

S.I. 7 OF 2006

FISHERIES ACT

(Cap 82)

Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations, 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Fisheries Act, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources hereby makes the following Regulations—

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| 1. | These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations, 2006. | Citation |
| 2. | <p>In these Regulations —</p> <p>“fishing vessel” means a foreign-owned fishing vessel licensed to fish in Seychelles Waters or a local fishing vessel 24 metres or more in length fishing within or outside Seychelles Waters; and</p> <p>“shark” means all species of shark (elasmobranchii taxon).</p> | Interpretation |
| 3. | No person shall on board a fishing vessel remove fins from sharks except under and in accordance with an authorisation issued in respect of that vessel by SFA. | Shark fins removal prohibited |
| 4. | No person shall keep on board a fishing vessel or tranship or land therefrom shark fins removed contrary to regulation 3. | Illegal possession, transhipment etc. |
| 5. | <p>An authorisation referred to in regulation 3 shall be issued—</p> <p>(a) only to make use of all parts of shark by a separate processing of fins and of other parts on board a fishing vessel; and</p> <p>(b) only to fishing vessels that satisfy SFA that they have the capacity to use all parts of sharks</p> | Authorisation requirements |

and justify the need for the separate processing of fins and other parts of sharks.

Prohibition on discarding parts

6. All fishing vessels authorised under regulation 3 are prohibited from discarding at sea the remnant parts of sharks after the removal of fins except for those parts that result from gutting and beheading.

Percentage of fin weight

7. The landed weight of shark fins shall not exceed 5 per centum of the landed weight of all other parts of sharks after evisceration or 7 per centum of the landed weight of other parts of sharks after evisceration and beheading.

Declaration and record

8.(1) All fishing vessels shall on arrival at Port Victoria declare the quantities of shark fins and shark products on board the vessels.

(2) The master of each fishing vessel shall record all catches of shark in the log book issued by SFA.

Duty of operator and master

9. It shall be the duty of the operator and of the master of every fishing vessel to comply with these Regulations.

Offences etc.

10. An operator and master of a fishing vessel convicted of an offence of breach of regulations 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 shall be liable to a fine of R500,000.

MADE this 15th day of February, 2006.

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AND NATURAL RESOURCES
