

**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025**

No. 13



of 2025

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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An Act to amend the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act.

Date of Assent: 07.05.2025

Date of Commencement: ON NOTICE

ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana.

1. This Act may be cited as the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks (Amendment) Act, 2025 and shall come into operation on such a date as the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Short title and commencement

2. The Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act (hereinafter referred to as the Act) is amended in section 2 by inserting in their correct alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

Amendment to section 2 of Cap. 38:01

(a) “arms of war” has the same meaning as assigned under the Arms and Ammunition Act; and

Cap. 24:01

(b) “firearm” has the same meaning as assigned under the Arms and Ammunition Act.

3. Section 73 is amended by —

Amendment of section 73 of the Act

“(3) Where it is necessary for the discharge of his duties or the exercise of his power under this Act, and notwithstanding the provisions of the Arms and Ammunition Act, a wildlife officer may carry a fire-arm not covered under the Arms and Ammunition Act or arms of war with him, even on land of which he is not the owner, for the —

- (a) protection of himself or any other person;
- (b) prevention or investigation of offences against this Act; or
- (c) arrest of any person committing or suspected of committing an offence under this Act; and