

BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

“Anguilla” means—

- (a) the islands of Anguilla, Scrub Island, Anguillita, Sandy Island, Prickly Pear, Dog Island, Sombrero and other islands and rocks forming part of Anguilla;
- (b) the interior waters of Anguilla and the seabed beneath the interior waters and the subsoil beneath the seabed;
- (c) the territorial sea and the seabed beneath the territorial sea and subsoil beneath the seabed; and
- (d) the airspace above the islands and rocks referred to in paragraph (a), the interior waters and the territorial sea;

“applicable conventions” means the conventions and amendments and protocols to conventions referred to in section 2(2)(a) to (e);

“aquatic species” means a wildlife species that lives, or spends all or substantially all of its life, in a body of water, the interior waters or the territorial sea but does not include any wildlife species of bird;

“biodiversity” means the variability among living organisms from all sources, including, without limitation, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they form a part and includes the diversity within and between species and of ecosystems;

“body of water” means either of the following, whether it contains or conveys water continuously or intermittently—

- (a) a salt pond or other natural body of water;
- (b) a reservoir or other similar artificial surface feature made by humans;

that is surrounded by land and includes a ditch that drains into the sea;

“building” includes part of a building but does not include any building owned by or held in trust for a religious body and used as a place of religious worship;

“category”, in relation to a protected area, means a category of protected area referred to in section 12;

“conservation easement” means a conservation easement granted under section 21;