THE FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES ACT 2007

Regulations made by the Minister under section 74 of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing of Sea Cucumbers) Regulations 2009.

2. In these regulations –
   “sea cucumber” means a fish belonging to the holothuroid class;
   “undersized sea cucumber” means any sea cucumber which is less than 15 centimetres in length.

3. Subject to regulation 4, the Permanent Secretary may authorise the fishing of sea cucumbers on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

4. No person shall fish –
   (a) any undersized sea cucumber; or
   (b) any sea cucumber from 1 January to 31 March in a year.

5. No person shall land, have in his possession or sell any undersized sea cucumber.

6. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees, or the US dollar equivalent.

7. (a) Notwithstanding the other provisions of these regulations, no person shall fish any sea cucumber from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2011.

   (b) Any person who fishes any sea cucumber from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2011 shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees, or the US dollar equivalent.

8. The Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing of Sea Cucumbers) Regulations 2008 are revoked.

9. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 October 2009.

Made by the Minister on 28 September 2009.