

**National Parks Act 1996**  
**(No. 22 of 1996)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 21st May 1996 and assented to by the President on 20th June 1996:—

**NATIONAL PARKS ACT 1996**

**(No. 22 of 1996)**

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I assent.

**ONG TENG CHEONG**  
*President*  
*20th June 1996.*

**Date of Commencement: 1st July 1996**

An Act to reconstitute the National Parks Board and to provide for the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities of the Parks and Recreation Department to the National Parks Board, and for matters connected therewith, to repeal the National Parks Act (Chapter 198A of the 1991 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to

the Parks and Trees Act (Chapter 216 of the 1991 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the National Parks Act 1996 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal” means any member of the animal kingdom including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and every kind of vertebrate and invertebrate and the eggs and young thereof;

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Parks Board established under the National Parks Act [Cap. 198A] in force before the appointed day and continued by section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board and includes any acting Chairman of the Board;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“green area” means any State land which is vacant or utilised as green verge of premises occupied by the Government, parkland, verge or traffic island in a road reserve, park connector, or any other area managed and maintained by the Board;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“national park” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part I of the Fifth Schedule;

“nature reserve” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part II of the Fifth Schedule;

“parkland” means any State land or land of the Board which is utilised as a park or