

Open season on game birds

For all those sexy people who like to show off the legs, the 2011 game bird hunting season will open on August 20, the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) has announced.

However, to enjoy the season, which will run until September 25, all hunters must obtain a Hunters' Licence from the environmental regulatory agency or any of its authorised vendors. The sale of licenses began on August 8. "The Hunters' Licencing fee is \$15,000. All applicants must have a valid Firearm Licence/User's Permit and TRN (tax registration number," NEPA said in a release to the media. During the season, hunting will be restricted to Saturdays and Sundays only. "On Saturdays, there are two hunting sessions -- from sunrise to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to sunset. Only one hunting session is allowed on Sundays -- from sunrise to 9:00 am," NEPA noted. Meanwhile, only the following birds may be hunted during the season: * the Bald Pate (White Crowned Pigeon); * the Pea Dove (Zenaida Dove); * the White-winged Dove; and * the Long-tailed Pea Dove (Mourning Dove). "The bag limit at each shooting session is 20 birds, of which no more than 15 should be White Crowned Pigeon/Bald Pate," NEPA warned. The game bird hunting season is regulated under the Wild Life Protection Act. "Anyone caught in breach of the act, that is, hunting without a Hunter's Licence, hunting outside of the shooting season, hunting in game reserves, hunting protected birds or exceeding the bag limit, can be fined up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for one year," NEPA said. For more information on the 2011 game bird hunting season or to report any illegal shooting, the public is advised to contact the NEPA at 754-7540. Can't say me never warn you.