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# **LAW**

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This Law establishes legal frameworks for the safeguarding and sustainable use of Animal Kingdom objects and their habitat with a view of the 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 “the 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 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 may 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 forming populations, possessing common morpho-physiological traits 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 onto 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 derivative products (medicinal, food, perfume and cosmetic, etc.);

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

14. **“Wild animals in captivity”** means wild animals and their offspring kept and/or bred in the conditions restricting their natural freedom;

(Paragraph 14 of Article 1 as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

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 monitoring data on the Animal Kingdom, the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre, scientific and other research demonstrating an annual reduction, within ten years or three generations (a higher value in the time interval is selected), in their number and/or range, or adverse changes to their habitat, or the limited distribution and the 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 withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat without preservation 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, the 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 standards for the humane treatment of animals;

20. **“Animal Kingdom”** means a protected component of the natural environment, a renewable natural resource, which is an aggregate of all wild animals permanently inhabiting the territory of the Republic of Belarus or inhabiting it temporarily, including the 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 sales or purchase agreement or another transaction on their estrangement for the purposes of their use in economic activity;

23. **“Protection 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 of a certain species onto lands outside the natural range of this wild animal species;

27-1. **“Petting zoos”** means objects (enclosures, cages, pools, aquariums, terrariums, aquaterrariums, etc.) in which wild and other animals are kept for the purpose of demonstration and physical contact.  
(Paragraph 27-1 of Article 1 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

28. **“Limits on the withdrawal of wild animals”** means the maximum permissible volumes of the withdrawal 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 is a system of observation over the state of Animal Kingdom objects and their habitat, the assessment and forecast of their change 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 preservation of concentration places of wild animals during the period of their reproduction, feeding and wintering;

34. **“Permissible standards for the withdrawal of wild animals”** means standards limiting the volumes of the withdrawal 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 belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus or are CITES specimens (except for sturgeon fish species); wild animals whose catching for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be carried out on the basis of a permit for the withdrawal 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 withdrawal 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 withdrawal 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 withdrawal 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 any other 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 the individuals 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 of economic and any other activity;

48. **“Users of land lots and/or water objects”** means legal persons and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs (hereinafter, unless otherwise specified, referred to as “legal persons, citizens”), who are provided, in accordance with 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 withdrawal 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 settlement of wild animals aimed at changing of the habitat of wild animals within their range;

55. **“Reintroduction of wild animals”** means the settlement of wild animals of a certain species onto the lands of their earlier habitation, but from which 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 natural or artificial combination of 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. **“Ways of use of Animal Kingdom objects”** means a set of techniques and operations using tools for the withdrawal 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 habitat 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 usage of which does not lead in the long-term to the exhaustion of biodiversity of Animal Kingdom objects, and thus allows retaining 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 at educational, cultural and scientific institutions.

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

1. Relations in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall be regulated by legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom, international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, as well as international legal acts constituting the Law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1-1. Legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall be based on the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus and consist of this Law, acts of the President of the Republic of Belarus, other acts of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom. (Paragraph 1-1 of Article 2 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

2. Norms of civil legislation 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 components of the habitat of Animal Kingdom objects shall be regulated 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 respectively, 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 Nuclear Power Plant 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 Nuclear Power Plant 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 shall be 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 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 Law 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)

8. If the international treaty of the Republic of Belarus establishes other rules than those constituting this Law, then the rules of the international treaty shall apply.  
(Paragraph 8 of Article 2 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

### **Article 3. Excluded.**

(Article 3 excluded since August 1, 2022. — The Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

### **Article 4. Subjects of Relations in the Field of the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

Subjects of relations in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom may be as follows:

the 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 the scope of 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 those exercising economic and any other activity producing a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat or posing 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 established 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 the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

Objects of relations in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall be as follows:

wild animals and their populations;

habitat of Animal Kingdom objects (lands);

withdrawn 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 to Own 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 withdrawn, 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 withdrawn 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. The exercise 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 and their habitat 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 in accordance with the purposes of their provision;

limitation or prohibition of economic and any other activity that produces 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 the harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat;

compensation for the 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 THE**  
**SAFEGUARDING AND USE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**

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

State regulation and administration in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom 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, unless otherwise specified, referred to as “authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom”) 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 the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

1. The President of the Republic of Belarus in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom 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 game husbandry and fishery management, as well as their competence;

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.4. approve game husbandry and hunting regulations, amateur fishing regulations and fishery regulations;

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.5. make decisions about the transfer of hunting and fishing lands to game husbandry and fishery management for gratuitous use;

1.6. Excluded;

(Sub-paragraph 1.6 of Article 9 excluded.— The Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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 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 the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

1. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom 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 safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom;

(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 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 withdrawal 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 a registration procedure and terms for:

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 withdrawal 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 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)

1.4-3. determine, unless otherwise established by the President of the Republic of Belarus, a procedure for the liaison of state bodies, other organizations upon the detection/identification of a sick, wounded, injured wild animal, or which is threatened with death as a result of natural disasters, or which may pose a threat to the life and health of citizens;  
(Sub-paragraph 1.4-3 of Article 10 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.4-4. establish fees for determining the amount of compensation for harm caused to the environment as a result of the illegal withdrawal or destruction of wild animals and/or a harmful impact on their habitat;  
(Sub-paragraph 1.4-3 of Article 10 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.5. ensure the organization and development of an educational system, upbringing in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom and the formation 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.

2. The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus shall exercise other powers in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom 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 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)

1. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom 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, in accordance with the procedure established by legislation on control/supervisory activity, on the protection of the environment 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 in accordance with the procedure prescribed by this Law, limitations and prohibitions on certain types of use of Animal Kingdom objects, the use of wild animals of certain species, on certain lands, within certain time limits, as well as on the use of certain tools, techniques for the withdrawal of wild animals, unless otherwise established by legislative acts;

1.5. establish, in cases and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by this Law and other legislative acts, limitations, prohibitions or other measures with regard to the safeguarding, withdrawal, keeping and/or breeding in captivity, demonstration, 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 the 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 with regard to the safeguarding of their habitat;  
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of November 10, 2008 No. 444-3; of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.6. Establish at the proposal of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus:

a list of wild animals banned for keeping and/or breeding in captivity in the apartments of multi-apartment and blocked residential buildings, single-apartment residential buildings and in their adjacent territories, in horticultural partnerships, dacha cooperatives;

a list of wild animals allowed for keeping in petting zoos  
(Sub-paragraph 1.6 of Article 11 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 1, 2022 No. 145-3)

1.6-1. raise claims to legal persons and/or citizens who have caused harm to Animal Kingdom objects, their habitat, and claims to court to compensate for harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects, their habitat, the cost of illegally obtained products; file claims to court to compensate for harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects, their habitat by way of summary proceedings;  
(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 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;

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 1.6-3 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 the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

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 the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall:

2.1. form and submit 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 executive and regulatory bodies of regional and basic territorial levels) for approval to the local Council of Deputies 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 the 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 measures for the protection 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. make, on the submission from the corresponding territorial body of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection agreed with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, 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 under 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. set, in cases and in accordance with the procedure stipulated by this Law and other legislative acts, limitations and prohibitions on the implementation of economic and another activity



during which 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 the International Treaties of the Republic of Belarus, as well as their parts and/or derivatives, are used;  
(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, Non-governmental Organisations and the Bodies of Territorial Public Self-government in Resolving the Issues Associated with 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)

1. Citizens shall have the right to participate in resolving 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 resolving the issues associated with the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom.

2. Citizens, non-governmental organizations 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. Non-governmental organizations and the bodies of territorial public self-government shall undertake work on the outreach and nurturing of a caring attitude to Animal Kingdom objects in citizens, the prevention of causing harm to them and/or deteriorating of their habitat, as well as the prevention of the penetration of invasive alien wild animals into natural ecological systems.

4. Citizens, non-governmental organizations 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 of 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 implementing 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. Persons 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 the state forest protection within the scope of their competence, the users of Animal Kingdom objects, as well as legal persons, individual entrepreneurs carrying out of economic and another activity not associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects, but producing 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 in accordance with the procedure established 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 another activity producing a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat or posing potential danger to them;

1.2. setting of standards 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 another activity the implementation of which may produce a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose a potential danger to them, in cases and in accordance with the procedure established by legislation in the field of state ecological expertise, the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the 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. implementing by legal persons and individual entrepreneurs during the economic and another activity that produces or may produce 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/or 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. regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals, including invasive alien wild animals;

1.11. exercising the protection of wild animals;

1.12. regulation of the export of wild animals belonging 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, withdrawal, 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 of areas subject to declaring as specially protected natural areas for the purposes of the conservation of biological diversity of the Animal Kingdom; establishing and ensuring the operation 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 development of scientifically grounded measures for the safeguarding and sustainable use of Animal Kingdom objects;

1.16. implementing measures for the prevention 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 the places of concentration of wild animals during their reproduction, feeding, wintering and migration;

1.18. imposing, in cases and in accordance with the procedure established by this Law and other legislative acts, of limitations and prohibitions on the implementation of economic and another activity on the land lots important 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 the habitat of Animal Kingdom objects, including through the regulation of a water regime, construction of artificial dwellings, creation of protective plantings, prevention of the undesirable succession of plantings, as well as the adoption of other measures for the safeguarding of a habitat of Animal 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 of responsibility for a violation of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom and bringing individuals who have violated it to liability;

1.24. inventorying of Animal Kingdom objects and their utilization capacity by monitoring the Animal Kingdom and the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre;

1.25. organizing and developing of an educational system, an upbringing 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 of 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 the 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. The implementation of measures for the safeguarding of Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat must not cause harm to the environment, historical and cultural assets, 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. For the purposes of the safeguarding of Animal Kingdom objects and their habitats, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local executive and regulatory 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 specified period of time;

1.3. with the use of certain tools and/or ways of the removal of wild animals;  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No.145-3)

1.4. by special ways of use of Animal Kingdom objects.  
(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 for the natural reproduction, feeding, wintering, and migration of wild animals;

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

2.7. carrying out of introduction and acclimatization of wild animals;

2.8. need to create favorable conditions for the reproduction of wild animals and for the growth of settled wild animals;  
(Sub-paragraph 2.8 of Article 16 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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, an inventory of Animal Kingdom objects and their utilization capacity, an evaluation of Animal Kingdom resources, results of control over the safeguarding and use of Animal Kingdom objects, as well as on the proposition 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, provided that, according to the regime for the safeguarding and use of these territories, the removal of wild animals is not allowed there;

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 habitations of wild animals (nests, holes, huts and other habitations), except for the cases provided for by Paragraphs 1-3 of Article 19 of this Law and other legislative acts;

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

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. carrying out of other actions prohibitions on which are established by this Law, hunting regulations and game husbandry regulations, amateur fishing regulations and fishery regulations, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom. (as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 1 2022 No. 145-3)

5. In cases, where it is impossible to prevent the death of wild animals that are 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 Falling under the Scope of 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)

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. For the purposes of the safeguarding of 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 an inventory 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 shall, on the submission of the corresponding 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 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 to whom the habitat of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus is transferred under the protection shall be issued with 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 safeguarding and use of this habitat.

5. A procedure for the transfer of the habitats of wild animals belonging 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 a 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. For the purposes of the safeguarding of 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, withdrawal, 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 the 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 safeguarding 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 the 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 the 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 apply to court with claims on imposing of limitations and prohibitions on carrying out of economic and another activity during which wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus are used, to the species that fall under the scope of the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, as well as their parts and/or derivatives, or activity producing a harmful effect on such animals and/or their habitat or posing a 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 another activity not associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects, but producing a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, or posing a potential danger to them. Organization of activities for the protection of wild animals shall be exercised 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, game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations, and other acts of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom;

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No.145-3)

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 implement 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 legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom and legislation on veterinary activity, 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 the 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 another activity not associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects, but producing 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, legislative acts in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom may stipulate other obligations on the protection of wild animals.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

#### **REGULATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND NUMBER OF WILD ANIMALS. SETTLEMENT (INCLUDING RESETTLEMENT), INTRODUCTION, REINTRODUCTION, ACCLIMATIZATION, 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 game 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, biological and economic justifications or biological justifications for the introduction of wild animals onto the lands;  
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of May 17, 2011 No. 261-3; of January 4, 2022 No.145-3)

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, the 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 through:

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. implementation of measures for increasing the number of natural predators and competitors of wild animals the distribution and number of which are subject to regulation;

3.3. application of methods for the management of 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. implementation of biotechnical measures that attract game animals to hunting lands leased or provided for gratuitous 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 settlements, 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. disturbance 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 withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat shall be allowed without a permit for the withdrawal of 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 the withdrawal from their habitat may be exercised by means of catching and capture of wild animals.

6. Catching of wild animals for the purposes of regulation of their distribution and number shall be carried out in accordance with catching regulations for 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 for the purposes of regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals shall be carried out on the basis of a permit for the withdrawal 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 means of 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 means that ensure 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 way of:

12.1. using of explosive devices, poisons of an indiscriminate effect (except for the cases of regulation of the distribution and number of crows and gulls at waste disposal facilities) and other chemicals, except for immobilizing, contraceptive and soporific veterinary medications;

12.2. using of tools and methods for the withdrawal 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 on lands shall be carried out in line with hunting management documentation, fish breeding and biological justifications, and biological justifications for the stocking of fishing grounds, biological justifications for the procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting or fishing objects, biological justifications for the settlement of wild animals on lands in compliance with the requirements established by this Law, game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations, other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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 the introduction, reintroduction, and crossing of wild animals shall not be required upon a permit for the withdrawal 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 in coordination 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 catching regulations for 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 on lands; introduction, reintroduction and crossing of wild animals shall not be allowed.  
(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 on lands; their introduction, reintroduction and crossing shall not be allowed.  
(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 way of:

2.1. imposing of 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. setting of standards in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom;

2.3. carrying out of biotechnical and fish stock replenishment activities;  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No.145-3)

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 operation 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) on lands;

3.3. other measures in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom.

4. Legal persons, 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, game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations, and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom.  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

5. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local executive and regulatory bodies, and other authorized state bodies in the field 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 IMPOSED ON CARRYING OUT OF CONSTRUCTION AND ANOTHER ACTIVITY THAT PRODUCE A HARMFUL EFFECT ON ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS AND/OR THEIR HABITAT OR POSEA 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 Settlements and Territories**

1. Urban planning, the development of settlements 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 belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus, to the species falling under the scope of the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus live shall be allowed, unless a decision has been made to reserve these territories for declaring them as specially protected natural areas or transferring them under protection as the habitats of wild animals belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus or on establishing of 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 Another Activity Not Related to the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects, but Producing a Harmful Effect on them and/or their Habitat or Posing a Potential Danger to them**

1. Construction and another activity not related to the use of Animal Kingdom objects, but producing a harmful effect on them and/or their habitat or posing a 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, individual entrepreneurs, whose construction and another activity produce a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat or pose a potential danger to them, shall be obliged to plan and implement measures for the prevention and/or compensation for a possible harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, in accordance with design decisions on the planned construction and another activity, which have passed the state ecological expertise in cases and in accordance with the procedure established by legislation in the field of state ecological expertise, strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessment and in their absence – with corresponding 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 of objects and complexes producing a harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, or posing a potential danger to them, design documentation must stipulate:

(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 the 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 facilities 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 of 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 for the purposes of preventing and/or compensating for a possible harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat must be ensured by the guaranteed volumes and sources of funding sufficient for the prevention and/or full compensation for a possible harmful effect on Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat.

5. When carrying out of construction, dredging or blasting works, extracting of mineral resources or water plants, laying of cables, pipelines or other utilities; carrying out of other works on water bodies, including the cases, where it is not possible to implement measures stipulated by Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, compensatory payments shall be made, except for the case specified in Part 2 of this Paragraph and the cases established by the President of the Republic of Belarus.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity;

1.5. use of useful properties of the 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 according to 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, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of 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 documentation for the right to use 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, according to 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, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity;

1.5. use of beneficial 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 fishery and fishing regulations.

The right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects within the boundaries of specially protected natural areas shall be provided upon agreement with state environmental institutions that



exercise management of specially protected natural areas, and if such institutions have not been established – with state bodies (other state organizations) to the management 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 with legal persons, individual entrepreneurs on the basis of documentation for the right to the use of Animal Kingdom objects stipulated by Articles 29 and 30 of this Law, game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3; of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

4. In order to ensure the safeguarding of Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, documentation for the right to use Animal Kingdom objects shall specify binding requirements, limitations and other terms of use of Animal Kingdom objects.

5. Transfer the right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects to other persons, as well as to pledge it or provide as a contribution to the statutory fund of business partnerships and entities or as a share contribution to the production cooperative shall not be allowed.

#### **Article 27. Hunting**

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

Hunting shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure and on the terms established by hunting regulations and game husbandry regulations.

#### **Article 28. Fishing**

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

Fishing shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure and on the terms established by recreational fishing regulations and fishery regulations.

#### **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 scope of regulations for the withdrawal 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 corresponding local executive and regulatory body, in accordance with the regulations 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 used for capture and procurement that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects, as well as the terms of their capture and procurement shall be established by regulations for the 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, Upbringing and Educational, as well as Recreational, Aesthetic and other Purposes in Carrying out of Cultural Activity**

1. Use of wild animals for scientific, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity (hereinafter in this Article – the use of wild animals for scientific and cultural purposes) without the withdrawal of Animal Kingdom objects from their habitat (observation, photographing, marking etc.) shall be carried out free of charge and without documentation for the right to use 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 withdrawal from their habitat shall be exercised free of charge. The basis for the withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat for scientific and cultural purposes shall be a permit for the withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat, apart from the wild animals included in the list of species of wild animals whose withdrawal for scientific, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity shall be exercised without a permit for the withdrawal 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, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity is exercised without a permit for the withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat, the terms of use of wild animals for scientific and cultural purposes shall be established by regulations for the use of wild animals for scientific, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of 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 Beneficial Properties of Vital Activities of Animal Kingdom Objects**

Use of beneficial 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 withdrawal of Animal Kingdom objects from their habitat shall be carried out free of charge and without documentation for the right to use 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 documentation for the right to the use of Animal Kingdom objects.

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Information on specially protected natural areas shall be 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 upon agreement with the state body (another state organization) a specially protected natural area was transferred to the management of.

(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 nature reserves (except for the case specified in Part 3 of this Paragraph), the conservation areas of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries (zakazniks), in accordance with the regime for the protection and use of which the use of Animal Kingdom objects shall not be allowed, the general and special use of Animal Kingdom objects may be exercised, as well as the activities related to the use of Animal Kingdom objects and the regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals.

In nature reserves (apart from specially designated areas that do not include natural complexes and objects nature reserves were declared for the preservation of), the conservation areas of national parks, wildlife sanctuaries (zakazniks), in accordance with the regime for the protection and use of which the use of Animal Kingdom objects shall not be allowed, regulation of the distribution and number of wild animals and the withdrawal of wild animals for scientific purposes may be exercised.

In specially designated areas of nature reserves that do not include natural complexes and objects nature reserves were declared for the preservation of, the general use of Animal Kingdom objects may be exercised, apart from hunting.

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 exercised in accordance with the procedure and on the terms established by regulations on the use of Animal Kingdom objects for scientific, upbringing and educational, as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of 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:

game 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. The 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 game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations, Paragraph 1 of Article 38 of this Law and other legislative acts.  
(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3; of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

2. Transfer of the right to exercise activity related to the use of Animal Kingdom objects to other persons, as well as to give it in pledge or provide as a contribution to the statutory fund of economic partnerships and business entities or as a share contribution to the production cooperative shall not be allowed.

#### **Article 36. Game Husbandry Management**

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

Game husbandry management shall be exercised in the manner and on the terms established by game husbandry regulations.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

#### **Article 37. Fishery Management**

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

Fishery management shall be exercised in the manner and on the terms established by fishery regulations.

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

#### **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 on the basis of decisions of related local executive and regulatory bodies in accordance with regulations on 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 regulations on 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 ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE**  
**OF ANIMAL KINGDOM OBJECTS.**  
**RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 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 Associated with the Use of Animal Kingdom Objects**

1. The right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity associated with 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 of activity associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects specified in documentation for the right to the use of Animal Kingdom 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 activity to whom Animal Kingdom objects were provided for the special use or who exercised the activity associated with 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 associated with 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 associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects;

1.6. non-designated use of Animal Kingdom objects;

1.7. failure to exercise the special use of Animal Kingdom objects or activity associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects for more than one year from the date of obtaining of 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 documentation for the right to the use of Animal Kingdom objects;

1.9. failure to make payments stipulated by legislation in the field of the safeguarding and use of Animal Kingdom objects within the time limits set;

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 associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects in 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 that has granted such rights.

3. Decisions on termination of the right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity associated with 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 that has granted such rights on the grounds of materials evidencing that upon 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 for eliminating, within the time limits set, committed violations of legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom and/or terms 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 the termination of the right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects.

5. Decisions on the termination of the right to the special use of Animal Kingdom objects and the right to exercise activity associated with 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 Responsibilities 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 associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects to the extent 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 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 full, reliable and timely information on 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 ways of the use of Animal Kingdom objects and carrying out of the activity associated with 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, game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations and other legislative acts on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom;  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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 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 withdrawn, in accordance with legislation on the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom, civil legislation, wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives unless otherwise stipulated by legislative acts;

1.8. claim compensation for harm caused to them as a result of the unlawful withdrawal or extermination of wild animals and a harmful effect on their habitat or apply to court to compensate for such harm;  
(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 another 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, the implementation of required biotechnical and/or fish stock replenishment activities;  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

2.5. make timely 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 standards for the withdrawal of wild animals; implement measures for achieving the optimal number of wild animals; ensure the maintenance of the optimal number of wild animals (including through the regulation of their distribution and number), prevent exceeding 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. maintain a 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 the removal of wild animals 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 directions of state bodies exercising control over the safeguarding and use of Animal Kingdom objects and of 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 associated with 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 responsibilities 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, in accordance with 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 in accordance with 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 corresponding authorized state bodies in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom, as well as to court, in accordance with 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, upbringing and educational as well as recreational, aesthetic and other purposes when carrying out of cultural activity;

1.4. obtaining the 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. A basis for the catching of wild animals for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be a permit for the withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat, except for the wild animals included in the list of wild animal species, whose withdrawal for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity shall be carried out without a permit for the withdrawal 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 withdrawal for the purposes of keeping and/or breeding in captivity is carried out without a permit for the withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat, as well as the terms of wild animals' catching, shall be established by regulations on 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 established 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. Keeping and/or breeding shall not be allowed:

6.1. of wild animals included in the list specified in Paragraph 2 of sub-clause 1.6 of clause 1 of Article 11 of this Law, in apartments of multi-apartment and blocked residential buildings, single-apartment residential buildings and in their adjacent territories, in horticultural partnerships, dacha cooperatives;

6.2. of wild animals in petting zoos, except for the species of wild animals included in the list of species allowed for keeping in petting zoos;

6.3. of wild animals in mobile zoos.

Mobile zoos are objects located on/in vehicles (cages, pools, aquariums, terrariums, aquaterrariums etc.), where wild animals are kept in captivity for the purpose of their demonstration.

(Paragraph 6 of Article 42 introduced by the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

#### **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 have 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 withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat.

Wild animals maintained at the 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. The 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 such animals.

The 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 the offspring have reached the age of three months.

3. A basis for registration of wild animals specified in Part 1 of Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be 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 with conditions for keeping of wild animals with the 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, which 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 belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus or that 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 withdrawal 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 free of charge, in accordance with the procedure 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 free of charge, in accordance with the procedure 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 not be allowed.

#### **Article 43-2. Registration of Production Facilities where the Production of Sturgeon Fish Species and/or Products from them, Including Caviar, is Carried out. 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 the production of sturgeon fish species and/or products from them, including caviar, is carried out (hereinafter referred to as “production facilities” unless otherwise specified) shall be subject to registration with 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 such 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. The owners of wild animals, their parts and/or derivatives or persons authorized by them may make transactions the subject matter 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 not be allowed.

3. Sale, exchange, granting 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 withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat (except for the case specified in Paragraph 5 of this Article), as well as 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 that 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 withdrawal of wild animals from their habitat (except for the case specified in Paragraph 5 of this Article), their parts and/or derivatives may only be carried out on production 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. At that, 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 that 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 withdrawal 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, belonging 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 documentation confirming the legality of the possession of such animals, their parts and/or derivatives shall not be required.

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

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

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

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

6.4. registration certificate for facilities, where wild animals are kept or bred;

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

6.6. trophy list;

6.7. certificate of inheritance;

6.8. purchase and sale, exchange, granting, and another kind of alienation agreements;

6.9. lease, gratuitous use agreements;

6.10. other documentation established by the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, international law acts constituting the Law 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**  
**SETTING OF STANDARDS IN THE 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)

**Article 47. Setting of Standards in the Field of the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

1. Setting of standards 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. Setting of standards in the field of the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall be ensured by way of establishing of:

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

2.2. commercial measure for 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. time periods and ways of the withdrawal of wild animals;

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

2.5. zootechnical, zoohygienic and veterinary and 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 Withdrawal 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 withdrawal of wild animals shall be determined on the basis of monitoring data on the Animal Kingdom, an inventory of Animal Kingdom objects, an assessment of Animal Kingdom resources and their use, scientific research results and shall be established in accordance with game husbandry, fishery regulations and regulations on the capture, procurement and/or purchase of wild animals that do not belong to hunting and fishing objects.

(as worded in the Laws of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3; of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

3. A procedure for the assessment of Animal Kingdom resources shall be established by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection by coordination 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 consideration.

**CHAPTER 12  
ECONOMIC INSTRUMENT FOR THE SAFEGUARDING AND USE OF THE  
ANIMAL KINGDOM**

**Article 50. Economic Instrument for the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

The economic instrument for the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom is an integral part of the economic instrument for environmental protection and nature management and shall be determined by this Law, legislation on environmental protection, tax and budget legislation, legislation in the field of prices and pricing and another legislation.  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of December 23, 2015 No. 326-3)

**Article 51. Substance of the Economic Instrument for the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

The economic instrument 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 the Safeguarding and Use of the Animal Kingdom**

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. Imposing, introducing, changing and terminating 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 terms of the collection of rental payments 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**

#### **INVENTORY 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. Inventory of Animal Kingdom Objects and their Utilization Capacity**

1. An inventory of Animal Kingdom objects and their utilization capacity shall be performed for the purposes of obtaining of 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 of Animal Kingdom resources, setting standards, limits, quotas and other norms for the withdrawal of wild animals;

1.4. developing of measures 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 an inventory of Animal Kingdom objects and their utilization capacity, except for the wild animals belonging 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 an inventory of wild animals belonging to hunting and fishing objects and their utilization capacity shall be determined by game husbandry regulations, fishery regulations.  
(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

4. Legal persons, individual entrepreneurs exercising the special use of Animal Kingdom objects, activity associated with the use of Animal Kingdom objects shall be obliged to carry out an inventory 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 provided 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 use of its data shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

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

1. Scientific support for the safeguarding and sustainable use of Animal Kingdom objects shall be provided 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 and technological policy;

2.2. coordinate scientific activity;

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

2.4. participate in maintaining of the State Animal Kingdom Cadastre and carrying out of Animal Kingdom monitoring and provide their scientific support; perform the 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 detection in the territory of the Republic of Belarus of wild animals belonging to rare and endangered species of wild animals; prepare scientific justification and other materials required for including of these wild animal species in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus or excluding them from it;

2.6. carry out activities on the detection in the territory of the Republic of Belarus of the habitats of wild animals belonging 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 affiliation of wild animals in captivity and on providing conditions for 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 a procedure for the evaluation of Animal Kingdom resources;

2.9. provide scientific support for the regulation of 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 the improvement of their safeguarding and sustainable use;

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

2.12. provide scientific support for 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)

2.13. 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 in accordance with the procedure established by legislation on control (supervisory) activity, on environmental protection by:

2.1. State Inspectorate for the Safeguarding of Animal and Plant Kingdoms 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 game 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. 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 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 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 of impossibility of the seizure of illegally obtained products of use of Animal Kingdom objects or impossibility of realization of seized illegally obtained products of use of

Animal Kingdom objects or 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 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**

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

1. Harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat shall be subject to compensation to the revenue of the Republican budget in full on a voluntary basis or by a court decision by the person who caused it, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by legislation on environmental protection, according to the rates establishing the amount of compensation for harm caused to the environment as a result of the illegal withdrawal or destruction of wild animals and/or a harmful effect on their habitat established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

2. In the case, where it is impossible to establish the amount of compensation for harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, in accordance with the rates establishing the amount of compensation for harm caused to the environment as a result of the illegal withdrawal or destruction of wild animals and/or a harmful effect on their habitat, or in the absence of such rates, the amount of compensation for harm caused to Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat shall be determined by actual expenditures on the restoration of the disturbed state of Animal Kingdom objects and/or their habitat, including taking into account lost profits.

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

(as worded in the Law of the Republic of Belarus of January 4, 2022 No. 145-3)

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 in accordance with game husbandry regulations.

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

Disputes related to the safeguarding and use of the Animal Kingdom shall be settled in a legal procedure in accordance with legislation.

**CHAPTER 16  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 66. Repealing 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 (Viedamašci Viarchoŭnaha Savieta Respubliki Belarus, 1996, No. 31, clause 571).

## **Article 67. Transitional Provisions**

1. Before harmonizing legislative acts with this Law, they shall apply 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 the entry 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 that 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. Harmonizing of Legislative Acts 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, proposals for harmonizing of laws with this Law to the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus;

harmonize Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Belarus with this Law;

ensure that the Republican bodies of the State administration subordinated to the Government of the Republic of Belarus harmonize their regulatory legal acts with this Law;

introduce other measures required to implement the provisions of this Law.

## **Article 69. Enactment 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

A.Lukashenko

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