

PART I : SECTION (I) - GENERAL

Government Notifications

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FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996

Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,

Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo.

10th March, 2000.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Lobster Fisheries Management Regulations of 2000.
2. No licence holder shall engage in catching spiny lobster within the sea area specified in Schedule I hereto, unless the licence issued to such holder bears an endorsement to the effect that it is "valid for the taking of south coast spiny lobster."
3.
 - (1) No licence holder shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the licence or any other regulation, engage in catching spiny lobster in the sea area specified in Schedule I hereto during the months of February and September;
 - (2) Possession of spiny lobster, parts of spiny lobster or equipment for the capture of spiny lobster within a fishing boat shall be *prima facie* evidence of a person being engaged in catching spiny lobster, for the purpose of paragraph (1).
4. No person shall purchase, sell, transport or be in possession of spiny lobster :-
 - (1) of the species *Panulirus ornatus* having a carapace length less than ten centimeters, or of tail length less than fourteen centimeters (in the event the carapace being not available for measurement);
 - (2) of species other than the species referred to in paragraph (1), having a carapace length less than six centimeters, or of tail length less than ten centimeters (in the event the carapace being not available for measurement);
 - (3) of whose measurement cannot be taken for the purpose of paragraphs (1) or (2); or
 - (4) in the soft - shell condition.
5.
 - (1) No person shall -
 - (a) purchase, sell, transport, or be in possession of spiny lobster carrying external eggs, or of slipper lobster with external eggs; or
 - (b) remove the eggs or any of the pleopods to which the eggs attach, from spiny lobster or slipper lobster with external eggs.
 - (2) The possession of spiny lobster or slipper lobster, or parts thereof, from which the external eggs or any of the pleopods to which the eggs attach have been removed, will be *prima facie* evidence of such person having removed the eggs.
6. No person, other than a Permit holder, shall be in possession, or exhibit for sale, sell or transport flesh of a spiny lobster or slipper lobster except under the authority of a permit issued for that purpose by the Director.
7.
 - (1) An application for a Permit under Regulation 6 shall be made in the form as specified in Schedule II hereto, and be accompanied by a fee of rupees three hundred.

(2) Every Permit issued under this regulation shall be in the form as specified in Schedule III hereto, and if not cancelled earlier, be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue. A permit issued shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be stipulated therein.

8. (1) No person shall export —

(a) any spiny lobster or any flesh of any spiny lobster or tails of any spiny lobster; or

(b) any slipper lobster or flesh of any slipper lobster or tails of any slipper lobster, except under the authority of a licence issued for that purpose by the Director.

(2) No person shall export any spiny lobster or slipper lobster or flesh or tails of any spiny lobster or slipper lobster, during the months of February and September.

9. (1) An application for a licence under regulation 8 shall be made in the form as specified in Schedule IV hereto, and be accompanied by a fee of rupees one thousand.

(2) Every licence issued under this regulation shall be in the form as specified in Schedule V hereto, and if not cancelled earlier, be valid for a period of six months from the date of issue. A licence issued shall be subject of such terms and conditions as may be stipulated therein.

10. Spiny lobster and Prawn Regulations of 1973 are hereby resinded.

11. In these regulations —

“Carapace” means the outer cover of the cephalothorax or fused portion of the head and thorax (*see* figure 1).

“Carapace Length” means the length of the carapace measured from the mid point of the anterior border of the carapace between the base of the two rostral horns, along the mid-line of the dorsal surface to the posterior border of the carapace (*see* figure 1).

“Director” means the Director of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources appointed under Section 2 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

“Licence Holder” means a person who is in possession of a licence issued under Fishing Operations Regulations of 1996, for catching spiny lobster or slipper lobster.

“Slipper Lobster” means all species of the family Seyllaridae. Shown in figure 2 of these Regulations.

“Soft Shell” means the new shell of the lobster after moulting before it has hardened.

“Spiny Lobster” means the following species of lobster : (*see* figure 1).

Panulirus homarus, Panulirus longipes, Panulirus versicolor, Panulirus ornatus, Panulirus penicillatus and Panulirus poliphagus

“Tail Length” means the measurement along the mid-line of the dorsal surface of the tail, from the anterior edge of the first abdominal segment to the posterior edge of the telson, taken with the tail straight and pressed flat, and the ventral surface downwards (*see* figure 1).

“Telson” means the terminal abdominal joint of the tail (*see* figure 1).

(For figures *see* the end of the Gazette).

(Regulation 2)

SCHEDULE I

Sea area belonging to Southern Coastal Belt from the Estuary of Bentara River to the Estuary of the Kumbukkan River.

(Regulation 7 (1))

SCHEDULE II

AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR POSSESSION, EXHIBIT FOR SALE, SELL OR TRANSPORT FLESH
OF A SPINY LOBSTER OR SLIPPER LOBSTER

(A fee of Rupees three hundred shall be accompanied with this application)

1. Full name of the applicant :_____.
2. (a) Permanent address of the applicant :_____,
(b) Applicant's address for which letter should be sent :_____.
3. National Identity Card No. :_____.
4. Particulars of the fishing craft intended to be used for fishing operations :—
(a) Type of Boat :_____.
(b) Length of Boat :_____.
(c) Registration No. :_____.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I shall abide by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Permit and the Fisheries Regulations in the event of granting the Permit.

_____,
Signature of the applicant.

Date :_____.

(Regulation 7(2))

SCHEDULE III

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

New Secretariat,
Maligawatte,
Colombo 10,
Sri Lanka.

Permit No. :

A PERMIT FOR POSSESSION, EXHIBIT FOR SALE, SELL OR TRANSPORT FLESH OF
A SPINY LOBSTER OR SLIPPER LOBSTER

.....of

.....is hereby authorised to have in possession or exhibit for sale or sell or Transport flesh of Spiny Lobsters or Slipper Lobsters :

1. This Permit, if not cancelled previously, shall be valid for a period up to
2. This Permit will be subject to the following terms and conditions :—
(i) This Permit shall be personal to the owner named hereto and shall not be transferable to any other person.
(ii) This Permit shall be subject to the provisions in the above regulations.

_____,
Director,
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Date :_____.

(Regulation 9 (1))

APPLICATION FOR EXPORTATION OF SPINY LOBSTERS OR SLIPPER LOBSTERS

(This application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rupees one thousand)

1. Applicants /Institution's full Name :_____.
2. Address :_____.
3. Telephone No. :_____.
4. Fax No. :_____.
5. Names and sizes of lobster species :-

[illegible]

6. To which country the applicant is intending to export the lobster species : _____

I/We hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct. I/We agree that should any of the particulars stated herein are found to be incorrect, the Licence issued on the basis of such particulars shall be liable to cancellation.

Signature of applicant.

Date : _____.

(Regulation 9 (2))

SCHEDULE V

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

LICENCE FOR EXPORTATION OF SPINY LOBSTERS OR SLIPPER LOBSTERS

..... of

..... is hereby authorized to export the following lobster species :

[illegible]

(Regulation 9 (1))

(This application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rupees one thousand)

3. Telephone No. : _____

[illegible]

- I/We hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct. I/We agree that should any of the particulars stated herein are found to be incorrect, the Licence issued on the basis of such particulars shall be liable to cancellation.

Date : _____.

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LICENCE FOR EXPORTATION OF SPINY LOBSTERS OR SLIPPER LOBSTERS

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is hereby authorized to export the following lobster species :

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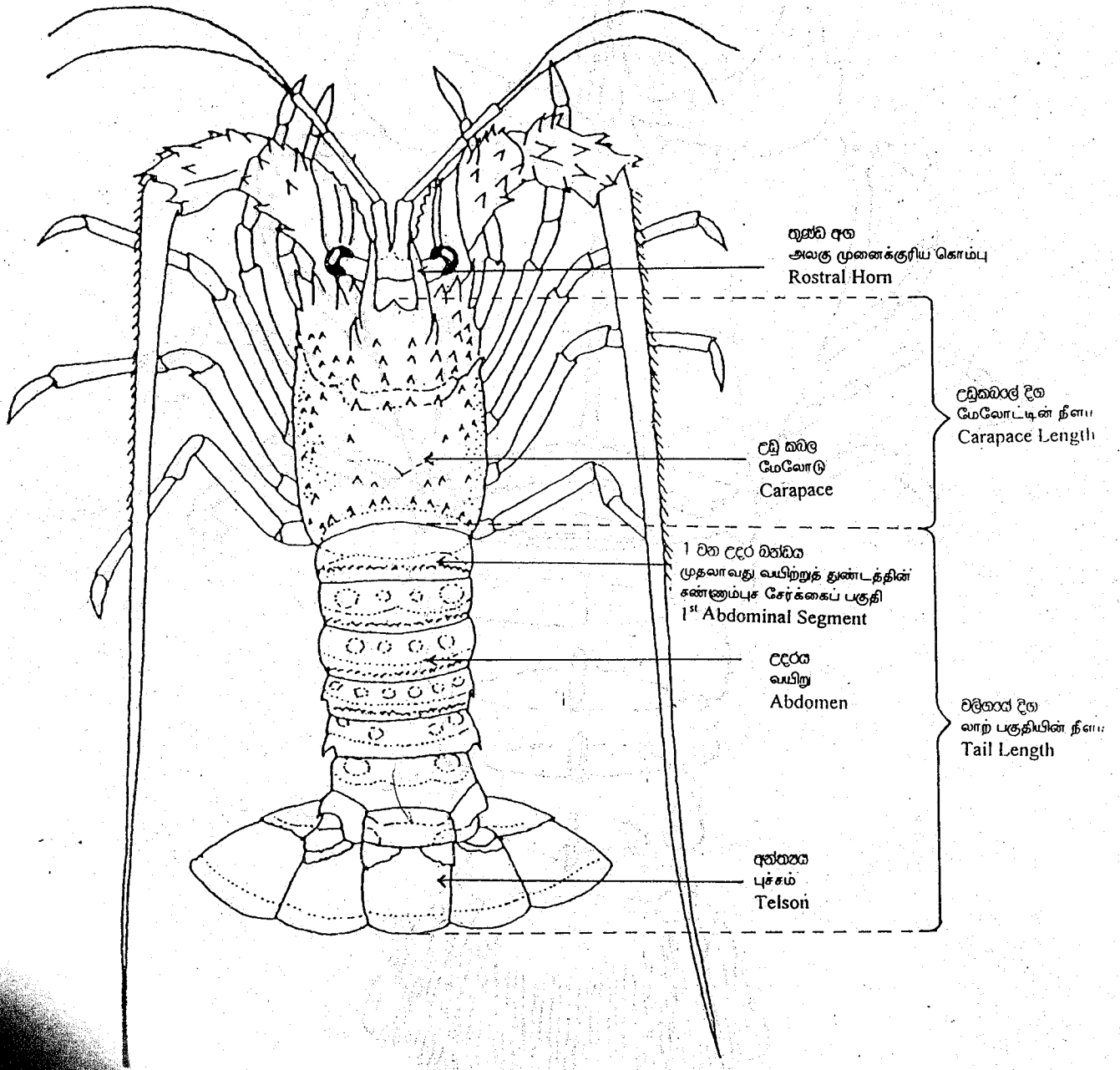
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3. This Licence shall be subject to the following terms and conditions : -
 - (i) This Licence shall be personal to the owner named herein and shall not be transferable to the name of any other person.
 - (ii)
 - (iii)

Director,
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

Date: _____.

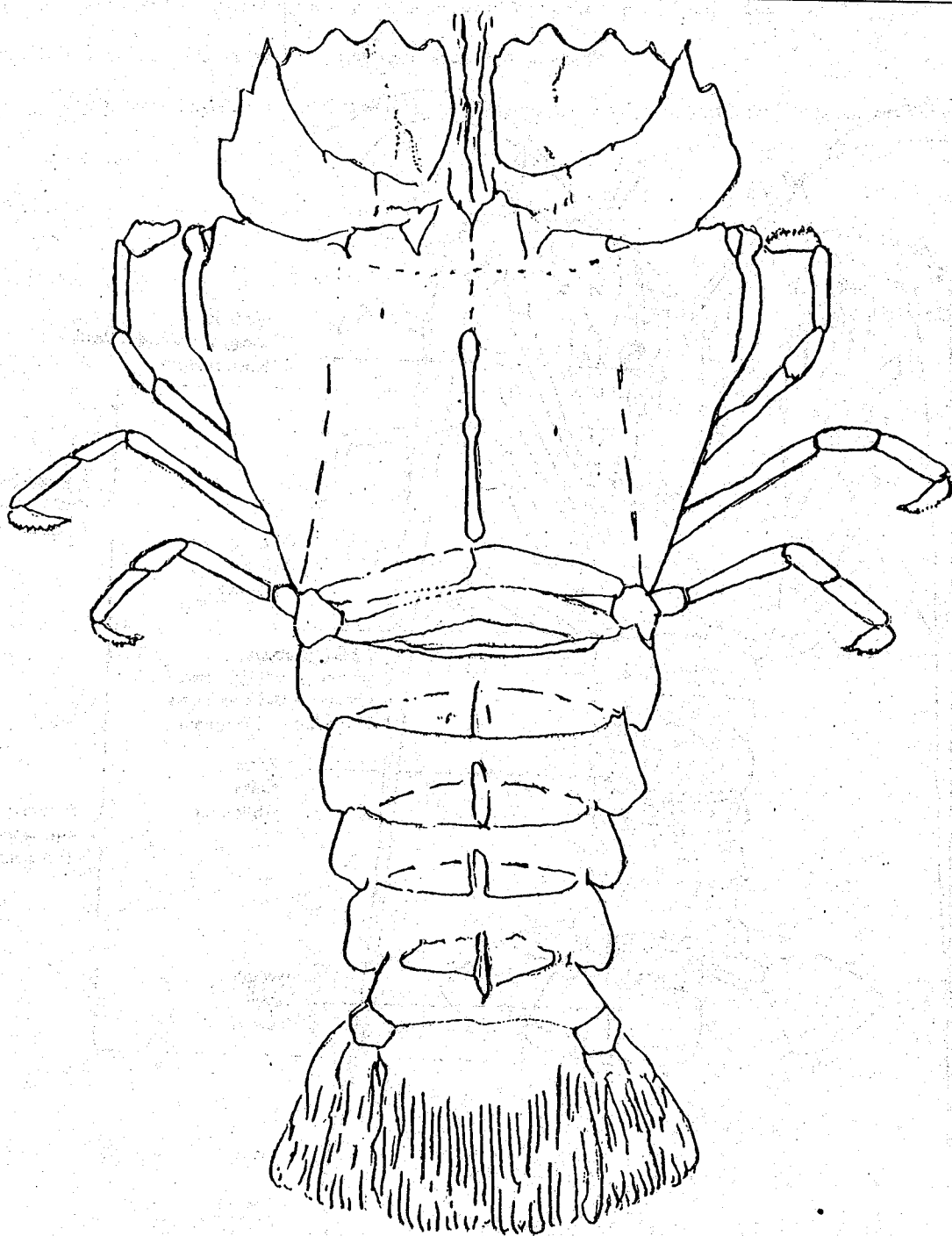


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 படக்குறிப்பு 1 - சிங்கி இரூல்
 Figure 1 - Spiny Lobster

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படக்குறிப்பு 2 - சிங்கி இரூல்

Figure 2 - Slipper Lobster

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