

Please be reminded that the open season for hunting runs until **February 29th, 2020**. During this period State Game Licences are available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the following offices in Trinidad and Tobago;

- Forestry Office, Damarie Hill, Sangre Grande
- District Revenue Office, Siparia
- Forestry Office, Rio Claro
- District Revenue Office, Tunapuna
- District Revenue Office, Chaguanas
- Forestry Division, Long Circular Road, St. James
- Forestry Division, Balisier Avenue, Pleasantville, San Fernando
- District Revenue Office, Sangster Hill, Scarborough, Tobago
- Inland Revenue Office, Roxborough, Tobago

Persons can obtain up to a maximum of three (3) State Game Licences.

It is also important to note that after the President, Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes' assented to the Finance Act 2018, wildlife poachers were faced with increased fines effected January 1st, 2019. The following is a reminder of the increased fines;

Section	Nature of offence	From	To
4 (1)	Hunts in a Game Sanctuary	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
5 (2)	Hunting protected animals without a Special Game Licence	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
6 (3)	Failing to produce a State Game Licence	\$100.00	\$1,500.00
6 (4)	Failing to obtain a State Game Licence	\$400.00	\$4,000.00
6 (5)	Hunting while disqualified	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00

Please take note of the following:

- Capybara listed as a Vermin

The **Capybara** (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*) is now listed on the Third Schedule to the Conservation of Wildlife Act as vermin. Rules applicable to those species currently listed as vermins apply to the Capybara

- No Hunting of Waterfowl

Based on an announcement made in March 2019, the sale of Waterfowl State Game Licences has stopped. There will be **no sale** of Waterfowl State Game Licences and the hunting of these birds are now illegal.

- Period of Hunting for Iguanas / Ban on Iguana Hunting in Port of Spain

The law has been amended with effect from **September 11, 2019** and, with the exception of the City of Port of Spain, the hunting of iguanas was permitted from **October 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019**. Hunting of iguanas is no longer permitted on any State Land at any time within the municipal boundaries of the City of Port-of-Spain.

- Verification of Addresses

It is advisable to bring a recent utility bill when purchasing State Game Licences for the purpose of verifying addresses.

After the Hunting Season closes, persons must;

- During the period March 1st to March 31st, persons must dispose of ALL wild meat in their possession. The Conservation of Wild Life Act, Chap. 67:01 and more specifically, Parts I and II of the Second Schedule of the Act, make it an offence to be in possession of said meat after March 31st 2019.
- Additionally, Licence holders are required to surrender their hunting permits by 31st May in order to avoid being fined.

For additional information, please contact any of the following offices:

- **The Wildlife Section**
29 Farm Road
St. Joseph, Trinidad
Tel. (868) 662-5114
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, except public holidays.
- **The Forestry Information Unit**
Long Circular Road
St. James, Trinidad
Tel (868) 622-3217 or 225-3865
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, except public holidays.