other forms of control stipulated by legislation on control (supervisory) activity, as well as in the form of field control measures.

2. Control over the safeguarding and use of animal kingdom objects shall be exercised according to the procedure established by legislation on control (supervisory) activity, on environmental protection by:

2.1. the State Inspectorate for the Safeguarding of the Animal and Plant Kingdom under the President of the Republic of Belarus in the form of inspections in the areas of the safeguarding and use of wild animals belonging to hunting and fishing objects; managing fishery and fishing; managing hunting husbandry and hunting and other forms of control stipulated by legislation on control (supervisory) activity, as well as in the form of field control measures;

2.2. the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection and its territorial bodies determined by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the form of inspections in the field of the safeguarding, protection, reproduction and use of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus, wild animals that are not hunting and fishing objects, and other forms of control stipulated by legislation on control (supervisory) activity.

Article 58. Excluded.

(Article 58 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

Article 59. Excluded.

(Article 59 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

Article 60. Excluded.

(Article 60 excluded. – The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

CHAPTER 15

LIABILITY FOR A VIOLATION OF LEGISLATION ON THE SAFEGUARDING AND USE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. COMPENSATION FOR HARM. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Article 61. Liability for a Violation of Legislation on the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom

1. Violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall entail liability in accordance with legislative acts.

2. Bringing of persons to liability for a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall not release them from compensation for harm caused to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat and implementing of measures for their safeguarding.

Article 62. Procedure for the Seizure of Illegally Obtained Products of the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects and Prohibited Tools for the Capture of Wild Animals

(as worded in the [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3)

1. Illegally obtained products of the use of animal kingdom objects and prohibited tools for the capture of wild animals shall be subject to seizure and realization in accordance with the procedure established by legislative acts.

2. In the event that the seizure of illegally obtained products of the use of animal world objects is impossible or realization of seized illegally obtained products of the use of animal kingdom objects is impossible or in cases of economic inexpediency of the realization of such products, their value shall be recovered in accordance with the procedure established by legislative acts.

3. A [procedure](#) for determining the value of illegally obtained products of the use of animal kingdom objects shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 63. Compensation for Harm Caused to Animal Kingdom Objects and/or their Habitat

1. Harm caused to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat as a result of a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the animal kingdom shall be subject to compensation by a

person caused it in the amount determined at the rates established by the President of the Republic of Belarus.

2. Where it is not possible to determine the amount of compensation for harm caused to animal kingdom objects and/or their habitat, the amount of compensation for harm shall be determined in accordance with legislation on environmental protection in line with [Paragraph 1](#) of this Article.

Article 64. Compensation for Harm Caused by Game Animals as a Result of the Destruction of or Damage to Agricultural and/or Forest Crops

Harm caused as a result of the destruction of or damage to agricultural and/or forest crops by game animals shall be subject to compensation to the owner of these crops or his/her representative according to the [rules](#) for hunting husbandry and hunting.

Article 65. Settlement of Disputes Related to Animal Kingdom Safeguarding and Use

Disputes related to animal kingdom safeguarding and use shall be settled in a legal procedure in accordance with legislation.

CHAPTER 16 FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 66. Invalidation of the Law of the Republic of Belarus “On the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom”

The [Law](#) of the Republic of Belarus “On the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom” of September 19, 1996 shall be declared to be no longer in force (Gazette of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus, 1996, No. 31, clause 571).

Article 67. Transitional Provisions

1. Before bringing legislative acts in line with this Law, they shall be applied in part in which they do not contradict this Law, except as otherwise provided for by the [Constitution](#) of the Republic of Belarus.

2. Wild animals acquired or caught before entering into force of this Law, kept and/or bred in captivity (including their offspring that have reached the age of three months) belonging to the species included in the Red [Book](#) of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens must be registered within four months from the date of entry into force of this Law. Registration of such animals shall be allowed in the absence of documents confirming the legality of their acquisition or capture.

Article 68. Bringing Legislative Acts in Line with this Law

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus within nine months from the date of the official publication of this Law shall:

prepare and submit in accordance with the established procedure to the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus proposals for bringing laws in line with this Law;

bring Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Belarus in line with this Law;

ensure that the republican bodies of the state administration subordinated to the Government of the Republic of Belarus bring their regulatory legal acts in line with this Law;

take other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this Law.

Article 69. Entry into Force of this Law

This Law shall enter into force in nine months after its official publication, except for this Article and [Article 68](#) that shall come into force from the date of the official publication of this Law.

President of the Republic of Belarus

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