REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

ISLAND COURTS ACT NO. 10 OF 1983

(AS AMENDED)

ORDER REVOKING WARRANT ESTABLISHING THE WEST AMBAE ISLAND COURT AND SETTING NEW WARRANT ESTABLISHING THE AMBAE AND MAEWO ISLAND COURT

Order No. 121 of 2020

I, **Vincent LUNABEK**, Chief Justice of the Republic of Vanuatu, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by Section 4 of the Island Courts Act No. 10 of 1983 (as amended), **HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. REVOKE THE WARRANT ESTABLISHING THE WEST AMBAE ISLAND COURT DATED 24TH AUGUST 1994; AND

2. ESTABLISH THE AMBAE AND MAEWO ISLAND COURT TO EXERCISE THE JURISDICTION CONFERRED ON IT BY THE ISLAND COURTS OR BY ANY OTHER ACT BUT SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

Territorial Jurisdictions

The territorial Jurisdiction of the Ambae and Maewo Island Court shall extend to the boundaries of Ambae and Maewo Islands.

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s. 107 (b) : intentional assault, limited to when the accused has not previously been convicted of a similar offence;

s. 108 (a) : unintentional harm;

s. 114 : criminal nuisance, limited to when the accused has not previously been convicted of a similar offence;

s. 121 : abusive or threatening language;

s. 125 (a) : theft, where the value of the alleged stolen object does not exceed vatu 24,000;

s. 126 (b) : unlawful use of property, where the value of the property does not exceed vatu 24,000;

s. 131 : receiving stolen property, where the value of such property does not exceed vatu 24,000;

s. 133 : malicious damage, where the value of the object (or objects) does not exceed vatu 24,000;

s. 136 : maltreatment of animals, birds or fish;

s. 144 : criminal trespass, limited to when the accused has not previously been convicted of a similar offence;

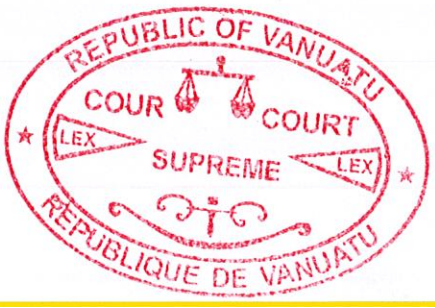
s. 148 : idle and disorderly;

s. 149 : unlawful carriage of weapons by night;

s. 151 : witchcraft, limited to when the accused has not previously been convicted of a similar offence.

b) Offence against the following Acts or Joint Regulations or sections thereof:

All sections of Road Traffic (control) Act, CAP 29, with the exception of sections 12, 13, 16, 51, 52, and 55, with regard to section 41(1) and the Island Court shall have jurisdiction limited to when the accused has not previously convicted of a similar offence;



c) Civil Claim brought under the regional laws where the value of the claim does not exceed vatu, 50,000;

d) Claims relating to customary matters pursuant to section 10 of the Island Courts Act.

COMMENCEMENT DATE:

This instrument is deemed to commence on the 24th August 1994.

GIVEN UNDER MY HANDS AND SEAL ON THIS 2ND DAY OF July 2020.

Vincent LUNABEK
Chief Justice