Chapter One: Interpretation

Definitions

1. In this law -

"National park" – an area serving or designated to serve for the countryside recreation of the public or for the preservation of values that are of historical, archeological, architectural, natural or landscape importance and the like, whether remaining in its natural state or installed to serve such purposes and which the Minister of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of section 22, has declared to be a national park;

"Nature reserve" – an area in which animals, vegetation, abiotic objects, soil, caves, water or landscape, which are of scientific or educational interest, are preserved from undesirable changes in their appearance, in their biological composition or their development process and which the Minister of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of section 22, has declared to be a nature reserve;

"National site" – a structure or group of structures or part of them including their immediate vicinity which are of historic national importance in the development of settlement in the country and which the Minister of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of section 38, has declared to be a national site;

"National memorial site" – a memorial site for commemorating Israel's military campaigns having special significance in the history of the nation or the State which has been so declared pursuant to the provisions of section 45;
"Military memorial site" – a site for commemorating soldiers who fell in Israel's military campaigns, according to unique corps or divisions, and which has been so declared pursuant to the provisions of section 45;

"Antiquities site" – as per its meaning in the Antiquities Law, 5738 - 1978 (hereinafter - The Antiquities Law);

"Professional-scientific subcommittee" – as per its meaning in section 14 (c) (1);

"The Council" – the National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Council, established pursuant to section 2;

"Plenum of the Authority", "The Plenum" – the plenum of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority, as stated in Chapter Three Article C;

"Natural asset" – any thing or class of things in nature or some of them, animal, vegetable or abiotic that originate in an area of the State or outside it;

"Protected natural asset" – a natural asset which in the opinion of the Minister is worth preserving or is in danger of extinction, and he has declared it to be a protected natural asset, pursuant to the provisions of section 33;

"Damage by hostilities" – as defined in the Compensation for Victims of Hostilities Law, 5730 - 1970;

"The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority", "The Authority" – the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority established in section 3;

"The Antiquities Authority" – the Antiquities Authority which was established in the Antiquities Authority Law, 5749-1989 (hereinafter – the Antiquities Authority Law);

"Military area" – land in the possession of the Israel Defense Force or in the possession of another branch of the defense establishment which was approved by the Minister of Defense, as well as an area serving them as a training area, and which was approved as such by the Minister of Defense
or whoever he has empowered for such purpose;

"Plan" or "planning institution" – as defined in the Planning and Building Law, 5725 - 1965 (hereinafter – the Planning Law);

"The Minister" – the Minister of Environmental Protection.

Chapter Two: The National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Council

The Council and its functions

(a) The Government, according to the proposal of the Minister, shall establish a Council for National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites with the following composition:

1. Seven Government representatives;
2. A representative of the Israel Lands Administration;
3. A representative of the Antiquities Authority;
4. A representative of the Jewish National – Fund-Keren Kayemet Le-Israel;
5. Five representatives of local authorities including representatives of regional councils, who shall be appointed by the Minister of the Interior;
6. Seven representatives of scientific institutions and public bodies with an interest in the natural sciences, in the protection of nature or in preservation of the landscape of Israel and its improvement – who shall be determined by the Government;
7. Four representatives of the public including one representative of the public bodies concerned with the protection of environmental quality, from a list of candidates which shall be submitted by such bodies; for this purpose, "the public bodies concerned with the protection of environmental quality – the bodies specified in Part A of the Schedule of the Representation of Public Bodies Concerned with the Protection of Environmental Quality (Legislative Amendments) Law, 5763 - 2002;
8. Chairperson of the plenum of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority and an additional representative which the plenum of the Authority shall appoint from among its members;

(b) The Minister, after consultation with the Council, shall appoint from among its members, the chairperson of the Council.

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(c) The Council shall advise -
(1) The Minister of the Interior and the Minister, each within the sphere of his authority – on all matters pertaining to the implementation of this Law;
(2) The planning institutions and the local authorities – with regard to the designation of areas for national parks, nature reserves and national sites;
(3) The Authority – in matters within its sphere of functions.

Chapter Three: The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority

Article A - The Authority

Establishment of the Authority 3 The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority is hereby established and shall be seated in Jerusalem.

The Authority - a corporate body 4 The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority is a corporate body.

The Authority - an inspected body 5 The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority is an inspected body as per its meaning in section 9(2) of the State Comptroller Law, 5718 - 1958 [Consolidated Version] (hereinafter - The State Comptroller Law).

Functions of the Authority 6 The functions of the Authority are to deal with all matters pertaining to the nature reserves and national parks and to promote their interests, and also to protect the natural assets and heritage, to supervise their preservation and to enhance them, including:
(1) To locate areas and sites for the establishment of nature reserves and national parks;
(2) To promote and plan the establishment of nature reserves and national parks, or changes in them;
(3) To establish, manage, maintain, operate and enhance nature reserves and national parks;
(4) To preserve and restore natural assets in nature reserves and national parks and outside of them;
(5) To supervise nature reserves and national parks and natural assets and heritage, including supervision with regard to offenses under the laws enumerated in the Schedule;
(6) To coordinate the documentation and recording of information within the fields of nature protection and natural
assets, including the preparation of a site portfolio for each nature reserve and national park, in such manner as the Minister shall prescribe, according to the recommendation of the professional-scientific subcommittee;

(7) To promote, establish and encourage educational, information and guidance activities in the fields of nature protection, natural assets and heritage, and including activities to increase awareness in the aforementioned spheres among the public in general and among students and youth in particular;

(8) To maintain international scientific contacts in the fields of national parks, nature protection and natural assets;

(9) To conduct and promote research in the fields of nature protection and natural assets.

Powers of the Authority

(a) The Authority may, pursuant to any law, in the areas within its authority under this Law, as well as with regard to the natural assets, take any action that is necessary to fulfill its functions and which could advance the aims of this Law, and including:

(1) Actions for the conservation and rehabilitation of natural assets, landscape and heritage as well as national sites;

(2) Development and cultivation activities, regulation of roadways, construction of structures and facilities, their management regulation and operation; provided that the said activities shall be carried out after a professional assessment of environmental impacts and after a public hearing, all in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Minister, with the recommendation of the professional-scientific subcommittee;

(3) Provision of services to visitors and hikers;

(4) Maintenance and operation of supervision, including with regard to the commission of and prevention of offenses under this Law;

(5) Establishment of funds, receipt of donations, estates, gifts and grants, and receipt of loans subject to the approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance;

(6) Establishment of corporations, either independently or in conjunction with others, or acquisition of rights in existing corporations, subject to the approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance.

(b) The Authority may initiate, plan and manage parks within an area of a local authority, at the request of or with the
consent of such local authority.

(c) The activities enumerated in subsection (a) (1) to (4), in an area that is an antiquities site, shall be carried out in coordination with the Antiquities Authority.

Report to the Minister 8

The Authority shall submit a report of its activities to the Minister, once a year, and shall also be bound to deliver to him or to whomsoever he has empowered, information about its activities, whenever it is required to do so.

Article B – Fees and the Authority's Budget

Entrance fees 9

(a) The Minister may, according to the proposal of the Authority and after consultation with the Minister of Finance, set entrance fees, subject to the provisions of any law, for an area of a national park and for an area of a nature reserve and for services provided therein; different amounts may be prescribed in regulations, as well as exemptions for categories of visitors.

(b) The Minister may prescribe instructions in respect of the linkage of such fees to the Consumer Prices Index as published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, provided that such linkage shall occur whenever the rate of increase in the index is not less than 5%, or if six months have elapsed since the date of the last linkage, whichever is the earlier of the two.

(c) The revenues from fees under this section shall serve as the Authority's income.

Draft budget 10

The Authority shall prepare, for each fiscal year, a draft budget which shows its estimated revenues and expenditures; the draft budget shall be submitted for the approval of the Government.

Change in draft budget 11

The Government may, after having afforded the Authority an opportunity to state its case, modify or cancel an item in the budget proposal of the Authority, and may also add an item to it, if it has seen special circumstances requiring this to be done.
The Authority's budget

12 (a) The budget that has been approved by the Government, shall be the Authority's budget for that fiscal year (hereinafter – annual budget); no amount shall be paid out of the Authority's funds other than in accordance with this budget and the Authority shall not enter into any binding commitment other than pursuant to it.

(b) Notwithstanding that stated in subsection (a), where the Authority has received additional revenues, including donations, estates, gifts and grants beyond the estimate determined in the annual budget, the Authority may pay and also enter into a binding commitment with regard to such amounts, after they have been duly approved as an additional budget and notification thereof has been given to the Minister; where the Authority has received moneys from an inspected body, within its meaning in section 9 (1), (2), (4) and (5) of the State Comptroller Law, beyond the estimate determined in the annual budget, the Authority may pay and undertake such a commitment, if such expense has been duly approved in the budget of the inspected body and notice thereof was given to the Minister and to the Minister of Finance.

Article C: Plenum of the Authority

Composition of the plenum (Correction 5758-1998)

13 (a) The Authority shall have a plenum of nineteen members which the Government shall appoint, on the recommendation of the Minister, with the following composition:
(1) Seven government representatives who are civil servants, as follows: a representative of the Ministry of Finance, a representative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, a representative of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, a representative of the Ministry of the Interior, a representative of the Ministry of Tourism and a representative of the Ministry of National Infrastructures;
(2) Seven members who shall be appointed after consultation with scientific institutions with an interest in the natural sciences, in the protection of nature and in its conservation, and including experts from within the following fields: zoology, botany, ecology, archeology, geology, geography, history, economics, and landscape architecture and conservation;
(3) Four representatives of the public, including: a representative of the Jewish National Fund-Keren – Kayemet Le-Israel, a representative of the Society for the Protection of Nature, a representative of the public that has an interest in the fields of activity of the Authority and a representative of the public bodies concerned with the protection of environmental quality from a list of candidates that shall be submitted by such bodies; for this purpose, "the public bodies concerned with the protection of environmental quality" – the bodies specified in Part A of the Schedule or the Representation of Public Bodies Concerned with the Protection of Environmental Quality (Legislative Amendments) Law, 5763 - 2002;

(4) A representative of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel or a representative of the Regional Councils Organization in Israel, as shall be agreed between them; if agreement is not reached, the Minister of the Interior shall appoint a representative from among them.

(b) The Minister, after consultation with the plenum, shall appoint one of its members as its chairperson.

(c) The term of office of a member of the plenum shall be 4 years, and he may be reappointed for a one further term of office.

Functions of the plenum its powers and work procedures

14. (a) The plenum, without derogating from its other functions -

(1) Shall determine the general policy of the Authority in the field of its functions;

(2) Shall outline the main lines of the Authority's activities;

(3) Shall determine the Authority's work plans, shall approve the draft budget prepared pursuant to section 10 and shall deliberate on its financial reports;

(4) Shall monitor the implementation of the policy, the plans and the budgets of the Authority;

(5) Shall guide the Director of the Authority;

(6) Shall consider and decide any other matter that it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

(b) The plenum may appoint committees from among its members and delegate its powers to them, except for its powers under subsection (a) (1) and (2) and except for approval of the budget.
(c) Without derogating from the generality of that stated in subsection (b), the plenum shall appoint from among its members, the following subcommittees:

(1) (a) A professional-scientific subcommittee consisting of seven members, the majority of whom shall be appointed from members of the plenum specified in section 13(a) (2), provided that at least four of them shall be experts. Each in one of the following fields: zoology, botany, ecology, and geology, if such experts are members of the plenum;

(b) Members of the Committee shall appoint one of their number as the chairperson.

(c) The Committee shall advise and make recommendations to the plenum of the Authority on subjects relating to nature conservation and protection of natural assets, and prevention of damage to them as a result of development activities;

(2) A subcommittee on subjects relating to reception of visitors at nature reserves and national parks, which shall make recommendations and advise the plenum of the Authority on subjects relating to development for purposes of public recreation; the chairperson of the Committee shall be a representative of the Ministry of Tourism;

(3) A subcommittee that shall advise and make recommendations to the plenum of the Authority on subjects relating to education, information and guidance for the protection of nature, natural assets and heritage; the chairperson of the Committee shall be a representative of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport;

(4) An audit subcommittee, which shall consist of at least three members, among each of the members of the plenum specified in section 13(a), except the chairperson of the plenum who shall not be a member of it; the audit committee shall submit an audit report to the plenum of the Authority at least once a year.

(d) The plenum shall prescribe its own work procedures, times of its meetings and its deliberation procedures, in so far as these have not been prescribed under this Law.

Reservations to 15 The following shall not be appointed a member of the
appointment of plenum member

(1) A person who was convicted of an offense of moral turpitude or who bore a penalty of imprisonment, and five years have not yet elapsed from the date of the conviction or the date of conclusion of serving the imprisonment sentence, whichever is the later;

(2) A person who has a conflict of interests between his occupation and his membership of the plenum; however it shall not be considered a conflict of interest if the very appointment of an office holder to the plenum stems from his function.

Termination of office

16 (a) A member of the plenum shall cease serving in office prior to the expiration of his term of office in case of the following:

1) He has resigned by delivering a letter of resignation to the chairperson of the plenum;

2) One of the reservations specified in section 15 applies to him;

3) He has become permanently incapable of fulfilling his function, and the Minister, after consultation with the chairperson of the plenum, removed him from office by written notice;

4) He retired from the position in respect of which he was appointed.

(b) The chairperson of the plenum shall forward to the Minister, the letter of resignation specified in subsection (a) (1) within 96 hours of its delivery; the resignation shall take effect at the end of 48 hours from delivery of the letter of resignation to the Minister, save where the plenum member withdrew his resignation beforehand by delivery of a letter to the Minister.

(c) Where a member of the plenum is absent without justified cause from four consecutive meetings of the plenum, the Minister may, after consultation with the chairperson of the plenum, remove him from his service in the plenum by written notice.

Validity of decision

17 A decision of the plenum or of one of its committees shall not be invalidated for this, as long as at the time of its making the place of the member of the plenum or of the committee was vacant for whatever reason.
Rules for nature reserves and national parks

18 (a) The plenum of the Authority may, pursuant to any Law and with the approval of the Minister, prescribe rules for nature reserves and national parks, for the purpose of carrying out its functions as provided in this Law, including rules concerning the behavior of visitors in nature reserves and national parks;

(2) Rules under Paragraph (1), may be general or may be special to particular national parks or nature reserves; general rules shall be determined in consultation with the Minister of the Interior, special rules shall be determined in consultation with the local authority within whose domain the national park or nature reserve, as the case may be, is situated.

(b) Rules as stated in subsection (a) regarding the prohibition or restriction of entry or passage of vehicles, vessels or aircraft, shall be determined with the agreement of the Minister of Transport and with regard to aircraft – also in consultation with the Minister of Defense.

Article D - Director of the Authority

19 (a) The Government, according to the proposal of the Minister, shall appoint a Director of the Authority (hereinafter- the Director).

(b) The Director shall manage the Authority in accordance with the activity lines and guidelines of the plenum, shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the plenum and shall fulfill any other function that the plenum shall impose on him.

(c) The term of office of the Director shall be five years but the Government may, according to the proposal of the Minister, extend his term of office for one further period.

(d) The term of office of the Director shall terminate in one of the following cases:

(1) He resigned with written notice to the Minister; the notice shall be delivered to the Minister through the plenum;

(2) The Minister, after consultation with the plenum,
determined that the Director is permanently incapable of fulfilling his function and decided in a reasoned decision to remove him from office.

(e) Where the Director resigns, his term of office shall terminate 30 days from the date of delivery of the letter of resignation to the Minister, save where the Minister has agreed that the resignation shall take effect on an earlier date.

(f) The plenum, with approval of the Minister and Minister of Finance, shall set the salary and employment terms of the Director.

Article E - Employees of the Authority

Engagement of employees

20  (a) Procedures for engagement of employees for the Authority and their appointment shall be the same as that of civil servants, \textit{mutatis mutandis}.

(b) The salaries and employment terms of employees of the Authority shall be set by agreement between the Authority and the employees' organization that represents the largest number of employees of the Authority and with the approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance.

(c)
(1) The plenum may, for special reasons that shall be recorded, after consultation with the representation of employees of the Authority and with the approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance, establish positions or types of positions for senior administrative functions or for special professional functions (hereinafter – special positions), to which the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply;
(2) The plenum, with approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance shall set the salary and employment terms of the employees in special positions.

Chief Scientist

21  (a) The Director of the Authority, in consultation with the professional-scientific subcommittee and with the approval of the plenum, shall appoint a Chief Scientist for the Authority.
(b) The Chief Scientist shall be a professional in the field of nature protection and he shall be responsible for the scientific, professional and research activity of the Authority.

(c) The plenum, with the approval of the Minister and the Minister of Finance, shall set the salary and employment terms of the Chief Scientist.

Chapter Four: National Park and Nature Reserve

22 (a) The Minister of the Interior, in consultation with the Minister, may declare an area as a national park or as a nature reserve.

(b) The Minister of the Interior shall not declare an area as a national park or as a nature reserve until after all the following are fulfilled:
   (1) A plan designating the area as a national park or as a nature reserve has been approved;
   (2) An opportunity was afforded to the Council and to any local authority in whose domain the land designated to be included in the national park or nature reserve is found to express their opinion as to the designation of the area as a national park or as a nature reserve; provided that an opinion in accordance with this paragraph shall be submitted within 60 days from the date on which the intention to declare the area as a national park or as a nature reserve was brought to the attention of the Council or local authority as stated;
   (3) With regard to a holy place within its meaning in the Palestine (Holy Places) Order in Council 1924 - he consulted with the Minister of Religions and was assured of the fulfillment of the provisions of the said Order in Council;
   (4) With regard to an antiquities site – compliance with the requirements of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sport was assured for protection of the site from damage;
   (5) With regard to an area designated to be a national park or a nature reserve in which a military area or another area is included which in the opinion of the Minister of Defense is of importance to security, or where the Minister of Defense has informed the Minister of the Interior that there is a military area in proximity to the designated area – compliance with the requirements of the Minister of Defense in this respect has been assured.
(c) Declaration of an area as a national park or as a nature reserve shall require publication in *Reshumot*.

(d) These provisions shall also apply to a declaration that is made to enlarge the area of a national park or the area of a nature reserve.

Areas of importance to security 23

(a) In a military area, the prohibitions and restrictions under this Law or its ensuing regulations and rules, shall not apply to the Israel Defense Force or to another branch of the defense establishment which the Minister of Defense has approved.

(b) Instructions as to the conduct of soldiers in a military area, which is wholly or part of a national park or nature reserve, shall be prescribed in the army orders in consultation with the Director; instructions as to the conduct of soldiers at holy places in such an area, shall be prescribed in army orders also in consultation with the Minister for Religious Affairs; instructions as to the conduct of soldiers at antiquities sites within such an area shall be prescribed in army orders in consultation with the Director and with the Director of the Antiquities Authority; instruction as to conduct of policemen in such areas shall be prescribed similarly in Israel Police orders.

Priority and uniqueness of the designation 24

(a) When an area has been declared as a national park or as a nature reserve such declaration shall take precedence over any other designation of that area, except for any designation or other use in the area, above it or beneath it, which are permitted by law and except for property rights which existed therein on the eve of such declaration.

(b) An area that has been declared as a national park shall not also be designated as a nature reserve, a national site or a memorial site

(c) An area that has been declared as a nature reserve shall not also be designated as a national park, a national site or a memorial site.

Limitation of activities 25

(a) When a plan has been approved with regard to the designation of an area as a national park or as a nature
reserve, no building activity or any other activity that could in the opinion of the Authority hinder the designation of the area as a national park or as a nature reserve, shall be carried out in such area, other than with the approval of the Authority, for as long as the said designation has not been revoked.

(b) Activity under the Antiquities Law, in an area as stated in subsection (a), shall be carried out in consultation between the Authority and the Antiquities Authority.

Revocation of designation and revocation of declaration

26 (a) The designation of an area as a national park or as a nature reserve shall not be revoked unless the Minister of the Interior has revoked the declaration as a national park or as a nature reserve.

(b) The Minister of the Interior shall not revoke his declaration of the whole or part of an area as a national park or as a nature reserve other than with the agreement of the Minister, the Council, and any local authority in whose domain the area included in the national park or in the nature reserve is situated and with the approval of the Internal Affairs and Environmental Protection Committee of the Knesset.

(c) The revocation of a declaration of the whole or part of an area as a national park or nature reserve requires publication in Reshumot.

Registration of a note in the Land Register

27 Within 15 days of the date of publication in Reshumot of a declaration of a national park or of a nature reserve, the Land Registrar shall register, in respect of any of the lands of the national park or the nature reserve that is registered in the Land Register, a note to the effect that the land is situated within the area of a national park or of a nature reserve, as the case may be, and also if any land has been excluded from the area of a national park or of a nature reserve, due to the revocation or amendment of a declaration, the Land Registrar shall enter a note to such effect within such aforesaid period.

Eviction of unlawful occupants

28 Following publication of a declaration of a national park or of a nature reserve in Reshumot, the Authority may take all steps under any law for the eviction of unlawful occupiers, on
land included in the area of the national park or in the area of the nature reserve so declared as aforesaid, and it shall have for such purpose all such powers as are vested in the owner of the land or of a lawful occupier thereof.

Licensing of businesses 29 No license shall be granted to a business, trade or industry or for any other activity that requires licensing under any law, within the bounds of a nature reserve or a national park, which did not exist prior to their being a nature reserve or a national park, other than with the agreement of the Authority and in accordance with such conditions as it shall prescribe, and any such license shall be deemed to contain a condition that the owner of the license shall comply with provisions of the regulations and rules made pursuant to this Law; this provision is not intended to derogate from the provisions of any law, but a license granted without the consent of the Authority shall not be valid until receipt of such consent, which may be made conditional on payment of concession fees by the applicant for the license.

Prohibited activities 30 (a) A plan in an area of a nature reserve or national park shall not be approved nor shall any activity take place therein which requires a permit under the Planning Law, or any other activity prescribed in regulations pursuant to this Law, except for rescue excavation, other than in accordance with a permit issued by the Authority; nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed as derogating from the obligation to obtain a permit under the Planning Law.

(b) The Authority may make a permit as provided in subsection (a), conditional on the restoration of the nature reserve or of the national park to its former state, or on payment of expenses for the purpose of such restoration as well as reasonable expenses for rectifying harm in the designation of the area as a nature reserve or as a national park or its diminution; for the purpose of this subsection, "expenses" — includes reasonable expenses for planning and supervision of the implementation of said activities, in the event that such supervision is necessary.

(c) In this section, "rescue excavation" — any urgent action carried out by the Antiquities Authority or under its guidelines, and which according to a written approval of the Director of the Antiquities Authority arises from the vital and
urgent need to rescue antiquities or prevent damage to them.

(d) No person shall carry out any action which constitutes or which might constitute damage to a nature reserve or a national park, other than with a written permit from the Director; for this purpose, "damage" includes eradication, destruction, demolition, breaking, sabotage, writing, drawing or engraving on the land, placement of a signboard, causing damage to or bothering an animal, grazing, cutting, plucking, removal, alteration of shape or natural position of animals, vegetation or abiotic objects, or interference with their reproduction and continuation of their natural development, changing the face of the land, including excavation, erection of a structure or installation, or introduction of extraneous material, as well as the dumping of waste or leaving it.

Preference of rules and regulations

Where a national park or a nature reserve is situated within the bounds of a local authority, the force of rules prescribed by the plenum of the Authority shall take precedence over a by-law made by the local authority.

Delegation of powers

The Authority may delegate its powers to a local authority, with its consent, either permanently or for a particular period of time and for a particular activity, in respect of the area of a national park that is situated within the bounds of the local authority.

Chapter Five: Protected Natural Assets

Declaration of protected natural asset and regulations prohibiting damage to it

(a)
(1) The Minister may declare a natural asset, which in his opinion is worth preserving or that is in danger of extinction, as a protected natural asset, either throughout the whole of Israel or in a particular region or locality; a declaration on a protected natural asset shall be published in Reshumot;
(2) The Minister shall not declare a natural asset as a protected natural asset, if it is an antiquity within its meaning in the Antiquities Law, other than after consultation with the Director as per its meaning in the said Law.

(b) The Minister, after consultation with the Council, may prescribe in regulations instructions with regard to a protected natural asset, regulation of its protection,
encouragement of its reproduction, its maintenance and its protection, either in general terms or for a particular region, locality or season.

(c) A person shall not damage a protected natural asset other than under a general or special permit from the Director.

(d) A person shall not trade in a protected natural asset, other than in accordance with a general or special permit from the Director, and no person shall possess a protected natural asset other than pursuant to a said permit or if he has acquired the natural asset from the holder of a permit to trade in that natural asset.

(e) In this section -
"damage" includes destruction, demolition, breakage, injury, plucking, uprooting, taking, removing, poisoning, alteration of appearance or of the natural position of a natural asset or interference in the process of its natural development, its reproduction or its preservation;

"Trade" - includes purchase, sale, exchange, export, re-export, introduction from the sea and also an offer of trade.

Burden of proof
Where a person has a protected natural asset in his possession, at his disposal or in a vehicle, vessel or aircraft under his ownership or in his possession and which is not a public vehicle, the burden of proof that he lawfully holds it shall be on him.

Licenses and permits
A license or a general or special permit under this Chapter shall be granted by the Director in accordance with rules that were determined, and he may refuse to grant it, may grant it subject to restrictions or conditions, may revoke it, suspend or amend it.

Licensing and permit fees
(a) In addition to his power under section 9 the Minister may, according to the proposal of the Authority and with the agreement of the Minister of Finance, prescribe in regulations, fees for licenses or permits that are granted under this Chapter, including prescribing an exemption from payment of some or all of them.

(b) The provisions of section 9 (b) and (c) shall also apply,
mutatis mutandis, to fees under this section.

### Chapter Six: National Sites

#### Definitions 37
In this Chapter and in Chapter Seven "damage" - includes eradication, destruction, breaking, injury, alteration of appearance, or performing any act which can desecrate the site or show it disrespect.

#### Declaration of national site 38
The Minister of the Interior, in consultation with the Council, may declare, in Reshumot, a site to be a national site, and if he deems it necessary, set its boundaries; the provisions of sections 22 to 28 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to national sites.

#### Regulations 39
The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, make regulations to prohibit damage to a national site and to regulate its preservation, maintenance, protection and treatment, either in general or for a particular national site.

#### Prohibition of damage 40
A person shall not damage a national site.

#### Assignment of functions 41
(a) The Minister, with the agreement of the Minister of Finance, may by order charge the Authority with implementation of the provisions of this Chapter and its ensuing regulations.

(b) Implementation as aforesaid may be with the agreement of the Minister if the Interior, in collaboration with a local authority and even outside a nature reserve or a national park.

(c) Where a national site has special local value, the Minister may, with the agreement of the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Finance, by order, charge the local authority within whose domain the site is situated, with its management.

#### Powers of implementation 42
Where the Authority has been charged with implementation of the provisions of this Chapter as stated in section 41, it shall, for the purpose of such implementation, have such powers as are vested in it under this Law.
Chapter Seven: Memorial Sites

43. (a) The Government shall appoint, according to the proposal of the Minister of Defense, a Council for Memorial Sites (hereinafter the Memorial Council) with the following members:

1. Five representatives of the Government, as detailed below:
   (a) Two representatives of the Ministry of Defense, to be determined by the Minister of Defense;
   (b) A representative of the Ministry of Finance, to be determined by the Minister of Finance;
   (c) A representative of the Ministry of the Interior, to be determined by the Minister of the Interior;
   (d) A representative of the Ministry of Education Culture and Sport, to be determined by the Minister of Education Culture and Sport;
   (e) A representative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, to be determined by the Minister of Environmental Protection;

2. A representative of the public, to be determined by the Minister of Defense;
3. Two representatives of local authorities, to be determined by the Minister of the Interior;
4. A representative of families of casualties of hostile action, to be determined by the Minister of Welfare;
5. A representative of the Public Council for the Commemoration of Fallen Soldiers;
6. A representative of the National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Council;
7. A representative of the bereaved families organization - Yad Le-Banim.
8. A representative of IDF Widows and Orphans Organization;

(b) The Minister of Defense, after consultation with the Council, shall appoint its chairperson from among its members.

(c) The Minister of the Interior, in consultation with the
Council, and with the Minister of Labor and Welfare, may make regulations with regard to the terms of office of the members of the Memorial Council, termination of their office, and the work procedures of the Council.

(d) The Memorial Council shall prescribe rules for its activities and its work procedures, in so far as these have not been prescribed under this Law.

Function of the Memorial Council

The Memorial Council may advise the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Defense on all matters pertaining to memorial sites, including in relation to concentration of memorials established prior to the 1st of Nissan 5746 (16 April 1986), in one memorial site, following consultation with their promoters or with those responsible for them.

Declaration of a national memorial site (Amendment No.2) 5762-2002

(a) The Minister of Defense may, after consultation with the Memorial Council and with the approval of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset, declare in Reshumot an area or a memorial site as a national memorial site or as a military memorial site.

(b) The Minister of Defense may, after consultation with the Memorial Council and with the approval of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset, set additional criteria for the purposes of a declaration under subsection (a).

Establishment and maintenance of a national memorial site (Amendment No.2) 5762-2002

(a) The expenditure budget for the maintenance and renovation of national memorial sites and military memorial sites shall be prescribed in the Budget Law as a separate item, as per its meaning in the Budget Principles Law, 5745-1985, and shall not be less than 10 million new shekels; this amount shall be updated on the 16th February of every year, in accordance with the increase in the new index as compared to the base index; for such purpose - "index – the Consumer Prices Index published by the Central Bureau of Statistics; "The new index – index for the month of January of every year; "The base index" – the July 1997 index.

(a1) Without derogating from the provisions of section 49,
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the Minister of Defense in consultation with the Minister of Finance and with the Minister of the Interior, may approve a budget for the maintenance of memorial sites as per their meaning in section 47, from the budget that was approved under subsection (a).

(Amendment No.4) 5762-2002

(a2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), in each of the budget years specified hereunder the expenditure budget for maintenance and renovation of national memorial sites and military memorial sites shall not be less than the amounts specified alongside them -

(1) in 2004 - five million new shekels;
(2) In 2005 – five million new shekels.
(3) In 2006 – seven and a half million new shekels.

(b) Responsibility for the maintenance of a national memorial site rests with the State, through the Ministry of Defense.

(c). The Minister of Defense may, after consultation with the Memorial Council or according to its proposal, make regulations concerning the maintenance of national memorial sites; such regulations may relate to all the memorial sites or to a particular site.

Declaration of memorial site

47
(a) The Minister of the Interior may, after consultation with the Memorial Council or according to its proposal and after consultation with the local authority concerned, declare in Reshumot an area as a memorial site.

(b) The Minister of the Interior shall not declare a memorial site unless he is satisfied that means have been assured for its establishment and maintenance.

Establishment of memorial site

48
The expenses for establishing a memorial site shall be borne, wholly or in part, by the promoter or another person who so agreed, and all as agreed, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior on the eve of the declaration, as stated in section 47(b).

Maintenance of memorial site

49
(a) Responsibility for maintenance of a memorial site rests with the local authority within whose bounds the site is situated, either directly or through a promoter or another person who have so agreed.
(b) The expenses of maintaining a memorial site shall be borne, wholly or partially, by the local authority within whose bounds the site is situated, by the promoter or another person who have so agreed, and all as agreed, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior on the eve of the declaration, as stated in section 47(b).

(c) Where the promoter or the other person has not borne the maintenance expenses as prescribed or has ceased bearing such expenses, the Minister of the Interior, and after consultation with the Memorial Council or according to its proposal, and after consultation with the local authority concerned, shall give instructions on whom to impose the maintenance expenses, in whole or in part.

(d) The Minister of the Interior may, after consultation with the Memorial Council or according to its proposal, make regulations on the maintenance of memorial sites; the regulations may relate to all the memorial sites or to a particular site; where the regulations are for a particular site – the Minister shall also consult with the local authority within whose domain the site is situated.

Application of provisions
50. The provisions of section 22 to 28 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to a memorial site and to a national memorial site, and in every place in the said sections, instead of "the Council" shall come "The Memorial Council".

Regulations
51 The Minister of the Interior, after consultation with the Minister of Defense and with the Memorial Council, may make regulations on rules of behavior at a memorial site and at a national memorial site, prohibition of damage to it, regulation of its preservation, maintenance, protection and treatment, whether generally or for a particular site.

Prohibitions
52 (a) A person shall not establish a monument that is intended for commemoration, other than in an area that has been declared pursuant to this Chapter.

(b) A person shall not desecrate a memorial site or a national memorial site nor damage them in any other way.

Commencement of provisions
53 (a) The provisions of the National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Law, 5723-1963 (hereinafter - the Parks
Law 1963) shall continue to apply to a memorial site and a national memorial site that were declared as such prior to the entry into force of the National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law, 5752-1992 (hereinafter - the Parks Law 1992).

(b) The provisions of the Parks Law 1963 shall apply to a memorial site as stated in subsection (a) which was established prior to the entry into force of the Parks Law 1992, in all that pertains to its maintenance and the State shall not bear the expenses of its establishment.

Chapter Eight: Penalties and Enforcement Powers

Cessation of damage or prevention of damage orders

54 If the Director has a reasonable grounds to presume that damage is being caused in a nature reserve or in a national park, as stated in section 30(d), or that it is highly probable that such damage will be caused, in the absence of a written permit granted by the Director, or not in accordance with such a permit, he may order in writing, whoever he reasonably believes to be responsible for the conduct that is causing or that is liable to cause damage, to immediately cease such damage (hereinafter – cessation of damage order) or conduct that is liable to cause damage (hereinafter – prevention of damage order) and he may also give such other instruction as he deems necessary in the circumstances of the case in order to bring about a cessation of the damage or prevention of the damage.

Administrative cessation order

55 (a) If the Director has reasonable grounds to presume that in a nature reserve or in a national park activity which requires licensing or a permit according to any law, other than in accordance with the Planning Law, is taking place without a license or permit as required or in contravention thereof, he may issue an administrative cessation order to whoever is responsible for such action or to whoever is acting on behalf of such person, and order him to immediately cease such action (hereinafter – administrative cessation order).

(b) In relation to construction work carried out in a nature reserve or in a national park without a permit under the Planning Law or in deviation from a permit or plan, the Director may act in accordance with the powers vested in him under section 224 of the Planning Law.
(c) The Director shall not issue an administrative cessation order as stated in subsection (a), until after 10 days have elapsed from the date on which he notified the relevant competent authority under any law in respect of such licensing or permit, of his intention to issue an administrative cessation order, and the Authority has not taken any real steps pursuant to its powers for the cessation of such activity.

Orders and reservation

(a) The provisions of sections 21 and 22 of the Licensing of Businesses Law, 5728 - 1968 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to a cessation of damage order, to a prevention of damage order and to an administrative cessation order.

(b) The provisions of sections 54 and 55 shall not apply to rescue excavation work as defined in section 30(c).

Penalties

(a) A person who contravenes one of the provisions of sections 25, 33(c) or (d), 40 or 52(b), or who contravenes provisions of section 30(d) and causes severe or irreversible damage, shall be liable to three years imprisonment.

(b) A person who contravenes the provisions of section 30(d), or of regulations or rules made pursuant to sections 18, 33(b), 49(d) and 66 or one of the conditions of a license or permit granted pursuant to them, shall be liable to six months imprisonment.

(c) A person who does not comply with an order under sections 54 or 55 shall be liable to two years imprisonment.

(d) A person who has established a monument in contravention of section 52(a) shall be liable to six months imprisonment.

(e) A person who contravenes regulations pursuant to section 9, in respect of entrance and service fees or pursuant to section 36 shall be liable to a fine.

(f) Where a continuing offense has been committed as stated in subsection (a), the court may impose an additional fine as stated in section 61(c) of the Penal Law, 5737 - 1977, or an additional imprisonment of seven days for every day on
which the offense continues, and this from the day on which the accused received notice in writing from the Authority as to the commission of that offense or from the date of his legal conviction, whichever is the earlier date.

Appointment of inspectors

(a) The Director may appoint inspectors, from among the Authority’s employees, for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the Authority under this Law.

(b) A person shall not be appointed as an inspector as aforesaid unless the following two conditions have been satisfied:
   (1) The Israel Police has not given notice, within one month from the Authority’s application to it, that it opposes his appointment for reasons of public security;
   (2) He has received suitable training as determined between the Director and the Israel Police.

Delegation of police powers to inspectors

(a) The powers vested in a policeman under section 32 of the Criminal Procedure (Arrest and Searches) Ordinance [New Version], 5729 - 1969 (in this section – the Ordinance), and under sections 23(a)(1), (2), (3) and (b), 67, 69, and 71(a) of the Criminal Procedure (Powers of Enforcement – Arrests) Law, 5756 - 1996 (hereinafter – Powers of Enforcement - Arrests Law) and the powers vested in a policemen under sections 2 and 3 of the Criminal Procedure (Evidence) Ordinance, shall also be vested in an inspector in respect of offenses under this Law and its ensuing regulations and rules, and the said legislative provisions shall also apply to arrest, search, seizure of objects and investigation that are conducted by him, as if they had been conducted by a policeman or a police officer, as the case may be.

(b) Without derogating from that stated in subsection (a) –
   (1) An inspector, who has been specially empowered for such purpose by the State Attorney General, shall have the power of a policeman under section 15 of the Powers of Enforcement - Arrests Law, as well as the power to apply to a judge for a search warrant and to conduct a search as stated in sections 23 and 24 of the Ordinance;
   (2) An inspector shall have power to search without a court order, the body of a person, his tools, vehicle, vessel, aircraft and any other place which does not serve as a residence, if he has a reasonable suspicion that such person has
committed an offense or what approximates to be an offense of unlawful holding of a protected natural asset or an offense of unlawful holding of a natural asset taken from a nature reserve.

(c) The provisions of sections 33 to 42 of the Ordinance shall also apply to seizure of objects by an inspector, by virtue of his power under subsection (a), and wherever reference is made in these provisions to "policeman", "police officer of the rank of Deputy Inspector or higher rank" and "police" such terms shall be read as if reference had been made to "Inspector", "The Director" or "The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority", as the case may be.

(d) Without derogating from that stated in subsection (c), an inspector who has seized a natural asset that is unlawfully in a person's possession, may return it to nature or destroy it if the natural asset is not living or if there is no chance for its continued natural development.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to an inspector who is performing a duty imposed on him under section 60.

Special powers 60

(a) Any of the State authorities with the approval of the Minister charged with implementation of the Law under which it operates, and a local authority – with the approval of the Minister of the Interior, may appoint an inspector as stated in section 58, with the agreement of the Minister, to perform functions of supervision and enforcement of any legislation which is imposed on the appointing authority under any law, pursuant to the laws specified in the Schedule to this Law; notification of an appointment under this section shall be published in Reshumot.

(b) An Inspector shall not be appointed as stated in subsection (a) unless this is consistent with one of the functions of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority.

(c) In performing a function under subsection (a), the inspector shall act in accordance with the instructions of the appointing authority, as shall be granted to the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority, and he shall have in
relation thereto such powers of enforcement and supervision as are vested in him under the legislation pursuant to which he was appointed.

(d) The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority may take all such administrative actions as are necessary to carry out the enforcement and supervision actions under this section.

(e) The Minister may amend the Schedule, with the agreement of the Minister who is charged with implementation of the Law in question, and with the approval of the Internal Affairs and Environmental Protection Committee of the Knesset.

Chapter Nine: Miscellaneous Provisions

State lands 61 For the purposes of this Law, State lands shall be dealt with in the same way as other lands.

The Authority 62 (a) For the purposes of the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of the Civil Wrongs (Liability of the State) Law, 5712 - 1952, the Authority shall be dealt with in the same way as the State.

(b) The Authority shall be exempt from property tax imposed in relation to land that has been declared as a national park, a nature reserve or a national site; however, such exemption shall not apply to structures within the bounds of a national park, a nature reserve or a national site, if used for commercial purposes and services, except for services provided to the public without special payment; for this purpose an entrance fee to a site shall not be deemed a special payment.

Employees of the Authority 63 The provisions of the laws specified below shall apply to employees of the Authority, as if they were civil servants –

(1) The State Service (Discipline) Law 5723 - 1963, excluding sections 19 to 30, subject to the following changes:

(a) Wherever reference is made to "The Minister", "The Minister of Environmental Protection" shall be inserted instead;
(b) Wherever reference is made to "The Director General", "The Director" shall be inserted instead;
(c) Wherever reference is made to a civil servant, this shall
also mean an employee of the Authority;

d) Wherever reference is made to the State Treasury, it shall be viewed as if stated "The Authority's Fund".

(2) The Public Service (Gifts) Law, 5740 - 1979.

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| Amendment of the Antiquities Authority Law - No.3                       | In the Antiquities Authority Law, 5749-1989, in its version prior to the commencement of this Law, in section 5(c) -
|                                                                        | (1) Instead of "by the National Parks Authority or Nature Reserves Authority, as the case may be" the following shall be inserted "by the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority";
|                                                                        | (2) Instead of the final passage commencing with the words "The National Parks Authority" the following shall be inserted "The Nature and National Parks Protection Authority – as defined in the National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law, 5758-1998".                                                                                                                                               |
| Amendment of Planning and Building Law -                                | In the Planning and Building Law, 5725-1965, in its version prior to the commencement of this Law –
|                                                                        | (1) In section 2(b) instead of Paragraph (5) the following shall be inserted: }
be inserted:
"(5) the Director of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority or his representative;"
(2) Section 158 – repealed.
(3) In section 224, after "or by the chairperson of the Local Committee" the following shall be inserted "and in the bounds of a national park or a nature reserve as defined in the National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law, 5758-1998, also the Director within its meaning in the said Law,"

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**Chapter Ten : Transitional Provisions**

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National Parks Authority or by the Director of the Nature Reserves Authority prior to the entry into force of this Law, shall be deemed to have been appointed as an inspector, under this Law, by the Director of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority.

Transitional provisions regarding employees

(a) A person who was an employee of the National Parks Authority or an employee of the Nature Reserves Authority immediately prior to the entry into force of this Law shall be an employee of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority from the date of the entry into force of this Law.

(b) Notwithstanding that stated in any law, and subject to the provisions of subsection (c), neither an employee of the National Parks Authority or an employee of the Nature Reserves Authority who became an employee of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority by virtue of subsection (a), shall be entitled to retirement benefits because of the transition to the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority.

(c) (1) All rights, employment conditions and stipulations and procedures for the resolution of disputes which were available to an employee of the National Parks Authority or to an employee of the Nature Reserves Authority immediately prior to the entry into force of this Law, including rights arising due to dismissal or resignation, shall be preserved for him, and they shall be deemed to be rights arising from his employment in the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority;

(2) Notwithstanding that stated in Paragraph (1), where an agreement was signed as stated in section 20(b) which governs the salaries and employment conditions of those becoming employees of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority by virtue of the provisions of subsection (a), the provisions of the agreement shall apply, and where such an agreement was signed the provisions of Paragraph (1) shall not apply.

Transitional provisions regarding assets and claims

Upon the entry into force of this Law the following provisions shall apply:

(1) Assets of the National Parks Authority and assets of the
Nature Reserves Authority shall be deemed to be assets of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority; for the purpose of this section "assets" – lands, movables, rights and benefits, liabilities and obligations, contracts or transactions of any kind;

(2) Any claim, that was pending immediately prior to the entry into force of this Law, of the Nature Reserves Authority or of the National Parks Authority, or against them, as the case may be, and any cause for action as aforesaid which existed at that time, shall continue to be in force and shall be deemed to have been that of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority or against it, as the case may be.

Transitional provisions regarding budget 75 All such sums as were budgeted for in the Budget Law for the 1998 fiscal year for activities of the National Parks Authority and the Nature Reserves Authority, and which were not expended by the date of entry into force of this Law, shall be deemed to have been budgeted for the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority.

The Memorial Council 76 The Memorial Council which was established pursuant to the Parks Law 1992 shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Law.

Vesting of powers 77. Every power or right that is vested under any legislation, in the Nature Reserves Authority or in the National Parks Authority, in the Director of the Nature Reserves Authority or in the Director of the National Parks Authority, or in the National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Council, as per their meaning in the Parks Law 1992, and any obligation that is imposed on them, are hereby granted to or imposed on, as the case may be, from the date of the entry into force of this Law, the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority, the Director of the Nature and National Parks Protection Authority and the National Parks, Nature Reserves and National Sites Council, as per their meaning in this Law.

Commencement and reservation with regard to prosecution 78. This Law shall enter into force on the 19th day of Shevat, 5758 (15th February, 1998); however, no person shall be prosecuted for an offense or for non-compliance with an order, as specified hereunder, in the period between the commencement date of this Law and the date of its publication -
(1) an offense under any of the provisions of sections 25 or 30(d) of this Law;
(2) an offense under regulations or rules prescribed under section 71 of the Parks Law, 1992, or under section 66 of this Law, or under any of the license or permit conditions issued pursuant thereto;
(3) Non-compliance with an order under sections 54 or 55 of this Law.

Publication 79 This Law shall be published within 15 days of its enactment in the Knesset.

Schedule
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1. The Land Law, 5729-1969, in so far as it relates to public land as defined in section 107 of the Land Law.
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