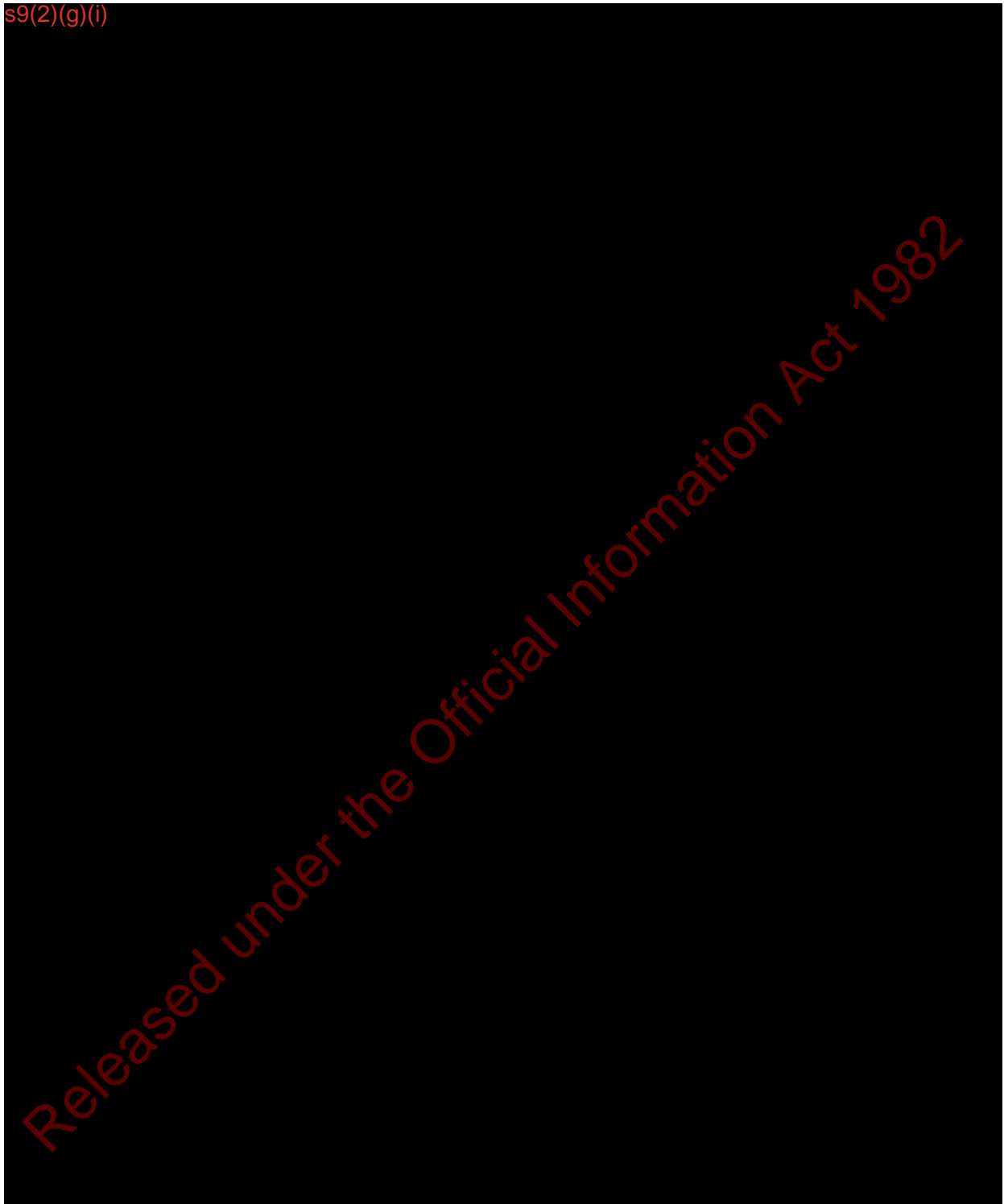


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Context: Definition of HOSI

- A 'Herd of Special Interest' consist of two statutory instruments:
 - A. A Gazette notification made by the responsible Minister specifying
 - a) the species of game animal,
 - b) the area of PCL where they will formally have HOSI status,
 - c) why the Minister considers the animals to be of special interest to hunters,
 - d) what the expected benefits are of managing the animals for hunting purposes,
 - e) the date from which the notice takes effect.
 - B. A Herd Management Plan that set out "objectives and strategies for the management of the herd to achieve the expected benefits" specified in the Gazette notice.
- Practically speaking, the Herd Management Plan is the core of a HOSI, since it will determine what management actions will be taken and what the HOSI will look like in practice.
- The Act (s 18) also specifies the Minister's powers for the for the purpose of managing herds of special interest in line with these statutory instruments. The powers are to:
 - a) issue hunting permits for HOIS animals, determining the conditions of such permits, how they will be allocated (e.g. ballot), when and how permits may be revoked etc
 - b) carry out or authorise animal control operations for managing and controlling the size of the population
 - c) carry out monitoring, surveys and other assessments of HOSI animals and the means of managing them:
 - d) promote standards (including behavioural and industry standards) for game animal hunting and game animal management and prepare publications relating to HOSI animals and their management, and
 - e) capture, convey, or liberate HOSI animals.

Context: HOSI "overriding considerations"

- The GAC Act specifies that a HOSI Herd Management Plan "must be consistent with the overriding considerations". The overriding considerations are defined in the GAC Act as follows:
 - f) the welfare and management of public conservation land and resources generally:
 - g) any statement of general policy that is made, or has effect as if it were made, under [the Conservation Act, the National Parks Act, the Reserves Act or the Wildlife Act] viz. Conservation and National Park General Policies.
 - h) any conservation management strategy or conservation management plan

- i) any national park management plan
- j) any wild animal control plan made under section 5 of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977:
- k) any pest management strategy, pest management plan, pathway management plan, or operational plan made under the Biosecurity Act 1993

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