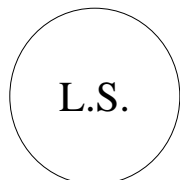


Legal Notice No. 2 of 2025

ASCENSION



NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS ORDINANCE, 2003

NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of the National Protected Areas Ordinance, 2003, the Governor makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the National Protected Areas (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

(2) These regulations come into force on 1 March 2025.

Amendment of Regulations

2. The National Protected Areas Regulations, 2014 are amended as follows.

3. (1) In regulation 2 (Interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “Bahamas Agreement” insert—

“**designated campsite**” means a location marked as a campsite on the relevant Protected Areas management plan;

“**designated fire pit**” means an area that has been clearly marked out, by the Reserve Warden, as for the purpose of lighting a fire in a location marked as a fire pit on the relevant Protected Areas management plan;

“**designated road or track**” means a paved road or dirt track that is marked as a road or track on the relevant Protected Areas management plan;”;

(b) after the definition of “Sanctuary” insert—

“**signed parking zone**” means an area marked by a sign, that is designated as a parking area on the relevant Protected Areas management plan;”.

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4. (1) In regulation 3 (General Prohibitions)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (f), for “public roads as defined in the Road Traffic Ordinance 1984” substitute “a designated road or track”.
5. (1) In regulation 4 (National Parks)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) after “plant” insert “or artefact”;
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (c) insert—

“(d) camping, except in a designated campsite.”.
6. (1) In regulation 5 (Beach Nature Reserves)—
 - (a) for “9.0pm” substitute “21:00” wherever it occurs.
7. (1) In regulation 14 (Enforcement)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1) for “person to be”, substitute “person or persons to be a”.
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “he or she considers”, substitute “they consider”;
 - (c) in paragraph (3) omit the words “Conservation Officers”.

Made this 19th day of February 2025.

Nigel Phillips CBE
Governor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations amend the National Protected Areas Regulations, 2014 (“the Regulations”). Regulations 3, 4, and 6 amend the Regulations to clarify new and existing definitions of areas and time limits. Regulation 5 inserts additional restrictions into the Regulations to prevent the removal of artefacts and unrestricted camping in National Parks, which previously applied in the now repealed Green Mountain National Park Regulations, 2014. Regulation 7 is amended to allow multiple Reserve Wardens to be appointed, and remove reference to the role of Conservation Officer, which no longer exists.