

PART I : SECTION (I) - GENERAL

Government Notifications

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THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT No. 2 OF 1996

Regulations made by Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61, read with Sections 28 and 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,
11th January, 2001.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fishery Management (Batticaloa Lagoon) Regulations of 2001.
2. No license holder shall engage in any fishing operations within the Batticaloa Lagoon Management Area as specified in the Schedule hereto, unless the license issued to such license holder bears and endorsement to the effect i.e. "valid for Batticaloa Lagoon Management area".
3. For the purpose of these regulations, the Batticaloa Lagoon Management Area (in these regulations referred to as the "Area") is divided into three sectors in the manner as specified in the Schedule.
4. Karaivalai or drag net (madel) fishing operations are prohibited in the Area while cast nets or veechuvalai and fishing lines may be used in any part of the said Area.
5. No license holder shall use -
 - (a) any drift net or adasivalai with a mesh less than 7.62 cm (3 inches) in Sector 2; and
 - (b) any net other than a cast net or veechuvalai and fishing lines in Sector 1 and 3, as specified in the schedule hereto.
6. No license holder shall use -
 - (a) any incandescent lamp or other artificial light other than a hurricane lantern or chulu light for the purpose of taking fish in the lagoon;
 - (b) any net other than a cast net or veechuvalai at the mouth of the lagoon or within a radius of 183.0 Meters (200 yards) from the mouth; or
 - (c) a mechanized fishing boat in the lagoon for purpose of taking fish.
7. No license holder shall erect kottus or enclosures for fishing in any part of the Area, provided that a committee consisting of the District Secretary and Assistant Director of Fisheries of the district, may, at their discretion, permit the erection of kottus or enclosures for prawn fishing, specifying the size of such kottus or enclosures and the Area where they may be erected.
8. In the event where any fisherman who is associated with the use of a fishing net do not remain at the site of the fishing operation the license holders name and license number, shall be displayed in letters not less than 5.2 cm (2 inches) in height and 3.9 cm (one and half inches) in width on floats (attached to the net) is spaced at intervals of 50 meters (55 yards) in an easily recognizable manner.

9. Fishing operations of kottus or enclosures shall display their names and license number, in letters not less than 5.2 cm (2 inches) in height and 3.9 cm (one and half inches) in width, painted on a board and fixed in a manner that will provide for easy recognition.

10. In these regulations -

“Adasivalai or drift net” means a net set at the surface layers of water,

“Karaivalai or drag net (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 codend 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 thereafter gradually dragged or pulled ashore by two groups of people;

“Kattus or enclosures” means a set net consisting of a conical or cylindrical trap with or without a frame and with a device which draws the fish into the net;

“License holder” means a person who is in possession of a valid license issued under the Fishing Operations Regulations, 1996; and

“Veechuvalai or cast net” means any cone shaped net having a wide mouth opening of about 4.572 to 6.096 meters (15 to 20 feet) radius, operated in shallow waters by an individual by throwing such net in to the water.

SCHEDULE

DEFINITION OF BATTICALOA LAGOON MANAGEMENT AREA

SECTOR 1

That part of the Batticaloa lagoon lying north east of line A, B, C in the plan reproduced below and comprising -

- (a) the channel area from the mouth of the lagoon to Kallady Bridge ;
- (b) the area around the eastern shore of Puliyanivu and Buffalo Island ; and
- (c) Urani Kudah and bounded as follows:

- North : From a point on the western shore of the Batticaloa Lagoon where the lagoon meets the sea - eastwards in a straight line across the mouth on to a point on the eastern coast of the lagoon where the lagoon meets the sea ;
- East : From the last mentioned point south east and south west along the eastern shore of the lagoon up to a point in line 'A' where going east wards from Anaikal rock meets the shore. From there southwards to a point 'B' at Idaipiddy on the eastern shore of Buffalo Island ;
- South : From the last mentioned point across Buffalo Island and the lagoon to a point mark 'C' at Thimilativu, where a line going northward from Vellaikal rock meets the lagoon bank ;
- West : From the last mentioned point, north - east and north - west and northwards southeast and southwards again along the western shore of the lagoon up to the starting point of the northern boundary.

SECTOR 2

That part of the Batticaloa lagoon lying to the northwest and south of line A, B, C in the sketch reproduced below but excluding area 3, and comprising -

- (a) Siruvamunai Kadal ;
- (b) Manmunai area ; and
- (c) Kallar area bounded as follows :

- North : From the point at which the Kadinaodai Aru enters the lagoon eastwards and south - eastwards along the shore of the lagoon up to Vellaikal in Thimilativu marked 'C' there along the southern boundary of area 1 up to Idaipiddy in Buffalo Island marked 'B' thence northwards up to a point marked 'A' referred to in area 1 ;
- East : From the last mentioned point southwards and south eastwards along the eastern shore of the lagoon until it meets the western side of Batticaloa, Kalmunai main road at Ondachimadam there along the western boundary of Batticaloa, Kalmunai main road. Then southwards along the western boundary of the said road and southwards along the eastern shore of the lagoon till it meets the point where Paddipolai Aru enters the lagoon ;
- South and West : From the last mentioned point westwards, northwards along the western and boundary of the lagoon to the starting point of the northern boundary.

SECTOR 3







Comprising that part of the lagoon lying east of the Ondachimadam and Kallar causeways between the main south coast road and the area, bounded as follows :

- North and East : From a point where the eastern shore of the lagoon touch the western boundary of the Batticaloa - Kalmunai road at Ondachimadam, eastwards and southwards along the eastern shore of the lagoon up to crown land at joining Kallar Cemetery ;
- South and West : From the last mentioned point westwards and northwards along the western shore of the lagoon to a point where it reaches the western boundary of the Batticaloa - Kalmunai main road, thence northwards up to the starting point of the northern boundary.

MAP OF BATTICALOA LAGOON

Scale :- (200% enlarged from 1:250000 map)

LEGEND

-  Sector 1
-  Sector 2
-  Sector 3
-  Lagoon
-  Main Road
-  District Bound.

