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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 paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

DR. RAJITHA SENARATNE,

Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,

21st November 2011.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as regulations for the Fishing of Cuttlefish (Fishing Operations) in Sea Areas of Udappuwa and Semuthu Thoduwa in the Puttalam District.
2. These regulations shall apply to fishing operations of cuttlefish in the sea area of Udappuwa and Semuthu Thoduwa in Puttalam District.
3. The aggregating device used for catching cuttlefish should only be made using branches of "Pila athu" with the stems of the branches tied into a bundle within a sand bag.
4. The aggregating device shall not exceed 1.1 m. in height.
5. The aggregating devices shall be placed in the sea beyond a distance of 8 kilometers from the shore at a minimum depth 16 meters.

6. The aggregating devices shall only be placed during the months of January to March of any year.
7. A maximum of 10 aggregating devices may be placed by an out board motor powered boat within a period of one week.
8. The positions where the aggregating device have been placed shall be marked using GPS instruments and specified in the fishing operation license.
9. The GPS position allocated for every fisherman to place aggregating devices shall be publicly displayed in the District Fisheries Office.
10. Surface buoys and buoy lines connecting the aggregating device to the surface buoys shall be not used to locate the positions of deployed aggregating devices.
11. Only GPS instruments shall be used when re-locating the existing aggregating devices.
12. When the existing aggregating devices are replaced by new devices in any particular area, divers shall be deployed and all such former devices shall be removed from such area.
13. In these regulations :
 - “buoy” means a light accessory floating in sea surface.
 - “GPS” instrument or Global Positioning Systems Instrument means an electronic instrument used to find out the longitudes and latitudes of an unknown place in sea or land easily ;
 - “aggregating device” means structures which float on water or are set in or under water to enable the taking of fish that take shelter under the structures by using other types of equipment or gear.