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PRESENTATION

The Fundación MarViva's Political Advocacy Program in Panama, supported by the Central American Regional Security Initiative of the United States Government (CARSI), is honored to present to the Panamanian community the second edition of the Guide for the Analysis of Crimes Against the Environment. This guide aims to further strengthen the interpretation and enforcement of Environmental Criminal Law in our country, serving as the ultimate measure for protecting the environment and its various components.

The first edition of this guide was released in 2011, as part of a cooperation agreement with the Public Prosecutor's Office. It was developed based on contributions from judicial officers from both the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Judicial Branch, as well as legal experts from the then National Environmental Authority (ANAM), now the Ministry of Environment (MiAMBIENTE), and the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP). This new edition updates the changes that have occurred since then in criminal legislation, as well as in relevant administrative and international blank legislation, all revalidated with the assistance of judicial officers and other relevant authorities.

Our legal system has recognized the environment as a legally protected asset since the original 1972 Political Constitution, which included it in Chapter VII (Ecological Regime) of Title III (Individual and Social Rights and Duties). The 2004 Constitutional Reform (Legislative Act 1/2004) further expanded human rights protection by introducing a clause on unnamed rights and adding a second paragraph to Article 17 of the Constitution. This amendment broadened the scope of human rights protection, including diffuse rights like the right to a healthy environment, from a predominantly protective standpoint.

In the subsequent year, Law 5 of January 28, 2005, was enacted, integrating Title XIII (Crimes against the Environment) into the then-existing Penal Code (1982). This Title was structured into twenty articles, divided into Chapters I (Crimes against Natural Resources), II (Crimes against Wildlife), III (Crimes related to Processing, Approval, and Compliance with Environmental Documentation), IV (Crimes against Urban Planning Regulations), and V (Common Provisions). This law also introduced Article 2086-A to the Judicial Code (Unified Text 2001), establishing specific precautionary measures for preventing or addressing environmental damage.

This framework was retained in the new Criminal Code (2010), whose Unified Text (2016) preserved the numbering of Title XIII (Crimes against the Environment and Territorial Planning). The structure includes twenty-six articles, with Chapters I and II keeping their original names. Chapters III and IV were merged into one, now Chapter III (Crimes related to Planning, Approval, and Territorial Urban Compliance), and a new Chapter IV (Crimes against Domestic Animals) was added, along with Chapter V (Common Provisions). Additionally, Article 337 of the Code of Criminal Procedure introduced two specific precautionary measures for environmental and urban planning protection (MP, 2018).

Over the past decade, legislative and regulatory activities have been extensive, revising existing environmental norms, creating new ones, and approving or updating instruments for establishing protected areas and their management plans. Panama has also taken on new international commitments by signing Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). Therefore, periodically reviewing and updating applicable environmental regulations is crucial.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AAUD	Urban and Household Sanitation Authority (Autoridad de Aseo Urbano y Domiciliario)
ACP	Panama Canal Authority (Autoridad del Canal de Panamá)
AMP	Panama Maritime Authority (Autoridad Marítima de Panamá)
ANA	National Customs Authority (Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas)
ANAM	National Environmental Authority (now MIAMBIENTE) (Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales Renovables)
ANATI	National Land Administration Authority (Autoridad Nacional de Administración de Tierras)
ARAP	Panama Aquatic Resources Authority (Autoridad de los Recursos Acuáticos de Panamá)
ASEP	National Public Utilities Authority (Autoridad Nacional de los Servicios Públicos)
ATP	Panama Tourism Authority (Autoridad de Turismo de Panamá)
BCBRP	Meritorious Fire Brigade of the Republic of Panama (Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá)
CARSI	Central American Regional Security Initiative of the Government of the United States of America
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CRP	Panama Red Cross (Cruz Roja Panameña)
CSS	Social Security Fund (Caja de Seguro Social)
DGNTI	General Directorate of Industrial Standards and Technology (Dirección General de Normas y Tecnología Industrial del MICI)
DIJ	Judicial Investigation Directorate (Dirección de Investigación Judicial de la PN)
EA	Environmental Audit
EBPG	Environmental Best Practices Guidelines
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPANB	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (Estrategia y Plan de Acción Nacional de Biodiversidad)
EQS	Environmental Quality Standards
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
IDAAN	Institute of National Aqueducts and Sewerage Systems (Instituto de Acueductos y Alcantarillados Nacionales)
IMELCF	Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (Instituto de Medicina Legal y Ciencias Forenses)
INRENARE	National Institute of Renewable Natural Resources (now MIAMBIENTE) (Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales Renovables)

LAMP	Ordinary High Tide Line
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MEF	Ministry of Economy and Finance (Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas)
MiAMBIENTE	Ministry of Environment (Ministerio de Ambiente)
MICI	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias)
MICULTURA	Ministry of Culture (Ministerio de Cultura)
MIDA	Ministry of Agricultural Development (Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario)
MINSA	Ministry of Health (Ministerio de Salud)
MIVI	Ministry of Housing (now MIVIOT) (Ministerio de Vivienda)
MIVIOT	Ministry of Housing and Land Management (Ministerio de Vivienda y Ordenamiento Territorial)
MOP	Ministry of Public Works (Ministerio de Obras Públicas)
MP	Public Ministry (Ministerio Público)
NCMP	National Carbon Market of Panama (Mercado Nacional de Carbono de Panamá)
OATN	Environmental Management of the National Territory (Ordenamiento Ambiental del Territorio Nacional)
OTDU	Land Use Planning for Urban Development (Ordenamiento Territorial para el Desarrollo Urbano)
PAMA	Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (Programa de Adecuación y Manejo Ambiental)
PN	National Police (Policía Nacional)
PREFASIA	Environmental Evaluation and Monitoring Process of the Interinstitutional Environmental System (Proceso de Evaluación y Fiscalización Ambiental del Sistema Interinstitucional del Ambiente)
PRONAT	National Land Administration Program (now ANATI) (Programa Nacional de Administración de Tierras)
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SENAFRONT	National Border Service (Servicio Nacional de Fronteras)
SENAN	National Aeronautical and Naval Service (Servicio Nacional Aeronaval)
SINAP	National System of Protected Areas (Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas)
SINAPROC	National Civil Protection System (Sistema Nacional de Protección Civil)
SPI	Institutional Protection Service (Servicio de Protección Institucional)
SSINGEI	Sustainable National Greenhouse Gas Inventories System (Sistema Sostenible de Inventarios Nacionales de Gases de Efecto Invernadero)

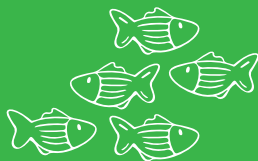
INTRODUCTION

This second edition of the Guide to the Analysis of Crimes Against the Environment is intended as a practical tool for justice operators, administrative staff, legal professionals, and anyone keen on comprehending the nature of environmental crimes in Panama. It also elucidates the laws and extensive regulatory frameworks that facilitate the enforcement of the criminal categories defined in the Criminal Code of Panama (MP, 2016). Retaining the structure of its predecessor, this edition introduces new sections and provides updated legal dogmatic analyses of each type of crime, categorized in their respective chapters.

The analysis starts with a detailed description of typical conduct (actions deemed punishable by criminal law) and unlawful acts (those against the law), and then addresses other aspects of the criminal category, such as:

- a) Protected Legal Property: Identified typically in the chapter's title, this edition breaks down various elements of the environment and human health, which are the general goods safeguarded by Environmental Criminal Law.
- b) Active Subject: This section specifies whether the perpetrator is qualified or not.
- c) Rector Verbs: Lists the actions, both in simple and aggravated forms.
- d) Consummation: Clarifies whether the crime involves danger/risk or results.
- e) Culpability: Distinguishes between fraudulent offenses and those admitting a negligent mode.
- f) Penalty: Details the nature of the punishment, whether it be imprisonment, day-fines, or community service.
- g) Aggravating Circumstances: Describes each circumstance and the associated penalty increase.
- h) Extenuating Circumstances: Notes if a negligent mode is recognized, which could reduce the penalty.
- i) Exemptions from Liability: Indicates if an exemption applies due to family subsistence reasons.
- j) Atypical Conducts: Outlines behaviors that do not constitute a crime.
- k) Applicable Environmental Norms: Provides a summary of a thesaurus (list of search terms) relevant to each crime category. Bibliographic references are now located in the Analytical Index, along with references related to the instruments establishing protected areas and zones for special management in the Southwestern Region, as well as resolutions approving their management plans. This organization aims to streamline the process of locating corresponding cross-references.

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DOGMATIC-LEGAL ANALYSIS

CHAPTER I

CRIMES AGAINST NATURAL RESOURCES

TYPICAL ANTIJURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 399. The crime is committed by anyone who, contravening established environmental protection regulations, engages in the destruction, extraction, contamination, or degradation of natural resources.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: This includes Forestry Resources, Water Resources (Water), Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture), Coastal Marine Resources, Mineral Resources, Soil, and Wildlife (Flora and Fauna, Biodiversity). Environment: This encompasses Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	The perpetrator can be any individual (not specifically defined).
RECTOR VERBS	Simple Modalities: Destroy, extract, contaminate, or degrade. Aggravated Modalities: Includes actions like relapse, destruction, causation, damage, affecting, impinging, putting, using, performing, mediating, concealing, hindering, or being involved.
CONSUMMATION	Simple Cases: Classified as a result crime. Aggravated Cases: Considered both a result crime and a crime of danger or risk.
CULPABILITY	Classified as a fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	Punishable by imprisonment ranging from 3 to 6 years.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

(Penalty increase from 1/3 to 1/2)

1. Actions impacting protected areas or causing total or partial destruction of coastal marine ecosystems or wetlands.
2. Direct harm to watersheds.
3. Damage to areas of special biological, historical, archaeological, or scientific significance.
4. Significant adverse effects on surface or subterranean water resources, impacting ecosystems.
5. Endangering human health or life.
6. Use of explosive or toxic substances in fishing activities.
7. Conduct by industries or activities operating without requisite authorization or approval from the competent authority.
8. Falsification or concealment of information regarding environmental impact, or obstruction of inspections ordered by the competent authority.
9. Causing irreversible damage. Irreversible effects are those that make it impossible to return to the original state.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-119, and 258, No. 4-5; Law 41/1998, (Unique Text 2016) [LGA], Articles 64-65; Sanitary Code, Articles 88, No. 1-3; Law 287/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Fuels and Lead:** Law 36/1996.
- **Fixed Sources:** Executive Decree 5/2009; Resolution DG-0025-98/1998; Resolution 0020-98/1998.
- **Gases:** Resolution 165/2001; Resolution 106-OMI-18-DGMM/2007.
- **Greenhouse Gases (GHG):** Law 10/1995; Law 88/1998; Law 38/2015; Law 40/2016; Executive Decree 100/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0224-2021/2021; Executive Decree 142/2021; Resolution DM-0127-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0128-2022/2022; Executive Decree 10/2022; Resolution DM-0138-2022/2022.
- **Noise:** Resolution 506/1999; Executive Decree 306/2002; Executive Decree 1/2004.
- **Ozone Layer Depleting Substances:** Law 2/1989; Law 7/1989; Law 87/1998; Law 51/2001; Law 87/2017; Executive Decree 225/1998; Resolution 598/2004.
- **Chemical Substances:** Resolution 124/2001.
- **Motor Vehicles:** Executive Decree 255/1998; Resolution 0076/2000; Resolution 309/2000; Executive Decree 38/2009; Resolution DM-0226-2019/2019.
- **Vibrations:** Resolution 505/1999.

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120, and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Agricultural Code, Articles 5, 13, and 14; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0391-2008/2008.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.
- **Protection of Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009.

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120, and 258, No. 1-3, 5, and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 53 and 54; Decree Law 2/1997, Articles 71-74; Law 77/2001, Article 2, No. 4; Resolution 028/1994; Resolution AG-0842-2007/2007; Resolution DM-0020-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0023-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0108-2021/2021; Resolution DM-0321-2021/2021.

- **Hydrographic Basins:** Law 44/2002.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Concessions for Water Use (Legal Entities):** Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 15-43; Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004 (amended by Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005 and Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015).
- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Permits and Concessions for Beneficial Use:** Law 46/2021; Executive Decree 70/1973, Articles 7-15, 27, 29-32, and 36; Resolution DM-0034-2017/2017 (amended by Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017).
- **Easements:** Decree 55/1973; Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021.

Contamination

- **Continental Waters for Recreational Use:** Executive Decree 75/2008.
- **Sewage:** Law 66/1947, Articles 88, No. 2 and 151, No. 1; Resolution 49-2000; Resolution AG-0026-2002/2002.
- **Liquid Effluents:** Resolution 350-2000; Resolution 351-2000; Resolution DM-0581-2021/2021.
- **Sludge:** Resolution 352-2000.
- **Discharge of waste and other materials into the sea:** Law 18/1975; Executive Decree 18/2022.

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture)

General: Legislative Act 1/2004, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, and 118-120; Law 41/1998, Articles 71-74; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 64/2008; Law 43/2016; Law 74/1998; Law 265/2021; Law 204/2021; Executive Decree 83/2005.

Coastal Marine Resources

General: Law 2/1995; Law 38/1996; Law 30/2003; Law 30/2007; Law 57/2012; Law 41/2016; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 4/1986; Law 7/1986; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 26/2003; Law 28/2003; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 6/1989; Law 75/1998; Law 8/2008; Law 13/2005; Law 9/2006; Law 41/1998, Articles 73-74; Resolution AG-0491-2006/2006; Resolution ARAP-01/2008; Executive Decree 9/2009; Executive Decree 127/2018; Executive Decree 19/2019; Resolution DM-0144-2022/2022.

Mineral Resources

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 119, 121, 257, No. 5-6, 258, No. 4-5, and 259; Law 41/1998, LGA, Articles 78-81; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 23/1963, Article 128; Resolution 109/1995.

Soil

General: Law 9/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120, 257, No. 4, 258, No. 2-3, 5, and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 62-63; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0648-2004/2004.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Environmental Standard on Soil Capacity for Various Uses:** Executive Decree 2/2009.
- **Pesticides, Fertilizers, and Phytosanitary Inputs:** Law 12/2000; Law 47/1996; Executive Decree 63/1997; Decree 074-ADM/1997; Decree ALP-023/1998; Decree ALP-006-ADM/1999.

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General: Law 2/1995; Law 57/2012; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-58; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Protected Areas:** Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-52, 54-56 and 58; Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006; Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011; Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.

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Environmental Health



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 109 and 110, No. 1, 4 and 118-119; Law 41/1998, Articles 17-24 and 101-110; Law 66/1947, Article 88, No. 3-6; Law 287/2022; Executive Decree 12/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Dangerous Loads:** Executive Decree 640/2006, Articles 70-92.
- **International Non-Hazardous Waste:** Executive Decree 116/2001
- **Hazardous Waste:** Law 21/1990; Law 13/1995 ; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Toxic Waste:** Law 8/1991.
- **Waste and Solid Waste:** Law 41/1998, Article 43; Law 6/2018; Law 33/2018; Law 276/2021; Resolution 015-87/1987; Executive Decree 156/2004; Executive Decree 275/2004; Executive Decree 293/2004; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Hydrocarbons:** Law 17/1975; Law 96/1998; Law 7/2009; Law 6/2007.
- **Nuclear Materials (Radioactive Materials):** Law 101/1998; Law 102/1998; Law 103/1998; Executive Decree 770/2010; Resolution 27/1995; Resolution 059/1995; Resolution 07/1996; Resolution 75/1997; Resolution 76/1997; Resolution 68/1998.
- **Plastics:** Law 1/2018 ; Law 187/2020 ; Executive Decree 17/2022.
- **Toxic Substances:** Law 21/2015.

SEE ALSO IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 4. PROTECTED AREAS

5. AREAS FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 400. Whoever, without the authorization of the competent authority, builds a dam or retaining wall, or diverts the course of a river, stream or other natural drainage way, diminishing, obstructing or impeding the free flow and reflux of waters, directly affecting the ecosystem, the health of people or an economic activity.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Water Resources (Water). Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Construct, divert, diminish, obstruct or impede and affect.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Classified as a fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	Punishable by imprisonment for a period ranging from 2 to 5 years.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	If it is carried out for family subsistence (Article 424).
ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR	Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 1-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special:

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 28, 30-31, 47-48, 50-52 and 60-62.

- **Hydrographic Basins:** Law 44/2002.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Concessions for Water Use (Legal Entities):** Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 15-43; Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004 (amended by Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005 and Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015).
- **Permits for works in watercourses:** Executive Decree 44/2002.
- **Permits and Concessions for Beneficial Use:** Law 46/2021; Executive Decree 70/1973, Articles 7-15, 27, 29-32 and 36; Resolution DM-0034-2017/2017 (amended by Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017).
- **Easements:** Decree 55/1973; Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021.

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Environmental Health

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 109 and 110, No. 1, 4 and 118-119; Law 41/1998, Articles 7-16 and 101-110; Law 66/1947, Article 85, No. 3, lit. b, 11-12, 88, No. 2 and 104; Law 287/2022; Executive Decree 12/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 16.
- **Environmental Best Practices Guidelines (EBPG):** Law 41/1998, Article 8; Executive Decree 11 of 2016; Resolution DM-0350-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0540-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0472-2017/2017.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 401. Whoever obstructs or impedes the free flow of sewage.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Water Resources (Water). Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Obstruct or impede.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Intentional or negligent crime.
SANCTION	Imprisonment from 1 to 3 years or its equivalent in days-fines and weekend arrest.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 1-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 53 and 54; Decree Law 2/1997, Articles 71-74; Law 77/2001, Article 2, No. 4.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Concessions for Water Use (Legal Entities):** Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 15-43; Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004 (amended by Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005 and Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015).
- **Discharge Permits and Concessions:** Executive Decree 70/1973, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0466-2002 /2002.
- **Permits and Concessions for Beneficial Use:** Law 46/2021; Executive Decree 70/1973, Articles 7-15, 27, 29-32 and 36; Resolution DM-0034-2017/2017 (amended by Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017).
- **Easements:** Decree 55/1973; Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021.

Contamination

- **Wastewater:** Law 66/1947, Articles 88, No. 2 and 151, No. 1; Resolution 49/2000; Resolution AG-0026-2002/2002.
- **Liquid effluents:** Resolution 350/2000; Resolution 351/2000; Resolution DM-0581-2021/2021.
- **Sludge:** Resolution 352/2000.

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Environmental Health



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph 48), 50, 109 and 110, No. 1, 4 and 118-119; Law 41/1998, Articles 17-24 and 101-110; Law 66/1947, Article 88, No. 3-6 and 205; Law 287/2022; Executive Decree 12/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 402. Whoever, without the authorization of the competent authority or in noncompliance with the regulations applicable to such effect, imports or exports, handles, generates, emits, deposits, commercializes, transports, discharges, or disposes of radioactive material, wastewater, solid, liquid, or gaseous wastes or residues.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Air. Water Resources (Water). Soil. Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Simple: Import, export, handle, generate, emit, deposit, commercialize, transport, dump or dispose. Aggravated: To cause, constitute, be, be, alter, be able, injure or put.
CONSUMMATION	Simple: Result crime. Aggravated: Crime of result and of danger or risk.
CULPABILITY	Fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	Imprisonment from 4 to 8 years.

AGGRAVATING

(SPECIFIC increases from 1 part (sic.) to half of the penalty)

1. Causes contagious diseases that constitute a danger to people or wildlife.
2. Are carcinogenic or alter the genetics of people.
3. Cause explosion hazards, or are flammable or highly radioactive.
4. May harm the water, atmosphere, or soil, or seriously endanger wildlife, due to their kind, quantity, or concentration.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Air

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-119 and 258, No. 4-5; Law 41/1998, Articles 64-65; Law 66/1947, Articles 88, No. 1-3; Law 287/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Fuels and Lead:** Law 36/1996.
- **Fixed Sources:** Executive Decree 5/2009; Resolution DG-0025-98/1998; Resolution 0020-98/1998.
- **Gases:** Resolution 165/2001; Resolution 106-OMI-18-DGMM/2007.
- **Greenhouse Gases (GHG):** Law 10/1995; Law 88/1998; Law 38/2015; Law 40/2016.
- **Noise:** Resolution 506/1999; Executive Decree 306/2002; Executive Decree 1/2004.
- **Ozone Layer Depleting Substances:** Law 2/1989; Law 7/1989; Law 87/1998; Law 51/2001; Law 87/2017; Executive Decree 225/1998; Resolution 598/2004.
- **Chemical Substances:** Resolution 124/2001.
- **Motor Vehicles:** Executive Decree 255/1998; Resolution 309/2000; Resolution 0076/2000; Executive Decree 38/2009; Resolution DM-0226-2019/2019.

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 1-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 53 and 54; Decree Law 2/1997, Articles 71-74; Law 77/2001, Article 2, No. 4; Resolution 028/1994; Resolution AG-0842-2007/2007; Resolution DM-0020-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0023-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0108-2021/2021; Resolution DM-0321-2021/2021.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Water Use Concessions (Legal Entities):** Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 15-43; Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004 (amended by Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005 and Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015).
- **Health and Environmental Risk Study:** Resolution 77/1998.
- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Permits and Concessions for Discharge:** Resolution AG-0466-2002/2002.
- **Permits and Concessions for Beneficial Use:** Law 46/2021; Executive Decree 70/1973, Articles 7-15, 27, 29-32 and 36; Resolution DM-0034-2017/2017 (amended by Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017).
- **Easements:** Decree 55/1973; Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021.

Contamination

- **Wastewater:** Law 66/1947, Articles 88, No. 2 and 151, No. 1; Resolution 49/2000; Resolution AG-0026-2002/2002.
- **Liquid Effluents:** Resolution 350/2000; Resolution 351/2000; Resolution DM-0581-2021/2021.
- **Sludge:** Resolution 352/2000.
- **Discharge of waste and other materials into the sea:** Law 18/1975; Executive Decree 18/2022.

Soil

General: Law 9/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 257, No. 4 and 258, No. 2-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 62-63; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0648-2004/2004.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Environmental Standard on Soil Capacity for different uses:** Executive Decree 2/2009.
- **Pesticides, Fertilizers and Phytosanitary Inputs:** Law 12/2000; Law 47/1996; Executive Decree 63/1997; Decree 074-ADM/1997; Decree ALP-023/1998; Decree ALP-006-ADM/1999.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 109 and 110, No. 1, 4 and 118-119; Law 41/1998, Articles 17-24 and 101-110; Law 66/1947, Article 205; Law 287/2022; Executive Decree 12/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxic Weapons:** Law 7/1973; Executive Decree 129/2017.
- **Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction:** Law 8/1973; Law 65/2018; Executive Decree 129/2017.
- **Chemical Weapons:** Law 48/1998.
- **Dangerous Loads:** Executive Decree 640/2006, Articles 70-92.
- **Persistent Organic Pollutants:** Law 3/2003.
- **International Non-Hazardous Waste:** Executive Decree 116/2001.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Law 21/1990; Law 13/1995; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Toxic Waste:** Law 8/1991.
- **Waste and Solid Waste:** Law 41/1998, Article 43; Law 6/2018; Law 33/2018; Law 276/2021; Resolution 015-87/1987; Executive Decree 156/2004; Executive Decree 156/2004; Executive Decree 275/2004; Executive Decree 293/2004; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Hydrocarbons:** Law 17/1975; Law 96/1998; Law 7/2009; Law 6/2007.
- **Nuclear Materials (Radioactive Materials):** Law 101/1998; Law 102/1998; Law 103/1998; Executive Decree 770/2010; Resolution 27/1995; Resolution 059/1995; Resolution 07/1996; Resolution 75/1997; Resolution 76/1997; Resolution 68/1998.
- **Plastics:** Law 1/2018; Law 187/2020; Executive Decree 17/2022.
- **Toxic Substances:** Law 21/2015.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 403. Whoever sells or transfers to any title domestic subsistence permit without legal authorization.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Forest Resources (Forests), Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Sell or transfer.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	50 to 100 days-fine.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	From 1 to 3 years imprisonment in the case of a community exploitation permit.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	Not applicable.
ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR	Not applicable.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.
- **Protection of Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009/2009.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Special forest harvesting permits:** Law 1/1994, Articles 26-45; Resolution AG-0681-2012/2001; Resolution DM-0055-2020/2020.
- **Special permits for domestic or subsistence logging:** Law 1/1994, Article 27, No. 1; Resolution AG-0568-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0466-03/2003.
- **Special permits for domestic logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, art 42.
- **Special permits for subsistence logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 41; Resolution AG-0722-2004/2004; Resolution DM-0449-2015 /2015.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Wood Cubing:** Resolution AG-0168-2007/2007.
- **Confiscation:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 84, 88 and 90; Resolution DG-007-91.
- **Transport and Export Guides:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998; Resolution AG-0354-2009/2009; Resolution DM-0059-2019/2019; Resolution DM-0174-2019/2019; Executive Decree 107/2021.
- **Label:** Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011.
- **Forestry Registry:** Law 1/1994, Articles 8, 28; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 2, 40, 43, 46, 56, 56, 79, 94, 95, 96.
- **Forest Monitoring Committees:** Resolution DM-0210-2019/2019.
- **Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood:** Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010/2010.

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50 and 118-120; Law 41/1998, Articles 71-74; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 64/2008; Law 43/2016; Law 74/1998; Law 265/2021; Law 204/2021; Executive Decree 29/1994; Executive Decree 76/1994; Executive Decree 22/1997; Executive Decree 82/2005; Executive Decree 83/2005; Resolution ARAP-01/2007; Resolution ADM-ARAP-013/2009; Decree 569/2011; Resolution DGMM-106-44/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-95/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-83/2021.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Authorizations, Permits or Licenses for Fishing, Aquaculture, Related Activities or Activities related to Fishing:** Law 204/2021, Articles 53, 93 and 153.
- **Prior approval by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP, by its acronym in Spanish) in areas of canal compatibility:** Law 204/2021, Article 27.
- **Fishing Licenses for Domestic Consumption:** Law 204/2021, Articles 40, No. 2, lit. c and 41-45.
- **Scientific Research Permits:** Law 204/2021, Article 48.
- **Fishing Permits in Protected Areas:** Law 24/1995, Article 46.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 404. Whoever purchases or acquires from the beneficiary a domestic or subsistence permit for the felling of trees that does not correspond to them.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Forest Resources (Forests).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Purchase or acquire.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	From 1 to 3 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	From 3 to 5 years imprisonment in the case of a community exploitation permit.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.
- **Protection of Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009/2009.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Special forest harvesting permits:** Law 1/1994, Articles 26-45; Resolution AG-0681-2012/2012; Resolution DM-0055-2020/2020.
- **Special permits for domestic or subsistence logging:** Law 1/1994, Article 27, No. 1; Resolution AG-0568-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0466-03/2003.
- **Special permits for domestic logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, art 42.
- **Special permits for subsistence logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, art 41; Resolution AG-0722-2004/2004; Resolution DM-0449-2015/2015.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Wood Cubing:** Resolution AG-0168-2007/2007.
- **Confiscation: Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 84, 88 and 90; Resolution DG-007-91.**
- **Transport and Export Guides:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998; Resolution AG-0354-2009/2009; Resolution DM-0059-2019/2019; Resolution DM-0174-2019/2019; Executive Decree 107/2021.
- **Label:** Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011.
- **Forestry Registry:** Law 1/1994, Articles 8, 28; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 2, 40, 43, 46, 56, 56, 79, 94, 95, 96.
- **Forest Monitoring Committees:** Resolution DM-0210-2019/2019.
- **Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood:** Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010/2010.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 405. Whoever, duly authorized to cut trees, exceeds the quantity, species, or area granted.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Forest Resources (Forests).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any person authorized (by competent authority) to cut trees (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Exceed.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Intentional or negligent crime.
SANCTION	From 2 to 5 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(reduced from 1/3 to 1/2) Culpable modality (Article 422).
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	Not applicable.
ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR	Not applicable.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph) 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.
- **Protection of Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009/2009.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Tourism development activities:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 75-76.
- **Forest harvesting in State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 26-41.
- **Forest harvesting through concessions:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 54-69.
- **Forest harvesting by direct or delegated administration:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 51-53.
- **Sustainable forest harvesting on privately owned land:** Law 1/1994, Article 42; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 38-40.
- **Sustainable forest harvesting and management in natural production forests:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 25-37.
- **Artificial forests on privately owned land:** Law 1/1994, Articles 42-43; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 77-78.
- **Ecological Compensation:** Resolution AG-0235-2003/2003.
- **Community forest harvesting permits in Comarcas and Indigenous Reserves:** Law 1/1994, Article 44; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 45-50.
- **Logging permits for development works or projects and human activities:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 70; Resolution AG-0397-2003/2003.
- **Tree/Shrub Cutting/Pruning Permits for Reasons other than those known as Subsistence and Domestic Permits:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 38; Resolution AG-0107-2005/2005.
- **Special forest harvesting permits:** Law 1/1994, Articles 26-45; Resolution AG-0681-2012/2012; Resolution DM-0055-2020/2020.
- **Special permits for domestic or subsistence logging:** Law 1/1994, Articles 27, No. 1, 79, 80 and 94; Resolution AG-0568-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0466-03/2003.
- **Special permits for domestic logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, art 42.
- **Special permits for subsistence logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 4 1; Resolution AG-0722-2004/2004; Resolution DM-0449-2015/2015.
- **Special forest harvesting permits to duly organized groups:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 4 3-44.
- **Special permits for individual tree harvesting:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 41.
- **Communal plantations:** Law 1/1994, Article 45; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 79-80.
- **Development projects and human activities in forests and natural areas:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 70-74.
- **Slashing and Burning:** Law 1/1994, Articles 70 to 93; JD Resolution 05-98/1998, Articles 100-104; Resolution AG-0136-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0054-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0192-2005/2005; Resolution DM-0020-2017/2017.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Wood Cubing:** Resolution AG-0168-2007/2007.
- **Confiscation:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 84, 88 and 90; Resolution DG-007-91.
- **Transport and Export Guides:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998; Resolution AG-0354-2009/2009; Resolution DM-0059-2019/2019; Resolution DM-0174-2019/2019; Executive Decree 107/2021.
- **Label:** Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011.
- **Forest Monitoring Committees:** Resolution DM-0210-2019/2019.
- **Forestry Registry:** Law 1/1994, Articles 8, 28; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 2, 40, 43, 46, 56, 56, 79, 94, 95 and 96.
- **Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood:** Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010/2010.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 406. Whoever, without authorization from the competent authority or in breach of existing regulations, cuts down, destroys, or degrades tree or shrub formations that constitute forests or are subject to special protection, in protected areas, in hydrographic basins, in prohibited or restricted areas, or when these protect springs that provide drinking water to the population.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Forest Resources (Forests). Water Resources (Water). Soil, Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	To cut down, destroy or degrade.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Fraudulent offense.
SANCTION	From 3 to 7 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	Not applicable.
ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR	Not applicable.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 55/2011, Articles 5, 13, 14; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0391-2008/2008.

Specials

- **tate Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.

- **Propagandas and/or Advertisements on Trees:** Resolution DM-0090-2019/2019/2019.
- **Protection of Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009/2009.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Tourism development activities:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 75-76.
- **Forest harvesting in State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 26-41.
- **Forest harvesting through concessions:** JD Resolution 05-98/1998, Articles 54-69.
- **Forest harvesting by direct or delegated administration:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 51-53.
- **Sustainable forest harvesting on privately owned land:** Law 1/1994, Article 42; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 38-40.
- **Sustainable forest harvesting and management in natural production forests:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 25-37.
- **Artificial forests on privately owned land:** Law 1/1994, Articles 42-43; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 77-78.
- **Ecological Compensation:** Resolution AG-0235-2003/2003.
- **Community forest harvesting permits in Comarcas and Indigenous Reserves:** Law 1/1994, Article 44; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 45-50.
- **Logging permits for development works or projects and human activities:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 70; Resolution AG-0397-2003/2003.
- **Tree/Shrub Cutting/Pruning Permits for Reasons other than those known as Subsistence and Domestic Permits:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 38; Resolution AG-0107-2005/2005.
- **Special permits for domestic or subsistence logging:** Law 1/1994, Articles 27, No. 1, 79, 80 and 94; Resolution AG-0568-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0466-03/2003.
- **Special permits for domestic logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, art 42.
- **Special permits for subsistence logging:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 41; Resolution AG-0722-2004/2004; Resolution DM-0449-2015/2015.
- **Special forest harvesting permits for duly organized groups:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 43-44.
- **Special permits for individual tree harvesting:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Article 41.
- **Communal plantations:** Law 1/1994, Article 45; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 79-80.
- **Development projects and human activities in forests and natural areas:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 70-74.
- **Slashing and Burning:** Law 1/1994, Articles 70-93; JD Resolution 05-98/1998, Articles 100-104; Resolution AG-0136-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0054-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0192-2005/2005; Resolution DM-0020-2017/2017.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Wood Cubing:** Resolution AG-0168-2007/2007.
- **Confiscation:** Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 84, 88 and 90; Resolution DG-007-91.
- **Label:** Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011.

- **Forestry Registry:** Law 1/1994, Articles 8, 28; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 2, 40, 43, 46, 56, 56, 79, 94, 95 and 96.
- **Forest Monitoring Committees:** Resolution DM-0210-2019/0219.
- **Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood:** Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010/2010.

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 1-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 53 and 54; Decree Law 2/1997, Articles 71-74; Law 77/2001, Article 2, No. 4; Resolution 028/1994; Resolution AG-0842-2007/2007; Resolution DM-0020-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0023-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0108-2021/2021; Resolution DM-0321-2021/2021.

Hydrographic Basins: Law 44/2002.



Soil

General: Law 9/1996; Legislative Act 1/2004 Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 257, No. 4 and 258, No. 2-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 62-63; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0648-2004/2004.

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General: Law 2/1995; Law 57/2012; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-58; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Protected Areas:** Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-52, 54-56 and 58; Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006; Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011; Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Permits in Protected Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 46-48.

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5. AREAS FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 407. Whoever sets fire to plant masses.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural resources: Forest Resources (Forests). Water Resources (Water), Soils, Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Undetermined.
RECTOR VERBS	Simple: Set fire. Aggravated: To produce, affect, damage, act, treat.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Intentional or negligent crime.
SANCTION	1 to 3 years imprisonment or its equivalent in days-fines or weekend arrest.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

(increased from 1/4 to 1/2)

1. When there is a loss of soil fertility or soil desiccation.
2. When an area greater than five hectares is affected.
3. When the capacity of plant life is significantly damaged.
4. When acting for financial gain.
5. Where protected areas or watersheds are involved.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

(reduced from 1/3 to 1/2)
Culpable modality (Article 422).

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

If it is carried out for family subsistence (Article 424).

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Controlled burning authorized by the competent authority does not constitute a crime.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Legislative Act 1/2004, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Slashing and Burning:** Law 1/1994, Articles 70-93; JD Resolution 05-98/1998, Articles 100-104; Resolution AG-0136-2002/2002; Resolution AG-0054-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0192-2005/2005; Resolution DM-0020-2017/2017.

Water Resources (Water)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 258, No. 1-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Law 287/2022.

Special

Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 53 and 54; Decree Law 2/1997, Articles 71-74; Law 77/2001, Article 2, No. 4; Resolution 028/1994; Resolution AG-0842-2007/2007; Resolution DM-0020-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0023-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0108-2021/2021; Resolution DM-0321-2021/2021.

Hydrographic Basins: Law 44/2002.

Soil

General: Law 9/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 257, No. 4 and 258, No. 2-3, 5 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 62-63; Law 287/2022; Resolution AG-0648-2004/2004.

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General: Law 2/1995; Law 57/2012; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Protected Areas:** Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-52, 54-56 and 58; Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006; Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011; Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Permits in Protected Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 46-48.

SEE ALSO IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 4. PROTECTED AREAS

5. AREAS FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 408. Whoever, in contravention of the applicable legal provisions and exceeding the limits established in the technical standards, generates emissions of noise, vibrations, gases, odors, thermal energy, light, or of any other nature that cause serious damage to public health, flora, fauna, or ecosystems.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Air. Water Resources (Water). Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERB	Generate.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
CULPABILITY	Intentional or negligent crime.
SANCTION	From 2 to 4 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY	Not applicable.
ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR	Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-119 and 258, No. 4-5; Law 41/1998, Articles 64-65; Law 66/1947, Articles 88, No. 1-3; Law 287/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.

Contamination

- **Fuels and Lead:** Law 36/1996.
- **Fixed Sources:** Executive Decree 5/2009; Resolution DG-0025-98/1998; Resolution 0020-98/1998.
- **Gases:** Resolution 165/2001; Resolution 106-Oml-18-DGMM/2007.
- **Greenhouse Gases (GHG):** Law 10/1995; Law 88/1998; Law 38/2015; Law 40/2016.
- **Lighting:** Resolution AN-417-ELEC.
- **Noise:** Resolution 506/1999; Executive Decree 306/2002; Executive Decree 1/2004; Resolution 506/1999.
- **Ozone Layer Depleting Substances:** Law 2/1989; Law 7/1989; Law 87/1998; Law 51/2001; Law 87/2017; Executive Decree 225/1998; Resolution 598/2004.
- **Chemical Substances:** Resolution 124/2001.
- **Motor Vehicles:** Executive Decree 255/1998; Resolution 0076/2000; Resolution 309/2000; Executive Decree 38/2009; Resolution DM-0226-2019/2019.
- **Vibrations:** Resolution 505/1999.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental health



General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 109 and 110, No. 1, 4 and 118-119; Law 41/1998, Articles 17-24 and 101-110; Law 66/1947, Article 88, No. 3-6; Law 287/2022; Executive Decree 12/2022.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Environmental Quality Standards (EQS):** Executive Decree 58/2000; Resolution 001-09/2009.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 16.
- **Environmental Best Practices Guidelines (EBPG):** Law 41/1998, Article 8; Executive Decree 11 of 2016; Resolution DM-0350-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0540-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0472-2017/2017.
- **Health and Environmental Risk Study:** Resolution 77/1998.

Contamination

- **Dangerous Loads:** Executive Decree 640/2006, Articles 70-92.
- **International Non-Hazardous Waste:** Executive Decree 116/2001.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Law 21/1990; Law 13/1995; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Toxic Waste:** Law 8/1991.
- **Waste and Solid Waste:** Law 41/1998, Article 43; Law 6/2018; Law 33/2018; Law 276/2021; Resolution 015-87/1987; Executive Decree 156/2004; Executive Decree 156/2004; Executive Decree 275/2004; Executive Decree 293/2004; Executive Decree 34/2007.
- **Hydrocarbons:** Law 17/1975; Law 96/1998; Law 7/2009; Law 6/2007.
- **Nuclear Materials (Radioactive Materials):** Law 101/1998; Law 102/1998; Law 103/1998; Executive Decree 770/2010; Resolution 27/1995; Resolution 059/1995; Resolution 07/1996; Resolution 75/1997; Resolution 76/1997; Resolution 68/1998.
- **Pesticides Applied by Pest Control Companies :** Executive Decree 386/1997.
- **Toxic Substances:** Law 21/2015.

CHAPTER II

CRIMES AGAINST WILDLIFE



TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 409. Whoever fishes, hunts, kills, captures, or extracts a protected or endangered wildlife, aquatic or terrestrial resource or species, without having the corresponding permits for such purposes, or whoever, having the referred permits, fails to comply with the specifications included therein, related to quantity, age, dimensions, or measures.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET

Natural Resources: Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture). Coastal Marine Resources. Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity).

ACTIVE SUBJECT

Any individual (undetermined).

RECTOR VERBS

Fishing, hunting, killing, capturing, catching, extracting, counting,

CONSUMMATION

Result crime.

SANCTION

2 to 4 years imprisonment.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES

(increases from 1/3 to 1/2)

1. If it is carried out in a protected area.
2. If it uses an instrument or means that is not authorized by or prohibited by the regulations in force.
3. If it is carried out outside the areas designated for such effects.
4. If it is carried out during the closed period or season established to protect the species described in this article and their reproduction.
5. If it occurs in large proportions.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

If it is carried out for family subsistence (Article 424).

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50 and 118-120; Law 41/1998, Articles 71-74; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 64/2008; Law 43/2016; Law 74/1998; Law 265/2021; Law 204/2021; Executive Decree 29/1994; Executive Decree 76/1994; Executive Decree 22/1997; Executive Decree 82/2005; Executive Decree 83/2005; Resolution ARAP-01/2007; Resolution ADM-ARAP-013/2009; Decree 569/2011; Resolution DGMM-106-44/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-95/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-83/2021.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Authorizations, Permits or Licenses for Fishing, Aquaculture, Related Activities or Activities related to Fishing:** Law 204/2021, Articles 53, 93, 153.
- **Prior approval by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) in areas of canal compatibility:** Law 204/2021, Article 27.
- **Fishing Licenses for Domestic Consumption:** Law 204/2021, Article 40, No. 2, lit. c and 41-45.
- **Scientific Research Permits:** Law 204/2021, Article 48.
- **Fishing Permits in Protected Areas:** Law 24/1995, Article 46.

Coastal Marine Resources

General: Law 2/1995; Law 38/1996; Law 30/2003; Law 30/2007; Law 57/2012; Law 41/2016; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 4/1986; Law 7/1986; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 26/2003; Law 28/2003; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 6/1989; Law 75/1998; Law 8/2008; Law 13/2005; Law 9/2006; Law 41/1998, Articles 73-74; Resolution AG-0491-2006/2006; Resolution ARAP-01/2008; Executive Decree 9/2009; Executive Decree 127/2018; Executive Decree 19/2019; Resolution DM-0144-2022/2022.

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General: Law 2/1995; Law 57/2012; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Protected Areas:** Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-52, 54-56 and 58; Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006; Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011; Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012.
- **Endangered Species:** Law 14/1977 (amended by Law 18/2011); Law 5/1989; Law 42/1996; Law 18/2002; Law 304/2022; Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 38-45; Resolution AG-0005-2012/2012; Resolution AG-0149-2014/2014; Resolution AG-0242-2014/2014 (amended by Resolution AG-0602-2014/2014 and Resolution DM-0243-2021/2021); Resolution AG-0602-2014; Resolution DM-0452-2015/2015; Resolution DM-0453-2015/2015; Resolution DM-0437-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0438-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0657-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0031-2017/2017/2017.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Subsistence Hunting (does not require a permit, but has our restrictions):** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 90-93.
- **Personal (Individual) Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Article 34.
- **Commercial Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 35-37.
- **CITES permits:** Law 14/1977 (amended by Law 18/2011); Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 38-45.
- **Permits in Protected Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 46-48.
- **Permits in Indigenous Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 49-51.
- **Scientific Research Permits:** Law 204/2021, Article 48; Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 52-62.
- **Ex Situ Conservation Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 71-82.
- **Sport Hunting Permits:** Law 39/2005, Articles 47-59-H.
- **Control Hunting Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 94-97; Resolution AG-0682-2011/2011.

SEE ALSO IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 4. PROTECTED AREAS

5. AREAS FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 410. Whoever, without authorization or permission from the competent authority, traffics, trades, negotiates, exports, imports, re-imports, or re-exports specimens of wildlife, endemic, vulnerable, threatened, or endangered species or any genetic resource.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture). Coastal Marine Resources. Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Trafficking, trading, negotiating, exporting, importing, re-importing or re-exporting.
CONSUMMATION	Result crime.
SANCTION	3 to 5 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(reduced from 1/3 to 1/2) If the wildlife specimen or endemic, vulnerable, threatened, or endangered species is restored to its habitat unharmed, before the initiation and investigation phase is concluded.

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

- **Label:** Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011.

- **Forestry Registry:** Law 1/1994, Articles 8, 28; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 2, 40, 43, 46, 56, 56, 79, 94, 95, 96.
- **Forest Monitoring Committees:** Resolution DM-0210-2019/0219.
- **Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood:** Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010/2010.

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50 and 118-120; Law 41/1998, Articles 71-74; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 64/2008; Law 43/2016; Law 74/1998; Law 265/2021; Law 204/2021; Executive Decree 29/1994; Executive Decree 76/1994; Executive Decree 22/1997; Executive Decree 82/2005; Executive Decree 83/2005; Resolution ARAP-01/2007; Resolution ADM-ARAP-013/2009; Decree 569/2011; Resolution DGMM-106-44/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-95/2018; Resolution DGMM-106-83/2021.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Authorizations, Permits or Licenses for Fishing, Aquaculture, Related Activities or Activities related to Fishing:** Law 204/2021, Articles 53, 93 and 153.
- **Prior approval by the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) in areas of canal compatibility:** Law 204 of 2021, Article 27.
- **Fishing Licenses for Domestic Consumption:** Law 204/2021, Article 40, No. 2, lit. c and 41-45.
- **Scientific Research Permits:** Law 204/2021, Article 48.
- **Fishing Permits in Protected Areas:** Law 24/1995, Article 46.

Coastal Marine Resources

General: Law 2/1995; Law 38/1996; Law 30/2003; Law 30/2007; Law 57/2012; Law 41/2016; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 4/1986; Law 7/1986; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 26/2003; Law 28/2003; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Special

Law 6/1989; Law 75/1998; Law 8/2008; Law 13/2005; Law 9/2006; Law 41/1998, Articles 73-74; Resolution AG-0491-2006/2006; Resolution ARAP-01/2008; Executive Decree 9/2009; Executive Decree 127/2018; Executive Decree 19/2019; Resolution DM-0144-2022/2022.

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General: Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Protected Areas:** Law 2/1995; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Law 41/1998, Articles 51-52, 54-56 and 58; Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006; Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011; Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012.
- **Endangered Species:** Law 14/1977 (amended by Law 18/2011); Law 5/1989; Law 42/1996; Law 18/2002; Law 304/2022; Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 38-45; Resolution AG-0005-2012/2012; Resolution AG-0149-2014/2014; Resolution AG-0242-2014/2014 (amended by Resolution AG-0602-2014/2014 and Resolution DM-0243-2021/2021); Resolution AG-0602-2014; Resolution DM-0452-2015/2015; Resolution DM-0453-2015/2015; Resolution DM-0437-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0438-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0657-2016/2016; Resolution DM-0031-2017/2017/2017.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.
- **Genetic Resources:** Executive Decree 25/2009; Resolution DM-0197-2020/2020.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Subsistence Hunting (does not require a permit, but has our restrictions):** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 90-93.
- **Personal (Individual) Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Article 34.
- **Commercial Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 35-37.
- **CITES permits:** Law 14/1977 (amended by Law 18/2011); Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 38-45.
- **Permits in Protected Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 46-48.
- **Permits in Indigenous Areas:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 49-51.
- **Scientific Research Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 52-62; Law 204/2021, Article 48.
- **Ex Situ Conservation Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 71-82.
- **Sport Hunting Permits:** Law 39/2005, Articles 47-59-H.
- **Control Hunting Permits:** Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 94-97; Resolution AG-0682-2011/2011.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 411. Whoever, without authorization from the competent authority or in violation of regulations on the matter, introduces, uses, or propagates wildlife species or biological or biochemical agents capable of significantly altering the animal or plant population or endangering its existence.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Wildlife (Flora and Fauna, Biodiversity).
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Introduce, use or propagate.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of danger or risk.
SANCTION	4 to 8 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

NATURAL RESOURCES

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity.)

General: Law 2/1995; Law 57/2012; Cabinet Decree 10/1972; Law 9/1995; Law 42/1996; Political Constitution/1972, Articles 119-120; Law 41/1998, Article 53; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Biological or Biochemical Agents:** Law 47/1996 ; Law 72/2001; Law 48/2002.
- **Protection:** Law 24/1995, Articles 15-17; Resolution AG-0138-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008.
- **Invasive Species:** Executive Decree 128/2018 and its Annex.

CHAPTER III

CRIMES RELATED TO PLANNING, APPROVAL, AND TERRITORIAL URBAN COMPLIANCE



TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 412. The person duly authorized to conduct environmental impact studies, environmental audits or Environmental Adjustment and Management Programs, environmental management plans, forest management plans, forest inventories or other studies of a similar nature who knowingly incorporates or provides false or inaccurate information, or omits fundamental information, if by doing so he or she endangers human health or the environment.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Qualified personnel (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Incorporate, supply, omit.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of danger or risk. Aggravating circumstance: Result crime.
SANCTION	2 to 4 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(will increase from 1/3 to 1/2) If the agent's conduct causes harm to human health or the environment or any of its components.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

If it is carried out for family subsistence (Article 424).

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Law 125/2020.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009.
- **Environmental Management Plan (EMP):** Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA, by its acronym in Spanish):** Executive Decree 57/2004, Articles 32-52; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018.
- **Forest Inventory:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 5-6; Resolution AG-0005-2013/2013.
- **Forest Management Plan:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000; Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018); Resolution AG-0005-2013/2013.
- **Health and Environmental Risk Study:** Resolution 77/1998.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 413. The public servant who, in disregard of the corresponding environmental regulations in the exercise of his functions, promotes the approval or approves an environmental impact study, Environmental Adjustment and Management Program, or other document approved by the Ministry of Environment (Law 8/2015, Article 79).

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Qualified public servant (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Promote, approve.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	2 to 4 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

If it is carried out for family subsistence (Article 424).

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Law 125/2020.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009.
- **Environmental Management Plan (EMP):** Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA):** Executive Decree 57/2004, Articles 32-52; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018.
- **Forest Inventory:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 5-6.
- **Forest Management Plan:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000; Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018).

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 414. The developer or concessionaire who fails to comply with environmental impact studies, environmental audits, Environmental Adjustment and Management Programs, environmental management plans, forest management plans, forest inventories, or other documents of a similar nature approved by the Ministry of Environment (Law 8/2015, Article 79)], or the resolution approving them.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any qualified (determined) developer or licensee.
RECTOR VERBS	Failure to comply.
CONSUMMATION	Simple: Criminal type of result. Aggravated: Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	2 to 5 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(will increase from 1/3 to 1/2) When non-compliance causes serious damage to human health or to the environment or to some of its components, or to economic activities.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(reduced from 1/3 to 1/2) When committed by fault (Article 422).

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Law 125/2020.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009.
- **Environmental Management Plan (EMP):** Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA):** Executive Decree 57/2004, Articles 32-52; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018.
- **Forest Inventory:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 5-6.
- **Forest Management Plan:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000; Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018).

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 415. Whoever, knowing of the irregularity committed, makes use of or derives benefit in any way from the conduct described in Articles 413 and 414, even if the individual has not participated in its execution, shall be punished as if the individual were the perpetrator.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any qualified person, other than a promoter, concessionaire or public official, who knows of the irregularity (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Use, take advantage.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	See articles 413 and 414.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Law 125/2020.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26.
- **Environmental Management Plan (EMP):** Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA):** Executive Decree 57/2004, Articles 32-52; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018.
- **Forest Inventory:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 5-6.
- **Forest Management Plan:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000; Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018).

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 416. The public servant who sells, donates, grants, or in any other way awards tenancy or possession over all or part of a real estate property of public domain or that is part of a protected area will be punished with five to ten years of imprisonment.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Public Assets.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any qualified public servant (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Sell, donate, grant or award.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	5 to 10 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

SEE IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 3. APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS - GROUPED BY PROTECTED LEGAL INTEREST

ENVIRONMENT

Public Assets

Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Political Constitution/1972, Article 258, No. 1-5 and Article 257, No. 1-8; Civil Code, Articles 34, 328-334 and 1670 (final para.).
- **Environmental:** Constitution, Articles 85 and 118-128; Law 41/1998, Articles 47, 51, 67, 73; Law 1/1994, Article 12; Law 37/1962, Article 68 (amended by Law 1/1994, Article 68); Law 23/1983; Law 24/1995, Articles 1 and 3, No. 3; Law 46/2001; Law 2/2006, Articles 19-39; Law 72/2008; Law 80/2009, Article 10; Resolution AG-0004-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0092-2005/2005; Executive Decree 45/2010; Resolution ADMG-005-2011/2011; Executive Decree 223/2010; Resolution DM-0139-2022 /2022.
- **Other:** Tax Code, Articles 14 and 116, No. 3; Mineral Resources Code, Article 2 (amended by Cabinet Decree 66/1990).

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TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 417. Developers, builders, or technical directors who carry out unauthorized construction on land intended for roads, in easements of rivers or natural surface watercourses, in green areas, on public domain property, or in places that have legally or administratively recognized landscape, ecological, artistic, historical, or cultural value, or that for the same reasons have been considered of special protection.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources: Water Resources (Water). Forest Resources (Forests). Environment: Public Assets.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any director, builder or qualified technical director (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Carry out.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	3 to 6 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Resources (Water)

General: Law 41/1998, Articles 66-70; Decree Law 35/1966, Articles 28, 30, 31, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 60, 61, 62.

Hydrographic Basins: Law 44/2002, Article 2.

Environmental Management Instruments

- **Permits for works in watercourses:** Executive Decree 44/2002.
- **Permits and concessions:** Executive Decree 70/1973, arts.20, 25, 27, 36.
- **Easements:** Decree 55/1973; Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021.

Forest Resources (Forests)

General: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 4, 17 (2nd paragraph), 48, 50, 118-120 and 259; Law 41/1998, Articles 59-61; Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Trees with Large Diameters:** Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009/2009.
- **State Forest Heritage Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 10-13; Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004; Executive Decree 129/2018; Executive Decree 20/2019; Executive Decree 21/2019; Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020; Executive Decree 135/2021; Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022; Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022.
- **Protected and Special Forests:** Law 1/1994, Articles 23-25.
- **Mangroves:** Law 2/2006, Article 33.

ENVIRONMENT

Public Assets

General: Political Constitution/1972, Article 258, No. 1-5 and Article 257, No. 1-8; Law 2/1916, Civil Code, Articles 34, 328-334 and 1670 (final paragraph).

Environmental: Political Constitution/1972, Articles 85 and 118-128; Law 41/1998, Articles 47, 51, 67, 73; Law 1/1994, Article 12; Law 37/1962, Article 68 (amended by Law 1/1994, Article 68); Law 23/1983; Law 24/1995, Article 1 and Article 3, No. 3; Law 46/2001; Law 2/2006, Articles 19-39; Law 72/2008; Law 80/2009, Article 10; Resolution AG-0004-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0000-2005/2005; Executive Decree 45/2010; Resolution ADMG-005-2011/2011; Executive Decree 223; Resolution DM-0139-2022/2022.

Other: Tax Code, Articles 14 and 116, No. 3; Mineral Resources Code, Article 2 (amended by Cabinet Decree 66/1990).

Historical Heritage

Constitution, Article 257, No. 7-8; Law 14/1982; Resolution AG-0363-2005/2005.

SEE ALSO IN THE ANALYTICAL INDEX: 4. PROTECTED AREAS
5. AREAS FOR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 418. The promoter or concessionaire who initiates the execution of a work or activity subject to prior approval of the environmental impact study, forest management plan, or other similar documents that, in accordance with the law, are prerequisites or conditional to initiate the work or activity, without having obtained the approval of the corresponding competent authority.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Environmental Health.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any qualified (determined) developer or licensee.
RECTOR VERBS	Initiate.
CONSUMMATION	Simple: Criminal type of result. Aggravated: Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	2 to 5 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	If the agent's conduct causes damage to the environment or any of its components, to human health or to the national economy.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

- **General:** Law 125/2020.
- **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):** Executive Decree 4/2017.
- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007; Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26.
- **Health and Environmental Risk Study:** Resolution 77/1998.
- **Environmental Management Plan (EMP):** Executive Decree 123/2009, Article 26; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022.
- **Environmental Audit (EA):** Executive Decree 57/2004; Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006; Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016.
- **Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA):** Executive Decree 57/2004, Articles 32-52; Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013; Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018.
- **Forest Inventory:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 5-6.
- **Forest Management Plan:** Law 1/1994, Article 11; Resolution JD 05-98/1998, Articles 7-8; Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000; Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004; Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018).

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 419. The authority or public servant who has approved building projects or the granting of licenses contrary to the land-use planning regulations or urban development regulations in force.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Land Management.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any qualified authority or public servant (determined).
RECTOR VERBS	Approve or grant.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of result.
SANCTION	4 to 6 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health



Environmental Management Instruments

Land Management

- **Environmental Management of the National Territory (OATN, by its acronym in Spanish):** Executive Decree 283/2006.
- **Territorial Planning for Urban Development (OTDU, by its acronym in Spanish):** Law 21/1997; Law 6/2006 (amended by Law 45/2007, Law 14/2015 and Law 63/2015); Resolution 188-93/1993 (amended by Resolution 684-2015); Resolution 139-2000/2000; Executive Decree 205/2000; Resolution 160-2002/2002; Resolution 82-2004/2004; Resolution 169-2004/2004; Resolution 234-2005/2005; Resolution 069-06/2006; Resolution 355-06/2006; Executive Decree 23/2007 (amended by Executive Decree 99/2017); Resolution 4-2009/2009; Executive Decree 150/2020.

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 420. Whoever, not complying with the existing regulations, builds or urbanizes, putting the environment or the life of the population at serious risk.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Land Management.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any individual (undetermined).
RECTOR VERBS	Build or urbanize.
CONSUMMATION	Criminal type of danger or risk.
SANCTION	2 to 4 years imprisonment.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health

Environmental Management Instruments

Land Management

- **Environmental Management of the National Territory (OATN):** Executive Decree 283/2006.
- **Territorial Planning for Urban Development (OTDU):** Law 21/1997; Law 6/2006 (amended by Law 45/2007, Law 14/2015 and Law 63/2015); Resolution 188-93/1993 (amended by Resolution 684-2015); Resolution 139-2000/2000; Executive Decree 205/2000; Resolution 160-2002/2002; Resolution 82-2004/2004; Resolution 169-2004/2004; Resolution 234-2005/2005; Resolution 069-06/2006; Resolution 355-06/2006; Executive Decree 23/2007 (amended by Executive Decree 99/2017); Resolution 4-2009/2009; Executive Decree 150/2020.

CHAPTER IV



CRIMES AGAINST DOMESTIC ANIMALS

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT



Article 421. Whoever, by acts of cruelty, causes death or serious injury to an animal used as a pet shall be punished with imprisonment of eighteen to twenty-four months or its equivalent in days-fine or weekend arrest.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Environment: Pets (Domestic animals)
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any person.
RECTOR VERBS	Kill, injure.
SANCTION	18 to 24 months imprisonment or its equivalent in days-fine or weekend arrest.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	(reduced from 1/3 to 1/2) When committed by fault (Article 422).
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	Not applicable.

EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY

Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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ENVIRONMENT

Domestic animals



Law 70/2012 (amended by Law 133/2020); Resolution 022/2000.

COMMON PROVISIONS

CHAPTER V

TYPICAL ANTI-JURIDICAL CONDUCT

Article 422. When a legal individual is used to promote, cause, subsidize, or direct any of the punishable acts harmful to the environment described in this Title, it shall be sanctioned with a minimum fine of five thousand balboas (B/.5,000.00) and a maximum fine of one hundred million balboas (B/.100,000,000.00), according to the seriousness of the environmental damage caused.

PROTECTED LEGAL ASSET	Natural Resources. Environment.
ACTIVE SUBJECT	Any legal entity.
RECTOR VERBS	Promote, cause, subsidize, or direct
SANCTION	Fine of PAB from 5,000.00 to 100,000,000.00.
AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES	Not applicable.
EXEMPTIONS OF LIABILITY	Not applicable.

ATYPICAL BEHAVIOR

Not applicable.

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All of the above

Urban and Household Sanitation Authority (AAUD, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 51/2010, of September 29 (amended by Law 39/2011 and Law 276/2021), which establishes the Urban and Household Cleaning Authority of Panama and adopts provisions for the efficiency of its management. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26631-A, of September 29, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26631-A_44046.pdf

Panama's Aquatic Resources Authority (ARAP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 44/2006 of November 23 (amended by Law 38/2010, Law 8/2015, and Law 204/2021), which establishes the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, consolidates various competencies related to marine-coastal resources, aquaculture, fishing, and associated activities within the public administration, and enacts other provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25680, of November 27, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25680_36514.pdf

Panamanian Tourism Authority (ATP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 4/2008, of February 27 (amended by Law 9/2017 and Law 359/2023), which establishes the Panama Tourism Authority and enacts other provisions. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 25989, of February 29, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25989_38717.pdf

National Public Services Authority (ASEP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 10/2006, of February 22, 2006, which reorganizes the structure and functions of the Regulatory Entity for Public Services and enacts other provisions. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 25493, of February 24, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25493_18447.pdf

Panama Canal Authority (ACP)

- **Secondary:**

Law 19/1997, of June 11, 1997, which establishes the Panama Canal Authority. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23309, of June 13, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23309_29424.pdf

Panama Maritime Authority (AMP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 7/1998 of February 10 (amended by Law 62/1999, Law 40/2005, Law 57/2008, Law 69/2009, Law 91/2013, Law 91/2013, Law 24/2014, Law 27/2014, Law 50/2017, and Law 266/2021), which establishes the Panama Maritime Authority, consolidates various maritime competencies of the public administration, and issues other provisions. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 23484, of February 17, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23484_27845.pdf

National Authority for Land Administration (ANATI, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 59/2010, of October 8, 2010, which establishes the National Land Administration Authority, consolidates the competencies of the General Directorate of Cadastral, the National Directorate of Agricultural Reform, the National Land Administration Program, and the National Geographic Institute Tommy Guardia, and enacts other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26638, of October 8, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26638-A_44100.pdf

National Customs Authority (ANA, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 1/2008 of February 13 (amended by Law 50/2013, Law 125/2013, Law 24/2014, Law 6/2015, Law 2/2016, and Law 283/2021), which establishes the National Customs Authority and enacts provisions concerning the Customs Regime. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 25984, February 22, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25984_38695.pdf

Meritorious Fire Department of the Republic of Panama (BCBRP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 10/2010 of March 16, 2010 (amended by Law 38/2013, Law 124/2013, Law 24/2014, and Law 70/2015), which establishes the Benemérito Cuerpo de Bomberos de la República de Panamá (“Meritorious Fire Brigade of the Republic of Panama”). Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26490-A, March 16, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26490-A_43326.pdf

Social Security Fund (CSS, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 134/1943, of April 17 (amended by Decree Law 21/1950, Law 18/1953, and Decree Law 14/1954), which supersedes Law 23 of 1941 on Social Security. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 9099, of May 14, 1943.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/09099_1943.pdf

Panamanian Red Cross (CRP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 40/1917, of March 1, 1917, which establishes the institution "National Red Cross" of the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 2563, March 3, 1917.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/02563_1917.pdf

Directorate of Judicial Investigation (DIJ, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secundarias:**

Law 69/2007, of December 27, 2007, which establishes the Directorate of Judicial Investigation in the National Police, assigns criminalistic services to the Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, and enacts other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25949, of December 28, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25949_38373.pdf

Institute of National Aqueducts and Sewerage Systems (IDAAN, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 77/2001, of December 28 (amended by Law 142/2020), which restructures and modernizes the Institute of National Aqueducts and Sewers and enacts other provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24461-A, of December 31, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24461-A_31932.pdf

Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (IMELCF, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 69/2007.

Available at: <https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/25949/8238.pdf>

Ministry of Environment (MiAMBIENTE, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 8/2015, of March 25, which establishes the Ministry of Environment, amends provisions of the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, and enacts other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27749-B, of March 27, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27749-B_48682.pdf

Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MICI, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 6/2006, of February 15 (amended by Law 36/2007, Law 52/2008, Law 82/2009, Law 16/2012, and Law 46/2012), which restructures the Ministry of Commerce and Industries and enacts other provisions. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 25491, of February 22, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25491_36666.pdf

Ministry of Culture (MiCULTURA, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 90/2019, of August 15, which establishes the Ministry of Culture and enacts other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28840-A, of August 16, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28840-A_53300.pdf

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MIDA, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 12/1973 of January 25, 1973 (amended by Law 70/1975, Law 21/1986, Law 28/2010, and Law 59/2010), which establishes the Ministry of Agricultural Development and outlines its functions and powers. Panama: National Council of Legislation. Official Gazette No. 17271 of January 26, 1973.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17271_15919.pdf

Public Prosecutor's Office (MP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

MP (2016). Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Unified Text of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Panama.

Available at: <https://ministeriopublico.gob.pa/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/codigo-penal-2016.pdf>

Ministry of Public Works (MOP, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 35/1978, of June 30 (amended by Law 11/2006), which reorganizes the Ministry of Public Works. Panama: National Council of Legislation. Official Gazette No. 18631, of July 31, 1978.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/18631_17555.pdf

Law 11/2006, of April 27, 2006, which amends Law 35 of 1978, reorganizing the Ministry of Public Works, and Law 94 of 1973, on contribution for valorization, and dictates another provision. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25535, of May 2, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25535_36967.pdf

Ministry of Health (MINSA, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Cabinet Decree 1/1969, of January 15, 1969, whereby the Ministry of Health is created, its structure and functions are determined, and the norms of integration and coordination of the institutions of the Health Sector are established. Panama: Provisional Government Board. Official Gazette No. 16292, of February 4, 1969.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/16292_1969.pdf

Ministry of Housing and Land Management (MIVIOT, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 61/2009, of October 23, 2009, which reorganizes the Ministry of Housing and establishes the Vice-Ministry of Land Management. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26395, of October 23, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26395_42599.pdf

Municipalities

- **Secondary:**

Law 106/1973 of October 8 (amended by Law 51/2010, Law 4/2013, Law 43/2015, Law 66/2015, and Law 16/2016), on the Municipal Regime. Panama: National Council of Legislation. Official Gazette No. 17458, October 24, 1973.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17458_16906.pdf

National Police (PN, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 18/1997, of June 3, 1997, Organic Law of the National Police. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23302, of June 4, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23302_29556.pdf

National Naval Air Service (SENAN, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 93/2013, of November 7, which reorganizes the National Aero-Naval Service of the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27411, November 8, 2013.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27411_47510.pdf

National Border Service (SENAFRONT, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 8/2008, which creates the National Border Service of the Republic of Panama. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 26109, of August 22, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26109_40129.pdf

Institutional Protection Service (SPI, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 2/1999, of July 8 (amended by Decree Law 2/2006 and Decree Law 6/2008), Organic of the Institutional Protection Service. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 23837, of July 10, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23837_28795.pdf

National Civil Protection System (SINAPROC, by its acronym in Spanish)

- **Secondary:**

Law 7/2005, of February 11, 2005, which organizes the National Civil Protection System. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25236, of February 14, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25236_36100.pdf

General

AMUMA

- **Regional:**
Law 125/2020, of February 4, which approves the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, made in Escazú, Costa Rica, on March 4, 2018. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28956-A, February 6, 2020.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28956-A_53883.pdf
- **Secondary:**
Law 38/2000, of July 31, 2000, which approves the Organic Statute of the Office of the Attorney General of the Administration, regulates the General Administrative Procedure, and dictates special provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24109, of August 2, 2000.
Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/gacetas/24109_2000.pdf

- Law 6/2002, of January 22, 2002, which dictates norms for transparency in public management, establishes the Habeas Data action, and issues other provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24476, of January 23, 2002.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24476_31120.pdf

Specials

AMP

- **Secondary:**

Law 57/2008, of August 6, 2008, General Merchant Marine Law. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26100, of August 7, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26100_40100.pdf

Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences (IMELCF)

- **Secondary:**

Law 69/2007.

- **Regulatory:**

IMELCF (2015). Manual de Procedimiento del Sistema de Cadena de Custodia ("*Procedural Manual for the Chain of Custody System*"). Panama: Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences.

Available at: <https://www.imelcf.gob.pa/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/manual-de-cadena-de-custodia.pdf>.

MiAMBIENTE

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0375-2004, of August 31, which establishes the procedures for processing the First Option Offers to Purchase Land from the National Environmental Authority (ANAM, by its acronym in Spanish, when located in the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP, by its acronym in Spanish). Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25720, January 29, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25720_2007.pdf

Executive Decree 314/2006, of December 19, which approves the Regulation of Article 16 of Law 41 of July 1, 1998, for the operation of the Interinstitutional Environmental System (SIA). Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25700, of November 28, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25700_2006.pdf

Resolution AG-0208-2007, of April 19, whereby the Genetic Resource Access Unit (UNARGEN) is created. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25798, of May 24, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25798_2007.pdf

Resolution AG-0769-2007, of December 6, whereby protection and control measures are ordered for the conservation, management, use, and transportation of renewable natural resources. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25958, January 15, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25958_2008.pdf

Executive Decree 5/2017, of February 1, which regulates the procedure of direct sanction for environmental infractions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28225-A, of February 23, 2017.

Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28225_A/60114.pdf

Executive Decree 125/2018, of September 20, which conforms the Ecological Force. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28622, September 28, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28622_2018.pdf

Resolution DM-0221-2019, of June 24, establishing the requirements for the submission of plans and cartographic data for consideration of the Ministry of Environment and the procedure for their processing. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28804, of June 26, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28804_2019.pdf

Executive Decree 125/2021, of March 2, establishes the new Organic Structure and the Organization and Functions Manual of the Ministry of Environment and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29231-B, of March 2, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29231-B_56020.pdf

Resolution DM-0427-2021/2021, of August 11, establishes the procedure for communicating the occurrence of environmental incidents and/or accidents to the Ministry of Environment. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29357-B, August 20, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29357-B_56852.pdf

Executive Decree 15/2022, of December 19, creates the Center of Coordination for the Monitoring, Preservation, and Protection of the Marine and Coastal Ecosystem and establishes other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29685-C, of December 19, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29685-C_59314.pdf

MP

- **Secondary:**

MP (2018). Office of the Attorney General of the Nation. Criminal Procedural Code of the Republic of Panama (Annotated).

Available at: <https://ministeriopublico.gob.pa/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/CODIGO-PROCESAL-PENAL-Comentado-COMPLETO-20-AGO-2018.pdf>

Municipalities

- **Secondary:**

Law 37/2009, of June 29 (amended by Law 77/2009, Law 14/2015, Law 65/2015, Law 66/2015, Law 139/2020, Law 155/2020, Law 205/2021, Law 285/2022, and Law 338/2022), which decentralizes public administration. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26314, June 30, 2009.

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Supplements

- **Secondary:**

Código Judicial (Texto Único 2001), Libro II (Procedimiento Civil).
Judicial Code (Unified Text 2001), Book II (Civil Procedure).

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24384_2001.pdf

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Air

General

- **Primary:**

Political Constitution/1972 (amended in 1978, 1983, 1994, and 2004). November 15, 2004. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25716, November 15, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25176_2004.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998, of October 4 (Unique Text 2016), General Environmental Law of the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28131, October 4, 2016.

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Law 287/2022, of February 24, which recognizes the rights of nature and the obligations of the State related to these rights. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29484-A, February 24, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29484-A_57838.pdf

Contamination

Fuels and Lead

- **Secondary:**

Law 36/1996, of May 17, 1996, establishes controls to avoid environmental contamination caused by fuels and lead. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23040, May 21, 1996.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23040_27094.pdf

Fixed Sources

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution DG-0025-98/1998, of June 30, 1998 (amended by Resolution 0020-98/1998), whereby emission and immission standards are adopted for the environmental control of the generation, transmission, and distribution facilities of the Instituto de Recursos Hidráulicos y Electrificación (*Institute of Hydraulic Resources and Electrification*). Panama: INRENARE. Official Gazette No. 23604, August 10, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23604_1998.pdf

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Executive Decree 5/2009, of February 4, 2009, which dictates Environmental Norms of Emissions from Fixed Sources. Panama: Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF). Official Gazette No. 26291-A, May 28, 2009.

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Gases

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 165/2001, of July 25, 2001, which prohibits the installation of ethylene oxide gas sterilization machines in health facilities from the date of the promulgation of this Resolution. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 24367, August 16, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24367_2001.pdf

Resolution 106-OMI-18-DGMM/2007, of December 13, 2007, which unifies the various implementations that exist in reference to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code). Panama: Directorate General of Merchant Marine. Official Gazette No. 26011, April 3, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26011_2008.pdf

Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)

AMUMA

- **Universal MEAs**

Law 10/1995, of April 12, 1995, which approves the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, made in New York on May 9, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22763, April 17, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22763_24099.pdf

Law 88/1998, of November 30, 1998, which approves the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, done in Kyoto on December 11, 1997. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23703, December 31, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23703_28709.pdf

Law 38/2015, of June 3, which approves the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, adopted in Doha on December 8, 2012. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27801-A, June 12, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27801-A_48837.pdf

Law 40/2016, of September 12, which approves the Paris Agreement, made in Paris on December 12, 2015. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28115-B, September 12, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28115-B_50254.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 100/2020, of October 20, which regulates Chapter II of Title V of the Unique Text of Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General Environmental Law of the Republic of Panama, on the Mitigation of Global Climate Change, creates the Reduce Your Footprint National Program for the Management and Monitoring of Low Carbon Economic and Social Development in the Republic of Panama, and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29138-C, October 20, 2020.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29138-C_55260.pdf

Executive Decree 135/2021, of April 30, which regulates Chapter I of Title V of the Unique Text of Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General of the Environment of the Republic of Panama, on Adaptation to Global Climate Change, and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29284-A, of May 13, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29284-A_56359.pdf

Resolution DM-0224-2021/2021, of May 5, which adopts the Technical Standard of Reduce Your Corporate Footprint - Carbon, establishes the Corporate RTH Virtual Platform and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29281, of May 10, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29281_56347.pdf

Executive Decree 142/2021, of December 9, which progressively and gradually establishes the National Carbon Market of Panama (NCMP, by its acronym in Spanish). Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29430-C, December 9, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29430-C_57367.pdf

Resolution DM-0127-2022/2022, of June 9, which approves the Climate Change Vulnerability Index of the Republic of Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29558-A, June 16, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29558-A_58319.pdf

Resolution DM-0128-2022/2022, of June 9, which approves the "Guía Técnica Comunitaria para la Adaptación" ("Community Technical Guide for Adaptation"). Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29558-A, June 16, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29558-A_58320.pdf

Executive Decree 10/2022, of June 16, which adopts the National Climate Action Plan and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29558-C, of June 16, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29558-C_58323.pdf

Resolution DM-0138-2022/2022, of July 5, which adopts the Procedures Manual of the Sustainable System of National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (SSINGEI, by its acronym in Spanish). Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29581-C, July 19, 2022.

Motor Vehicles

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 255/1998, of December 18, 1998, which regulates articles 7, 8 and 10 of the Law No. 36 of May 17, 1996, and other provisions on the subject. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23697, of December 22, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23697_29903.pdf

Resolution 0076/2000, of March 1, 2000, which establishes the Use of Lead-free Gasoline and Premium Diesel, and orders the Verification of Vehicle Emissions of Land Motor Vehicles of the National Environmental Authority. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24093, of July 11, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24093_2000.pdf

Resolution 309/2000, of September 25, 2000, which establishes the Use of Lead-Free Gasoline in all internal combustion vehicles that use gasoline. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 24159, October 12, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24159_2000.pdf

Executive Decree 38/2009, of June 3, 2009, by which Environmental Emission Standards for Motor Vehicles are dictated. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26303, of June 15, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26303_2009.pdf

Resolution DM-0226-2019/2019, of June 25, regulating articles 4 and 10 of the Executive Decree 38 of June 3, 2009, on automotive vehicle emissions measurements. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28804, of June 26, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28804_2019.pdf

Noise

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 505/1999, of October 6, 1999, Technical Regulation DGNTI/COPANIT-45-2000. Higiene y Seguridad Industrial, Condiciones de Higiene y Seguridad en Ambientes de Trabajo donde se generen Vibraciones (“Industrial Hygiene and Safety, Hygiene and Safety Conditions in Work Environments where Vibrations are generated”). Panama: DGNTI/MICI. Official Gazette No. 24163, October 18, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24163_2000.pdf

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Executive Decree 306/2002, of September 4, which adopts the Regulation for the control of noise in public spaces, residential or living areas, as well as in work environments. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 24635, of September 10, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24635_2002.pdf

Executive Decree 1/2004, of January 15, 2004, which determines the levels of noise for residential and industrial areas. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 24970, of January 20, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24970_2004.pdf

Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

- **Universal Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs):**

Law 2/1989, of January 3, 1989, which approves the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 21207, January 5, 1989.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21207_21489.pdf

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Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21212_21558.pdf

Law 87/1998, of November 30, 1998, which approves the Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, adopted at the Ninth Meeting of States Parties, held in Montreal from September 15 to 17, 1997. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23701, of December 29, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23701_28909.pdf

Law 51/2001, of October 17, 2001, which approves the Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted in Beijing, on December 3, 1999. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24413, of October 19, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24413_32238.pdf

Law 87/2017 of December 19, 2017, which approves the Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted in Kigali, Rwanda on October 15, 2016. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28429-A, of December 20, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28429-A_51450.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 225/1998, of November 16, 1998, which regulates Law 7 of January 3, 1989 on the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Panama: Ministry of Health (MINSa). Official Gazette No. 23676, of November 20, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23676_28939.pdf

Resolution 598/2004, of August 6, 2004, which establishes the mechanisms for the regulation and control of imports of ozone-depleting substances, corresponding to Annex A, Group 1, of the Montreal Protocol. Panama: General Directorate of Public Health of MINSa. Official Gazette No. 25119, of August 19, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25119_2004.pdf

Chemical Substances

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 124/2001 of March 20, 2001, which approves the Technical Regulation DGNTI-COPANIT-43-2001 Industrial Hygiene and Safety. Hygiene and Safety Conditions for the control of Atmospheric Contamination in Work Environments produced by Chemical Substances. Panama: General Directorate of Standards and Industrial Technology (DGNTI) of the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MICI). Official Gazette No. 24303, of May 17, 2001.

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Forest Resources (Forests)

General

- **Primary:**

Legislative Act 1/2004

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Agricultural Code (Law 55/2011, of May 23, which adopts the Agricultural Code of the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26795-A, of May 30, 2011)

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26795-A_44876.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

AG-0391-2008/2008, of May 9, 2008, by which criteria are established for granting of ANAM (ANAM, by its acronym in Spanish) Favorable Concept, as part of the land titling processes, within the framework of the National Land Administration Program (PRONAT, by its acronym in Spanish)

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26079_2008.pdf

Specials

State Forest Heritage Forests

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994, of February 3 (amended by Law 30/1994, Law 5/2005, Law 8/2015, Law 69/2017 and Law 91/2017), which establishes the Forestry Legislation of the Republic of Panama is established, and other provisions are issued. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22470, of February 7, 1994.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22470_26605.pdf

Law 69/2017, of October 30, which creates an incentive program for forest cover and conservation of natural forests, and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28397-C, October 30, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28397-C_51309.pdf

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Resolution AG-0774-2004/2004, of December 29, 2004, which establishes the criteria and basic technical parameters for seed trees that must remain in the forest after logging, to ensure the future availability of commercial timber species in forests under sustainable management. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25218, January 17, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25218_2005.pdf

Executive Decree 129/2018, of December 26, which approves the Regulations of Law 69 of October 30, 2017, which creates an Incentive Program for Forest Cover and the Conservation of Natural Forests. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28684-B, December 27, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28684-B_2018.pdf

Executive Decree 20/2019, of March 28, which approves the National Forestry Strategy 2018-2050. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28745-A, April 2, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28745-A_2019.pdf

Executive Decree 21/2019 of May 2, which amends Executive Decree No. 129 of December 26, 2018, that approves the Regulations of Law 69 of October 30, 2017, "which creates an Incentive Program for Forest Cover and the Conservation of Natural Forests". Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28766-A, May 3, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28766-A_2019.pdf

Resolution DM-0285-2020/2020, of Tuesday, October 6, which approves the use of the "Diagnóstico sobre la Cobertura de Bosques y otras Tierras Boscosas de Panamá, 2019" ("Diagnosis on the Coverage of Forests and other Wooded Lands of Panama, 2019"). Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29131-A, October 9, 2020.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29131_55217.pdf

Executive Decree 137/2021, of May 21, which creates the National Forest Restoration Program 2021-2025, promoting the Low Carbon Economic and Social Development Strategy to achieve the long-term national goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. It contributes to the progressive increase in the level of ambition of the nationally determined contributions to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29294-A, May 26, 2021.

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Annex available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29296-A_56428.pdf

Resolution DM-0103-2022/2022, of April 1, which establishes the requirements for requesting the permit to cut and/or prune trees or bushes for the maintenance of the National Electric System and approves the parameters for the preparation of the Grid Maintenance Plan by the electric distribution companies. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29522-A, April 22, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29522-A_58093.pdf

Resolution DM-0148-2022/2022, of July 21, which approves the use of the Forest Cover and Land Use Map 2021. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29591-A, August 2, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29591-A_58528.pdf

Resolution DM-0201-2022/2022, of November 24, which adopts regulatory measures on forest harvesting at the national level and other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29675-A, December 2, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29675-A_59227.pdf

Protected and Special Forests

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994

Advertising and/or Tree Signs

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution DM-0090-2019/2019, of March 18, which dictates measures on the placement, by any method, of advertisements and/or propaganda on trees and palms. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28737, March 21, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28737_2019.pdf

Protection of Trees with Large Diameters

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0438-2009/2009, of June 18, which establishes measures for the protection of trees with large diameters in the Republic of Panama. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26334, July 29, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26334_2009.pdf

Mangroves

- **Secondary:**

Law 2/2006, of January 7, which regulates the Concessions for Tourist Investment and the Alienation of Insular Territory for purposes of its Tourist Use and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25,461, January 11, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25461_19882.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution DM-0207-2021/2021, of April 28, which approves the Manual of Restoration Techniques for Degraded Mangrove Areas in Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29279, May 6, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29279_56329.pdf

Environmental Management Instruments

Ecological Compensation

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution JD 05-98

Resolution AG-0235-2003/2003, of June 12, which establishes the fee for the payment of ecological compensation for the issuance of permits for clear-cutting and elimination of undergrowth or grass formations, required for the execution of development works, infrastructure, and buildings. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24833, June 30, 2003.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24833_2003.pdf

Logging Permits for Development Works or Projects and Human Activities

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0397-2003 /2003, of September 17, which delegates the responsibility, authority and competence to grant or deny the logging permits for works or development projects and human activities . Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24899, October 1, 2003.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24899_2003.pdf

Tree/Shrub Cutting/Pruning Permits for Reasons other than those known as Subsistence and Domestic Permits

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0107-2005/2005, of February 17, which empowers the heads of Agencies of the National Environmental Authority (ANAM), in coordination with its regional administrators, to authorize the Tree/Shrub Cutting/Pruning Permits for Reasons other than those known as Subsistence and Domestic Permits, and to grant the Free Designed Guide and make the records and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25244, February 24, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25244_2005.pdf

Special Forestry Harvesting Permits

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0681-2012/2012, of December 3, which establishes the procedure for harvesting and trade of forest products and by-products from special forest harvesting permits and establishes other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27182, December 12, 2012.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27182_2012.pdf

Resolution DM-0055-2020/2020, of February 7, which empowers the heads of Agencies of the Ministry of Environment, in coordination with the regional directors of the Ministry, to authorize the felling or pruning of trees/s-hrubs for reasons other than the so-called subsistence and domestic permits, issue transport guides, make statistical records, and issue other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28967-A, February 21, 2020.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28967-A_2020.pdf

Special Forest Harvesting Permits for Domestic or Subsistence Use

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0568-2002/2002 of November 27, which empowers regional administrators to grant special permits for domestic or subsistence forest harvesting. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24697, December 11, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24697_2002.pdf

Resolution AG-0466-03/2003, of October 20, 2003, which approves the application and authorization forms for special permits for domestic or subsistence forest harvesting and for the issuance of timber movement guides. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24995, of February 20, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24995_2004.pdf

Special Forest Harvesting Permits for Domestic Use

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution JD 05-98/1998, of January 22 (amended by Resolution AG-0354-2009), which regulates Law 1 of February 3, 1994, and issues other provisions. Panama: Board of Directors of the National Institute of Renewable Natural Resources (INRENARE). Official Gazette No. 23495, March 6, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23495_1998.pdf

Special Forest Harvesting Permits for Subsistence Use

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0722-2004/2004, of December 10, which adopts measures for the adopted on Special Permits for Subsistence Forestry Harvesting in the Province of Darien, East Panama and other Subsistence Forest Harvesting in the Province of Darien, East Panama and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25230 of February 1, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25230_2005.pdf

Resolution DM-0449-2015/2015, of October 26, which establishes the procedure for granting special permits for the harvesting of individual trees on farms with natural forest, as a modality of the special permits for subsistence forest harvesting, as provided for by Article 27, numeral 1 of Law 1 of February 3, 1994. Panama: Ministry of Environment (MiAMBIENTE). Official Gazette No. 27908, November 16, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27908_2015.pdf

Slashing and Burning

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0136-2002/2002, of April 5, which delegates the authority, responsibility and competence for the issuance of slash and burn permits. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24530, April 12, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24530_2002.pdf

Resolution AG-0054-2004/2004, of February 20, by means of which the formats for requesting slash and prescribed burning permits are adopted. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25004, March 9, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25004_2004.pdf

Resolution AG-0192-2005/2005, of March 30, which adopts the formats for the authorization of slash and prescribed burning permits and issues other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25276, April 12, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25276_2005.pdf

Resolution DM-0020-2017/2017, of January 20, which establishes burn control measures and conditions for the granting of burning permits. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28204, January 25, 2017. Available at:

http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28204_2017.pdf

Environmental Supervision, Control and Inspection

Timber Cubing

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0168-2007/2007, of April 2 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018), which regulates the cubic volume of timber and sets the margin of tolerance for logging volumes authorized through permits, concessions, or other forest harvesting authorizations. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25784, May 4, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25784_2007.pdf

Confiscation

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution JD-05-98/1998

Resolution AG-0210-2005/2005, of April 6, which establishes the procedure for the confiscation of instruments, tools, or materials used in acts of illegal logging or destruction of forest resources. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25287, April 27, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25287_2005.pdf

Transportation and Export Guides

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution JD-05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0354-2009/2009, of May 19, whereby Article 83-A is added to Resolution JD-05-98/1998, rules are issued for the processing of Forestry Transport Permits for forest products from the Panama Canal water reservoirs, functions are delegated and other provisions are issued. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26295, of June 3, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26295_2009.pdf

Resolution DM-0059-2019/2019, of March 8, which approves the use of a security seal during transportation in closed containers of timber from commercial plantations for export at the national level. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28731, March 13, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28731_2019.pdf

Resolution DM-0174-2019/2019, dated May 23, which regulates the transportation of wood in logs, blocks, sawn, semi-sawn, and other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28784, May 29, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28784_2019.pdf

Executive Decree 107/2021, of January 19, which regulates the export of wood from natural forests or extracted from water reservoirs and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29207-A, of January 28, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29207-A_55856.pdf

Label

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0244-2011/2011, of April 21, which allows the registration of a label before the National Environmental Authority, for timber from natural forests to be mobilized or transported in the national territory. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26774-B, April 28, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26774-B_2011.pdf

Forestry Registration

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0444-2011/2011, of July 8, which delegates functions and establishes the requirements for registration in the Forestry Registry Book, for the activities established in Article 8 of Law 1 of February 3, 1994. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26845, August 8, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26845_2011.pdf

Forestry Oversight Bodies

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution DM-0210-2019/2019, of June 20, which establishes the Forestry Oversight Program of the Ministry of Environment and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28802-A, of June 24, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28802-A_2019.pdf

Direct Sale of Retained or Confiscated Wood

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0423-2010/2010, of March 30, which regulates the direct sale of retained or confiscated timber and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26518, April 23, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26518_2010.pdf

Water Resources (Water)

General

- **Primary:**

Political Constitution/1972.

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Secondary:**

Decree Law 35/1966, of September 22, which regulates the use of waters. Panama: Permanent Legislative Commission. Official Gazette No. 15725, October 14, 1966.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/15725_1966.pdf

Decree Law 2/1997, of January 7 (amended by Law 77/2001), which establishes the regulatory and institutional framework for the provision of potable water and sanitary sewerage services. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 23201, January 11, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23201_26406.pdf

Law 77/2001.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 028/1994, of January 31, which establishes the basic norms for the rational use of water in rural aqueducts, for the protection and conservation of their sources of supply and their area of influence and some specific provisions for the administration, operation and maintenance of these sanitary works. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 22472, of February 9, 1994.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22472_1994.pdf

Resolution AG-0842-2007/2007, of December 28, which establishes the contents of the 90Article of the Hydrological Studies for Hydroelectric Plants and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25994, of March 7, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25994_2008.pdf

Resolution DM-0020-2016/2016, of January 26, which establishes measures for the use of raw water for recreational use during carnival and other festivities, during the dry season. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 27956-B, January 26, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27956-B_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0023-2016/2016, of January 29, amending Resolution DM-0020 of January 26, 2016, which establishes measures for the use of raw water for recreational use during carnival and other festivities, during the dry season. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 27961-A, February 2, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27961-A_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0108-2021/2021, of March 5, which permanently exempts the Rural Aqueduct Administration Boards (JAAR'S), at a national level, to make the payments regulated by the Ministry of the Environment, corresponding to the application process for the Permanent Concession of Water Use Rights. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29239, of March 12, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29239_56058.pdf

Resolution DM-0321-2021/2021, of June 15, which approves the National Plan against Drought. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29311-A, June 18, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29311-A_56556.pdf

Watersheds

- **Secondary:**

Law 44/2002, of August 5, 2002, which establishes the Special Administrative Regime for the management, protection and conservation of the hydrographic basins of the Republic of Panama. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24613, of August 8, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24613_33454.pdf

Environmental Management Instruments

Water Use Concessions (Juridical Persons)

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004, of May 7 (amended by Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005 and Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015), which establishes the requirements for requesting transitory or permanent concessions for water use rights and other provisions are issued. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25053, May 19, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25053_2004.pdf

Resolution AG-0494-2005/2005, of September 13, which amends Resolution AG-0145-2004/2004, which establishes the requirements to request transitory or permanent concessions for water use rights and other provisions, and repeals Resolution AG-0191-2005/2005, which establishes the requirements for Mini Hydroelectric Power Plants of 10 megawatts to request transitory or permanent concessions for water use rights, and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25392-A, September 23, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25392-A_2005.pdf

Resolution DM-0434-2015/2015, of October 20, by which Article 2-a is added to Resolution AG-0145-2004 of May 7, 2004, which establishes the requirements to request transitory or permanent concessions for water use rights and other provisions are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 27898, October 27, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27898_2015.pdf

Permits for works in watercourses

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 44/2002, of May 6, which regulates the construction of structures over open courses of natural waters in urban areas. Panama: Ministry of Public Works (MOP). Official Gazette No. 24547, May 8, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24547_2002.pdf

Resolution DM-0431-2021/2021, of August 16, which establishes the requirements for the authorization of works in natural watercourses in the Republic of Panama and other provisions are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29362, of August 26, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29362_56885.pdf

Permits and Concessions for Discharge

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0466-2002/2002, of September 20, which establishes the requirements for applications for permits or concessions for discharges of used or residual waters.

Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24652, October 3, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24652_2002.pdf

Permits and Concessions for Beneficial Use

- **Secondary:**

Law 46/2021, of October 13, which establishes the management, treatment and reuse of water in vehicle washing stations. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29398-B, October 15, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29398-B_57119.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 70/1973, of July 27, which regulates the Granting of Permits and Concessions for Water Use and determines the Integration and Functioning of the Water Resources Advisory Council. Panama: Ministry of Agricultural Development (MIDA). Official Gazette No. 17429, of September 11, 1973.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17429_1973.pdf

Resolution DM-0034-2017/2017, of January 31 (amended by Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017/2017), which establishes measures on the use of raw water for recreational use during carnival and other festivities, during the dry season. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28213-A, February 7, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28213-A_2017.pdf

Resolution DM-0073-2017/2017, of February 21, amending Resolution DM-0034-2017 of January 31, 2017, which establishes measures for the use of raw water for recreational use during carnival and other festivities, during the dry season. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28226, February 24, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28226_2017.pdf

Easements

- **Regulatory:**

Decree 55/1973, of June 13, 1973, which regulates water easements. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 17610, of June 7, 1974.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17610_1974.pdf

Resolution DM-0636-2021/2021, of December 17, which regulates the service provided for the sealing of fluvial or water easement plans and for the certification of water easements. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29443, of December 28, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29443_57454.pdf

Contamination

Wastewater

- **Secondary:**

Sanitary Code (Law 66/1947, of November 10 (amended by Law 3/1956, Law 17/1959, 21/1979, Law 40/2006, Law 5/2007 and Law 13/2008, which approves the Sanitary Code). Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 10467 of December 6, 1947).

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/10467_1947.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 75/2008, of June 4, which establishes the primary environmental quality standard and quality levels for inland waters for recreational use with and without direct contact. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26078, July 8, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26078_2008.pdf

Resolution 49/2000, of February 2, 2000, which approves Technical Regulation DGNTICOPANIT 24-99 Water. Reuse of treated wastewater. Panama: DGNTI del MICI. Official Gazette No. 24008, March 13, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24008_2000.pdf

Resolution AG-0026-2002/2002, of January 30, which establishes the compliance schedules for the characterization and adaptation to the technical regulations for wastewater discharges DGNTI-COPANIT 35-2000 and DGNTI-COPANIT 39-2000. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24490, February 8, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24490_2002.pdf

Liquid Effluents

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 350/2000, of July 26, which approves the Technical Regulation DGNTI-COPANIT 39-2000 Water. Discharge of liquid effluents directly to wastewater collection systems. Panama: DGNTI del MICI. Official Gazette No. 24115, August 10, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24115_2000.pdf

Resolution 351/2000, of July 26, which approves the technical regulation DGNTI- COPANIT 35. Water. Discharge of liquid effluents directly to surface and ground water bodies and masses. Panama: DGNTI of the MICI. Official Gazette No. 24115, August 10, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24115_2000.pdf

Resolution DM-0581-2021/2021, of October 29, which establishes the procedure to grant Concessions for the Discharge of liquid effluents into bodies and masses of inland and marine waters, obtain Exceptional Authorization, Authorization to reduce the minimum frequency of monitoring, and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29418, November 18, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29418_57280.pdf

Sludge

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 352/2000, of July 26, which approves the Technical Regulation DGNTI-COPANIT-47-2000 Water. Uses and Final Disposal of Sludge. Panama: DGNTI del MICI. Official Gazette No. 24115, August 10, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24115_2000.pdf

Discharge of waste and other materials into the sea

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 18/1975, of October 23, 1975, which approves the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other materials. Panama: National Assembly of Township Representatives. Official Gazette No. 18080, May 5, 1976.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/18080_19753.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 18/2022, of December 30, which approves the National Marine Garbage Action Plan 2022-2027, and other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29695-C, January 5, 2023.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29695-C_59429.pdf

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture)

General

- **Primary:**

Political Constitution/1972.

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **AMUMA Universales:**

Law 64/2008, of October 29, 2008, which approves the Agreement on the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10, 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted in New York on August 4, 1995. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26160, of November 6, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26160_40772.pdf

Law 43/2016, of September 14, which approves the Agreement on Port State Measures Aimed at Preventing, Discouraging and Eliminating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, made in Rome, on November 22, 2009. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28117-B, of September 14, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28117-B_50262.pdf

- **Regional MEAs:**

Law 74/1998, of November 10, which approves the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna, done in Rio de Janeiro, on May 14, 1966. Official Gazette No. 23673, of November 17, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23673_28606.pdf

Law 265/2021, of December 23, which approves the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, made in Auckland, on November 14, 2009. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29440-C, of December 23, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29440-C_57443.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 204/2021, of March 18, which regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29244-A, of March 18, 2021.

Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/29244_A/83941.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 29/1994, of June 24, which prohibits the capture and export of fish associated with coral areas. Panama: MICI. Official Gazette No. 22576, of July 11, 1994.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22576_1994.pdf

Executive Decree 76/1994, of October 4, 1994, which resolves not to issue new Deep Sea Shrimp Fishing Licenses. Panama: MICI. Official Gazette No. 22653, October 27, 1994.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22653_1994.pdf

Executive Decree 22/1997, of June 2, which establishes a prohibited area for industrial fishing in the province of Los Santos. Panama: MICI. Official Gazette No. 23305, June 9, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23305_1997.pdf

Executive Decree 33/1997, of August 20, which regulates the fishing of certain species and adopts other provisions. Panama: MICI. Official Gazette No. 23361, of August 25, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23361_1997.pdf

Executive Decree 82/2005, of April 1, which establishes the use of the Sea Turtle Excluder Device for all vessels that fish using trawl nets in the Jurisdictional Waters of the Republic of Panama. Panama: Ministry of the Presidency. Official Gazette No. 25272, of April 6, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25272_2005.pdf

Executive Decree 83/2005, of April 7, which establishes the installation of a Satellite Monitoring System for industrial fishing vessels of internal service in the Republic of Panama. Panama: Ministry of the Presidency. Official Gazette No. 25273, April 7, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25273_2005.pdf

Resolution ARAP-01/2007, of March 14, which adopts the Agreement on Exceptions for the Capture of Marine Mammals for Captivity, issued on January 18, 2007, by the Steering Committee of the Panama Marine Corridor. Panama: Panama Aquatic Resources Authority (ARAP). Official Gazette No. 25753 of March 20, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25753_2007.pdf

Resolution ADM-ARAP-013/2009, of February 9, which adopts the National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Shark Fisheries. Panama: ARAP. Official Gazette No. 26370-B, September 17, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26370-B_2009.pdf

Decree 569/2011, of September 8, which approves the document titled "Manual de procedimiento para la veda del camarón de la Panama Aquatic Resources Authority (ARAP)" ("Procedural manual for the shrimp closure of the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP)"). Panama: Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic. Official Gazette No. 26925, of December 5, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26925_2011.pdf

Resolution DGMM-106-44/2018, of May 30, which implements the installation in all inland service vessels and those operating within the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama, regardless of whether or not they belong to the National Merchant Registry, of a Remote Positioning and Tracking Device. Panama: Panama Maritime Authority (AMP). Official Gazette No. 28543, of June 8, 2018.

Available at: <https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28543/67903.pdf>

Resolution DGMM-106-95/2018, of November 19, which postpones the periods of the schedule indicated in Article Three of Resolution 106-44-DGMM of May 30, 2018, by which the operation of a Remote Positioning and Tracking Device is made mandatory, as indicated in Article One of said resolution, as of the entry into force of this resolution. Panama: AMP. Official Gazette No. 28662, of November 26, 2018.

Available at: <https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28662/70423.pdf>

Resolution DGMM-106-83/2021, of June 23, which amends Article One of Resolution 106-95-DGMM of November 19, 2018. Panama: AMP. Official Gazette No. 29322-A, of July 2, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29322-A_56641.pdf

Environmental Management Instruments

Authorizations, Permits or Licenses for Fishing, Aquaculture, Related Activities or Activities related to Fishing

- **Secondary:**
Law 204/2021.

Prior approval of the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) in areas of canal compatibility

- **Secondary:**
Law 204/2021.

Fishing Licenses for Domestic Consumption

- **Secondary:**
Law 204/2021.

Scientific Research Permits

- **Secondary:**
Law 204/2021.

Fishing Permits in Protected Areas

- **Secondary:**
Law 24/1995, of June 7 (amended by Law 5/2005, Law 39/2005 and Law 8/2015), which establishes the Wildlife Legislation in the Republic of Panama and establishes other Provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22801, June 7, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetatas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22801_24148.pdf

Mineral Resources

General

- **Primary:**
Political Constitution/1972.
- **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Secondary:**
Decree Law 23/1963, of August 22, which approves the Code of Mineral Resources. Panama: Permanent Legislative Commission. Official Gazette No. 15162, July 13, 1964.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/15162_1964.pdf
- **Regulatory:**
Resolution 109/1995, of July 14, which establishes a protection limit for the Coastal Zone of Influence. Panama: General Directorate of Mineral Resources. Official Gazette No. 22876, September 25, 1995.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22876_1995.pdf

Soil

General

- **Universal MEA:**
Law 9/1996, of January 3, which approves the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, done in Paris on June 17, 1994. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22946, January 6, 1996.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22946_26179.pdf
- **Primary:**
Political Constitution/1972.
- **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0648-2004 /2004, of November 12, which approves the National Action Program (PAN) to Combat Drought and Desertification. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25186, November 30, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25186_2004.pdf

Contamination

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 2/2009, of January 14, which establishes the Environmental Standard of Soil Quality for various uses. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26230, of February 27, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26230_2009.pdf

Pesticides, Fertilizers and Phytosanitary Inputs

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 12/2000, of June 14, which approves the Rotterdam Convention for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Official Gazette No. 24077, June 19, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24077_30157.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 47/1996, of July 9, which establishes measures for phytosanitary protection and adopts other provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23078, of July 12, 1996.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23078_25417.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 63/1997, of September 1, which regulates Chapter V of Title III of the Law 47 of July 9, 1996, on control of pesticides and fertilizers: registration, application, activity and service, and creates the Technical Commission on Pesticides. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 23372 of September 8, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23372_27529.pdf

Resolution 074-ADM/1997, of September 18, defining the pesticide prohibited for use in the Republic of Panama and providing the list. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 23388 of September 30, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23388_1997.pdf

Resolution ALP-023/1998, of April 22, which establishes the regulations and procedure for the registration, handling, and safe and effective use of additives, fertilizers, technical materials, and pesticides for use in agriculture. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 23538, May 8, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23538_1998.pdf

Resolution ALP-006-ADM/1999, of February 2, which includes the active ingredient Paraquat in the list of restricted phytosanitary inputs for sale, use, handling and distribution activities. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 23731, of February 09, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23731_1999.pdf

Coastal Marine Resources

General

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 2/1995, of January 12, which approves the Convention on Biological Diversity, made in Rio de Janeiro on June 5, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22704, of January 17, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22704_25033.pdf

Law 38/1996, of June 4, which approves the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23056, of June 12, 1996.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23056_24858.pdf

Law 72/2001, of December 26, which approves the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, done in Montreal, on January 29, 2000. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24460, of December 28, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24460_31776.pdf

Law 30/2003, of March 26, which approves the Protocol of 1997 amending the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978, done at London, on September 26, 1997. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24773, of April 2, 2003.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24773_32875.pdf

Law 30/2007, of July 11, which approves the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, done in London on October 5, 2001. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25833, of July 12, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25833_37325.pdf

Law 57/2012, which approves the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, done in Nagoya, on October 29, 2010. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27137-A, of October 8, 2012.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27137-A_46384.pdf

Law 41/2016 of September 12, which approves the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, adopted by the International Maritime Organization on February 27, 2004. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28117-B, September 14, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28117-B_50261.pdf

- **Regional MEAs:**

Cabinet Decree 10/1972, of January 27, which approves the Convention for the Protection of the Flora, Fauna, and Natural Scenic Beauties of the Countries of the Americas. Panama: Provisional Government Board. Official Gazette No. 17035, of February 8, 1972.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17035_1972.pdf

Law 4/1986, of March 25, which approves the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Zone of the Southeast Pacific. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 20534, April 17, 1986.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/20534_1986.pdf

Law 7/1986, of April 4, which approves the Protocol for the Protection of the Southeast Pacific against Pollution from Land-Based Sources. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 20533, of April 16, 1986.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/20533_1986.pdf

Law 9/1995, of April 12, which approves the Convention for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Protection of Priority Wildlife Areas in Central America, signed in Managua, Nicaragua on June 5, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22763, of April 17, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22763_24092.pdf

Law 42/1996, of July 5, which approves the Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region, done in Kingston, Jamaica on January 18, 1990. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23076 of July 10, 1996.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23076_25380.pdf

Law 26/2003, of March 26, which approves the Protocol on Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, done at Oranjestad, Aruba, on October 6, 1999. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24773, of April 2, 2003.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24773_32835.pdf

- **Primary:**

Political Constitution/1972.

- **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Specials

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 6/1989, of January 3, which approves the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention) and the Protocol to amend them. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 21211, of January 12, 1989.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21211_21518.pdf

Law 75/1998, of November 10, which approves the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program, made in Washington, D.C, on May 21, 1998. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23673, of November 17, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23673_28619.pdf

- **Regional MEAs:**

Law 8/2008, of January 4, which approves the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, signed in Caracas, Venezuela on December 1, 1996. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25955, of January 10, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25955_38407.pdf

- **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.

Law 13/2005, of May 5, which establishes the Panama Marine Corridor. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25293, of May 6, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25293_35273.pdf

Law 9/2006, of March 16, which prohibits the practice of shark finning in the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama and establishes other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25506, of March 20, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25506_35473.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0491-2006/2006, of September 8, which regulates Articles 94 and 95 of the Law 41 of 1998 General Environment: use, management and conservation of coastal and marine resources in protected areas of Panama. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25647, October 6, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25647_2006.pdf

Resolution ARAP-01/2008, of January 29, 2008, which establishes all coastal marine wetland areas, particularly mangroves in the Republic of Panama, as special coastal marine management zones and establishes other measures. Panama: ARAP. Official Gazette No. 25988, of February 28, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25988_2008.pdf

Executive Decree 9/2009, of April 21, which protects the whale shark, prohibits its fishing, capture and commercialization in the Republic of Panama and establishes other provisions. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 26270, of April 28, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26270_2009.pdf

Executive Decree 127/2018, of December 18, which establishes the National Policy on State Wetlands in the Republic of Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28681-B, December 21, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28681-B_2018.pdf

Executive Decree 19/2019, of March 26, which regulates the access and control of the use of biological and genetic resources in the Republic of Panama and other measures are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28741-A, of March 27, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28741-A_2019.pdf

Resolution DM-0144-2022/2022, of July 12, which establishes the regulation of the activity of whale watching in the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29581-C, July 19, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29581-C_58463.pdf

Wildlife (Flora and Fauna. Biodiversity)

General

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 2/1995 .

Law 57/2012 .

- **Regional MEAs:**
Cabinet Decree 10/1972.

Law 9/1995.

Law 42/1996.
- **Primary:**
Political Constitution/1972.
 - **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.

Law 287/2022.

Specials

Biological or Biochemical Agents

- **Universal MEA:**
Law 47/1996.

Law 72/2001.
- **Secondary:**
Law 48/2002, of August 8, which creates the National Biosafety Commission for genetically modified organisms and issues other provisions. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24617, of August 14, 2002.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24617_33883.pdf

Protected Areas

- **Universal MEA:**
Law 2/1995.

Law 42/1996.

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0170-2006/2006, of March 31, which approves the Procedure for the Management, Elaboration, Application and Approval of Management Plans for Protected Areas. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25531, April 25, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25531_2006.pdf

Resolution AG-0617-2011/2011, of October 17, which amends Resolution AG-0170-2006, of March 31, 2006, "which approves the Procedure for the Management, Development, Implementation and Approval of Management Plans for Protected Areas", and other provisions are issued. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26897-B, October 20, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26897-B_2011.pdf

Resolution AG-0704-2012/2012, of December 11, which establishes the Management Categories of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) and establishes other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27197-B of January 4, 2013.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27197-B_2013.pdf

Endangered Species

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 14/1977, of October 28 (amended by Law 18/2011), which approves the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora [(CITES)]. Panama: National Assembly of Township Representatives. Official Gazette No. 18506, January 27, 1978.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/18506_16345.pdf

Law 5/1989, of January 3, 1989, which approves the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals [(CMS)]. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 21210, January 11, 1989.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21210_1989.pdf

Law 42/1996.

Law 18/2011, of March 29, which approves the Amendment to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, adopted in Gaborone, Botswana, on April 30, 1983. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26754, of March 31, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26754_44700.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 18/2002, of April 10, 2002, which declares the Harpy Eagle a national bird and dictates other measures. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24530, April 12, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24530_32513.pdf

Law 304/2022, of May 31, which establishes the integral protection of coral reef systems, ecosystems and associated species in Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29548-A, May 31, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29548-A_58227.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004, of July 7, 2004, which regulates Law 24 of June 7, 1995 (Wildlife Law) and establishes other provisions Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25091, of July 12, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25091_34742.pdf

Resolution AG-0005-2012/2012, of January 5, 2012, approving the Conservation Plan for the Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*), the Action Plan for the Conservation of the Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) in Panama and the Action Plan for the Conservation of Amphibians in Panama and issuing other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26948, January 11, 2012.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26948_2012.pdf

Harpy Eagle Plan available at: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/eebm/yfdj/> Jaguar Plan

Available at: http://www.catsg.org/fileadmin/filesharing/3.Conservation_Center/3.4._Strategies___Action_Plans/Jaguar/Departamento_de_biodiversidad_y_vida_silvestre_2011_Action_plan_for_jaguar_-_conservation_in_Panama.pdf

Amphibian Plan available at: https://www.amphibians.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Panama_Amphibian_Conservation_Action_Plan_ANAMpdf.pdf.

Resolution AG-0149-2014/2014, of February 27, which prohibits the entry into the territory of the Republic of Panama, wild animals of any species or origin that are part of fixed and traveling circuses, shows, exhibitions, entertainment, interaction with spectators and the like and other provisions are issued. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27501-B, of March 26, 2014.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27501-B_2014.pdf

Resolution AG-0242-2014/2014, of April 24 (amended by Resolution AG-0602-2014/2014 and Resolution DM-0243-2021/2021), which suspends all procedures for the commercialization of the timber species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis* known as cocobolo. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27524 of April 29, 2014.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27524_2014.pdf

Resolution AG-0602-2014/2014, of September 2, which establishes special provisions regarding the species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis*, known as cocobolo. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27617, of September 9, 2014.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27617_2014.pdf

Resolution DM-0452-2015/2015, of October 26, that extends the validity of Resolution AG-0602-2014 of September 2, 2014, " which establishes special provisions regarding the species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis*, known as cocobolo". Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 27908, of November 16, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27908_2015.pdf

Resolution DM-0453-2015/2015, of October 26, which establishes additional transitional provisions regarding the species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis*, known as cocobolo. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 27908, of November 16, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27908_2015.pdf

Resolution DM-0437-2016/2016, of August 2, that extends the validity of Resolution AG-0602-2014 of September 2, 2014, " which establishes special provisions regarding the species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis*, known as cocobolo", modified by Resolution DM-0452-2015 of October 26, 2015. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28094-A, of August 11, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28094-A_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0438-2016, of August 2, that extends the validity of Resolution DM-0453-2015 of October 26, 2015, " which establishes additional transitory provisions regarding the species *Dalbergia retusa* and *Dalbergia darienensis*, known as cocobolo". Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28094-A, of August 11, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28094-A_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0657-2016/2016, of December 16, Which establishes the process for the elaboration and periodic review of the list of endangered species of fauna and flora of Panama, and other provisions are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28187-A, of December 29, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28187-A_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0031-2017/2017, of November 27, which approves the National Action Plan for the Conservation of Sea Turtles in the Republic of Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28237-A, of March 15, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28237-A_2017.pdf

Invasive Species

- **Regulatory**

Executive Decree 128/2018, December 18, which approves the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (EPNM, by its acronym in Spanish) 2018-2050. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28681-C, December 21, 2018.

Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28681_C/ae/7257.pdf

Genetic Resources

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 25/2009, of April 29, 2009, which regulates Article 71 of the Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General Environmental Law. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26272, April 30, 2009.

Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/26272/GacetaNo_26272_20090430.pdf

Resolution DM-0197-2020/2020, of Monday, August 10, which approves the application forms and permit formats for the Access and Use of Genetic and Biological Resources in the Republic of Panama and issues other provisions.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29096_54955.pdf

Environmental Management Instruments

Subsistence Hunting

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004.

Personal (Individual) Permits

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004.

Commercial Permits

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004.

CITES Permits

- **Secondary:**
Law 14/1977 (amended by Law 18/2011).
- **Regulatory**
Executive Decree 43/2004.

Permits in Protected Areas

- **Regulatory:**
Executive Decree 43/2004.

Permits in Indigenous Areas

- **Regulatory:**
Executive Decree 43/2004.

Scientific Research Permits

- **Regulatory:**
Executive Decree 43/2004.

Ex-Situ Conservation Permits

- **Regulatory:**
Executive Decree 43/2004.

Sport Hunting Permits

Secondary:
Law 39/2005, of November 24, 2005, which amends and adds articles to Law 24 of 1995, on wildlife. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25433, of November 25, 2005.

Control Hunting Permits

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004, Articles 94-97.

Resolution AG-0682-2011/2011, of November 30, which amends Resolution AG-0138-2004 of May 6, 2004 and adds the special procedure for Hunting - Control in Airports, Aerodromes and Heliports of the Country, and other State institutions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26938-B, of December 23, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26938-B_2011.pdf

Unauthorized or Prohibited Instruments, Means or Gear

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution DG-006-91/1991, of March 1, 1991, which empowers the National Institute of Renewable Natural Resources to confiscate weapons, ammunition, vehicles and other utensils in the hands of poachers. Panama: INRENARE. Official Gazette No. 21752, of March 26, 1991.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21752_1991.pdf

Protection

- **Secondary:**

Law 24/1995.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 43/2004 .

Resolution AG-0138-2004 /2004, of May 6 (amended by Resolution AG-0682-2011), which approves the Procedure Manual of the National Environmental Authority (ANAM) for actions on Wildlife in Panama. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25381, September 8, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25381_2005.pdf

Resolution AG-0292-2008/2008, of April 14, 2008, which establishes the requirements for Wildlife Rescue and Relocation Plans. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26062, June 16, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26062_2008.pdf

SEE ALSO:

Forest Resources (Forests).

Hydrobiological Resources (Fishing and Aquaculture).

Coastal Marine Resources.

ENVIRONMENT

Domestic Animals

- **Secondary:**

Law 70/2012, October 2 (amended by Law 133/2020), on the protection of domestic animals. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27145-A, October 18, 2012.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27145-A_46391.pdf

Law 133/2020, of March 17, which amends Law 70 of 2012, on the Protection of Domestic Animals, the Penal Code and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28985-C, of March 20, 2020.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28985-C_54152.pdf

Law 41/2016, of September 12, approving the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, adopted by the International Maritime Organization on February 27, 2004. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28117-B, dated September 14, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28117-B_50261.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 022/2000, of January 28, which regulates the ownership of animals in single-family dwellings, apartments and condominiums in urban areas, in order to protect the health of the population and the environment. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 23990, of February 15, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23990_2000.pdf

Public Assets

General

- **Primary:**

Legislative Act 1/2004

- **Secondary:**

Civil Code (Law 2/1916, of August 22, 1916, which approves the Criminal, Commercial, Mining, Fiscal, Civil and Judicial Codes, prepared by the Codification Commission). Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 2404, August 22, 1916.

Available at: https://www.organojudicial.gob.pa/uploads/wp_repo/blogs.dir/cendoj/CIVIL/codigo_civil.pdf

Environmental

- **Primary:**

Political Constitution/1972.

- **Secondary:**

Law 37/1962, of September 21, 1962, which regulates the Agricultural Reform and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 14923, of September 21, 1962.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/14923_1963.pdf

Law 23/1983, of October 21, 1983, which regulates Farmer Organizations in the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Council of Legislation. Official Gazette No. 19926, October 27, 1983.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/19926_1983.pdf

Law 24/1995.

Law 41/1998.

Law 46/2001, of August 14, which amends, adds and repeals articles of Law 23 of 1983, which regulates Peasant Organizations. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24368, of August 17, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24368_31237.pdf

Law 2/2006.

Law 72/2008, of December 23, which establishes the special procedure for the allocation of collective land ownership for indigenous peoples outside the designated territories. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26193, December 30, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26193_41080.pdf

Law 80/2009, of December 31 (amended by Law 59/2010), which recognizes possessory rights and regulates the title in coastal areas and island territory in order to ensure their optimal use and issues other provisions.

Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26438-B, of December 31, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26438-B_42966.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0004-2004/2004, of January 8, which establishes criteria for the granting of ANAM's Favorable Concept for the titling of lands in rural towns in the Western Region of the Panama Canal Watershed. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24972, of January 22, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24972_2004.pdf

Resolution AG-0092-2005/2005, of February 10, 2005, which adopts the criteria and parameters to be complied with during the awarding process, for valuable consideration, of state-owned land parcels under the jurisdiction of the Regional Administrations of the National Environmental Authority in the Province of Darien, Panama East, and other provisions are enacted. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25241, of February 21, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25241_2005.pdf

Executive Decree 85/2006, of June 14, which regulates Law 2 of January 7, 2006, which regulates the Concessions for the Tourist Investment and the Disposal of the Insular Territory for the Purposes of its Tourist Use and issues other provisions. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25569, of June 19, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25569_36544.pdf

Executive Decree 45/2010 of June 7, which regulates Law 80 of December 31, 2009 and amends Executive Decree 228 of 2006, to recognize possessory rights and regulate the title in coastal areas and island territory in order to ensure their optimal use, and repeals in all its parts the Executive Decree 41 of May 28, 2010. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26556-A, of June 16, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26556-A_43684.pdf

Resolution ADMG-005-2011/2011, of February 11, whereby the National Land Administration Authority approves the parameters for the determination of the Ordinary High Tide Line (LAMO). Panama: ANATI. Official Gazette No. 26807, June 15, 2011.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26807_2011.pdf

Executive Decree 223/2010 of June 29, that regulates Law 72 of 2008, which establishes the special procedure for the adjudication of collective land ownership of indigenous peoples who are not within the comarcas. Panama: MIDA. Official Gazette No. 26571, July 7, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26571_43762.pdf

Resolution DM-0139-2022/2022, of July 11, which amends Resolution AG-0139-2009, of March 4, 2009 and establishes other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29579-B, of July 15, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29579-B_58451.pdf

Others

Decree Law 23/1963.

Fiscal Code (Law 8/1956, of January 27, which approves the Fiscal Code of the Republic). Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 12995, of June 29, 1956).

Available at: <https://vlex.com.pa/vid/codigo-fiscal-republica-panama-809825785>

Cabinet Decree 66/1990, which declares the Fuerte Amador area as a Special Tourist Zone. Panama: Cabinet Council. Official Gazette No. 21497, March 19, 1990.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21497_1990.pdf

Historical Heritage

- **Primary:**

Legislative Act 1/2004

- **Secondary:**

Law 14/1982, of May 5 (amended by Decree Law 9/1997, Law 58/2003 and Law 175/2020), which establishes measures for the custody, preservation and administration of the Nation's Historical Heritage. Panama: National Council of Legislation. Official Gazette No. 19566, May 14, 1982.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/19566_1982.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0363-2005/2005, of July 8, which establishes Measures for the Protection of the National Historical Heritage from Activities Generating Environmental Impact. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25347, of July 21, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25347_2005.pdf

Environmental Health

- **Primary:**

Legislative Act 1/2004

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

Law 66/1947.

Law 287/2022.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 12/2022, of September 12, which approves the National Environmental Strategy 2021-2031 called Environmental Management for the Restoration of Ecosystems and Sustainable and Inclusive Development. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29620-C, September 12, 2022.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29620-C_58736.pdf

Environmental Management Instruments

General

- **Regional MEAs:**

Law 125/2020.

Environmental Audit (EA)

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 57/2004, of August 10, which regulates Articles 41 and 44 of Chapter IV of Title IV of the Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General of the Environment of the Republic of Panama. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25115, of August 13, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25115_35258.pdf

Resolution AG-0398-2004/2004, of September 24, which establishes the requirements for registration in the Registry of Environmental Auditors of the National Environmental Authority. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25185, of November 26, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25185_2004.pdf

Resolution AG-0526-2006/2006, of September 21, which approves the Procedure Manual for the Preparation and Evaluation of Audits and Environmental Compliance and Management Programs (PAMAs). Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25770, April 13, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25770_2007.pdf

Resolution DM-0340-2016/2016, of June 2, which amends Resolution AG-0398-2004 of September 24, 2004, which establishes the requirements for registration in the Registry of Environmental Auditors of the Ministry of Environment. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28049, of June 9, 2016.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28049_2016.pdf

Health and Environmental Risk Study

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 77/1998, of August 20, 1998, which establishes the Presentation and Standards for the Conduct of the Health and Environmental Risk Study. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23621, August 20, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23621_1998.pdf

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 4/2017, of February 1, which regulates Article 5 of the Unique Text of Law 41 of July 1, 1998 on Strategic Environmental Assessment. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28213-A, of February 7, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28213-A_2017.pdf

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AG-0834-2007/2007, of December 28, which sets the fee for the service of registration or update in the Registry of Environmental Consultants and regulates the Sanction, Disqualification and Withdrawal of Environmental Consultants registered in the Registry of Environmental Consultants and other provisions. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25968, January 29, 2008.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25968_2008.pdf

Executive Decree 123/2009, of August 14 (amended by Executive Decree 155/2011, Executive Decree 975/2012, Executive Decree 4/2017 and Executive Decree 36/2019), which regulates Chapter II of Title IV of Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General Environment of the Republic of Panama and repeals Executive Decree 209 of September 5, 2006. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 26352-A, of August 24, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26352-A_2009.pdf

Executive Decree 248/2018, of October 31, which suspends the use of the Platform for the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Process of the Interinstitutional Environmental System, PREFASIA, and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28895-C, of November 1, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28895-C_2019.pdf

Executive Decree 36/2019, of June 3, which creates the Platform for the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Process of the Interinstitutional Environmental System, called PREFASIA, amends Executive Decree No. 123 of August 14, 2009, which regulates the Environmental Impact Assessment process and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28787-B, June 3, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28787-B_2019.pdf

Resolution DM-0215-2019/2019, of June 21, which defines the areas of interest for environmental compensation related to the projects, works, or activities subject to the Environmental Impact Assessment process and issues other provisions. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28803, June 25, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28803_2019.pdf

Resolution DM-0233-2019/2019, of June 27, which approves and adopts the Procedure for the Processing of Feasibility Requests for Projects, Works or Activities to be developed within the National System of Protected Areas, which require an Environmental Impact Study. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28806-A, of June 28, 2019.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28806-A_2019.pdf

Environmental Best Practices Guidelines (EBPG)

- **Secondary:**
Law 41/1998.
- **Regulatory:**
Executive Decree 111/2016, of August 25, which approves the Regulations for the Process of Elaboration and Adoption of Good Housekeeping Practices Guidelines, provided for in Article 23-A of Chapter II, Title IV of the Law 41 of July 1, 1998, General Environment of the Republic of Panama. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28104-A, of August 26, 2016.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28104-A_2016.pdf
- Resolution DM-0350-2016/2016, of June 9, which regulates the third and fourth paragraphs of Article 23-A of the Law 41 of July 1, 1998, added by Law 65 of October 26, 2010. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28053-A, June 15, 2016.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28053-A_2016.pdf
- Resolution DM-0540-2016/2016, of September 15, which adopts the Guide to Environmental Best Practices (EBPG), for the Construction, Replacement and Remodeling of County Public Educational Centers. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28126, of September 27, 2016.
Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28126_2016.pdf

Resolution DM-0472-2017/2017, of September 8, which approves the Guide to Environmental Best Practices (EBPG) for the Improvement, Rehabilitation, Maintenance of Roads, including Bridges; as well as the Construction and Maintenance of Cycle Roads, Vehicular and Pedestrian Overpasses; located in constituted and intervened road easements and other provisions are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28363-B, of September 12, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28363-B_2017.pdf

Resolution DM-0437-2018/2018, of October 1, which adopts the Guide to Environmental Best Practices (EBPG) for the Remodeling and Rehabilitation of the Comprehensive Care Centers for Early Childhood (CAIPI), at the National Level. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28626, October 4, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28626_2018.pdf.

Environmental Quality Standards (EQS)

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 58/2000, of March 16, which regulates the Procedure for the Elaboration of Environmental Quality Standards and Maximum Permissible Limits. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 24014, March 21, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24014_2000.pdf

Resolution 001-09/2009, of February 25, which approves the Triennial Standards Program for the period 2005-2008. Panama: National Environmental Council. Official Gazette No. 26307-A, of June 19, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26307-A_2009.pdf

Land Management

Environmental Management of the National Territory (OATN)

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 283/2006, of November 21, which regulates Article 22 of Chapter 1, Title IV of the Law 41 of July 1, 1998. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25690, of December 13, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25690_13407.pdf.

Land Use Planning for Urban Development (OTDU)

- **Secondary:**

Law 21/1997, of July 2, which approves the Regional Plan for the Development of the Inter-Oceanic Region and the General Plan for the Use, Conservation and Development of the Canal Area. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23323, of July 3, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23323_25569.pdf

Law 6/2006, of February 1 (amended by Law 45/2007, Law 14/2015 and Law 63/2015), which regulates the Land Use Planning for Urban Development and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25478, February 3, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25478_35994.pdf

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Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25914_38136.pdf

Law 14/2015, of April 21, amending Law 6 of 2006, which regulates Land Management for Urban Development and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27767, April 24, 2015.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27767_48720.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 188-93/1993, of September 13 (amended by Resolution 684-2015), which approves the modification and update of the Commercial Urban Development Standards for the Districts of Panama and San Miguelito. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 22390, October 8, 1993.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22390_1993.pdf

Resolution 139-2000/2000, of August 8, 2000, which approves special norms to maintain the character of Garden City in the Inter-Oceanic Region. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 24130, of September 1, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24130_2000.pdf

Executive Decree 205/2000, of December 28, 2000, which approves the Urban Development Plan for the Metropolitan Areas of the Pacific and Atlantic, attached to the Directorate General of Urban Development of the Ministry of Housing and its general regulations. Panama: Ministry of Housing (MIVI). Official Gazette No. 24212, January 3, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24212_2001.pdf

Resolution 160-2002/2002, of July 22, which creates the Urban Development Codes and Norms for the Canal Area. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 24,645, of September 24, 2002.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24645_2002.pdf

Resolution 82-2004/2004, of May 31, which eliminates the road easement widths of 10.00 and 10.80 meters for dead-end streets and establishes 12.00 meters as minimum width in the approval of urbanizations. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 25067, of June 8, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25067_2004.pdf

Resolution 169-2004/2004, of October 8, which approves the Residential Zoning Codes for the City of Panama in its different modalities. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 25158-A, of October 14, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25158-A_2004.pdf

Resolution 234-2005/2005, of August 16, which establishes Public Access Easements on Beaches and other Measures. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 25375, of August 31, 2005.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25375_2005.pdf

Resolution 069-06/2006, of July 5, which regulates the regime of public easements and penalties for violations to Article 4 of Law 11 of April 27, 2006, which amends Law 35 of 1978 and other provisions. Panama: MOP. Official Gazette No. 25588, of July 14, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25588_2006.pdf

Resolution 355-06/2006, of November 22, 2006, which strictly prohibits building in areas bordering rivers and streams and any open course of natural waters, especially those previously declared uninhabitable. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 25724, of February 2, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25724_2007.pdf

Executive Decree 23/2007, of May 16, 2007, which regulates Law 6 of February 1, 2006, which regulates Land Management for Urban Development and establishes other provisions. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 25794, of May 18, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25478_35994.pdf

Resolution 4-2009/2009, of January 20, which establishes the procedure and requirements for the processing of applications related to land use planning for urban development. Panama: MIVI. Official Gazette No. 26221, of February 11, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26221_2009.pdf

Executive Decree 99/2017 of December 27, which regulates Articles 18 and 26 of Law 6 of February 1, 2006 and Article 8 of Law 14 of April 21, 2015. Panama: Ministry of Housing and Land Management (MIVIOT). Official Gazette No. 28439 of January 5, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28439_51512.pdf

Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 123/2009.

Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013, of May 27, which approves the Procedures Manual for the Supervision, Control and Environmental Oversight of Environmental Impact Studies (EslA) and Environmental Adjustment and Management Programs. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27313-A, June 20, 2013.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27313-A_2013.pdf

Resolution DM-0113-2022/2022, of April 20, which establishes the minimum contents in relation to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the projects, works or activities of extraction of metallic and non-metallic minerals or mining operations, which enter the Environmental Impact Assessment Process and other provisions are issued. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29526, of April 28, 2022. Available at: https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/29526/GacetaNo_29526_20220428.pdf

Environmental Adjustment and Management Program (PAMA)

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 57/2004.

Resolution AG-0347-2013/2013.

Resolution DM-0553-2018/2018, of December 24, which establishes the Requirements to Request the Unification of the Process of Supervision, Control and Environmental Oversight of Environmental Management Instruments. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 28685-A, of December 28, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28685-A_2018.pdf

Forest Inventory

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG 0005-2013/2013, of Tuesday, January 8, which approves the Regulations for the Accreditation of the Forestry Regent before the National Environmental Authority and other provisions are issued. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 27264, of April 11, 2013.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/27264_2013.pdf

Forestry Management Plan

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/1994.

- **Regulatory:**

JD Resolution 05-98/1998.

Resolution AG-0151-2000/2000, of May 22, which establishes the minimum technical parameters for the presentation of the Reforestation Plan or Project and the Technical Financial Report to the National Environmental Authority (ANAM) by reforesters. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 24424, November 5, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24424_2001.pdf

Resolution AG-0200-2004/2004, of June 7, which establishes the criteria and basic technical parameters for the development of forest management plans to support non-intensive forest harvesting. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 25085, of July 2, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25085_2004.pdf

Resolution AG-0613-2009/2009, of August 25 (amended by Resolution DM-0068-2018), which approves and adopts in all its parts the Methodological Guide to develop General Forest Management Plans (PGMF) and Annual Operating Plans (POA) in Tropical Forests, for the processing of applications for sustainable forest harvesting. Panama: ANAM. Official Gazette No. 26379-A, October 1, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26379-A_2009.pdf

Resolution AG 0005-2013/2013.

Contamination Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxic Weapons

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 7/1973, of November 8, which approves the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction. Panama: National Assembly of Township Representatives. Official Gazette No. 17484, of December 3, 1973.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17484_17795.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 129/2017, of April 5, which establishes the National Interagency Plan for the prevention and response against threats and incidents with Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive weapons (CBRNE) and their delivery systems, under the direction of the National Security Council and dictates other provisions. Panama: Ministry of the Presidency. Official Gazette No. 28253-A, of April 6, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28253-A_2017.pdf

Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 8/1973, of November 8, which approves the Treaty on the Prohibition of Deploying Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Seabed and Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil. Panama: National Assembly of Township Representatives. Official Gazette No. 17484 of December 3, 1973.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/17484_17800.pdf

Law 104/1998, of December 30, which approves the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the Protocol to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 10, 1996. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23719, of January 25, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23719_29810.pdf

Law 65/2018 of December 4, which approves the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, made in New York, on July 7, 2017. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28668-A, of December 5, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28668-A_52593.pdf

- **Regional MEAs:**

Law 13/2000, of June 14, which approves the Amendments to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), Resolution 267 (E-V) of July 3, 1990; Resolution 268 (XII) of May 10, 1991; Resolution 290 (VII) of August 26, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24077 of June 19, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24077_30168.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 129/2017.

Chemistry Weapons

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 48/1998, of July 15, which approves the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature in Paris, France, on January 13, 1993. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23589, of July 20, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23589_27314.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 129/2017, dated April 5, establishing the National Interinstitutional Plan for the prevention and response to threats and incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) weapons and their delivery systems, under the direction of the National Security Council and issues other provisions. Panama: Ministry of the Presidency. Official Gazette No. 28253-A, dated April 6, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28253-A_2017.pdf

Dangerous Loads

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 640/2006, of December 27, 2006, whereby the Vehicle Traffic Regulation of the Republic of Panama is issued. Panama: Ministry of Government and Justice. Official Gazette No. 25701, of December 29, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25701_2006.pdf

Persistent Organic Pollutants

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 3/2003, of January 20, which approves the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in Stockholm on May 22, 2001. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 24726, of January 24, 2003.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24726_32041.pdf

International Non-Hazardous Waste

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 116/2001, of May 18, which approves the National Manual for the Management of International Non-Hazardous Waste in the Air, Maritime and Land Ports of the Republic, product of the International Coordination of Related and Interested Entities. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 24308, of May 24, 2001.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/24308_2001.pdf

Hazardous Waste

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 21/1990, of December 6 (amended by Law 32/1998), which approves the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 21686, of December 14, 1990.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21686_1990.pdf

Law 32/1998, of May 28, which approves the Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Geneva, on September 22, 1995. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23557, of June 4, 1998.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23557_28033.pdf

- **Regional MEAs:**

Law 13/1995, of April 21, 1995, which approves the Regional Agreement on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes, signed in Panama on December 11, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 22769, of April 25, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22769_24291.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 34/2007, of February 26, 2007, which approves the National Policy for the Integral Management of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste, its Principles, Objectives and Lines of Action. Panama: MEF. Official Gazette No. 25764, of April 4, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25764_2007.pdf

Toxic Waste

- **Secondary:**

Law 8/1991 of June 7, 1991, which prohibits the importation of toxic or polluting wastes into the territory of the Republic of Panama. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 21805, of June 11, 1991.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/21805_22424.pdf

Solid Waste and Residues

- **Secondary:**

Law 41/1998.

Law 6/2018, of February 6, which establishes the Integrated Management of Solid Waste in Public Institutions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28462-B, February 8, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28462-B_51635.pdf

Law 33/2018, of May 30, which establishes the Zero Waste Policy and its Framework of Action for Integrated Waste Management, and issues other provisions. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28537-C, May 31, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28537-C_51880.pdf

Law 276/2021, of December 30, which regulates the Integrated Management of Solid Waste in the Republic of Panama. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29445-E, December 30, 2021.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29445-E_57516.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 015-87 /1987, of September 14, which prohibits the entry into the country of all garbage, ashes or garbage residues and all contaminating material coming from abroad. Panama: INRENARE. Official Gazette No. 20895, of September 20, 1987.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/20895_1987.pdf

Executive Decree 156/2004, of May 28, which establishes the Sanitary Norms for the approval of Projects for the Construction and Operation of Safety Sanitary Landfills and issues other provisions. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 25062, of June 1, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25102_2004.pdf

Executive Decree 275/2004, of July 21, which approves the sanitary norms for sanitary landfills, with a capacity greater than or equal to three hundred metric tons per day, of non-hazardous solid waste. Panama: MINSAs. Official Gazette No. 25102, July 27, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25102_2004.pdf

Executive Decree 293/2004, of August 23, which dictates sanitary norms for obtaining construction and operation permits, as well as for the supervision of incineration and co-incineration systems. Panama: MINSAs. Official Gazette No. 25126, August 30, 2004.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25126_2004.pdf

Executive Decree 34/2007.

Hydrocarbons

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 17/1975, of October 29, 1975, which approves the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage and its Annex. Panama: National Assembly of Township Representatives. Official Gazette No. 18016, of January 29, 1976.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/18016_18016.pdf

Law 96/1998, of December 15, which approves the 1992 Protocol Amending the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, done in London on November 27, 1992. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23704, of January 4, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23704_29076.pdf

Law 7/2009, of January 14, which approves the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, done at London on March 23, 2001. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 26203, of January 16, 2009.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26203_41200.pdf

- **Secondary:**

Law 6/2007, of January 11, which establishes regulations on the management of oily waste derived from hydrocarbons or synthetic base in the national territory. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 25711, of January 16, 2007.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25711_2007.pdf

Lighting

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution AN-417-ELEC/2006, of November 17, which approves Title VIII of the Distribution and Commercialization Regulation called Public Lighting Standards for Streets and Avenues for Public Use. Panama: National Authority of Public Services (ASEP). Official Gazette No. 25683, of December 1, 2006.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/25683_2006.pdf

Nuclear Materials (Radioactive Materials)

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 101/1998, of December 30, which approves the Convention on Assistance in the Case of Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, approved by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in Extraordinary Session, in Vienna, on September 26, 1986. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23715, of January 19, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23715_29593.pdf

Law 102/1998, of December 30, which approves the Convention on Early Notification of Nuclear Accidents, approved by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, at a Special Meeting, in Vienna, on September 26, 1986. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23715, of January 19, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23715_37120.pdf

Law 103/1998, of December 30 (amended by Law 82/2017), which approves the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, opened for signature in Vienna and New York on March 3, 1980. Panama: Legislative Assembly. Official Gazette No. 23715, of January 19, 1999.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23715_1999.pdf

Law 82/2017, of December 19, which approves the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted in Vienna, on July 8, 2005. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28429-A, of December 20, 2017.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28429-A_51445.pdf

- **Regulatory:**

Resolution 059/1995, of October 9, whereby the Department of Radiological Health of the Social Security Fund is assigned certain attributions on Radiological Protection. Panama: Social Security Fund (CSS). Official Gazette No. 22895, of October 20, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22895_1995.pdf

Executive Decree 770/2010, of August 16, which adopts the Radiological Protection Regulations. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 26600-A, of August 17, 2010.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/26600-A_2010.pdf

Resolution 27/1995, of October 24, which adopts the Basic Standards of Radiological Protection No. 110. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 22920, of November 29, 1995.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/22920_1995.pdf

Resolution 07/1996, of July 11, which issues Standards No. 120 for the safe transport of radioactive materials. Panama: General Directorate of Health of MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23089, July 29, 1996.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23089_1996.pdf

Resolution 75, of October 28, which approves the Regulation for Planning, Preparedness and Response to radiological emergencies". Panama: General Directorate of Health of MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23999, of February 25, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23999_2000.pdf

Resolution 76/1997, of October 29, which regulates the Management of Radioactive Waste in Radioactive Facilities. Panama: General Directorate of Public Health of MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23995, of February 21, 2000.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23995_2000.pdf

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Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23607_1998.pdf

Pesticides Applied by Pest Control Companies

- **Regulatory:**

Executive Decree 386/1997, of September 4, which regulates the Activities of Use, Handling and Application of Pesticides by Pest Control Companies in Homes, Industries, Commercial Premises, Port Fumigation, Agricultural Operations and other Establishments of Sanitary Interest in the Republic of Panama. Panama: MINSA. Official Gazette No. 23374, of September 10, 1997.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/23374_1997.pdf

Plastics

- **Secondary:**

Law 1/2018 of January 19, which adopts measures to promote the use of reusable bags in commercial establishments. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 28448-B, January 19, 2018.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/28448-B_51564.pdf

Law 187/2020, of December 2, which regulates the reduction and progressive replacement of single-use plastics. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 29167-B, December 2, 2020.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29167-B_55477.pdf

Executive Decree 17/2022 of December 30, which suspends the effectiveness of Executive Decree No. 9 of May 6, 2022 "which regulates Law 187 of December 2, 2020, which regulates the reduction and progressive replacement of single-use plastics" for a term of six (6) months. Panama: MiAMBIENTE. Official Gazette No. 29695-A, of January 5, 2023.

Available at: http://gacetas.procuraduria-admon.gob.pa/29695-A_59422.pdf

Toxic Substances

- **Universal MEA:**

Law 21/2015, which approves the Minamata Convention on Mercury, made in Kumamoto (Japan), on the tenth day of October two thousand thirteen. Panama: National Assembly. Official Gazette No. 27813-A, of June 3, 2015.

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