

# Slavery in Domestic Legislation

## Mauritania

### Trafficking

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### Legislation

Provision	Text
Ordinance 83-162 of 09 July 1983 establishment of a Penal Code	<p>§ 2. Abduction of minors.</p> <p><b>ART. 332.</b> - Anyone who, by fraud or violence, or causing to be minors or trained, diverted or moved, or will have lead or move to places where they were being by those in authority or direction from which they were submitted or assigned, shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment.</p> <p><b>ART. 333.</b> - If the minor kidnapped or abducted is under the age of fifteen, the penalty shall be that of forced labor for life. The same penalty will be applied regardless of the age of the minor, if the offender was charged or had aim to get paid a ransom by people under the authority or supervision which the minor was placed. However, in cases provided for in the preceding two paragraphs, the penalty shall be forced to work time, if the minor is found before it has been given the sentence of condemnation. Kidnapping is punishable with death if he was followed by the death of the minor.</p> <p><b>ART. 334.</b> - He who, without fraud or violence, will be removed or diverted or attempted to remove or away a person under 18 shall be punished by imprisonment of two to five years and a fine from 5,000 to 20,000 MUs. In all cases where 'the abductor would have married the girl he kidnapped, he can be prosecuted the complaint of those who, by law, have the right to request annulment of marriage or sentenced after the annulment of the marriage was pronounced.</p> <p><b>ART. 335.</b> - When he has been held on the custody of a minor by court order, temporary or Ultimately, the parent or other person who will not represent the minor in those the right to claim or even without fraud or violence, abduction or will remove or away from the hands of those to whom custody has been assigned where they have placed the will punished with imprisonment from one month to one year and a fine from 5,000 to 100,000 UM. If the culprit has been deprived of parental authority, imprisonment may be increased to three years.</p>
Presidency of the Republic Justice Honor Fraternity Act No. 025/2003 / On suppression of trafficking in persons	<p><b>Article 1:</b> Notwithstanding the definitions laid down in treaties and international conventions on human rights ratified by Mauritania, "Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer of persons by force or use of force or threats or other forms of coercion, of abduction, deception, abuse of power or exploitation of a position of vulnerability or of the giving of the acceptance of payment or advantage to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for exploitation. Exploitation shall include a minimum of unpaid work, labor or forced services and similar practices, the removal of organs for profit, exploitation of prostitution of others or other forms of exploitation sexual.</p> <p>Chapter Two: Special provisions</p> <p><b>Article 2:</b> The consent of a victim of human trafficking operation is deemed null and void when one of the means set forth in the preceding section was used.</p> <p><b>Article 3:</b> The recruitment, transfer, harboring or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation shall be considered "trafficking in persons" even if this does not involve any of the means set forth in the <b>Article 1</b>.</p> <p>Chapter Three: Criminal Provisions</p> <p><b>Article 4:</b> The commission of the acts set out in <b>Articles 1, 2 and 3</b> constitutes the crime of human trafficking.</p> <p><b>Article 5:</b> In addition to the forfeiture of their civil and political rights, the perpetrators of human trafficking will be punished with hard labor for five to ten years and a fine of 500,000 to 1,000,000 UM. Will also be punished in the same sentence, those who have entered into an agreement whose purpose is to dispose of, either free or for remuneration, freedom of another person. Will be condemned to the same penalties and a fine of 600,000 to 1,200,000 ouguiyas the authors of the crimes belonging to an organized criminal group.</p> <p>Chapter Four: Final Provisions</p> <p><b>Article 6:</b> This Act repeals all previous provisions contrary to it.</p> <p><b>Article 7:</b> This law shall be published in the Official Gazette and implemented as state law.</p>