

THE WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972 (As Amended in 2002):

This Act is applicable to the State of Nagaland. This Act adopts a two-pronged conservation strategy:

- Specified endangered species are to be protected regardless of location;
- All species are to be protected.
- The object of the Act is to arrest the rapid decline and provide protection to the Wildlife population.

The Act also strive at regulating hunting of wild animals and birds (Chapter-III). Procedure for declaring areas as Sanctuaries and National Parks are prescribed in Chapter-IV. There is prohibition on hunting of all animals as mentioned in Schedule I to IV. The Act also regulates trade in wild animals, animals articles, trophies and subject to the provision of Chapter-V(A), prohibits dealing therein without a license. Through an Amendment Bill, 2002, the amended Act proposes to create two new categories of Protected Areas, i.e., Conservation reserves and Community Reserve.