

PART IV - FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

14. No person shall use any demersal trawl net for fishing in Seychelles waters. Demersal trawling.
- 15.(1) The following shall be protected areas: Protected Area.
- (a) in the waters around Mahe—
the whole of the reef situated on the east coast of Mahe from North East Point and where such reefs extend less than one thousand meters from the high water mark such portion of the sea as is within one thousand meters of the high water mark;
- (b) in the waters around Praslin—
the whole of the reefs situated on the south east coast of Praslin from an imaginary line drawn from “Roche Corbijeaux” to the northernmost of North Cousin Island to Anse Marie Louise inclusive, and, where such reefs extend less than one thousand meters from the high water mark, such portion of the sea as is within one thousand metres from the high water mark;
- (c) in the waters around La Digue—
the whole of the reef situated on the west coast of La Digue from the northern point of that island to its southernmost point and, where such reefs extend less than one thousand metres from the high water mark such portion of the sea as is within one thousand metres of the high water mark.

Regulation 15 (2) S.I. 5 of 1998
(Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations, 1998
by repealing the words “which is operated by being dragged across the sea bed”. And substituting therefore the word “whatsoever”

16. No person shall place any net in any reef pass or channel in such a way as to obstruct the passage of fish. Obstruction of passes.

S.I. 5 of 1998
Restriction on net fishing of mackerel (Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations, 1998
16A. No person shall engage in fishing for mackerel by using a net at any time before 5 a.m. or after 4.00 p.m. on any day.

S.I. 5 of 1998
Net to be mounted with lead ropes (Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations, 1998
16B. All fishing nets shall be mounted with lead ropes so as to minimise damage to coral.

Mesh size of
traps.

17. No person shall fish with or possess any casier or basket trap unless the meshes of the sides or surroundings parts of the trap (not including the entrance (lagel)) are of such dimensions as to allow a sphere of 40 millimetres in diameter to pass through such meshes without touching the sides thereof.

Spear guns.

18.(1) No person shall use any spear gun for fishing or be in possession of the spear gun in circumstances which raise a reasonable inference that the spear gun has been used or is intended to be used for fishing in Seychelles.

(2) No person shall sell or offer for sale any spear gun.

Protection of
homard.

S.I. 94/1992

S.I. 36/1989

S.I. 70/1994

19.(1) Subject to this regulation, a person shall not -

(a) fish for, catch or kill homard in Seychelles waters, or

(b) sell, purchase or be in possession of homard which has been fished from or caught in Seychelles waters.

(2) A person shall not -

(a) fish for, catch, kill, sell, purchase or be in possession of a homard in the berried state, or

(b) remove the eggs from any homard in the berried state.

(3) The prohibition contained in subsection (1) shall not apply -

(a) in the case of fishing for, catching, killing, selling or being in possession of homard, to a person who holds a licence to fish for homard issued under the licensing law;

(b) in the case of selling, purchasing or being in possession of homard by a person other than a person who holds a licence to fish for homard, to a person who has purchased the homard from a person so licensed.

22. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or these Regulations, any protected aquatic organism that is caught unintentionally shall be returned to the sea forthwith and with the least possible injury.

Unintentional catches.

23. No person shall remove, damage, disturb or remove any fish or other aquatic organism from, any net, trap, line, fish aggregating device or other fishing gear found in Seychelles waters, except for the purpose of restoring lost gear to its rightful owner.

Interference with gear.

*24.(1) The limits of every aquaculture concession shall be marked with buoys so as to be readily discernable from both the shore and sea.

Aquaculture concession.

(2) No person shall fish in an aquaculture concession marked as required by sub-regulation (1) except pursuant to the authorisation of the grantee of the concession.

25.(1) An application for a permit under these Regulations shall be made to the SFA in writing.

Application for permits.

(2) On making an application under sub-regulation (1), the applicant shall furnish to the SFA such particulars and information as the SFA may require.

(3) Any permit issued under these Regulations may be subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be specified in the permit.

26. A person who contravenes any of these Regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable, where no penalties is provided for the offence, to a fine of R.10,000.

Offences.

*Regulation 24 has since been amended by SI. 54 of 1993