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## **SECTION 1. PREAMBLE**

### **1.1 Background**

1.1.1 Aquaculture is one of the priority areas on the agenda of the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, hereinafter referred to as 'this Ministry'. In order to give a boost to the production of fish through farming activities, seven Government-owned barachois, hereinafter referred to as 'vested barachois', have been vested by the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning (MHLUP) in this Ministry for aquaculture activities. As the vested barachois could not be sub-leased, private promoters were authorised to carry out aquaculture activities therein free of charge as from year 2013.

1.1.2 In its 2021/2022 Report, the National Audit Office (NAO) recommended, inter-alia, that a draft policy for the allocation of barachois be worked out and forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for approval.

1.1.3 Since then, this Ministry has been working on a policy for the allocation of vested barachois.

### **1.2 Objective of the Policy**

1.2.1 The main objective of the vested Barachois Policy is to define the criteria and procedures for the allocation of vested barachois to eligible promoters in line with the principles of good governance, accountability and transparent procedures for the allocation of a Government property.

1.2.2 This Policy is intended to act as an informative paper for the guidance of promoters interested in engaging in aquaculture activities within a vested barachois.

### **1.3 Scope**

1.3.1 This Policy seeks to set out the process for the allocation of:

- i. unoccupied vested barachois to individual promoters, cooperative societies or private companies, intending to embark on aquaculture projects in vested barachois; and
- ii. the occupied barachois to promoters, who have been authorised to carry out aquaculture activities in those barachois.

1.3.2 The allocation of the vested barachois will be based on a set of criteria as listed at **Annexes I and II**.

1.3.3 This Policy shall not be applicable to privately-owned barachois.

## **SECTION 2. LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

All activities carried out in a vested barachois shall be governed by the applicable legislation, including the Fisheries Act 2023 and the Environment Protection Act.

## **SECTION 3. PROCEDURES FOR ALLOCATION OF VESTED BARACHOIS**

### **3.1 Procedures for the allocation of unoccupied vested barachois**

3.1.1 This Ministry shall carry out surveys, including ecological survey, to determine the characteristics of the site and the appropriate type of aquaculture activities to be carried out.

3.1.2 This Ministry shall launch Expressions of Interest (EOI), inviting individual promoters, cooperative societies and private companies interested in carrying out aquaculture activities in barachois to submit their proposals. The EOI shall be given wide publicity through the Press and will be published on the website of this Ministry.

3.1.3 Interested and eligible individual promoters, cooperative societies or private companies proposing to engage in aquaculture activities in a particular vested barachois shall apply, as per the requirements set out in the EOI.

3.1.4 A Selection Committee shall be set up at the level of this Ministry to assess the submissions received, following the EOI exercise. The Selection Committee will shortlist potential promoters based on the list of criteria at **Annex I**. The Committee shall comprise representatives of:

- this Ministry;
- the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning;
- the Ministry of Tourism;
- the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development.
- the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change;
- the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security; and
- the Economic Development Board (EDB).

3.1.5 Following the recommendations of the Selection Committee, this Ministry shall invite the shortlisted promoters to submit their proposed aquaculture projects in vested barachois through a Request for Proposal (RFP).

3.1.6 The proposals received shall be assessed by an Evaluation Committee which shall comprise representatives of:

- a) this Ministry;
- b) the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning;
- c) the Ministry of Tourism;
- d) the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development;
- e) the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change;
- f) the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security; and
- g) the Economic Development Board (EDB).

3.1.7 The Evaluation Committee shall make recommendations based on a set of criteria as at **Annex II**. When selecting the projects, the Evaluation Committee shall list the recommended projects in order of priority, based on their innovativeness, the proposed level of investment, the business model and the proposed mechanisms to avoid damage to the marine ecosystem.

3.1.8 Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee, this Ministry shall issue a Letter of Authorisation with terms and conditions to the selected promoters.

3.1.9 The Letter of Authorisation shall be for a period of two years to allow the selected promoter to start implementation of the approved project in the vested barachois, as per the terms and conditions mentioned therein.

3.1.10 On receipt of the Letter of Authorisation, the selected promoter shall be responsible to apply for and obtain a fish farming licence to conduct fish farming in the vested barachois, in line with the provisions at Section 66 of the Fisheries Act 2023, and to pay the prescribed licence fee. The relevant extract of the Fisheries Act 2023 is at **Annex III**.

3.1.11 This Ministry shall monitor the aquaculture activities to ensure that the promoter complies with all the terms and conditions attached to the Letter of Authorisation and the fish farming licence.

3.1.12 Three months prior to the expiry of the Letter of Authorisation, an Assessment Committee set up by this Ministry will assess the aquaculture projects being implemented in the vested barachois, to determine their viability.

3.1.13 The Assessment Committee will comprise representatives of:

- a) this Ministry;
- b) the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning;
- c) the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change; and
- d) the Economic Development Board (EDB).

3.1.14 This Ministry shall co-opt a representative of any other institution/ Ministry, as appropriate, to assist with the assessment of the project.

3.1.15 Based on the recommendations of the Assessment Committee, this Ministry shall sign a Lease Agreement with the selected promoter for the lease of the vested barachois on such terms and conditions mentioned therein. The Lease Agreement will be for an initial duration of 10 years, and renewable for an additional duration of 10 years, subject to all terms and conditions being complied.

3.1.16 In the event that the Assessment Committee considers the project not to be viable, it shall make its recommendations to this Ministry regarding the implementation of the project.

3.1.17 On receipt of such recommendations, this Ministry shall take a decision with regard to that project, including a request to the promoter to take necessary remedial actions to make the project become viable within a period to be specified. This Ministry may retrieve the barachois in the event that the aquaculture project does not achieve the expected results within that specified period.

3.1.18 The promoter shall be called upon to pay the applicable fees and rent for the aquaculture projects in the vested barachois as per Section 4 of this Policy. For any other aquaculture-related activities, fees and rent, as applicable at Section 5 of this Policy will apply.

## **3.2 Procedures for the allocation of already occupied barachois**

3.2.1 Promoters already engaged in aquaculture activities in a vested barachois **prior** to this Policy, shall submit to this Ministry a project write-up describing the development of the project since inception, and the plan for future development.

3.2.2 The Assessment Committee shall assess the submission and shall also consider the ongoing aquaculture project since the start thereof, adherence to best practices and safeguard of the marine ecosystem by the promoter, and shall make its recommendations to this Ministry.

3.2.3 Based on the recommendations of the Assessment Committee, this Ministry shall sign a Lease Agreement with the promoter for the lease of the vested barachois on such terms and conditions

mentioned therein. The Lease Agreement shall be for an initial duration of 10 years, and renewable for an additional duration of 10 years, subject to all terms and conditions being complied.

3.2.4 In the event that the Assessment Committee considers the project not to be viable, it shall make its recommendations to this Ministry regarding the implementation of the project.

3.2.5 On receipt of such recommendations, this Ministry shall take a decision with regard to that project, including a request to the promoter to take necessary remedial actions to make the project become viable within a period to be specified. This Ministry may retrieve the barachois in the event that the aquaculture project does not achieve the expected results within that specified period.

3.2.6 The promoter shall be called upon to pay applicable fees and rent for the aquaculture projects in the vested barachois as per Section 4 of this Policy. For any other aquaculture-related activities, fees and rent, as applicable at Section 5 of this Policy will apply.

3.2.7 Prior to starting the approved aquaculture activities, the promoter shall be responsible to ensure that he applies for and obtains:

- (i) a fish farming licence for the approved aquaculture activities; and
- (ii) clearances from the:
  - a) Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change for a Preliminary Environmental Report;
  - b) Ministry of Tourism in respect of eco-tourism activities, if applicable;
  - c) Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security in respect of in-land agricultural activities, if applicable; and
  - d) Competent Authority (Seafood) with respect to imported species to be cultured, if applicable.

3.2.8 This Ministry shall notify the promoter in the event that other clearances will be required.

## SECTION 4. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

### 4.1 Annual Rent and Licence Fee

4.1.1 The promoter shall pay an annual rent for occupying the vested barachois and a licence fee to obtain a fish farming licence. The annual rent and the licence fee shall be prescribed by Regulations under the Fisheries Act 2023.

4.1.2 An annual rent will be charged for occupying the allocated vested barachois per arpent and per annum as follows:

- Year 1 and Year 2 (token fee of Rs 1,000 for land and token fee of Rs 1,000 for sea per annum)
- Year 3 to Year 8: (Rs 5,000 for land + Rs 5,000 for sea)
- Year 9 to Year 14: 25 % increase (25% of Rs 5,000)
- Year 15 to Year 20: 30 % increase (30% of Rs 5,000)

4.1.3 To encourage the promoters in their initial investment, the latter will be required to pay a token fee of Rs 1,000 for one arpent of sea and a token fee of Rs 1,000 for one arpent of land during the first two years of operation.

4.1.4 Annual rents may be revised as and when deemed necessary.

### 4.2 Recovery of unpaid rent

4.2.1 Where a promoter fails to settle any rent due, this Ministry shall initiate necessary action to recover the amount due.

4.2.2 Notwithstanding the above, this Ministry may terminate the Lease Agreement for non-payment of the applicable rent.

## SECTION 5. OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

### 5.1 Ecotourism Activities

5.1.1 A selected promoter may be authorised to carry out leisure activities, such as fishing activities, “lieu de degustation” for seafood or eating corner for harvested aqua-cultured fish species from the vested barachois, subject to the promoter obtaining all the necessary permits and clearances from the relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning and the Ministry of Tourism.

5.1.2 The authorisation shall be subject to such terms and conditions as deemed necessary by the relevant authorities.

5.1.3 The promoter shall be required to pay an additional annual fee of Rs 5,000 in respect of any approved ecotourism activity within the vested barachois.

### 5.2 Agricultural Activities

5.2.1 The promoter may, subject to clearance from the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security, be authorised to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers and to carry out beekeeping activities on the land component of the vested barachois. Native plants, as listed at **Annex IV**, may also be planted on the compound of the vested barachois.

5.2.2 The promoter shall use only bio-fertilisers and bio-pesticides, as approved by this Ministry. Chemical pesticides shall not be allowed for agricultural activities.

5.2.3 Animal husbandry shall not be authorised within the vested barachois.

### 5.3 Other Barachois related activities

5.3.1 A promoter interested in engaging in a barachois related activity other than aquaculture such as eco-tourism (restaurant, bar amongst others), shall submit a project proposal to this Ministry for approval. The project proposal shall be screened and recommended by a Technical Committee comprising representatives of:

- a) this Ministry;

- b) the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning;
- c) the Ministry of Tourism;
- d) the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development;
- e) the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change;
- f) the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security; and
- g) the Economic Development Board (EDB).

5.3.2 This Ministry shall co-opt a representative of any other institution/ Ministry that may have a stake in the project, and that would assist with the assessment of the project.

5.3.3 The Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning shall be responsible to issue an industrial lease for the implementation of the approved barachois related projects.

5.3.4 The rate for industrial lease shall be determined by the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning.

## **5.4 Backfilling**

5.4.1 A promoter, who has been authorised to occupy a vested barachois, shall not carry out any backfilling work on the water component of the vested barachois.

## **5.5 Corporate Social Responsibility**

5.5.1 Promoters will be encouraged to adopt a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) approach for the purpose of training university students, women entrepreneurs, members of cooperative societies on aquaculture activities and the preservation of the marine ecosystem within a vested barachois.

# **SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES IN A VESTED BARACHOIS**

6.1 The promoter shall obtain the prior approval of this Ministry for the construction of any structure within the vested barachois such as nurseries, hatcheries, quarantine facilities or amenities

to sell their products. Any proposal for the construction of a structure shall be included in the project proposal to be submitted to this Ministry.

6.2 The proposed structure shall be constructed using eco-friendly materials to be approved by this Ministry and shall be integrated to the existing environment. No trees, including mangroves, shall be cut or relocated without the prior written approval of this Ministry.

6.3 The attention of promoters is drawn to the fact that the cutting, loping, removal, taking away, relocating, transplanting or otherwise, causing any damage to mangrove trees is prohibited under Section 20 (3) of the Fisheries Act 2023.

6.4 The promoter shall seek the clearance of the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning, prior to starting any approved construction work within a vested barachois.

6.5 No permanent structure shall be authorised within the compound of a vested barachois.

## **SECTION 7. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

This Ministry shall put in place a monitoring mechanism to ensure that the promoter complies with all the terms and conditions attached to the Letter of Authorisation or Lease Agreement and Licence.

### **7.1 Monitoring plan**

7.1.1 This Ministry shall prepare a Monitoring Plan to monitor the activities being conducted in the vested barachois, with a view to determining the efficiency and effectiveness of the project.

7.1.2 The Monitoring Plan shall include:

- a. dates for milestones based on the programme of work submitted by the promoter in its project proposal; and

- b. inspection of both the land and water-based components of the vested barachois site to ensure that any activity and/or construction work is carried out according to approved plans.

7.1.3 This Ministry shall carry out on-site inspections to ensure compliance with the conditions attached with the Letter of Authorisation or Lease Agreement and licence.

7.1.4 This Ministry shall devise an inspection checklist to be used for the inspection of activities carried out within the vested barachois.

7.1.5 The officers of this Ministry responsible for the inspection shall submit to this Ministry an Inspection Report highlighting any non-compliance to required standards, proposals for remedial actions as well as any instruction issued to the promoter.

7.1.6 The promoter shall grant unhindered access to the vested barachois at any time to any authorised officer of this Ministry.

7.1.7 The Supervising Officer shall keep a Register of all licensees and other particulars related to authorisations granted by this Ministry, with such information in relation thereto as he may consider appropriate.

## **7.2 Records and reporting**

7.2.1 The promoter shall maintain and keep records on the licensed aquaculture operations, including production records, fish mortality and feed intake.

7.2.2 The promoter shall submit a quarterly status report, including all relevant records to this Ministry in order to allow it to monitor the project.

## **SECTION 8. CANCELLATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT AND RETRIEVAL OF VESTED BARACHOIS**

### **8.1 Lease Agreement**

8.1.1 The Lease Agreement signed between the promoter and this Ministry will take effect as from the date of its signature.

8.1.2 The Lease Agreement shall be distinct from the fish farming licence issued pursuant to Section 66 of the Fisheries Act 2023.

### **8.2 Cancellation of Letter of Authorisation or Lease Agreement and Retrieval of vested barachois**

8.2.1 This Ministry reserves the right to revoke the Letter of Authorisation or cancel the Lease Agreement to use a vested barachois, whichever applicable, where:

- a. the promoter is convicted for criminal charges where imprisonment may be imposed;
- b. in the case of a company, there is a change of more than 49% in the controlling shareholding of the promoter, or in the case of a cooperative society, there is a change of membership, unless the prior agreement of this Ministry and any other concerned authority has been obtained;
- c. this Ministry considers that activities carried out in the vested barachois are not in compliance with the Authorisation Letter or Lease Agreement and licence;
- d. annual rent is due, except for reasons beyond the control of the promoter;
- e. the licence issued under Section 66 of the Fisheries Act 2023 has been revoked or cancelled; and
- f. the vested allocated barachois is being kept in an abandoned and polluted state and/or where the vested barachois is being used as a dumping ground, causing nuisance to the surroundings.

8.2.2 The promoter shall be responsible to keep the vested barachois neat, clean, tidy and clear of debris at all times.

8.2.3 The promoter shall not sell or transfer the aquaculture activities to a third party without the prior written approval of this Ministry, failing which the Letter of Authorisation or Lease Agreement may be cancelled.

8.2.4 Where this Ministry decides to cancel a Letter of Authorisation or a Lease Agreement, the promoter shall be given a three months' Notice, and shall be informed of the reasons for the cancellation.

## **SECTION 9. DISEASE PREVENTION AND OUTBREAK**

9.1 The promoter shall, upon taking cognisance of unusual fish mortality or the outbreak of any disease in his fish farm, inform the Supervising Officer of this Ministry within 24 hours, as provided at Section 76 of the Fisheries Act 2023. The promoter may also call on the hotline of this Ministry which is 800 1011.

9.2 Where the Supervising Officer is satisfied that there is an unusual fish mortality or an outbreak of disease in a fish farm, he shall direct the promoter to -

- (a) take such measures as he may determine to control the unusual fish mortality or disease and prevent it from spreading further;
- (b) remove and destroy any fish affected;
- (c) disinfect the fish farm; and
- (d) take such other measures as may be required.

## **SECTION 10. STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

10.1 The Policy on vested barachois is a dynamic instrument to assist this Ministry in making objective decisions for the allocation of vested barachois and monitoring of the approved activities therein.

10.2 This document will be subject to review as and when required, in consultation with relevant stakeholders to adapt to the changing environment.

Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources,  
Fisheries and Shipping  
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## **ANNEXES**

- Annex I**      **List of criteria for selection of aquaculture project in a vested barachois, following an Expression of Interest**
- Annex II**     **List of Criteria for Evaluation of Request for Proposals**
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- Annex V**     **Extracted Copy of Fisheries Act 2023, Section 20 (3)**
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**Annex I*****List of criteria for selection of aquaculture project in a vested barachois, following an Expression of Interest***

Name of promoter:

(Company/ Cooperative Society/ organisation/individual)

Name and Location of Barachois:

Date of submission of project:

<b>Sn.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Points (1-10)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Summary of proposed aquaculture project write-up submitted (whether innovative or standard)		
2.	The shareholding details, financial statements for the last 2 years and tax returns over the last 3 years		
3.	Evidence of any experience / technical know-how claimed and ability to manage an aquaculture business.		
4.	Proposed project investment		
5.	Strategic importance of the project (Whether the project would be beneficial to the country)		
6.	Certificate of Character of promoter		

**Annex II*****List of Criteria for Evaluation of Request for Proposals***

Name of promoter:

(Company/ Cooperative Society/ organisation/individual)

Name and Location of Barachois:

Date of submission of project:

<b>Sn.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Points (1-10)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Type of aquaculture project submitted (whether innovative or standard)		
2.	Size of project, small/medium/large scale		
3.	Initial investment		
4.	Proof of financial capability / financial viability/ Financial feasibility		
5.	Project cost estimates		
6.	Project Timeframe		
7.	Payback period in project		
8.	Projection of sale		
9.	Logistic facilities already available		
10.	Promoter's previous aquaculture experience		
11.	Services of a consultant for implementation of project proposal		
12.	Strategic importance of the project (Whether the project would be beneficial to the country)		
13.	Export oriented or local market		
14.	Number of persons to be employed /employment opportunities		
15.	Contribution to community development		
16.	Disease / risk management measures		
17.	Environmental safeguard measures/ Environmental sustainability of the project		
18.	Conflict of interests		
19.	Legal and regulatory compliance		
20.	Certificate of Character		

## **Annex III**

### **Extracted copy of Fisheries Act 2023**

#### **PART VII – FISH FARMING AND AQUACULTURE**

##### **Sub-Part A – Fish Farming**

##### **66. Fish farming in pond, tank, barachois or fish hatchery**

- (1) Subject to section 67, no person shall carry out fish farming for commercial purposes in a pond, tank, barachois or fish hatchery without a valid and applicable licence.
- (2) The supervising officer may require an applicant to furnish such other documents and clearances from the Department of Environment of the Ministry responsible for the subject of environment and other authorities as he shall specify.
- (3) The supervising officer may, with the approval of the Minister, grant or reject an application.
- (4) The holder of a valid and applicable licence under this section shall not sell or transfer the ownership of his fish farm without the authorisation of the supervising officer.
- (5) Where, pursuant to an authorisation under subsection (4), the holder of the valid and applicable licence sells or transfers the ownership of his fish farm, he shall, within 7 days of the sale or transfer, notify the supervising officer and surrender to him his licence.
- (6) Any person who contravenes subsection (1), (4) or (5) shall commit an offence.

## **Annex IV**

### List of Native Plants that may be planted around a Barachois

Sn	Scientific Name	Family
1	<i>Aervo congesto</i> Balf.f, ex Baker	Amaranthaceae
2	<i>Aloe tormentorii</i> (Marais) L.E. Newton & G.D. Rowley	Asphodnelaceae
3	<i>Asparagus umbellulotus</i> Bresler	Asparagaceae
4	<i>Atriplex aellenii</i> Sukhor.	Amaranthaceae
5	<i>Diospyros egrettarum</i> I.B.K. Richardson	Ebenaceae
6	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> (L) Jacq	Sapindaceae
7	<i>Dracaena concinna</i> Kunth	Asparagaceae
8	<i>Dracaeno reflexa</i> Lam.	Asparagaceae
9	<i>Fimbristylis ferruginea</i> (L.) Vahl	Cyperaceae
10	<i>Gagnebina pterocarpa</i> (Lam.) Baillon	Fabaceae
11	<i>Hernandia nymphoeifolia</i> (C.Presl) Kubltzki	Hernandiaceae
12	<i>Hilsenbergia petiolaris</i> (Lam.) J.S. Mill,	Boraginaceae
13	<i>Hyophorbe Lagenicaulis</i> (L.H. Bailey) H.E. Moore	Arecaceae
14	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> (L) R.Br.Subsp. <i>Brasilensis</i>	Convolvulaceae
15	<i>Ipomoea violacea</i> L	Convolvulaceae
16	<i>Latania loddigesii</i> Mart.	Arecaceae
17	<i>Margaritaria anomala</i> (Baillon) Fosberg	Phyllanthaceae
18	<i>Malinaea laevis</i> Willd,	Sapindaceae
19	<i>Olea lancea</i> Lam.	Oleaceae
20	<i>Pandanus vandermeeschii</i> Balf. f.	Pandanaceae
21	<i>Pemphis acidula</i> J. R. Forster & G. Forster	Lythraceae
22	<i>Phyllanthus casticum</i> P. Willemet	Phyllanthaceae
23	<i>Polycias maraisiana</i> Lowry & G.M. Plunkett	Araliaceae
24	<i>Portulaca mauritiensis</i> Poelln.	Portulacaceae
25	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	Portutacaceae
26	<i>Premna serratifolia</i> L.	Lamiaceae
27	<i>Psiadia arguta</i> (Pers.) Voigt	Asteraceae
28	<i>Psiadia lithospermifolia</i> (Lam.) Cordem.	Asteraceae
29	<i>Scaevolo taccada</i> (Gaertn.) Roxb.	Goodeniaceae
30	<i>Sesuvium ayresii</i> Marais	Aizoaceae
31	<i>Sophora tomentosa</i> L	Fabaceae
32	<i>Soriana maritima</i> L.	Surianiaceae
33	<i>Talipariti tiliaceum</i> L. Fryxell	Malvaceae
34	<i>Thespesia populnea</i> (L.) Sol. ex Corrêa	Malvaceae
35	<i>Thespesio populnoides</i>	Malvaceae

35	<i>Tournefortia argentea L.f</i>	Boraginaceae
36	<i>Zanthoxylum heterophyllum (Lam.) Sm.</i>	Rutaceae
37	<i>Zoysia matrella (L.) Merr.</i>	Poaceae

Adapted from: Baider (2019), *Checklist of flowering plants of the island of Mauritius, Indian Ocean.*

Version 1.1. *The Mauritius Herbarium*

**Annex V**

**Extracted Copy of Fisheries Act 2023 – Section 20 (3)**

**Sub-Part C – Marine Environmental Quality**

**20. Protection of marine ecosystem**

- (1) No person shall introduce into the maritime zones of Mauritius, directly, indirectly, deliberately or accidentally, any deleterious substance, including substances which may have toxic, hazardous or other harmful properties or effects in relation to fish or the marine environment.
- (2) The supervising officer may prohibit any activity which he has reasonable grounds to suspect may result or is resulting in non-compliance with subsection (1).
- (3) No person shall, without an applicable authorisation –
  - (a) cut, lop, remove, take away, relocate, transplant or otherwise cause any damage to a mangrove plant, seagrass or coral.
  - (b) cause another person to cut, lop, remove, take away or otherwise cause any damage to a mangrove plant, seagrass or coral.

**Annex VI**

**Extracted Copy of Fisheries Act 2023 – Section 76**

**76. Disease outbreak in fish farm**

(1) Any fish farm operator shall, within 24 hours of the outbreak of any disease in his fish farm, inform the supervising officer of such outbreak.

(2) Where the supervising officer is informed under subsection (1) and is satisfied that a fish farm has been affected by a disease, he may direct the fish farm operator to –

(a) take such measures as he may determine to control the disease and prevent its spreading further;

(b) remove and destroy any fish affected by the disease;

(c) disinfect the fish farm; and

(d) take such other measures as may be required.

(3) A fish farm operator who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) shall commit an offence.