

3. Artisanal fishing in the Persian Gulf

- 3.1. Fishing activities for artisanal fishermen by using traditional fishing gears (e.g. gillnets, traps, cast nets, hook, etc.) is authorized throughout the year. Within the 12 mile limit of territorial waters in the Persian Gulf provided that the trap laying conditions for the waters of Bushehr are taken into consideration.
- 3.2. The exclusive trap laying areas within the waters of Bushehr is determined as follows:
 - Daiyer area located at longitude 51°21' E to 52°9'E.
 - Bushehr area located at longitude 50°43' E to 51°18'E.
 - Genaveh area located at longitude 50°7' E to 50°39'E.
- 3.3. Using fixed - pound - net during the months of April to September (Farvardin to Shahrivar) is absolutely prohibited in the coastlines of Hormozgan province.
- 3.4. Using fixed - pound - net with mesh size of 70 mm. throughout the other months of the year (Mehr through Esfand) is authorized.
- 3.5. Using barrier nets in the estuaries of Hormozgan is absolutely prohibited.
- 3.6. Traditional bottom trawlers are authorized to catch fish within the limit of 3 to 6 miles from the coastlines provided that the water depth is more than 10 meters and the following standard mesh sizes are taken into account:
 - Mesh size in trawl wings and belly to be 75 mm.
 - " " " " cod end to be 60 mm.
 - " " " " apron to be 60 to 70 mm.
- 3.7. In order to prevent the interference of industrial and traditional fishing gears in one another, the period for net casting is determined to be from five o'clock in the evening to the five in the morning for the traditional pelagic gillnetters and from five in the morning to the five in the evening for the industrial fishing trawlers.