



Antarctic Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 15

PART II

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Fauna and flora

7 Conservation of Antarctic fauna and flora.

(1) No United Kingdom national [^{F1}, and no non-national on a British expedition,] may in Antarctica—

- (a) intentionally kill, injure, capture, handle or molest any native mammal or native bird,
- (b) while on foot intentionally disturb a breeding or moulting native bird, or a concentration of native mammals or native birds,
- (c) use a vehicle, vessel or aircraft in a manner that disturbs a concentration of native mammals or native birds,
- (d) use explosives or firearms in such a manner,
- (e) remove or damage such quantities of any native plant [^{F2}or native invertebrate] that its local distribution or abundance will be significantly affected,
- (f) significantly damage a concentration of native plants, or
- (g) do anything that is likely to cause significant damage to the habitat of any native mammal, bird, plant or invertebrate,

except in accordance with a permit granted under section 12 or under the written authorisation of another Contracting Party.

[^{F3}(1A) Accidental harm occurring in the course of—

- (a) normal operations of a vessel, or
- (b) the activity of fishing for profit,

shall not be regarded as a contravention of subsection (1)(e), (f) or (g).]

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Antarctic Act 1994, Section 7. (See end of Document for details)*

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in s. 7(1) inserted (26.5.2013) by [Antarctic Act 2013 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 14(2)(a)**, 18(4)(a)
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- F3** S. 7(1A) inserted (26.5.2013) by [Antarctic Act 2013 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 16(3)**, 18(4)(a)

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