

PART VI
PROTECTED TREES

20. The Minister may by Order declare any particular tree described in the Order or any species of hardwood trees, rare trees, trees of remarkable growth or trees of historic significance to be protected trees for the purposes of this Act.

Declaration of protected trees.

21. (1) No person shall harvest or cause or procure to be harvested any protected tree except under and in accordance with the conditions of a permit and in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations.

Permit required for harvesting of protected trees.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

22. An application for the grant of a permit to harvest a protected tree shall be made to the Director in writing and the provisions of section 7(1) and (2) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to any such application as those provisions apply to an application for the grant of a permit in relation to an excavation or landfill operation and the said provisions shall have effect as if references in those provisions to any excavation or landfill operation were references to the harvesting of protected trees.

Application for grant of permit to harvest protected trees.

23. (1) Subject to the payment of the prescribed fee, the Director of Physical Planning, acting on the advice of the Director of Agriculture, may grant or refuse a permit to harvest a protected tree.

Grant of permit to harvest protected trees.

(2) The provisions of sections 9, 10, 11 and 13 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to any permit to harvest trees as those provisions apply to a permit in relation to any excavation or landfill operation, and the said provisions shall have effect as if references in those provisions to any excavation or landfill operation were references to harvesting of protected trees.

List of protected trees

The following important native species are protected by law under the Conservation & Protection of the Physical Landscape of The Bahamas Act:

Lignum vitae (*Guaiacum sanctum*)

Horseflesh (*Lysiloma sabicu*)

Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*)

Caribbean pine (*Pinus caribaea var bahamensis*)

Red cedar (*Juniperus bermudiana*)

Brasiletto (*Caesalpinia vesicaria*)

Candlewood (*Gochnatia ilicifolia*)

Rauwolfia (*Rawolfia nitida*)

Beefwood (*Guapira discolour*)

Bullwood (*Pera bumelifolia*)

Silk cotton (*Ceiba pentandra*)