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:

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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.