

## **Fisheries (Fishing of Sea Cucumbers) Regulations 2023**

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### **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.