

# 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, read with Section 44 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

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Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,  
07th September, 2000.

### Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries Management (Matara District, Thotamuna, Ginigasmulla) Regulations of 2000.

2. No licence holder shall engage in any fishing operation within the area specified in the First Schedule hereto, unless such licence issued to such licence holder bears and endorsement to the effect that it is "Valid for Matara, Thotamuna, Ginigasmulla Fishing Area."

3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Licence or any other regulations, no licence holder shall engage in –

- (a) fishing operations within the area specified in the First Schedule hereto ;
  - (i) using any drift net, except in the waters beyond a distance of 375 meters (1/4 mile) from the Hambiyawa ; and
  - (ii) using any fishing operation other than the fishing operations referred to in the Second Schedule hereto ;
- (b) lobster fishing in the area specified in the First Schedule hereto, except in :-
  - (i) Diyamba Waraya;
  - (ii) the waters north of Hambiyawa up to the southern boundary of the Goda Waraya ; or
  - (iii) Madel Waraya.

4. Fishing operations in the Madel Waraya area –

- (a) shall be carried out, only during the months of January, February and March every year ; and
- (b) shall not be carried out using nylon nets.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these regulations, any licence holder who is in the possession of a valid licence on the date of the coming into operation of these regulations, shall be entitled to engage in fishing operations under such licence, until it ceases to be in force.

6. In these regulations –

"Ahuranadel" means any cone shaped net having a wide mouth opening of about 12.192 – 15.24 meters (40 to 50 feet) radius, and operated in deep water by two or more fishermen.

"Diyamba Waraya" means the area specified in the First Schedule hereto excluding the "Goda Waraya" or "Madel Waraya".

"Goda Waraya" or "Madel Waraya" means the area of sea within the area specified in the First Schedule hereto, bounded on the East by Paraiduwa, North by sea shore, West by Kadagala and South by Galtholla.

"Ketayapanna" means a rod with a lead weight and one or more hooks attached to the line, used in deep waters.

"Licensee" means a licence issued for the purpose of engage in fishing operations under the Fishing Operations Regulations of 1996.

"Licence Holder" means a person who in is possession of a valid licence issued under the Fishing Operations Regulations of 1996.

"Lobster Net" means any fishing net of more than 76.2 millie meter (3") mesh size, which is laid on the bottom of the sea.

"Madel" means a type of traditional drag net consisting of two wing nets to which the bag net or the belly is attached at the end, and having a cod and or "Madiya" to which the fish are finally driven into and two coir ropes tied to the other end of the two wing nets extending up to the sea shore, which are set in the coastal waters with the help of manually operated boats partially surrounding the fish and there after gradually dragged or pulled ashore by two groups of people.

"Maruwel Panna" means a long line consisting of a main line and branch lines, the distance between any two adjacent branch lined being 1.2152 - 1.5240 meters (4 to 5 feet), with hooks and floats attached, and

"Visidel" or "Barudel" or "Cast Net" means any cone shaped net having a wide mouth opening of above 4.572 to 6.096 meters (15 to 20 feet) radius, operated in shallow waters by an individual by throwing such net into the water.

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

The Matara Thotamuna Fishing Harbour situated in the South Western coast of Sri Lanka in Wellabadapattu in the Administrative District of Matara and is bounded on the East by Browns Hill or Thobana, North by the Sea shore, West by Belligala and Chulankara Island and South by Hambiyawa.

#### SECOND SCHEDULE

Madel  
 Ahuranadel  
 Ketayapanna  
 Maruwel Panna  
 Visidel or Barudel or Cast Nets  
 Lobster Nets