
Government Notice No. 189 of 2023

THE FISHERIES ACT 2023

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 206
of the Fisheries Act 2023**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Fishing of Sea Cucumbers) Regulations 2023.
2. In these regulations –
 - “Act” means the Fisheries Act 2023;
 - “sea cucumber” means a fish belonging to the holothuroid class;
 - “undersized sea cucumber” means any sea cucumber which is less than 15 centimetres in wet length.
3. These regulations shall not apply to fish farming pursuant to Sub-part A of Part VII of the Act.
4. (1) No person shall fish sea cucumbers unless he is authorised by the supervising officer.
 - (2) An authorisation under paragraph (1) may be granted subject to the fishing of sea cucumbers being carried out –
 - (a) from 1 April to 30 November of each year;
 - (b) beyond 15 nautical miles from the baseline of the maritime zones of Mauritius; and
 - (c) on such other terms and conditions as the supervising officer may determine.
5. Notwithstanding these regulations, no person shall fish or have in his possession any –

- (a) undersized sea cucumbers; and
 - (b) sea cucumber from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2029, without the authorisation of the supervising officer.
- 6.** Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100,000 rupees and imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.
- 7.** The Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing of Sea Cucumbers) Regulations 2009 are revoked.
- 8.** These regulations shall come into operation on 1 January 2024.

Made by the Minister on 26 December 2023.
