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The Cabinet makes the following Regulations under Section 74 of the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020*:

## PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

### 1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations 2026*.

### 2 Commencement

These Regulations commence 12 months after the day they are notified in the Gazette.

### 3 Interpretation

In these Regulations:

**'community fisheries management area'** means an area delineated under Section 25 of the Act;

**'community fisheries management area plan'** means a plan adopted under Section 27 of the Act;

**'community fisheries management committee'** means a committee registered under Section 26 of the Act;

**'designated fisheries management area'** means an area declared as such under Section 19 of the Act;

**'fishing gear'** means any equipment or device used or intended for the purpose of catching fish and includes fishing lines, hooks, nets, spears, traps including stone fish traps, reels or net haulers, whether they be manually, hydraulically or otherwise assisted by mechanical or electrical including battery operated means;

**'fisheries waters'** has the same meaning as in the *Fisheries Management Act 2024*;

**'net'** means a gillnet, driftnet, hand net, cast net, trammel net or any other sort of net made of fabric of rope, chord, twine or other material knotted or woven which is used for enmeshing or entangling any fish;

**'small vessel'** has the same meaning given to it under the *Fisheries Management Act 2024*; and

**'young person'** means a person between the age of 18 and 34.

## PART 2 – COMMUNITY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

### 4 Application for delineation of a community fisheries management area

(1) A district community applying to the Minister under Section 25(1) of the Act for the delineation of a community fisheries management area shall apply in Form 1 of Schedule 1.

(2) The application shall include:

(a) proof of registration of the community fisheries management committee in accordance with Section 26;

(b) the community fisheries management area plan approved by the Minister under Section 27(4)(a) of the Act;

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- (c) the coordinates of the proposed community fisheries management area; and
- (d) any other relevant information as may be required by the Minister, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

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**Delineation of a community fisheries management area**

- (1) Where the Minister is satisfied that an application complies with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations, the Minister shall:
  - (a) approve the application; and
  - (b) publish in the Gazette, the boundaries of the approved delineated community fisheries management area.
- (2) The Minister may alter the boundaries of a community fisheries management area.
- (3) Where the Minister alters the boundaries of a community fisheries management area under subregulation (2), the Minister shall:
  - (a) do so in accordance with Section 25(3); and
  - (b) by notice publish the altered boundaries of the community fisheries management area in the Gazette.

6 **Marking of a community fisheries management area**

The Authority shall clearly mark the boundaries of a community fisheries management area published under Regulation 5 using:

- (a) signs;
- (b) posts;
- (c) published notices;
- (d) anchored or secured floats or buoys; or
- (e) any other object which clearly marks the boundary.

7

**Breach of a community fisheries management area plan**

A person shall not breach a specified conservation or management measure imposed under a community fisheries management area plan.

8

**Functions of a community fisheries management committee**

A community fisheries management committee shall in the performance of their functions under Section 29 of the Act:

- (a) keep a copy of the community fisheries management area plan;
- (b) ensure that all district community members are given the opportunity to be involved in the preparation of the community fisheries management area plan;
- (c) organise consultations with relevant stakeholders who may be affected by or have an interest in the community fisheries management area plan;

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- (d) keep the community informed of the status of the community fisheries management area plan and implementation progress by holding regular meetings;
- (e) take appropriate measures to raise public awareness of the community fisheries management area plan; and
- (f) cooperate with authorised officers in enforcing the plan.

**9 Training of persons appointed by committee to monitor fisheries management area**  
The Authority shall provide training to persons appointed under Section 29(2) of the Act.

**10 Membership of a community fisheries management committee**

A community fisheries management committee shall consist of 7 members nominated by the district community, as follows:

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) 3 representatives of persons who are known in the district community for fishing;
- (c) 3 representatives which shall include:
  - (i) 1 woman; and
  - (ii) 1 young person.

### **PART 3 – COASTAL FISHING LICENCE**

**11 Non-Nauruan citizen shall hold a coastal fishing licence**

- (1) A non-Nauruan citizen intending to engage in fishing in fisheries waters, shall apply for:
  - (a) a coastal fishing licence issued under this Part; or
  - (b) a game fishing licence or research permit issued under the *Fisheries Regulations 1998*.
- (2) A non-Nauruan shall not engage in fishing in fisheries waters where he or she does not hold a valid licence required under subregulation (1).
- (3) A non-Nauruan citizen who is below the age of 13 is exempt from the requirements of subregulations (1) and (2).

**12 Fishing in designated fisheries management area, community fisheries management area prohibited**

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person shall not conduct fishing in the following areas:
  - (a) a designated fisheries management area; or
  - (b) a community fisheries management area.
- (2) A person may conduct fishing in the areas referred to in subregulation (1) where it is:
  - (a) permitted under a community fisheries management plan; or
  - (b) for the purpose of a research permit issued under Regulation 32 of the *Fisheries Regulations 1998*.

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**Application for a coastal fishing licence**

- (1) An application for a coastal fishing licence shall be in Form 1 of Schedule 2. and accompanied with the prescribed fee.
- (2) An application under this Part shall be accompanied by the following documentation:
  - (a) a copy of the applicant's passport or other identification document;
  - (b) a small vessel registration certificate issued under the *Fisheries Regulations 1998*, as applicable; and
  - (c) any other document that may be required by the Chief Executive Officer.

14 **Grant, refusal, suspension or cancellation of coastal fishing licence**

- (1) Where the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that an application complies with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations, he or she shall grant the licence.
- (2) The licence granted under subregulation (1) shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 2;
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer may refuse to grant or renew a licence, suspend or cancel a licence where:
  - (a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application;
  - (b) the Chief Executive Officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there has been a contravention of or a failure to comply with, a condition of the licence; or
  - (c) the prescribed fee has not been paid.

(4) Where the Chief Executive Officer:

- (a) refuses to grant or renew a licence, he or she shall do so in Form 3 of the Schedule 2; or
- (b) suspends or cancels a licence, he or she shall do so in Form 5 of Schedule 2.

15

**Fees**

The fee payable for the issue or renewal of a coastal fishing licence is set out in Schedule 5.

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**Licence conditions**

A licence issued under this Part shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a holder of a licence shall not take fish from any reef or invertebrate bed in any area in respect of which a traditional right of any Nauruan person which has been registered under any written law;
- (b) a licence expires on the date specified in the licence; and
- (c) a licence shall not be transferred to another person.

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**Notice before suspension or cancellation of licence**

Before suspending or cancelling a licence, the Chief Executive Officer shall serve a notice in Form 4 of Schedule 2 on the licence holder:

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- (a) advising of the intention to suspend or cancel the licence;
- (b) advising of the reasons for the intended suspension or cancellation; and
- (c) informing the holder of the licence, that he or she may within 14 days from the date of notification, make written or oral representations as to why the authorisation should not be suspended or cancelled.

## **PART 4 – FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT AUTHORISATION**

**18 Prohibition to operate a fish processing establishment**

- (1) A person shall not operate a fish processing establishment unless he or she holds an authorisation issued under this Part.
- (2) A person shall not breach any condition imposed under an authorisation issued under this Part.

**19 Application**

- (1) For the purposes of Section 64, an application for authorisation to operate a fish processing establishment shall be:
  - (a) in Form 1 of Schedule 3; and
  - (b) made only by a Nauruan citizen.
- (2) An application under this Part shall be accompanied with:
  - (a) the applicant's identification document;
  - (b) a full description of the premises including a plan of the premises;
  - (c) a list of equipment to be used;
  - (d) a description of the construction and maintenance standards and sanitation facilities;
  - (e) the applicant's business licence;
  - (f) the prescribed fee; and
  - (g) any other document that may be required by the Chief Executive Officer.

**20 Grant, refusal, suspension or cancellation of authorisation**

- (1) Where the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that an application complies with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations, he or she shall grant the authorisation.
- (2) The authorisation granted under subregulation (1) shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 3.
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer may refuse to grant or renew, suspend or cancel an authorisation where:
  - (a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the authorisation;

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(b) the Chief Executive Officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there has been a contravention of or a failure to comply with, a condition of the authorisation; or

(c) the required fee has not been paid.

(4) Where the Chief Executive Officer refuses to grant or renew, suspends or cancels an authorisation, he or she shall do so in Form 5 of Schedule 3.

**21 Fees**

The fee payable for the grant or renewal of an authorisation to operate a fish processing establishment is provided under Schedule 5.

**22 Authorisation conditions**

(1) A holder of an authorisation shall:

(a) ensure that all operations are in compliance with management measures and prohibitions specified under these Regulations and other relevant written laws;

(b) allow access for the inspection of premises used for the fish processing establishment, the subject of an authorisation issued under this Part;

(c) establish, maintain and keep accurate records which shall be provided to the Chief Executive Officer in Form 4 of Schedule 3;

(d) notify the Chief Executive Officer of any change in the information provided in the application within 7 days from the date of the change.

(2) An authorisation granted, shall be valid for 12 months, from the date it is granted.

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**Notice before suspension or cancelation of authorisation**

Before suspending or cancelling an authorisation, the Chief Executive Officer shall serve a notice in Form 3 of Schedule 3 on the holder of the authorisation:

(a) advising of the intention to suspend or cancel the authorisation and of the reasons for the intended suspension or cancellation; and

(b) allowing the holder of the authorisation, within 14 days from the date of notification, to make written or oral representations as to why the authorisation should not be cancelled.

**PART 5 – COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE EXPORT LICENCE**

**24**

**Aquaculture export in accordance with commercial aquaculture export licence**

(1) A person is prohibited from exporting aquaculture products for commercial purposes unless he or she holds a commercial aquaculture export licence issued under this Part.

(2) A person shall not breach any condition imposed under a licence issued under this Part.

**25**

**Application for commercial aquaculture export licence**

(1) A person intending to commercially export aquaculture products, shall apply for a licence in Form 1 of Schedule 4.

(2) A person may only be eligible to apply for a licence where he or she is a Nauruan citizen.

(3) An application under this Part shall be accompanied with

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- (a) the applicant's identification document;
- (b) a full description of the premises including a plan of the premises;
- (c) a list of equipment to be used;
- (d) a description of the construction and maintenance standards and sanitation facilities;
- (e) the applicant's business licence;
- (f) the prescribed fee; and
- (g) any other document that may be required by the Chief Executive Officer.

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**Grant, refusal, suspension or cancellation of licence**

- (1) Where the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that an application complies with the requirements of the Act and these Regulations, he or she shall grant the licence.
- (2) The licence granted under subregulation (1) shall be in Form 2 of Schedule 4.
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer may refuse to grant or renew, suspend or cancel a licence where:
  - (a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the licence;
  - (b) the Chief Executive Officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that there has been a contravention of or a failure to comply with, a condition of the licence; or
  - (c) the required fee has not been paid.
- (4) Where the Chief Executive Officer refuses to grant or renew, suspends or cancels a licence, he or she shall do so in Form 5 of Schedule 4.

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**Fees**

The fees payable for the issue or renewal of a licence to commercially export aquaculture products are provided under Schedule 5.

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**Licence conditions**

A licence holder shall:

- (a) ensure that all operations comply with these Regulations and other relevant written laws;
- (b) be able to demonstrate that the exported aquaculture product meets any food safety and biosecurity requirements under any written law;
- (c) allow access for the inspection of premises used for the production of aquaculture products;
- (d) establish, maintain and keep accurate records of the aquaculture processed for export and provide information relating to such record to the Chief Executive Officer in Form 4 of Schedule 4; and

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(e) notify the Chief Executive Officer of any change in the information provided in the application within 7 days from the date of the change.

29

**Notice before suspension or cancellation of licence**

Before suspending or cancelling a licence, the Chief Executive Officer shall serve a notice in Form 3 of Schedule 4 on the licence holder:

(a) advising of the intention to suspend or cancel the licence and of the reasons for the intended suspension or cancellation; and

(b) allowing the licence holder, within 14 days from the date of notification, to make written or oral representations as to why the licence should not be suspended or cancelled.

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**Requirements for commercial aquaculture products export**

(1) Any person exporting aquaculture products for commercial purposes shall ensure that:

(a) the aquaculture product is derived from an authorised fish processing establishment or any other approved facility as prescribed in Part 4 of these Regulations;

(b) the aquaculture product has been properly preserved by freezing, chilling, salting, canning, drying, dehydrating or other approved method;

(c) the aquaculture product is appropriately packaged and is in good order and condition at the time when it is placed onboard the ship or aircraft for export;

(d) the aquaculture product is not from the prohibited species list provided in Schedule 9;

(e) the aquaculture product to be exported has been declared by the licensed exporter to the Authority in Form 6 of Schedule 4; and

(f) the aquaculture product has been inspected by an authorised officer and is issued an export certificate signed and stamped by the authorised officer certifying that the aquaculture product meets the provisions of this regulations and is fit for the intended purpose.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to pay a fine not exceeding \$5000.

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**Aquaculture products export for personal consumption**

(1) Subject to subregulation (2) a person travelling out of the Republic may export aquaculture products, for personal consumption.

(2) The aquaculture products exported under subregulation (1) shall not exceed 15 kilograms.

**PART 6 – RESERVED LIST**

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**Minister may publish reserved list**

The Minister may by Notice published in the Gazette, prescribe a list of species which shall be deemed the reserved list.

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**Reserved list only for Nauruan citizens**

(1) A species that is prescribed in the reserved list may only be fished by Nauruan citizens.

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(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), a species on the reserved list may be fished by a non-Nauruan citizen for the purposes of a licence granted under Part 5.

(3) A person shall not breach the requirements of this regulation.

## **PART 7 – PROHIBITED AND DESTRUCTIVE FISHING METHODS**

**34**

### **Breaking and removal of corals, rocks and rubble**

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person shall not deploy fishing methods that results in the breaking or removal of corals, rocks and rubble from the coastal marine area.

(2) The Minister may authorise the use of methods resulting in the breaking or removal of corals, rocks and rubble from the coastal marine area, for the purpose of coastal construction and engineering projects or other approved reason.

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### **Disposal of rubbish and waste in coastal marine area**

A person shall not dispose of rubbish or waste in any form in the coastal fisheries waters.

## **PART 8 – RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FISHING NETS**

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### **Use of nets**

(1) A person shall not use in any coastal fisheries water, any net other than hand nets, wading gillnets and cast nets.

(2) A person shall not set in the coastal fisheries water a fishing net and leave it unattended.

(3) A person shall not use gillnets or cast nets inside the Boat Harbour in Denigomodu-Aiwo or in the Anibare Boat Harbour.

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### **Stretched mesh measurement for nets**

For the purposes of these Regulations, the mesh size of a fishing net shall be measured on a wet net as the length of a whole stretched mesh, by taking 2 diagonally opposing knots of the mesh and drawing them apart until the remaining 2 knots just touch each other as provided under Schedule 6.

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### **Mesh of cast nets**

A person shall not use for fishing any cast net with a mesh smaller than 30 mm or 1.25 inches.

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### **Nets for sardines and other bait fish**

(1) A person shall not use for fishing sardines and other types of bait fish any net with a mesh smaller than 30 mm or 1.25 inches and the overall dimensions shall not exceed 10.5m or 35 feet measured along the cork line and 1.5m or 5 feet from the cork line to the ground rope.

(2) The measurement specified in subregulation (1) shall be applied to a net that is wet and stretched.

(3) A person shall not join two or more such nets together.

(4) A person shall not use such nets to take fish other than sardines or other types of bait fish.

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### **Wading gillnets and other nets**

(1) A person shall not use for fishing any wading gillnets or any other net not specifically mentioned in these Regulations with a mesh of less than 50 mm or 2 inches.

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- (2) A person shall not use for fishing any wading gillnets or any other net with overall dimensions exceeding 100 m or 328 feet measured along the cork line and 1.5 m or 5 feet from the cork line to the ground rope.
- (3) The measurement specified in subregulations (1) and (2) shall be applied to a net that is wet and stretched.
- (4) A person shall not join two or more such nets together.
- (5) This Regulation shall not apply to nets used for the purpose of aquaculture in inland ponds.

## **PART 9 – CATCH RESTRICTIONS AND SIZE LIMITS**

**41**

### **Restrictions relating to finfish**

- (1) A person shall not kill, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale any finfish listed in Schedule 7 where such are less than the length set out in Schedule 7.
- (2) The finfish shall be measured as specified in Diagram 1 of Schedule 8.
- (3) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to fish caught by a child under the age of 12 where such fish are caught with hook and line from the shore or near the shore.
- (4) Any fish caught by a child under the age of 12 as permitted under subregulation (3) shall not be sold.

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### **Restrictions relating to gastropods**

A person shall not kill, take, possess or sell any gastropod species listed in Schedule 7 which is less than the specified measurements in Schedule 7.

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### **Restrictions relating to lobsters**

- (1) A person shall not kill, take, possess or sell any spiny rock lobster of the genus *Panulirus* with a carapace length of less than 100 mm or 3.9 inches measured from the base of the horns to the rear edge of the carapace as provided for in Diagram 2 of Schedule 8.
- (2) A person shall not sell or offer or expose for sale a separated tail of a spiny rock lobster of the genus *Panulirus* with a length of less than 140 mm or 5.5 inches as measured from the first tail segment to the tip of the tail.
- (3) A person shall not kill, take, possess or sell any slipper lobster of the genus *Parribacus* with a total length when laid flat of less than 150mm or 5.9 inches as provided for in Diagram 2 of Schedule 8.
- (4) A person shall not kill, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale any egg-bearing or soft-shelled specimen of spiny rock lobster of the genus *Panulirus* or any slipper lobster of the genus *Parribacus*.

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### **Restrictions relating to sea urchins**

A person, shall not kill, take, possess or sell any sea urchin species of the family Echinoidea that are found in coastal fisheries waters, beyond the permitted quota per person per day as specified in Schedule 7.

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### **Restrictions relating to beche de mer**

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A person shall not kill, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale, or export for commercial purposes any species of sea cucumbers of the class Holothuroidea that are found in coastal fisheries waters.

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**Imported seafood**

- (1) A person shall not be liable to any penalties under these Regulations for species of fish that are imported.
- (2) The onus shall be on the person to prove that species regulated under these Regulations in his or her possession, are imported.

**PART 10 – PROHIBITED FISH SPECIES**

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**Restrictions relating to giant clams**

No person shall kill, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale any of the giant clam species that are listed in Schedule 9, either alive, dead or in any other form.

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**Restrictions relating to sea turtles**

- (1) All species of sea turtles that are found in coastal fisheries waters shall be protected.
- (2) No person shall:
  - (a) kill, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale any sea turtles;
  - (b) dig up, use, destroy, take, possess, sell or offer or expose for sale any sea turtle eggs;
  - (c) disturb sea turtles when they are nesting; or
  - (d) kill or take any sea turtles while they are onshore or in the Anibare Harbour, the main Boat Harbour and any other shorelines where the sea turtles may be found.

**PART 11 – EXEMPTIONS**

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**Exemptions by public officers**

The Minister may, in writing, exempt the Chief Executive Officer or any person appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, from any of the provisions of these Regulations for the purpose of fisheries research and investigation, as appropriate.

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**Exemptions for aquaculture**

Parts 8 and 9 shall not apply to aquaculture products or to aquatic organisms obtained from aquaculture.

**PART 12 – PENALTIES**

51

**General penalties**

Unless otherwise specified, a person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

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**Prescribed fixed penalty offence**

For the purposes of Section 54(2) of the Act, offences provided under these Regulations shall be deemed a prescribed fixed penalty offence.

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**Prescribed penalty**

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For the purpose of Regulation 52, the prescribed fixed penalty for the breach of any provision under these Regulations is \$100 for each respective alleged offence.

**54**

**Fixed penalty notice**

- (1) A police officer or an authorised officer may serve a fixed penalty notice in Form 1 of Schedule 10, to a person who commits an offence under Regulation 51.
- (2) A person who refuses to accept the notice served under subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to pay a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- (3) The person served with a fixed penalty notice under these Regulations shall pay the penalty within 14 days of notification.
- (4) In default of payment within the time specified under subregulation (3), the person served commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.
- (5) Where the amount notified under a fixed penalty notice is paid within the prescribed time, the person served shall not be liable to any further proceedings for the alleged offence.

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## SCHEDULE 1

### Form 1



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

### **COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 25; Regulation 4]*

#### **APPLICATION FOR THE DELINEATION OF A COMMUNITY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA**

To Hon. Minister (insert), M.P. (District Community of _____)	
<p>1 We the (District Community of _____) make this application for the approval for the delineation of the District Management Area.</p> <p>2 In support of this application we confirm that the requisite documents are attached as follows:</p>	
Proof of registration of the community fisheries management committee	*
Proposed community fisheries management area plan	*
Description of the boundaries of the proposed fisheries management area	*

\* Tick to confirm you have attached the relevant document

**NOTE:** The Minister may request for further information.

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**SCHEDULE 2**

**Form 1**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 74; Regulation 13]*

**APPLICATION FOR COASTAL FISHING LICENCE**

Name			Country of Origin		
Residential address in Nauru					
Visa No.		Visa Type		Visa Expiry Date	
Intended fishing method to be used: (Please describe)					
Area to fish: (Describe)					
Target species (List)					
Permit Duration: Day(s) / Month(s)					
<p>I declare that the above information is true, complete and correct. I understand I am required to report immediately to the Chief Executive Officer of the Nauru Fisheries Authority any changes to the information given on this form and I further understand that failure to do so may render me liable to prosecution.</p>					
Full name (print).....					
Signature .....					
<p>This application is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Nauru Fisheries &amp; Marine Resources Authority at the address below and is to be accompanied by the following:</p> <p>(a) copy of passport and visa; (b) the prescribed fee; (c) small vessel registration certificate issued under the Fisheries Regulations 1998 (where applicable); and (d) any other document as required by the Chief Executive Officer.</p>					

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Chief Executive Officer  
Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority  
Anibare Harbour

\*NOTE: The Chief Executive Officer may require further information to be provided.

**Form 2**



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**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 74; Regulation 14(1)&(2)]*

**COASTAL FISHING LICENCE**

*This fishing licence is only valid for the holder to fish in the fishing area, using the fishing methods and for the target species as prescribed below over the period specified.*

Fishing Licence No:				Date of Issue	
Name				Address:	
Fishing Area					
Fishing Method(s)					
Target Fish Species					
Specified period from	From			To:	
.....			.....		
Chief Executive Officer:			Date		
<b>Conditions of licence:</b> (a) The licence holder shall recognise and agree to comply with all laws of the Republic, including and in particular the <i>Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020</i> and Regulations made under it. (b) The licence holder must not engage in any commercial fishing activities or sell, barter, trade or export any of the fish or marine resources caught. (c) A holder of a licence shall not take fish from any reef or invertebrate bed in any area in respect of which a traditional right of any Nauruan person which has been registered under any written law. (d) The licence expires on the date specified on the licence. (e) The licence holder needs to have the licence to show any fisheries enforcement officer upon request. (f) The licence is not transferable.					

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**Form 3**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

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*[Section 74; Regulation 14(4)(a)]*

**REFUSAL OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL FISHING LICENCE**

Name of applicant	
Address of applicant	
Your application for a coastal fishing licence is refused.	
The reason(s) for the refusal of your application are set out below*: (a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the licence; or (b) the required fee has not been paid.	

*\* Delete or include (a) – (b) as appropriate.*

**Form 4**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 74; Regulation 17]*

**NOTICE BEFORE SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF COASTAL FISHING LICENCE**

Name of licence holder	
Address of licence holder	
You are hereby advised of the intention to suspend / cancel your coastal fishing licence.	
The reason (s) of the intended suspension / cancellation is set out below*: (a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the authorisation;	

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<p>(b) we have reasonable grounds to suspect that you have contravened or failed to comply with, a condition(s) of the authorisation; or</p> <p>(c) the required fee has not been paid.</p>
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You are permitted 14 days\* to provide to the Authority, reasons as to why the coastal fishing licence should not be suspended / cancelled.

*\* delete or include (a) – (c) as appropriate.*

*\* 14 days is counted from the date after the Notice is received.*

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Chief Executive Officer:

Date

### Form 5



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

### COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020

*[Section 74; Regulation 14(4)(b)]*

#### SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF COASTAL FISHING LICENCE

Name of licence holder	
Address of licence holder	
You are hereby notified that your licence has been suspended* / cancelled*.	
<i>* Where the licence is suspended, provide the duration of the suspension and any other remedial actions to be taken (if any).</i>	
.....	.....
Chief Executive Officer:	Date

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**SCHEDULE 3**

**Form 1**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 19]*

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION TO OPERATE A FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT**

Name of applicant (body corporate to provide name and registration certificate)					
Address of applicant					
Name of premises					
Address of proposed premises					
Telephone				Email	
Status of use of premises (Tick as appropriate)	Owned		Lessee		Other Specify .....
Name of landlord (if applicable)					
Address of landlord (if applicable)					
Telephone				Email	
Species of fish to be processed (Provide list)					
Sources of supply					
Nature of processing operation					
Number of persons to be employed for the fish processing establishment	Men		Women		

**Please provide the following:**

a. applicant's identification document;

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- a. full description of the premises including a plan of the premises;
- b. list of equipment to be used;
- c. a description of the construction and maintenance standards and sanitation facilities;
- d. business licence;
- e. fee; and
- f. any other document that may be required by the Chief Executive Officer.

I declare that the above information is true, complete and correct. I understand I am required to report immediately to the Chief Executive Officer, Nauru Fisheries Authority, any changes to the information given on this form and I further understand that failure to do so may render me liable to prosecution.

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...../.....20...

Signature

Date

.....

Full Name (Print)

***This application is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority at the address below:***

Chief Executive Officer  
Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority  
Anibare Harbour

Telephone: (674) 557 3733

## Form 2



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

### COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020

*[Section 64; Regulation 20(1) & (2)]*

#### GRANT OF AUTHORISATION TO OPERATE A FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT

Name of applicant	
Address of applicant	

Your application for an authorisation to operate a fish processing establishment is granted.

The following conditions shall apply to your authorisation:

- (a) all operations must be in compliance with management measures and prohibitions specified under these Regulations and to other relevant written laws;
- (b) access must be permitted for the inspection of premises used for storing and processing fish or fish products to authorised fisheries officers and health inspectors, for certification in meeting the minimum requirements for high quality processing, hygiene and food safety;
- (c) accurate records must be maintained of the quantity and type of fish processed and all related information on the processing activity. These records must be provided to the Chief Executive Officer, including in accordance with regulation 45 of the *Fisheries Regulations 1998* and these Regulations;

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(d) notify the Chief Executive Officer of any change in the information set out in the application or in the authorisation as soon as practical and in any case not later than 7 days from the date of the change.			
This authorisation is valid from	...../.....20..	to	...../.....20..
.....	.....	.....	.....
Chief Executive Officer:	Date		

**Form 3**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 23]*

**NOTICE BEFORE SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF AUTHORISATION**

Name of 23uthorization holder	
Address of 23uthorization holder	
You are hereby advised of the intention to suspend / cancel your authorisation.	
The reason (s) of the intended suspension / cancellation is set out below*:	
<p>(a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the authorisation;</p> <p>(b) we have reasonable grounds to suspect that you have contravened or failed to comply with, a condition(s) of the authorisation; or</p> <p>(c) the required fee has not been paid.</p>	
You are permitted 14 days* to provide to the Authority, reasons as to why the authorisation should not be suspended / cancelled.	
<p><i>* delete or include (a) – (c) as appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>* 14 days is counted from the date after the Notice is received.</i></p>	
.....	.....
Chief Executive Officer:	Date

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## Form 4



## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

## **COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

[Section 64; Regulation 22(1)(c)]

## RECORD OF QUANTITY AND TYPE OF FISH PROCESSED

Name of authorisation holder		
Address of authorisation holder		
Authorisation number		
Date Fish were caught		
Common Name of Fish	Scientific Name of Fish	Number of Fish caught
Total Weight of fish caught (kg)		
Processing method (frozen, whole, frozen gilled and gutted, fillet, chunked, dried, smoked, cooked)		
(Any other relevant information)		
<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		
Name and Signature:		Date

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**Form 5**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

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*[Section 64; Regulation 20(4)]*

**REFUSAL OF APPLICATION OR RENEWAL/ SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF AUTHORISATION**

Name of authorisation holder	
Address of authorisation holder	
<i>(A) Use for refusal of application or renewal</i>	
Your application for an authorisation to operate a fish processing establishment is refused.	
The reason(s) for the refusal of your application are set out below*:	
<p>(a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the authorisation; or</p> <p>(b) the required fee has not been paid.</p>	
<i>*Delete or include (a) – (b) as appropriate.</i>	
<i>(B) Use for suspension/cancellation</i>	
You are hereby notified that your authorisation has been suspended* / cancelled*.	
<i>* Where the authorisation is suspended, provide the duration of the suspension and any other remedial actions to be taken.</i>	
..... Chief Executive Officer	..... Date

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**SCHEDULE 4**

**Form 1**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 25]*

**APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO COMMERCIALLY EXPORT AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS**

Name of applicant (corporation to provide name and registration certificate)					
Address of applicant					
Company address (if different from above)					
Telephone			Email		
Status of use of premises (Tick as appropriate)	Owned		Lessee	Other Specify	.....
Name of landlord (if applicable)					
Address of landlord (if applicable)					
Telephone			Email		
Fish and Fish products to be exported (Provide list)					
Processing Establishment Sources					
Nature of processing operation					
Number of persons to be employed for the fish processing establishment	Men		Women		

**Please provide the following:**

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- a. applicant's identification document;
- b. full description of the premises including a plan of the premises;
- c. list of equipment to be used;
- d. a description of the construction and maintenance standards and sanitation facilities;
- e. business licence;
- f. fee; and
- g. any other document that may be required by the Chief Executive Officer.

I declare that the above information is true, complete and correct. I understand I am required to report immediately to the Chief Executive Officer, Nauru Fisheries Authority, any changes to the information given on this form and I further understand that failure to do so may render me liable to prosecution.

.....

Signature

...../.....20...

Date

.....

Full Name (Print)

***This application is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority at the address below:***

Chief Executive Officer  
Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority  
Anibare Harbour

## **Form 2**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

### **COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 26(1) & (2)]*

#### **GRANT OF COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE EXPORT LICENCE**

Name of applicant	
Address of applicant	
Your application for a licence to commercially export aquaculture products is granted.	
The following conditions shall apply to your authorisation:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) all operations must be in compliance with management measures and prohibitions specified under these Regulations and to other relevant written laws;</li><li>(b) be able to demonstrate that the exported aquaculture product meets food safety and biosecurity requirements under any written law;</li><li>(c) access must be permitted for the inspection of premises used for storing and processing aquaculture products to authorised fisheries officers and health inspectors, for certification in meeting the minimum requirements for high quality processing, hygiene and food safety;</li></ul>	

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(d) accurate records must be maintained of the quantity and type of fish processed and all related information on the processing activity. These records must be provided to the Chief Executive Officer, including in accordance with regulation 45 of the <i>Fisheries Regulations 1998</i> and these Regulations;	(e) notify the Chief Executive Officer of any change in the information set out in the application or in the licence as soon as practical and in any case not later than 7 days from the date of the change.
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This licence is valid from .....	/.....20..	to .....	/.....20..
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**Form 3**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 29]*

**NOTICE BEFORE SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF LICENCE**

Name of licence holder	
Address of licence holder	
You are hereby advised of the intention to suspend / cancel your licence.	
The reason (s) of the intended suspension / cancellation is set out below*:	
<p>(a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the licence;</p> <p>(b) we have reasonable grounds to suspect that you have contravened or failed to comply with, a condition(s) of the licence; or</p> <p>(c) the required fee has not been paid.</p>	
You are permitted 14 days* to provide to the Authority, reasons as to why the licence should not be suspended / cancelled.	
<p>* delete or include (a) – (c) as appropriate.</p> <p>* 14 days is counted from the date after the Notice is received.</p>	
.....	.....
Chief Executive Officer:	Date

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**Form 4**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 28(d)]*

**RECORD OF QUANTITY AND TYPE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCT**

Name of licence holder		
Address of licence holder		
Licence number		
Date Fish were caught		
Common Name of Fish	Scientific Name of Fish	Number of Fish caught
Total Weight of fish caught (kg)		
Processing method (frozen, whole, frozen gilled and gutted, fillet, chunked, dried, smoked, cooked)		
(Any other relevant information)		
.....		.....
Name and Signature:		Date

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**Form 5**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

*[Section 64; Regulation 26(5)]*

**REFUSAL OF GRANT OR RENEWAL / SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF LICENCE**

Name licence holder	
Address licence holder	
<i>(A) Use for refusal of application or renewal</i>	
Your application for a licence to commercially export aquaculture products is refused.	
The reason(s) for the refusal of your application are set out below*:	
(a) a material misrepresentation, omission or misstatement of fact has been made in the application for the licence: or	
(b) the required fee has not been paid.	
<i>*Delete or include (a) – (b) as appropriate.</i>	
<i>(B) Use for suspension/cancellation</i>	
You are hereby notified that your authorisation has been suspended* / cancelled*.	
<i>* Where the authorisation is suspended, provide the duration of the suspension and any other remedial actions to be taken.</i>	
..... Chief Executive Officer:	..... Date

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**Form 6**



**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACT 2020**

[Section 74; Regulation 30(1)(e)]

**DECLARATION FORM FOR COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE PRODUCT EXPORTS**

[Please send completed form to: Chief Executive Officer, NFMRA, Anibare]

Name of exporter					
Date of shipment					
Address of Exporter					
Export Licence Number					
Fish Processing Establishment Authorisation No(s)  List if more than 1 source					
Port of shipment			Vessel/Carrier		
Address of landlord (if applicable)					
Telephone				Email	
Common/Scientific Name	Product Description	No. of pieces	Total weight (kg)	Export Destination	F.O.B Value (\$)

**Export Declaration:**

The products described in the table above was/were caught, harvested, handles and processed in accordance with the requirements of the *Fisheries Act 1997*, the *Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020*, their accompanying regulations and other applicable written laws of Nauru.

Signature of Consignee/Exporter: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Official Use only:** *The listed products were inspected and are certified to meet the requirements of this regulations by:*

Name of Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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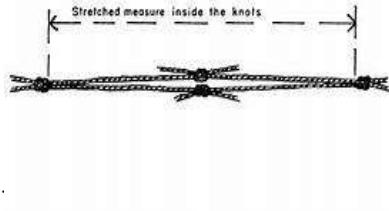
**SCHEDULE 5**  
**Fees and Charges**

*[Regulations 14, 15, 19, 21, 25 and 27]*

	<b>Class of Authorisation</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Period of Validity</b>
1	Coastal fishing licence	\$10	3 days
		\$20	Per week
		\$35	1 month
		\$50	12 months
2	Fish Processing Establishment Authorisation	\$100	Annual
3	Commercial Aquaculture Export Licence	\$150	Annual
4	Fish Export Permit	\$2.50	Per consignment
5	Inspection of premises for issuance or renewal of licence	\$50	Per visit
6	Overtime work (outside working hours)		
		Weekdays	\$25 an hour Up to a maximum of \$100
		Saturdays (double time)	\$50 an hour Up to a maximum of \$150
		Sundays (double time and a half)	\$62.50 an hour Up to a maximum of \$200

**SCHEDULE 6**  
**HOW TO MEASURE NET MESH SIZES**

[Regulation 37]



**SCHEDULE 7**  
**MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS FOR FISH BY SPECIES**

[Regulation 41, 42, 44]

**Finfish**

Common English Name	Family	Local Name	Scientific Name	Minimum Size (mm)	Size type
Convict surgeonfish	Acanthuridae	Eweo	<i>Acanthurus triostegus</i>	130	Fork Length
Stripped surgeonfish	Acanthuridae	Iwyi	<i>Acanthurus lineatus</i>	130	Fork Length
Jighfin drummerfish	Kyphosidae	Iyibawo	<i>Kyphosus cineracens</i>	200	Fork Length
Lowfin drummerfish	Kyphosidae	Iyibawo	<i>Kyphosus vaigiensis</i>	200	Fork Length
Darkfin hind	Serranidae	Emwange	<i>Cephalopholis urodetata</i>	220	Total Length
Tomato hind	Serranidae	Eanepe	<i>Cephalopholis sonneratii</i>	250	Total Length
Coral hind	Serranidae	Ianit	<i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>	210	Total Length
Foursaddle grouper	Serranidae	Iuwuro	<i>Epinephelus spilotoceps</i>	230	Total Length
Bigscale soldier fish	Holocentridae	Emon	<i>Myripristis berndti</i>	200	Fork Length
Tahitian squirrelfish	Holocentridae	Eretebo	<i>Sargocentron tiere</i>	230	Fork Length
Tailspot squirrelfish	Holocentridae	Ebo	<i>Sargocentron caudimaculatum</i>	200	Fork Length
Bluestripe snapper	Lutjanidae	Earata	<i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>	250	Fork Length
Dusky rabbitfish	Siganidae	Eaeor	<i>Siganus fuscescens</i>	200	Fork Length
Fringelip mullet	Mugilidae	Eweo	<i>Crenimugil crenilabis</i>	200	Fork Length

**Gastropod**

Common Name	Family	Local Name	Scientific Name	Minimum Total Length (mm)	Other Minimum Measures (mm)	Quotas (pieces/day)
Spider conch	Strombidae		<i>Lambis lambis</i>	200mm	13mm shell lip thickness	NA

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Turban snails			<i>Turbo setosus</i> <i>T. argyrostomus</i>	60mm	NA	NA
Sea urchins	Echinoidea		<i>Echinometra mathaei</i> <i>Echinothrix diadema</i>	NA	NA	10
Surf redfish	Actinopyga		<i>Actinopyga mauritiana</i>			5
Black lollyfish	Holothuria		<i>Holothuria atra</i>	NA	NA	10
All other sea cucumber species	Actinopyga, Holothuria, Bohadschia, Stichopus		All others found in Nauru	NA	NA	5 each
Spiny Lobster	Palinuridae		<i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>	NA	100mm carapace length	NA
Slipper lobster	Scyllaridae		<i>Parribacus caledonicus</i>	160mm (when laid flat)	NA	NA

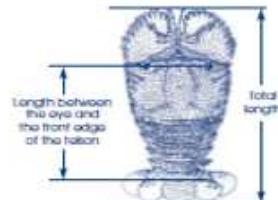
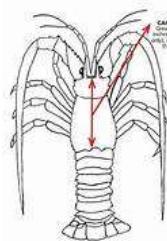
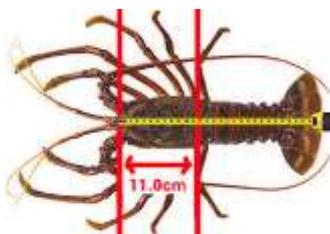
## SCHEDULE 8

### DIAGRAM 1 – HOW TO MEASURE FINFISH

[Regulation 41(2), 43(3)]



### DIAGRAM 2 – HOW TO MEASURE LOBSTERS



## SCHEDULE 9

### PROHIBITED FISH SPECIES

[Regulation 47]

Common English Name	Family	Local Name	Scientific Name
Giant clam	Cardiidae	Earinbawo	<i>Tridacna gigas</i>
Maxima clam	Cardiidae	Earinbawo	<i>Tridacna maxima</i>
Fluted giant clam	Cardiidae	Earinbawo	<i>Tridacna squamosa</i>
All Sea turtles	Cheloniidae & Dermochelyidae		All species

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**SCHEDULE 10**  
**FORM 1**  
**FIXED PENALTY NOTICE**

[Regulation 54]

This Fixed Penalty Notice is issued pursuant to the powers given to the Nauru Police Force or an authorised officer for a breach of the <i>Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations 2026</i> .		Fixed Penalty Notice No:	
<b>Important Notice:</b> The consequences of not paying the penalty will result in pursuit of a prosecution against you for failing to pay the penalty.		Date of Issue	
		Penalty Due	
		Payment shall be made at.....within 14 days from the date of service of this Notice	
<b>OFFENCE DETAILS:</b>			
Surname:		Given Names:	
Residential Address:		Phone Number:	
Nature of Offence: (Contrary to Regulation.....of the <i>Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations 2026</i> ):			
Location:	Date:	Time:	
Licence Number (if any)			
Licence Class:			
Licence Expiry Date:			
Particulars of the offence:			
Police Officer/Authorised Office (Name): .....			
Police Officer/Authorised Office (Signature):.....			
Date:			
<i>Acknowledgement of Service of Infringement Notice by:</i>			
Name:.....			
Signature: .....			
<b>Note:</b>			
1. <i>This Notice shall be served to the offender at the time of the offence or as soon as practicable.</i>			
2. <i>If the offender refuses to accept the Notice, he or she commits an offence under Regulation 54(2) of the Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Regulations 2026. He or she is liable to pay a fine not exceeding \$5,000.</i>			
<b>PART 2 – TIME FOR PAYMENT OF PENALTY</b>			

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**A. Take Notice** that the penalty shall be paid to the .....within 14 days of the date of the issuance of this notice. Failure or late payment of the penalty will result in prosecution which if upon convicted will make the offender liable to pay a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

**B. Contesting the Infringement Notice**

If you intend to defend or contest the Notice, you are to appear in person or by a legal representative in court on the date and time provided in Part 3.

**PART 3 – NOTICE TO ATTEND TO COURT**

**Take Notice** that if you intend to contest or defend this notice, you must attend the District Court at Yaren on.....day of.....20....at.....(time) for the hearing.

If you fail to attend the hearing the court will proceed to hearing of the notice in your absence and impose a fine and costs.

If you fail to pay the fine and costs ordered by the court, you will be arrested under a committal warrant without any further notice and be imprisoned.

<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Fixed Penalty Offence</b>	<b>Fixed Penalty</b>
7	Breach of a community fisheries management area plan	\$100
11(2)	Non-Nauruan citizen shall hold a coastal fishing licence	\$100
12(1)	Fishing in designated fisheries management area, community fisheries management area prohibited	\$100
18(1) and (2)	Prohibition to operate a fish processing establishment	\$100
24(1) and (2)	Commercial aquaculture products export in accordance with commercial aquaculture products export licence	\$100
30 (1) and (2)	Requirements for commercial aquaculture products export	\$100
31	Aquaculture products export for personal consumption	\$100
33	Fishing species on the reserved list	\$100
34	Breaking and removal of corals, rocks and rubble	\$100
35	Disposal of rubbish and waste in coastal marine area	\$100
36(1),(2) and (3)	Use of nets	\$100
38	Mesh of cast nets	\$100
39	Nets for sardines and other bait fish	\$100
40	Wading gillnets and other nets	\$100
41(1)	Restrictions relating to finfish	\$100
42	Restrictions relating to gastropods	\$100
43(1), (2), (3) and (4)	Restrictions relating to lobsters	\$100
44	Restrictions relating to sea urchins	\$100
45	Restrictions relating to beche de mer	\$100
47	Restrictions relating to giant clams	\$100
48(1) and (2)	Restrictions relating to sea turtles	\$100