

**TITLE 8 – ANIMAL QUARANTINE AND PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED  
SPECIES<sup>1</sup>  
CHAPTER 3 - ENDANGERED SPECIES**



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AN ACT to provide for the protection of endangered species of fish, shellfish and game in the Republic and for matters connected therewith.<sup>2</sup>

<i>Commencement:</i>	<i>Not Specified</i>
<i>Source:</i>	<i>COM P.L. 6-55 (1975)</i>
<i>Amended By:</i>	<i>45 TTC 1980</i>

**§301. Short title.**

This Chapter is known and may be cited as the “Endangered Species Act 1975.” [COM P.L. 6-55, §1(1975); 45 TTC 1980, §101.]

**§302. Interpretation.**

As used in this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “**animal**” means any species of organism in the animal kingdom including, but not restricted to, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, clams, crustaceans and corals;
- (b) “**commercial activity**” means all activities of industry and trade including, but not limited to, buying or selling of commodities, and activities conducted for the purpose of facilitating such buying or selling;
- (c) “**endangered species**” means any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range;

- (d) “**export**” means to remove from any land or water area under the jurisdiction of the Republic to any other place in the world;
- (e) “**import**” means to land on, bring into, or attempt to land on, bring into, or introduce into any place subject to the jurisdiction of the Republic;
- (f) “**or parts thereof**” means, in the case of animals and fish, hide, hair, bone, skeleton, teeth, feathers, skin, scales, tissues or internal organs; in the case of plants, the term means any root, leaf, stem, trunk, bark, fiber, seed, fruit, flower, tissue or extract;
- (g) “**person**” means any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other private entity, or any officer, employee, agent, Department or instrumentality of the Government of the Marshall Islands or Local Government area;
- (h) “**plant**” means any species of organism in the plant kingdom including, but not restricted to, trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, algae and fungi;
- (i) “**possession**” means the personal holding of any endangered or threatened species of plant or animal or parts thereof by any person, or possession of that species on his or her property, land, vehicle, home, place of business, or place of work;
- (j) “**Secretary**”, when used alone, means the Secretary of Resources and Development of the Republic;
- (k) “**species**” means any species or subspecies of scientifically described plant or animal;
- (l) “**take**” means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such activity;
- (m) “**threatened species**” means any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. [COM P.L. 6-55, §5(1975); 45 TTC 1980, §105, modified.]