

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES

§ 1644. Prohibited Activities.

(a) Destruction, harassment, harvesting and/or removal of plants, wildlife including birds, turtles, fish, shellfish, coral, and other marine species of any kind, fishing in any form, use of motorized or non-motorized watercraft, floating or submersible marine equipment, or other means of aquatic transport, or walking on the reef in any form is prohibited within the confines of these areas designated as a sanctuary, except as allowed by regulation for enforcement, scientific, and educational purposes, authorized recreational purposes including marine sports and activities, or the transport of persons to and from the sanctuaries or conservation areas, and for any other purpose deemed necessary by the division to advance the policies set forth by this article and regulations.

(b) The cutting, harvesting, and removal of the plant called “Pemphis,” locally known as “Nigas” from its natural habitat, anywhere within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is strictly prohibited.

Source: [PL 12-46](#), § 5; repealed and reenacted by [PL 20-44](#) § 6 (Mar. 8, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: [PL 20-44](#) included the following Regulations section:

“Section 7. Regulations. The Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is authorized to adopt, amend, and repeal regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.”

In codifying [PL 20-44](#), the Commission changed “m any folm” to “in any form” and inserted an “n” in “no-motorized” in (a); and inserted a comma after “harvesting” in (b) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).