Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security

Customer Charter

(Fisheries Division)
Our Vision

To be an economic pillar with due regard to sustainability of aquatic resources and social development for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Our Mission

To provide an enabling environment for the promotion of sustainable development of the fisheries sector and to ensure continued economic growth, social development within the framework of good governance.

Our Objectives

- to undertake fisheries and aquaculture research and development and manage resources for sustainable development;
- to consolidate existing knowledge and promote new ideas in fisheries development and management;
- to promote the development of the sea food hub in cooperation with all stakeholders;
- to promote and regulate the optimal long-term sustainable utilization of living marine resources;
- to foster the interest of Mauritius within the international fisheries community, including encouraging the international trade of fish commodities within the framework of international laws and conventions;
- to disseminate information on fisheries; and
- to have a national fisheries policy responsive to the aspirations of our stakeholders
Our Core Values

• Integrity
• Professionalism
• Teamwork
• Quality & Innovativeness
• Customer-oriented
• Corporate culture driven
• Timeliness
• Good Governance

Our Customers

Our customers are the fishermen community, the fishing industry, coastal zone users, NGOs, the public and private sectors, researchers, students, international partners/lending institutions and the public at large.
Services we offer

To achieve its mission the Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security has under its umbrella the following divisions:

- Fisheries Planning
- Fisheries Management
- Fisheries Research
- Marine Conservation
- Marine Science
- Aquaculture
- Fisheries Training & Extension Centre
- Fisheries Protection Service
I. **Fisheries Planning Division**

The Planning Division assists in formulating, developing, planning and coordinating the Ministry’s fisheries strategy taking into consideration their environmental and socio-economic aspects.

Services provided

(i) advise on policy issues for fisheries development and management.

(ii) formulate and assist in implementation of fisheries projects.

(iii) advise investors in fisheries related investments and make recommendations for projects for loans by the DBM or other funding agencies.

(iv) preparation, implementation and review of fishing agreements, Mou’s for bilateral cooperation for the fisheries sector.

(v) provide inputs to other ministries and overseas missions on the fisheries sector.

(vi) coordinate with the seafood processing sector and other stakeholders and provide relevant information.

(vii) coordinate with other divisions of the Ministry on relevant issues.

(viii) ensure follow-up action on international fisheries negotiations

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II. MARINE CONSERVATION DIVISION

The Marine Conservation Division is responsible for the long-term protection and conservation of marine bio-diversity and habitats for sustainable use while maximizing economic and social benefits derived from the coastal zone through the following activities:

(a) manage the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and contribute to a regional/global network of marine and coastal protected areas.

(b) assess Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) documents and Preliminary Environmental Reports (PER) and make appropriate recommendations to the Ministry of Environment and National Development Unit.

(c) participate in Post-EIA/PER monitoring for works carried out in the coastal zone.

(d) assess and make recommendations on proposals for coastal development and tourism related projects.

(e) public awareness on Marine Protected Areas, the sustainable development and use of the coastal zone.

(f) monitor the coral reef ecosystem within the two marine parks.
2. Services and facilities provided

(a) underwater ecological surveys for coastal development and tourism related projects such as undersea-walk activities, demarcation of swimming zones, construction of jetties and the placing of platforms.

(b) Maintenance of demarcation buoys in the Blue Bay Marine Park (BBMP), our second RAMSAR site;

(c) Regulate permissible activities through the issue of permits for the BBMP and interference permits for the other Marine Protected Areas.

3. Application for permits

(a) An applicant may be issued a permit subject to such terms and conditions as may be required and on payment of an approved fee as per the “Charges for the Marine Protected Areas Permits” under the Fisheries and Marine Resources (Marine Protected Areas) Regulations 2001 and the FMR (MPA) Regulations 2001 as amended in 2007.

(b) Any person requiring a permit under these Regulations has to apply in writing to the Permanent Secretary on the “APPLICATION FORM FOR PERMIT(S)” in Marine Protected Areas provided on-line “fisheries.gov.mu”. The applicant is required to call in person at the Blue Bay Marine Park Patrol and Visitors Centre for permits to operate in the BBMP or at the Albion Fisheries Research Centre for interference permits in the Balaclava Marine Park and the Fishing Reserves together with documents requested in Table 1 to complete other administrative formalities.
With regard to an interference permit, the applicant has to make a formal request to the Permanent Secretary by giving all the details/scope of works. Depending on the merit of the application and if authorized, the applicant may proceed as at Para. 3(b).

Upon receipt of the duly filled-in application form and all relevant documents, we pledge that we will process and issue the permit within 5 working days.

All payment of fees has to be made during any working day [Monday to Friday] from 09.00 to 15.00hrs at the Finance Section of the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Production and Security (Fisheries Division), 4th Level, LIC Building, Port Louis.
**Table 1 Different types of permits issued by the Marine Conservation Division and their respective charges.**

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**How to contact us:**

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**Blue Bay Marine Park (Patrol and Visitor’s Centre)**
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Fax: 631 2416
III. MARINE SCIENCE DIVISION

The Marine Science Division (MSD) is responsible for the sustainable management, protection, conservation and development of the coastal marine resources and of the marine environment. In order to achieve its aim, the MSD is involved in:

- monitoring state of corals, sea grass and associated biota, through field and underwater surveys, in our coastal waters.
- monitoring of lagoonal waters (physico-chemical) to study the trends in water quality characteristics.
- monitoring water quality (microbiological) at public beaches for public health and recreational aspects.
- running and operation of three laboratories namely Marine Chemistry, Marine Bacteriology and Marine Ecology.
- accreditation of its laboratories (Marine Chemistry and Marine Bacteriology) towards ISO 17025 and EU Norms.
- contribution to the setting up of national standards and guidelines for coastal waters.
- investigation in cases of marine pollution and fish mortality.
- rehabilitation of mangroves in denuded areas for coastal protection.
- ecological and physico-chemical studies to advise on coastal development projects and related activities.
Services provided

• disseminate information on the importance of managing, protecting and conserving the coastal marine resources as well as the marine environment.

• provide scientific information on water quality and marine ecosystems for a sustainable coastal zone management and to ensure the safety of our lagoon waters for health and recreational purposes.

• advise on dredging of boat passages and opening of passes based on water dynamics in lagoons.

• advise on measures to be taken to address possible impacts of coastal development projects on the marine environment.

• provide information and initiate appropriate measures for cases of fish mortality and pollution.

• rehabilitation of mangroves in denuded areas.

• carry public awareness campaigns for the conservation and protection of our marine environment.

• make recommendations on proposals for scientific studies on and exploitation of the marine resources.

• prompt response to initiate action for attending to cases of stranded mammals/turtles from the coastal zones.

• assist students and scientists in their research activities.
How to contact us:

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          Mauritius

Phone : 2384100, 2384829, 2385195 and 2384744
Fax    : 2384184
E–Mail: fisheries@mail.gov.mu
IV. FISHERIES TRAINING AND EXTENSION CENTRE

The Fisheries Training and Extension Centre (FiTEC) was set up to train fishermen and other stakeholders of the fishing industry in order to meet government’s fisheries development objectives that is:-

(a) to enhance knowledge and skills of fishermen to operate in the off lagoon area;

(b) to dispense training to new entrants for a career in the fishing industry;

(c) to ensure effective fishing techniques;

(d) to provide training for enhanced safety and security at sea; and

(e) to create awareness on marine environment protection and conservation.

FiTEC is also responsible for the deployment and maintenance of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs). A FAD is a floating structure placed intentionally in the sea to attract migratory pelagic species, thus facilitating their capture. The FAD based fishery aims at:

• diverting fishing effort from the heavily exploited lagoon to the outer lagoon;

• increasing/diversifying income of fishermen; and

• meeting the increasing demand for fresh fish.
Services Provided

(a) Training of registered fishermen on, amongst others,

- fishing techniques;
- fish handling;
- coastal navigation;
- maintenance and repair of outboard motors;
- first aid; and
- safety and security at sea.

Training is conducted according to the needs of the fishery sector. Apart from theoretical courses, the training comprises practical sessions on outboard motors as well as fishing and navigation at sea. The courses vary from 2 to 6 weeks in duration.

(b) About 20 FADs are maintained around the island. FADs are reset or repaired as the need may be.

(c) Demonstration fishing is conducted to potential promoters/investors who show interest in the exploitation of off-lagoon fish resources namely deepwater shrimp and swordfish.

How to contact us

Address - Fisheries Training and Extension Centre
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By phone - 234 - 6858
By Fax - 234 – 6967
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V. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Services provided:

(a) issue of fishing licences to foreign fishing vessels to operate in the Mauritius EEZ.

(b) renew fishing licences for semi-industrial and banks fishing vessels.

(c) examination and processing of new fishing projects.

(d) exert port state control for foreign fishing vessels calling at Port Louis for unloading/transshipment.

(e) issue of departure clearances for local/semi-industrial chilled fish vessels as well as for bank fishing vessels.

(f) inspection and monitoring of unloading for patagonian toothfish vessels.

(g) validation of Statistical Catch Documents.

(h) issue clearances at ports of entry for import of fish/fish products.

(i) issue the necessary authorization for export of fish/fish products.

(j) inspection and monitoring of fish in quarantine and storage for dried seafood and seashells.

(k) inspection and clearance of fish and fish products is carried out at ports of entry on the same day the request is made.

(l) provide the necessary information to all potential stakeholders in the fishing industry.

(m) Issue of import permits.

(n) Issue of export authorisation.
Service Standard:

1. Maintain the highest standard of integrity and probity in dealing with our customers.

2. Deliver a rapid and efficient service.

Customer Promise

**Licensing of Fishing vessels:**

(a) We are ready to provide the necessary information concerning different types of fisheries and give advice for new comers to the Fishing Industry

(b) We shall examine all new projects and give a reply within fifteen (15) days after submission (local vessels)

(c) Renewal of licences for local fishing vessels shall be effected within seven (7) working days once the necessary documents are submitted.

(d) In case of foreign fishing vessels, once the necessary documents are submitted we shall issue a licence within ten working days.

Requirements for a Mauritian Fishing Licence

(a) In case of a new project:

A complete project proposal describing the Project objectives, the general framework into which the project fits, the economic, financial, social benefits, justification of key elements of the project, project strategy, project components (vessels, ice-plants, equipment etc), project costs and phasing, project structure, organization and management. (A project write-up guideline is available at the Ministry).
Once the project is approved, the operator will be awarded a Letter of Intent. The operator would then be required to submit the documents listed in section (b) below.

**(b) Documents required for processing of an application for a new licence or for the renewal of existing local fishing licences:**

(a) Duly filled application form for fishing licence (Available on the Fisheries website)

(b) Copy of the Certificate of registration of the vessel

(c) Copy of Hull and Machinery Certificate issued by the Shipping Division

(d) Copy of Safety Equipment Certificate issued by the Shipping Division

(e) Copy of Insurance covers for boat/vessel, crew and fishermen

(f) Proof of installation of transponder for VMS reporting

(g) Copy of Ship Station Licence (Issued by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority-ICTA)

(h) Duly filled VMS register form

(i) Qualifications of Skipper and chief mechanic.

(j) Proof of payment of communication fee to Mauritius Telecom

**Fees Charged:**

For a local bank fishing licence: Rs1/GRT

For a foreign fishing longline licence:
The licence fee is USD 6000 for a minimum licence period of 90 days and USD 2000 for any additional 30 days or part thereof. A sum of USD 500 shall be deposited along with each licence fee. This deposit is refundable upon submission of properly filled logbooks. Vessels calling at Port Louis shall submit their logbooks to the Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security (Fisheries Division) immediately upon arrival. For vessels not calling at Port Louis, logbooks shall be submitted within 90 days after the expiry of the licence. Otherwise the sum deposited shall be forfeited. The licensee shall, moreover, pay a non refundable sum of USD 500 at the time of payment of the licence fee to cover the costs of all communications, i.e. normal periodic reporting and polling of the vessel/boat under the Vessel Monitoring System for a period of 90 days and USD 170 for any additional 30 day period or part thereof.

How to contact us:

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211-2470-76 (PABX)

By Fax: 213-3222 (Fax: Licensing Unit)
208-1929 (Head Office)
VI. ONE STOP SHOP OF THE SEAFOOD HUB

The One Stop Shop is dedicated exclusively to the seafood industry to speed up and facilitate administrative and operational clearances in respect of landing, transhipment, import/export, sanitary, health certification, customs and immigration clearances.

Services provided

The One Stop Shop offers a complete chain management service to fishing operators, traders, processors, canners and retailers, Officers from different departments are called to work in close collaboration and under the same roof. It is to be noted that the Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Production and Security (Fisheries Division) collaborates with the different Ministries to ensure an efficient service.

The different departments are:

(a) Fisheries Division
(b) Fisheries Department (Fisheries Protection Service)
(c) Custom and Excise Department
(d) Veterinary Services
(e) Ministry of Health and Quality of Life and
(f) Passport and Immigration
1 **Issue of departure clearances for banks and swordfish/chilled fish fishing vessel**

(i) Application of clearance for departure by fishing vessels/boats owners or operators three days prior to departure;

(ii) Date of departure and expected date of arrival; and

(iii) Provisional crew and fishermen list; and

(iv) Final list of crew and fishermen

(v) All Banks fishing vessels are surveyed by a team of Fisheries Protection Officers (FPS) prior to the issue of a clearance for departure for a fishing trip. The following are verified:

- validity of fishing licence;
- crew, frigoboys and fishermen list submitted [whether frigoboys and fishermen are on the registered list of frigoboys/ fishermen];
- number of life jackets;
- number of hand flares and expiry date;
- number of dories authorized*;
- number of radio as per number of dories*;
- number of oars*;
- previous fishing logsheet*;
- whether fish hold is empty*; and
- the estimated quota remaining*

* (banks fishing vessels)
(vi) When the officers of the Protection Services issue a no objection for departure, the officer designated to process the departure clearance verifies:

- the validity of the fishing licence;
- insurance of crew and fishermen;
- Hull and Machinery Certificate;
- Seaworthiness Certificate;
- number of fishermen/frigoboys and crew allowed on board; and
- whether VMS data is being transmitted to the FMC.

(vii) After the above requirements and conditions are satisfied, boat/vessel is issued with a departure clearance with certain terms and conditions.

2 Issue of clearance for unloading of Banks fishing vessels/St Brandon/Chilled fishery

REQUIREMENTS:

(a) The owner/operator of local fishing boat/vessel should inform the Ministry of the arrival of the boat/vessel at least 48 hours prior to its arrival

(b) On arrival the following conditions should be satisfied before unloading is authorized by the FPS officers:

- The fishing log book is verified and collected.
- The list of fishermen, frigoboys and crew is verified.
Clearance obtained from the Ministry of Health is verified to ascertain that the consignment of fish on board is fit for human consumption.

Verification and record of the total catch after unloading.

To ensure that all fish are frozen or chilled and not toxic. In case of chilled the quality and preservation of fish is also monitored.

3 Issue of clearance for unloading of foreign licenced and non-licenced longliners

REQUIREMENTS:

(a) The local agent should inform the Ministry at least 72 hours prior to the arrival of the fishing vessel

(b) All foreign fishing vessels are boarded on arrival for verification of logbooks and filling of Fish Transshipment/Unloading Data Collection Sheets. For licenced vessels a copy of the logbook is collected from the Master of the vessel.

(c) Verification as to whether vessels calling at Port Louis are in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission [IOTC], Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources [CCAMLR] and Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries [OPRT] positive lists and whether the vessels have carried out any illegal fishing activities undermining conservation measures.

(d) Vessels which are on the Illegal, Irregular and Unreported [IUU] list are denied unloading facilities.
4  Issue of clearance for unloading of Patagonian Toothfish

As a port state, Mauritius implements management and conservation measures of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

REQUIREMENTS:

(a) The local agent must inform the Ministry at least 72 hours prior to the arrival of the fishing vessel.

(b) On arrival of the vessel, Officers of the Fisheries Division carry out an inspection and the following documents are collected from the Master of the vessel:

- Fishing licence and registry of the vessel
- Authorization to fish in the CCAMLR region
- Document stating whether fishing was carried in a manner authorized by the CCAMLR.
- Electronic *Dissostichus* Catch Document provided by CCAMLR

(c) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Commerce is informed about the arrival of the vessel and the inspection carried on board the vessel and authorization for unloading is issued by same.

(d) During unloading the fish is weighed by officers of the FPS and the final weight is verified against the DCD.

(e) The toothfish export documents are retrieved from the CCAMLR website and are issued to the local agents for processing and are validated.
5 Authorization for export of bigeye tuna, swordfish and toothfish

In line with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Conservation Measures, Catch Documents are validated prior to the export of Bigeye tuna and swordfish.

REQUIREMENTS:

Duly filled export/re-export document

6 Permit to import fish and fish products

REQUIREMENTS

(a) The importer should have a valid:

• Fishmongers’ Licence issued by the Fisheries Division;

• Trade Licence issued by the Local Authority;

• Food Handlers Certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life

(b) The importer should have appropriate infrastructure to handle and store the products (warehouse, cold room facilities, refrigerated vehicles and quarantine facilities for live fish).

(c) The importer should provide the Ministry with the following details on the intended import:

• Common name of fish and fish products

• Scientific name of fish and fish products

• Quantity

• Type of product
• Country of origin/source of supply
• Name of establishment and its number
• Purpose of importation
• Mode of transport
• Expected date of shipment

(d) Imports are authorised under the following conditions:

• All consignments of fish or fish products should be accompanied by a Health Certificate duly issued by the competent authority of the country of origin.

• Endangered fish species, seashells and live ornamental fishes listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) list, is not allowed.

• Consignments of shells and live fish should be accompanied by a statement from the country of origin to certify that the consignment does not contain specimen listed in the CITES list.

• An import permit is issued on a consignment basis against payment of an import fee of Rs. 2000/- and is valid for a specific period of time depending on the product and country of export.

• Import of bigeye tuna and swordfish is authorised subject to the consignment being accompanied by an IOTC/ICCAT Statistical Document certified by the flag states.

• Importation of frozen fish species commonly known as “capitaine, butter fish and sacrechien” is subjected to quota.
7 Authorisation to export fish and fish products

REQUIREMENTS

The exporter should provide the following information and documents to this Ministry prior to exportation:

- origin of the fish
- name and address of establishment
- approval no. in case establishment is EU approved
- name and flag state of fishing vessel supplying fish
- place of storage
- type of products intended for export (chilled, frozen, smoked, canned, etc...)
- presentation of the fish (filleted, whole round, gutted or un gutted, etc...)
- country of export
- date of shipment and name of carrier
- species and quantity of fish intended for export
- custom declaration bill
- invoice
- fish transhipment data/ collection sheet issued by the Ministry all consignments of fish containing big eye and swordfish of would have to be accompanied by the IOTC/ICCAT Statistical documents duly issued by the Ministry of Fishries.
How to contact us:

Address: Head Office, 4th Floor, LIC Building, John Kennedy Street, Port Louis

Phone: 211 0604, 211 2470, 208 2404

Fax: 208 1929
VII Fisheries Research Division

The Division is responsible for carrying out research and development activities aimed at increasing knowledge on the fishery resources found in our EEZ with a view to enabling its sustainable utilisation. Its activities include research and assessment of fish stocks, monitoring of fishing activities and the dissemination of information on fisheries matters.

Services offered:

• provide fisheries statistics.

• publish Annual Reports of the Fisheries Division which give an overview of the activities within the fisheries sector.

• carry out the identification and screening of the toxic fishes.

• assist students and scientists in their research activities.

• grant permissions to visit the Albion Fisheries Research Centre; Permission is granted within 3 days of the receipt of a written request.
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Address: Albion Fisheries Research Centre, Petite Rivière  
Tel No: 238 4100 or 259 4454  
Fax No: 238 4184
VIII AQUACULTURE DIVISION

The Aquaculture Division is responsible for the promotion of aquaculture development through research for different species both marine and freshwater to increase fish production. Its activities include transfer of aquaculture techniques for production of different fish species to farmers, improve aquaculture techniques for quality seed production, dissemination of information on aquaculture, advise, facilitate and monitor aquaculture projects.

Services Provided

• provide fish farmers with camaron juveniles against payment of Rs 1.25/unit;

• provide fish farmers with berri rouge fingerlings against payment of Rs 1.25/unit;

• encourage and promote aquaculture activities;

• disseminate information on aquaculture, tender technical advice on aquaculture projects;

• ensure quality and timely services for the development of aquaculture through an extension service;

• monitor aquaculture projects (freshwater and marine);

• appraise aquaculture projects;

• attend to fish mortalities; and

• assist students in research projects.
Starting an aquaculture project

Requirements:

• A clean and unpolluted source of water;

• Acquisition of a water right for aquaculture from the CWA;

• An application for authorization to run a fish farm project, together with a project write up to be submitted to the Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security (Fisheries Division);

• To submit ownership/authorization for use of land for the project;

• To abide strictly by the existing legislations;

• To cooperate with relevant authorities for the protection of the environment and abide by the conditions set for fish farming and;

• Application form for mariculture development with guidelines according to the 4th Schedule of Finance (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 2008

Additional Information:

• The fish seeds are produced during the summer season.
• Farmers must make their own arrangement for transport and tanks on the day of delivery of the fish fingerlings on post larvae (camaron juveniles)

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IX  **Fisheries Protection Service (FPS)**

The FPS is responsible for the protection and conservation of the fishery resources for sustainable development, ensuring marketing of fish and fisheries products are safe for human consumption.

**Main Responsibilities**

- enforcement of Fisheries Legislation to combat illegal fishing, to protect the marine environment and to ensure marketing of fish and fish products safe for human consumption
- monitoring of fishing activities for policy decision
- controlling of fish and fish products at Fish Landing Stations, Sales Points and the Fishing Port
- collection of fisheries statistics
- providing information on prevailing weather and sea state to Meteorological Services for weather forecast
- consultations with fishermen on development projects and other issues relating to fisheries
- acting as focal point for providing information on matters relating to fisheries

**Activities and Services Provided**

The following activities are performed and services are provided through 15 Fisheries Posts situated around the island, at the fishing port and at the Head Office in Port Louis:
• control and surveillance of lagoon and off lagoon fishing
• issue of fishmonger’s licence
• inspection of fish quality at fish landing stations and at sale points
• registration and issue of fisherman cards
• registration of fishing boats
• inspection of fishing vessels for safety and security compliance before authorisation is given for a fishing trip
• clearance to fishing vessels for unloading of catch at the port
• providing information on the fisheries sector to stakeholders
• issue and renewal of licences for fishing gears and nets
• processing for payment of bad weather allowance to registered artisanal fishermen
• payment of close season allowance to net fishermen during close period from October to end of February of each year
• sensitisation of fishermen on security aspects at sea
• participation in search and rescue operations at sea
• sensitisation of fishermen and the public on matters relating to the fisheries sector
• updating of data on registered bank and artisanal fishermen, fishing boats and fishing gears
### Renewal of Licence to use Fishing Nets (Section 28)

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<tr>
<td>Large net</td>
<td>Application letter for renewal to be submitted by the Head Fisherman together with the list of authorised agents</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>Rs 50 quarterly</td>
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<td>Canard net</td>
<td>Application letter for renewal to be submitted by the Head Fisherman together with the list of authorised agents</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>Rs 25 monthly</td>
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<td>Gill net</td>
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**Licence to import live fish** (Section 23)

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<td>Fishmonger’s Licence for importation of Live Ornamental Fish</td>
<td>Application letter</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>Rs 200 yearly – (Individual)</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Trade licence</td>
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<td>Rs 1000 yearly – (Company)</td>
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<td>Morality Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company (valid for one year)</td>
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<td>Applicant should have the necessary infrastructure to handle the imported fish (Quarantine)</td>
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<td>2 passport size photographs of applicant or for each agent representing a Company</td>
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| Fishmonger’s Licence for Importation of Live Fish for consumption        | Application letter                                                        | Within 5 working days             | Rs 200 yearly – (Individual)                            |
|                                                                          | Trade licence                                                             |                                   | Rs 1000 yearly – (Company)                             |
|                                                                          | Morality Certificate of applicant or of each agent representing Company (valid for one year) |                                   |                                                        |
|                                                                          | Valid Food Handler Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company |                                   |                                                        |
|                                                                          | Applicant should have the necessary infrastructure to handle the imported fish (Quarantine) |                                   |                                                        |
|                                                                          | 2 passport size photographs of applicant or for each agent representing a Company |                                   |                                                        |
## Licence to import processed seashells (Section 22)

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<td>Fishmonger's Licence</td>
<td>Application letter Trade licence Morality Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company valid for one year 2 passport size photographs of applicant or for each agent representing a Company</td>
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## Dealer in fishing nets (Section 26)

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<td>Licence to import and/or deal in fishing nets (existing)</td>
<td>Application for Licence/renewal Certificate of registration from Registrar of Companies in case of a company/association</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
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## Permit to sell imported processed sea shells (GN 95/2006)

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<td>Permit to sell Seashell</td>
<td>Application letter&lt;br&gt;Certificate of Morality Valid for one year&lt;br&gt;Trade licence&lt;br&gt;2 passport size photographs of applicant</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>No fee</td>
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## Fishing Boat Certificate (Section 42)

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<td>Boat Registration (Fishing Boat only) under Fisheries and Marine Resources Act</td>
<td>Deed of ownership/sale with particulars of boat&lt;br&gt;Owner’s NIC&lt;br&gt;Mooring address&lt;br&gt;Fisherman Card (Individual)&lt;br&gt;Fishing Licence (Company)</td>
<td>Within 7 working days</td>
<td>Rs 25</td>
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## Licence to sell fish & fish products obtained locally

(Section 21)

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<td>Fishmonger’s Licence</td>
<td>Application letter, Morality Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company valid for one year</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>Rs 50 quarterly - Individual</td>
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<td>Valid Food Handler Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company</td>
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<td>Evidence for transportation and storage facilities for frozen fish</td>
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## Licence to import fish & fish products (Section 22)

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<td>Fishmonger’s Licence (Canned, Dried, Fresh &amp; Frozen)</td>
<td>Application letter&lt;br&gt;Trade licence&lt;br&gt;Morality Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company valid for one year&lt;br&gt;Valid Food Handler Certificate of applicant or for each agent representing a Company&lt;br&gt;Storage facility for Canned &amp; Dried products&lt;br&gt;Evidence of cold room/chill room (inspected &amp; certified by an engineer Registered within the Factory Inspectorate). Not applicable for canned &amp; dried products&lt;br&gt;Horsepower of vehicle equipped with a frigo box/chill box. (Not applicable for canned &amp; dried products)&lt;br&gt;2 passport size photographs of applicant or for each agent representing a Company</td>
<td>Within 5 working days</td>
<td>Rs 200 yearly - Individual&lt;br&gt;Rs 1000 yearly - Company</td>
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<td>Port Louis</td>
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<td>216 0457/250 1403</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Trou aux Biches</td>
<td>Royal Road, Trou aux Biches (near NCG)</td>
<td>265 7130</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Tombeau Bay</td>
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<td>247 4920</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Grand Gaube</td>
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<td>288 2894/288 1134</td>
<td>288 0894</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Poudre d’Or</td>
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<td>283 9676</td>
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<td>Poste Lafayette</td>
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<td>410 5130</td>
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<td>Trou d’Eau Douce</td>
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<td>480 2154</td>
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<td>631 9539/631 3940</td>
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<td>622 5955</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Pointe Aux Sables</td>
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