

deer (*Cervus unicolor*) shall not be hunted or killed or had in possession by any person (other than an employee of the Department of Conservation duly authorised to do so) in the specified area described in the Schedule hereto.

The prohibition shall be for a period of 3 years commencing on 1 October 1988 and expiring on 31 September 1991.

This notice replaces the notice dated 23 December 1986 concerning Sambar deer which was published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 15 January 1987, page 28.

Schedule

All the North Island excluding the following area:

All that land contained within a boundary described by the true right bank of the Otaki River from its mouth to the S.H. 1. bridge then along S.H. 1 to the junction of S.H. 1 and S.H. 57; then along S.H. 57 to its junction with S.H. 3 then along S.H. 3 to Sanson then along S.H. 1 to the Rangitikei River; then along the true left bank of the Rangitikei River to the junction of the Rangitikei and Hautapu Rivers; then along the true left bank of the Hautapu River; then along the true left bank of the Hautapu River to where S.H. 1. crosses the river; from this point along a straight line to the junction of the Waitotara River and the Makakaho Stream; from this point along the true left bank of the Waitotara River to its mouth then south along the coastline to the Otaki River mouth.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of September 1988.

HELEN CLARK, Minister of Conservation.

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Notification of Specified Area for Recreational Hunting of Sambar Deer in Manawatu and Wanganui Areas

Pursuant to section 8 (4) of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977, the Minister of Conservation hereby declares that, for the purpose of recreational hunting, Sambar deer (*Cervus unicolor*) may be hunted in the specified area described in the Schedule hereto, subject to the conditions which apply to the specified area. This notice applies from 1 October 1988.

Conditions Applying to Specified Area

1. All persons wishing to hunt or kill Sambar deer must hold a current firearms licence and must provide the licence number when applying for a hunting licence except that bow hunters need only provide proof of identity.

2. The hunting season for Sambar deer in 1988 shall comprise the 5 consecutive weekends commencing on 8 October 1988, that is 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 October, and 5-6 November 1988.

Each year thereafter the season shall be for 6 consecutive weekends beginning with the third calendar weekend in August.

3. The hunting or killing of Sambar deer within the specified area may only be authorised by a licence issued by the Director-General of Conservation.

4. Applicants for licences must nominate the property on which they have permission to hunt and provide the name of the occupier.

5. Licences shall be valid only when countersigned by the land owner or occupier for those properties nominated. If permission to hunt on other properties is obtained, licence holders must have their licences countersigned in advance of hunting.

6. Licences are not transferable between individual hunters.

7. A limit of one Sambar deer per hunter may be taken during the entire hunting season.

8. The use of a dog, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, artificial light or beater while hunting Sambar deer is prohibited.

9. No person shall hunt Sambar deer with a firearm of a

calibre smaller than 6.5 mm (.264"), with a cartridge case less than 51 mm (2.008") in length and with a projectile weight less than 130 grains. The use of smooth bore weapons and black powder propellant is prohibited. A list of approved cartridge types will be available at all Department of Conservation offices within the specified area.

10. Bow hunters must use a hunting bow with a minimum peak draw weight of 22.5 kilograms and broad head arrows comprising no less than 2 cutting edges. The arrow head shall be unbarbed and the distance between opposing cutting edges at the widest part shall not be less than 25 mm (1"). The use of arrows with any poison, explosive, or other chemical substance on, or in, the head or shaft is prohibited.

11. Shooting is allowed only on specified days which shall be noted on the licence and during the hours from 6 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. inclusive.

12. Game tags must be attached to the Sambar immediately they are secured. Unused tags must be returned with licence returns at the end of the hunting season.

13. The sale of Sambar deer or their by-products is prohibited.

14. All successful hunters must check their bag through a monitoring point specified in the licence and provide autopsy and other data as required in the licence. A full list of monitoring points and the roster for their staffing will be attached to all licences on issue.

15. Any wounded deer must be located and dispatched humanely. Wounded deer which cannot be located by the hunter must be reported to the monitoring point as soon as possible.

16. The licence shall include the following matters:

(a) The times and the rights of the holder to enter, remain on, and use the specified area or part thereof, except that nothing in any licence shall entitle the holder to enter upon any land without the consent of the occupier.

(b) Conditions as to the methods of taking Sambar deer, and the number, type and sex of Sambar deer that may be taken by any licence holder.

(c) The period or conditions under which it remains valid, but shall also provide that it may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Director-General of Conservation.

(d) The fee paid by the licensee is a condition of the grant of the licence.

17. No person shall act in contravention of any authorisation or condition stated upon a licence to hunt in the specified area or other lawful direction issued by the Director-General of Conservation in respect to wild animal control within the specified area.

This notice replaces and revokes the notice dated 23 December 1986 concerning Sambar deer which was published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 15 January 1987, page 28.

Schedule

All that land contained within a boundary described by the true right bank of the Otaki River from its mouth to the S.H. 1. bridge then along S.H. 1 to the junction of S.H. 1 and S.H. 57; then along S.H. 57 to its junction with S.H. 3 then along S.H. 3 to Sanson then along S.H. 1 to the Rangitikei River; then along the true left bank of the Rangitikei River to the junction of the Rangitikei and Hautapu Rivers; then along the true left bank of the Hautapu River to where S.H. 1. crosses the river; from this point along a straight line to the junction of the Waitotara River and the Makakaho Stream; from this point along the true left bank of the Waitotara River to its mouth then south along the coastline to the Otaki River mouth.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of September 1988.

HELEN CLARK, Minister of Conservation.

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