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GOVERNMENT OF SAINT HELENA

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE, 2016

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to amend the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016, to further regulate the designation of marine protected areas.

Enacted by the Governor of St Helena with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of St Helena.

Citation

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 and shall come into force on the date of publication.

Marine Protected Areas

2. Section 30(3) of the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016, is amended by repealing paragraph (a) and substituting the following therefor:

- “(a) management measures are required—
- (i) to protect habitat and ecosystems;
 - (ii) to protect biodiversity, at any level; or
 - (iii) to ensure sustainable use of the marine environment; and”.

Management plans

3. Section 31(7) of the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016, is amended by deleting the expressions “subsection (2)” and “subsection (4)” and substituting “subsection (3)” and subsection (6)”, respectively, therefor.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

Section 30 of the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016, empowers the Governor in Council to designate any area in the sea as a marine protected area if certain conditions are met. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend that section to add a further condition to ensure sustainable use of the marine environment. This will enable the Governor in Council to designate the Exclusive Fishery Zone as a marine protected area. The Ordinance also corrects a cross-reference in section 31.