

Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 17 of 1991

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Trinidad and Tobago
Field Naturalists' Club and for matters incidental
thereto.

[Assented to 3rd September, 1991]

WHEREAS since 10th July, 1891 there has been in Trinidad ^{Preamble}
and Tobago an organisation known as the Trinidad and
Tobago Field Naturalists' Club:

And whereas it is expedient that the Trinidad and
Tobago Field Naturalists' Club be incorporated:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short Title	1. This Act may be cited as the Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club (Incorporation) Act, 1991.
Incorporation	2. The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club (hereinafter called "the Club") is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Club are— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to bring together persons interested in the study of natural history;(b) to assist in the dissemination of knowledge on natural history;(c) to create an awareness of the need for conservation and the wise use of natural resources;(d) to undertake and execute any trusts or any agency business which may seem directly or indirectly conducive to any of the objects of the Club;(e) to print and publish journals, pamphlets, periodicals, books and other documents in the field of natural history that the Club may think desirable for the promotion of its objects;(f) to promote the protection of the natural environment of Trinidad and Tobago from all types of destruction or degradation;(g) to promote research in relation to environmental issues, endangered plants and animals and the conservation of protected areas;(h) to co-operate with institutions dedicated to the protection of the natural environment and the conservation and wise use of natural resources;(i) to promote public awareness at all levels of the society about the importance of environmental protection and conservation;

- (j) to establish an information center for the collection and dissemination of information relating to the economic, social, technological, scientific and legal developments in the conservation and protection of the natural environment;
- (k) to respond to technical enquiries and questions made by policy-making organs of Government;
- (l) to build an active membership to support the activities of the Club;
- (m) to establish a data base for the use of the membership and general public;
- (n) to construct, maintain or alter any houses, buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Club;
- (o) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

4. The Club shall have the power—

Powers of Club

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, lease or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) to sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title;
- (d) to borrow money and give security for any such borrowing.

5. The funds or monies belonging to the Club shall be applied towards the payment of all expenses incurred in carrying out the aims and objects of the Club and all matters incidental thereto.

Funds of Club

6. All real or personal property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Club shall be transferred to and vested in the Club within six weeks of the coming into force of this Act.

Transfer and vesting of property

Mode of
execution of
document

7. All documents requiring the seal of the Club shall be sealed with the common seal of the Club in the presence of the President and Secretary, or in the event of incapacity or absence from the country, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Club who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Club.

Service of
documents

8. (1) The Club shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on it and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Club may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Club.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Club liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to
make rules

9. The Club may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and may amend or revoke such rules.

Saving of State
or other rights

10. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any person, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of July, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of July, 1991.

N. COX
Acting Clerk of the House