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No. 1

21 April 2023

Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 *section 4*

Appointment of Fisheries Protection Officers

1. Section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 provides for the Commissioner to appoint Fisheries Protection Officers.

2. In exercise of my powers under section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 I appoint:-

Mark Belchier;
Jennifer Black;
David Burton;
Victoria Foster;
George James Gittens;
Susan Gregory;
Nestor Santana Hernandez;
Allison Kean;
Paul Robert Morrison;
James Sinclair;
Patrick Smith;
Scott Hayden Thain;
Laura Sinclair Willis; and
Steven Winn

to be Fisheries Protection Officers for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (subject to any earlier termination).

Dated 21 April 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 2

25 April 2023

Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977 *section 73*

Public Holidays 2023

In accordance with section 73 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977, I declare that the following dates will be public holidays for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands during 2023:-

2 January	New Year's Day (in lieu of 1 January)
17 January	Possession Day
7 April	Good Friday
25 April	Liberation Day
8 May	Coronation of King Charles III
19 May	Shackleton Day (in lieu of 20 May)
21 June	Mid-winter Day
30 October	Environment Day
14 November	The King's birthday
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day.

Dated 25 April 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.



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**Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities)
Regulations 2023 (SR&O No 1 of 2023).**

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WILDLIFE AND PROTECTED AREAS

Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023

(S. R. & O. No.: 1 of 2023)

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3. Management plan
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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

WILDLIFE AND PROTECTED AREAS

Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023

(S.R. & O. No.: 1 of 2023)

(*Made:* 10 July 2023)

(*Published:* 11 August 2023)

(*Coming into force:* see regulation 1)

I make these Regulations under section 17 of the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance 2011 (“**the Ordinance**”).

1. Title and commencement

These Regulations are the Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023 and come into force on a day appointed by the Commissioner by notice in the *Gazette*.

2. Interpretation

(1) In these Regulations —

“**conservation objectives**” means the conservation objectives set out in article 5 of the Order;

“**management plan**” has the meaning in regulation 3(1);

“**the Order**” means the Wildlife and Protected Areas (Specially Protected Areas) Order 2022;

“**prohibited activities**” has the meaning in regulation 4; and

“**small unmanned aircraft**” has the meaning in the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 (UK SI 2013/2870).

(2) These Regulations are construed with the Order.

3. Management plan

(1) The management plan for the specially protected areas is the document identified as such and published on the Government’s website from time to time (“**the management plan**”).

(2) For the purpose of section 17(4) of the Ordinance, a synopsis of the management plan is set out in the Schedule.

(3) The Commissioner must review the management plan within 6 years after the coming into force of these Regulations and thereafter within each subsequent period of 6 years to —

(a) assess the extent to which the plan is delivering the conservation objectives for the specially protected areas;

(b) consider whether any changes are required to the prohibition on entry to the South Sandwich Islands in the Order or to the prohibited activities in relation to any specially protected area; and

(c) consider whether any changes are required to improve monitoring or surveillance of the impact of implementing the plan.

(4) Having reviewed the plan in accordance with subregulation (3), the Commissioner must update the plan as necessary to deliver the conservation objectives and publish the updated plan on the Government's website.

4. Prohibited activities

(1) The following activities are prohibited in the specially protected areas ("**prohibited activities**") —

(a) the deliberate or reckless disturbance of, or interference of any kind with, any native or wild bird or marine mammal;

(b) the erection of any structure or installation, whether temporary or permanent, including affixing any such structure or installation to any protected feature or any building;

(c) the use of any mechanically-propelled vehicle that is not a wheelchair designed for, and used by, a person whose physical mobility is restricted;

(d) the use of small unmanned aircraft at 400 feet or less above ground level;

(e) the use of any aircraft that is not small unmanned aircraft at 2000 feet or less above ground level;

(f) the removal of any peat, topsoil or subsoil;

(g) the removal, quarrying or extraction of any mineral (including stone, shingle, sand or gravel);

(h) the disposal of waste by burial, landfill or incineration; and

(i) any development, whether temporary or permanent, including the carrying out of building, engineering, demolition or other operations in, on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land.

(2) The prohibition in subregulation (1) does not apply to the activities of —

(a) subject to subregulation (3), the Government or any person acting on behalf of the Government; or

(b) subject to subregulation (4) the naval, military or air forces of the Crown.

(3) The Government and any person engaging in permitted activities for or on behalf of the Government must use their best endeavours to ensure that such activities are undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the management plan.

(4) The prohibition in subregulation (1) applies to a member of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown when not acting in the course of their duties.

SCHEDULE - SYNOPSIS OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

(*regulation 3*)

The management plan sets out the scheme for achieving the conservation objectives for the specially protected areas.

In particular, the management plan sets out the policies and procedures that apply to applications for permits under section 21 of the Ordinance for —

(a) activities otherwise prohibited under regulation 4; and

(b) entry into the South Sandwich Islands in exceptional circumstances.

The management plan also outlines a phased approach to managing the specially protected areas.

The Government will be advised by an expert group on matters relating to the development and ongoing monitoring of the specially protected areas.

Made 10 July 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

EXPLANATORY NOTE (*not forming part of these Regulations*)

These Regulations are made under section 17 of the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance 2011 (“the Ordinance”) and come into force on publication of a notice in the *Gazette* (*regulation 1*). *Regulation 2* deals with matters of interpretation.

Regulation 3 provides for the implementation of the management plan, of which a synopsis is provided in the Schedule. The plan must be published on the Government website at www.gov.gs and updated within 6 years of the Regulations coming into force, and within every subsequent six year period.

Regulation 4 lists the activities that are prohibited in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands unless carried out in accordance with a permit issued by the Government under section 21 of the Ordinance. The prohibitions do not apply to the activities of the armed forces when carrying out their duties; or to the Government or any person acting on behalf of the Government provided such persons use their best endeavours to act in a manner that is consistent with the management plan.

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No. 3 26 September 2023

Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000, section 4
Customs Ordinance 2016, section 5
Immigration Ordinance 1965, section 3
Police Ordinance 2017, section 7; and
Marriage Ordinance 1949, section 4

Appointment of Fisheries Protection officers, Customs officers, Immigration officers, Reserve Police officers and Registrars for marriages

1. I, Alison Mary Blake C.M.G., Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands appoint:-

(a) **Diane Baum**; and

(b) **Karen Suzanne Wolstenholme**, to be

Fisheries Protection officers in accordance with section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000;

Customs officers in accordance with section 5 of the Customs Ordinance 2016;

Immigration officers in accordance with section 3 of the Immigration Ordinance 1965;

Reserve Police officers in accordance with section 7 of the Police Ordinance 2017; and

Registrars in accordance with section 4 of the Marriage Ordinance 1949.

2. Appointment as Fisheries Protection officers has effect and continues in effect, unless terminated sooner, as follows:-

(a) Diane Baum, 31 July 2023 until 31 March 2024; and

(b) Karen Suzanne Wolstenholme, 1 September 2023 until 31 March 2024.

3. The remaining appointments have effect and continue in effect, unless terminated sooner, as follows:-

(a) Diane Baum, 31 July 2023 until 1 December 2026; and

(b) Karen Suzanne Wolstenholme, 1 September 2023 until 1 January 2027.

Dated 26 September 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 4 26 September 2023

Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023
regulation 1

Commencement notice

In accordance with regulation 1 of the Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023 ("the Regulations") I, Alison

Mary Blake, Commissioner, appoint 30 October 2023 as the day on which the Regulations come into force.

Dated 26 September 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 5 12 October 2023

Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance 2011
section 5

Revocation and Delegation

1. Section 5(4) provides for the Commissioner by instrument in writing to delegate to any named public officer or officers, subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as she may specify in that instrument, the exercise of any power she has under the Wildlife and Protected Areas Ordinance 2011 ("the Ordinance") specified in that delegation.

2. I, Alison Mary Blake CMG, Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, in accordance with section 5(4) revoke all previous delegations and hereby delegate exercise of my powers under section 21 of the Ordinance (permits to do things otherwise prohibited) to the extent permitted by section 5(4) to:-

Mark Belchier, Director of Fisheries and Environment of the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands;

Jennifer Black, Head of Environment of the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; and

Laura Sinclair-Willis, Chief Executive Officer of the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

Dated 12 October 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 6 24 October 2023

Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023
regulation 3

Management Plan

The management plan created in accordance with regulation 3 of the Wildlife and Protected Areas (SPA Management Plan and Prohibited Activities) Regulations 2023 is available to view on the South Georgia Government website from 30 October 2023 at:-

<https://www.gov.gs/docsarchive/Environment/Biosecurity/TPA%20management%20plan%20FINAL.pdf>

Dated 24 October 2023

J. CLORLEY,
for Commissioner.

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Notice 7; and

Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2023 (No 1 of 2023).

NOTICES

No. 7

6 November 2023

Postal Services Ordinance 2011
section 17

Authorisation of postal officers

1. Section 17 of the Postal Services Ordinance 2011 (“the Ordinance”) provides for the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands to authorise one or more persons to perform the functions of postal officers for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. In accordance with section 17 of the Ordinance I, Alison Mary Blake CMG, Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands authorise **Laura Ling** and **Hannah Johns** to perform the functions of postal officers for the Territory as provided in the Ordinance.

3. This authorisation has effect from 24 September 2023 until the expiry of the contract of employment of Laura Ling and Hannah Johns with the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Government, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 6 November 2023

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

CHARLES III



**Territories of South Georgia
and the South Sandwich Islands**

ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2023

(No: 1 of 2023)

ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS

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CHARLES III



Territories of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

APPROPRIATION (2024) ORDINANCE 2023

(No: 1 of 2023)

(enacted: 22 December 2023)
(published: 22 December 2023)
(commencement: on publication)

AN ORDINANCE

To authorise withdrawals from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands funds of money for use during 2024; and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Commissioner of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

1. Title and commencement

This Ordinance is the Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2023 and comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

2. Appropriation of £8,201,446 for 2024

(1) The Financial Secretary may withdraw sums of up to £8,201,446 in total from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands funds, for use during the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2024.

(2) Any sums withdrawn under subsection (1) may be applied during 2024 in accordance with the Schedule.

3. Retrospective authority for pre-commencement withdrawals

(1) Subsection (2) applies to a withdrawal if —

(a) it would have been authorised by section 2; but

(b) it was made before this Ordinance comes into force.

(2) A withdrawal to which this subsection applies is to be treated as having been made lawfully.

SCHEDULE

(section 2(2))

Purpose	Amount (£)
Operating expenditure	£8,031,446
Special expenditure	£170,000
Total	£8,201,446

Enacted 22 December 2023

A. M. Blake C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Ordinance authorises the withdrawal of £8,201,446 for the financial year ending 31 December 2024 from the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Government funds to supply expenditure as set out in the Schedule.