

## MARSHALL ISLANDS MARINE RESOURCES AUTHORITY

### AQUARIUM FISHERY REGULATIONS OF 2015

These Regulations are hereby promulgated by the Authority for the purposes of putting in place measures to ensure the proper conservation of coastal marine resources and management of the Republic of the Marshall Islands aquarium fishery, by regulating the holding, purchase, sale and export of marine ornamentals and by providing general measures to control and support local governments' capacity to regulate the collection of marine ornamentals.

#### PART I – PRELIMINARY

##### **Section 1. Short Title.**

These Regulations may be cited as the Aquarium Fishery Regulations of 2015.

##### **Section 2. Interpretations.**

Unless otherwise expressed, terms and phrases used in these Regulations shall have the same meanings as defined in the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Act (51MIRC ch. 1):

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| (1) "Act"                 | means the Acts in Title 51 of the Marshall Islands Revised Code;  |
| (2) "Aquarium Fishery"    | means any activity, including the collection, culture (including propagation/grow-out), holding, purchase, sale and export of marine ornamentals from the Republic of the Marshall Islands; |
| (3) "Annual Export Quota" | means a set number or quantity of specimens of a particular species determined by the Authority, that may be exported from the Marshal  |

Islands within a 12-month period, and typically derived as a portion of the total allowable catch (TAC) and allocated to a given exporter. An annual export quota is not a target and there is no need for a quota to be fully used;

- (4) “Authority” means the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority;
- (5) “Closed area(s)” means a specific area where no fishing shall take place. This may include sites of archaeological, historic or prehistoric importance, established reserves, parks or sanctuaries;
- (6) “Collector” means an individual engaged in the activity of removing or harvesting marine ornamentals from their natural habitat for entry into the aquarium trade;
- (7) “Coral” means a marine animal that is comprised of solitary or colonial polyps belonging to Phylum Cnidaria and Class Anthozoa;
- (8) “Director” means the Director of the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority;
- (9) “Exporter” means anyone, whether an individual, company or other business entity, licensed to export marine ornamentals;
- (10) “Facility” means a land-based area or sea structure selected by a company/exporter for the purpose of holding or culturing live marine ornamentals;
- (11) “Fish” has the same meaning as in the Act;
- (12) “Fishery Management Area (FMA)” means the specified area in which a fishery is to operate from including area(s) open to the collection of marine ornamentals and those closed to the collection of marine ornamentals. Fishery Management Area(s) shall have clearly demarcated boundaries;
- (13) “Food fish” means any species of fish that is harvested and used for human consumption;
- (14) “Giant Clam” means species of the large marine bivalve subfamily Tridacna. Individuals inhabit coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific region and typically have heavy shells, fluted with 4–6 folds, and brightly colored mantles;

- (15) “Live Rock” means a rock, typically extracted from the coral reef environment (i.e. reef rock) although it can also be cultured, that is covered in colonizing organisms such as bacteria, coralline algae and sponges;
- (16) “Marine Ornamentals” means live rock and live animals such as fish, aquatic plants and any species of invertebrates including coral, collected from the wild or cultured with the intent of being exported for the ornamental trade;
- (17) “Marine Ornamentals Collection License” means license issued by a Local Government to a person engaged in fishing or harvesting marine ornamentals for commercial purposes;
- (18) “Marine Ornamentals Export License” means a license issued by the Authority to a person, company or other business entity engaged in holding live species in land-based or sea-based facilities and purchasing, selling and exporting marine ornamentals for the aquarium trade;
- (19) “Marine Ornamentals Export Permit” Used interchangeably with Export Permit and means permit required for each shipment of marine ornamentals destined for export issued by the Authority;
- (20) “Marine Ornamental Trade” used interchangeably with Ornamental Trade and means the collection and or culture of fish, invertebrates, live rock, corals and aquatic plants from the ocean, reefs and lagoons for sale, with the ultimate goal of being kept in aquaria;
- (20) “Rotational Collection” means the process of a collector harvesting marine ornamentals from one collection area for some time, before moving on to collecting from another area within the same Fishery Management Area, and considering the previous area as a “closed area” for some time;
- (21) “The Board” means the Board of Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority;
- (22) “Total Allowable Catch (TAC)” means an established quantity of marine ornamental that is determined by the Authority, individuals or quantity harvested typically allocated by type/species, that is allowed to be taken in any one-year;
- (23) “Underwater Breathing Apparatus (UBA)” refers to any apparatus that supplies compressed air to a diver such as SCUBA (self contained underwater breathing apparatus), and fo

which, where applicable, the person using the apparatus has obtained relevant certification.

**Section 3. Purpose.**

These Regulations are hereby promulgated for the purposes of putting in place measures to ensure that:

- (1) the collection, purchase, sale and exports of marine ornamentals are controlled and monitored to ensure sustainability of the Aquarium Fishery.
- (2) the Aquarium Fishery has minimal impacts on the marine and coastal resources and general environment; and
- (3) communities enjoy optimum economic returns from their Aquarium Fishery.

**PART II - EXPORT OF MARINE ORNAMENTALS, REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICATIONS,  
PROCEDURES AND AWARD OF LICENSES**

**Section 4. Prohibition of Export of Marine Ornamentals without a license.**

- (1) The export of marine ornamentals for the aquarium trade without the permission of the Authority, issued in the form of a license in accordance with these Regulations is prohibited. The award for export licenses shall be only in accordance with these Regulations;
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to an individual purchasing or carrying marine ornamentals as personal effects.
- (3) A person who exports marine ornamentals without a license issued in accordance with these Regulations commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000), and in addition to the amount equivalent to the current retail value of the marine ornamentals exported in contravention of these Regulations.

**Section 5. Transparent Selection Process.**

To ensure proper consideration and management of the Aquarium Fishery, and that the communities concerned enjoy optimum economic benefits from the fishery, marine ornamental export licenses shall be awarded through a transparent selection process in accordance with these regulations.

**Section 6. Restriction of number of export licenses.**

- (1) The Director, subject to the approval of the Board, may only award a maximum of seven (7) Marine Ornamental Export Licenses in any given licensing period. The number of licenses awarded per licensing period may be reviewed by the Authority from time to time.
- (2) A licensee shall hold only one Export License at one time. This restriction applies to any manner of holding, whether as a legal holder, a beneficial holder, a part holder or by the use of any nominee.
- (3) A license shall be initially issued for a term of five (5) years, renewable for a period of three (3) years from July 1 to June 31, and shall be subject to annual review and payment of annual fees.
- (4) The Authority retains the right to revoke an exporter's license if an exporter licensee has not sold or exported marine ornamentals for a continuous period of up to 9 months.

**Section 7. Application and Licensing Procedures.**

- (1) Upon the promulgation of these Regulations, the Director shall forthwith, and thereafter, at the expiration of each licensing period, issue an invitation to apply, to all persons, corporations, business associations and entities intending to carry out the business of exporting of marine ornamentals, to submit applications (as per Schedule 1), for a Marine Ornamentals Export License.
- (2) The invitation to apply shall be published in general circulation, including newspaper in Majuro and Ebeye for a period of one month.
- (3) Publication of the invitation for applications shall state but not be limited to the following:
  - (a) the type of license;
  - (b) the application fee;
  - (c) the license fee;
  - (d) background information required by the Director;
  - (e) locations in Majuro and Ebeye where application forms may be obtained;
  - (f) locations in Majuro and Ebeye where applications must be submitted;
  - (g) the final date for submission of applications.

**Section 8. Applications Generally.**

An application for Marine Ornamentals Export License shall be submitted to the Director in the form prescribed in Schedule 1 of these Regulations. All applications shall:

- (a) be completed in English;
- (b) be signed by the applicant(s);
- (c) provide full, accurate and true information, as may be requested by the Director;
- (d) be accompanied by the appropriate application fee under these Regulations;

- (e) be accompanied by any other information, record, or material that may be required by the Director and specified in the invitation for application.

**Section 9. Procedure for Accepting Applications.**

(1) An application shall be submitted by the closing date, as specified in the invitation for applications, and no late or incomplete application will be accepted by the Director or a designee. Upon receipt of all applications, the Director or a designee shall review and decide on the applications within 30 days following the applications' closing date. The Director or a designee, subject to the approval of the Board, shall inform the successful applicants within 7 days following such decision.

(2) After the successful applicant has been informed, the applicant shall pay a prescribed annual license fee, to the Authority, within 7 days of receipt of the notice. If a successful applicant does not pay the annual license fee within 7 days, the Director or a designee, subject to the approval of the Board, may award the license, after review, to the next applicant in the process.

**Section 10. Criteria for determining the award of a License.**

(1) In determining whether or not to award a license to an applicant, the Director shall take into consideration, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) the applicant is a registered business or entity in the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- (b) the anticipated capital contributions and revenue, will accrue to citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the generated income is likely to be re-invested in the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- (c) the business or entity awards employment and provides training and mentoring in the collection and/or culture, handling, holding and packaging, exporting of marine ornamentals as well as basic business administration skills to citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- (d) the business or entity has storage facilities and infrastructure, which are adequate for receiving, holding, packing and allowing for the inspection of marine ornamentals destined for export;
- (e) any history of co-operation and compliance with conservation and management measures imposed by the Authority;
- (f) the business or entity has complied with the relevant laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands including laws relating to marine resources, environment, Local Government Ordinances, taxation, labor and immigration;

(g) the business or entity co-operates with inspection offices, the relevant Authorities of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and abides by, assists in the development of, and promotes Aquarium Fishery industry best practices;

(h) the business or entity will assist and contribute to research that will improve the knowledge and sustainable development and management of the Aquarium Fishery for the benefit of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

(i) compliance with safety standard(s) and other standards required by the Authority;

(j) the business or entity has well established connections with overseas buyers;

(k) whether the business or entity has a comprehensive and sound business plan.

(2) The Authority shall give due consideration to Marine Ornamentals Export businesses that are registered, established and have been in operation for the past 12 months prior to the promulgation of these regulations.

The above criteria, with the exception of (a), also apply to all license renewals.

#### **Section 11. Conditions of Marine Ornamentals Export License.**

(1) Licenses issued under these Regulations shall, in addition to conditions set out in Schedule 2, be further subject to the following conditions:

(a) Licenses shall not be issued to the successful applicant, unless the annual license fee prescribed in Schedule 3 of these Regulations has been paid;

(b) Licenses issued under these Regulations are not transferable.

(2) A licensee that contravenes the conditions of license, commits an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).

#### **Section 12. Requirement for a Marine Ornamentals Export Permit.**

(1) A licensee is required to seek the prior approval of the Director or a designee, for each consignment of marine ornamentals intended for export and shall file an export declaration form as prescribed in Schedule 4a or as per the online export database. Approval shall be issued by the Director or a designee in the form of an Export Permit, as prescribed in Schedule 4b (for clams and corals) or Schedule 4c (for fish) of these Regulations. The licensee is also required to submit an actual shipment log within a month following each successful shipment (as specified in Schedule 6b or as per the online export database).

(2) In making a determination as to whether or not to issue an Export Permit, the Director shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) the species, quantity (numbers and/or weight) of marine ornamentals in the consignment intended for export;

- (b) whether the species and quantity to be exported are within the total allowable catch and/or Annual Export Quota;
- (c) the accuracy of the reporting;
- (d) the final destination of the consignment; and
- (e) any other information as required by the Authority

(3) A licensee who exports marine ornamentals without obtaining an export permit for such consignment commits an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000) in addition to the retail value of the consignment exported.

### **PART III – CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

#### **Section 13. General Measures.**

- (1) A Local Government may, in consultation with the Authority, take, but not be limited to, the following conservation and management measures:
  - (a) provide, through ordinance mechanisms, regulations for the harvest or collection of marine ornamentals;
  - (b) promote or declare, through ordinance, the establishment of a network of permanent or rotational closures to the collection of marine ornamentals;
  - (c) establish, through ordinance, systems for monitoring the catch;
- (2) The Authority shall, as appropriate, provide supporting services and technical advice to Local Governments when developing Ordinances to address local fisheries.

#### **Section 14. Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and Annual Export Quota (AEQ).**

- (1) The Authority may establish and implement a system of annual Total Allowable Catch and/or Annual Export Quota for certain species in the fishery. When establishing a system of TACs and/or AEQs these shall be set at the species level and be determined in accordance with the local government of each respective fisheries management area.
- (2) The Authority, upon the establishment of a TAC under subsection (1) shall give 30 days' public notice and notify all licensees for comment before implementing such system.
- (3) A TAC and/or AEQ shall form part of the conditions of the license issued by the Authority.
- (4) A licensed marine ornamental exporter who exceeds the TAC and/or AEQ for a certain species commits an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding ten thousand (\$10,000) and/or shall be

subjected to a reduction of twice the amount of the quota overrun for the following year, pending re-approval of his/her marine ornamental export license.

#### **Section 15. Restrictions on Fishing and Collection Methods.**

- (1) The collection of marine ornamentals shall be restricted to the use of snorkeling, hand-nets, barrier nets, and the use of underwater breathing apparatus, given appropriate certification.
- (2) The use, storage and transportation of explosives, noxious substances including cyanide and naturally derived substances of any form, for the purpose of killing, stunning, stupefying, disabling or capturing marine ornamentals is prohibited.
- (3) The collection and export of any food fish destined for the marine ornamental trade is prohibited unless special permission is granted by the Director.
- (4) No person shall collect, harvest and capture, or export species as listed in Schedule 5.
- (5) No person shall destroy, damage or collect coral or non-target species while collecting marine ornamentals.
- (6) The collection of marine ornamentals is prohibited in a closed area.
- (7) The collection of corals, giant clams and live rock from the wild for export in the ornamental trade is prohibited.
- (8) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than one thousand (\$1,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).

#### **Section 16. Reporting Requirements.**

- (1) Marine Ornamentals Export Licensees are required to submit actual shipment logs (up to a month following a successful shipment) and monthly log reports to the Authority in the forms prescribed in Schedules 6a and 6b of these Regulations. The reports shall contain, but not be limited to the following information:
  - (a) the list of employees (e.g., divers, packers, etc..) listing first and last name, gender, age, and appropriate certification number for SCUBA divers;
  - (b) the permit number;
  - (c) the consignee and export destination;
  - (d) the quantity (numbers and/or weight) and size where applicable of marine ornamentals listed by species acquired and or purchased;
  - (e) the local price paid to the collectors;
  - (f) the export value;
  - (g) the location (atoll/island) where the marine ornamentals came from.
- (2) The Authority may from time to time amend the reporting log forms.

(3) Any licensee who contravenes the reporting requirements commits an offense, and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).

#### **Section 17. General Obligations of the License Holders.**

(1) A licensee is required to assist, and to cooperate with, authorized officers in the discharge of their duties, which shall include, the boarding of fishing vessels to carry out inspection of the vessel and fishing gears, inspection of marine ornamentals facilities, inspection of log forms, taking photographs and collection of tissue samples if and where necessary.

(2) A licensee is required to abide by license conditions and management frameworks and plans implemented by the Authority and Local Government Councils.

(3) Licensees are encouraged to develop and follow Codes of Best Practices for the collection, transport, holding, and exports of marine ornamentals.

(4) A licensee who contravenes (1) and (2) of this section, commits an offense, and shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).

#### **Section 18. Biosecurity**

(1) The import or transshipment of marine ornamentals, with the exception of corals and clams from a list of countries approved by the Authority, including the water medium they are transported in, to the Marshall Islands, is prohibited, unless special permission is sought from and approved by the Authority.

(2) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).

#### **Section 19. Precautionary Measures.**

(1) Where the Authority believes that marine ornamentals in the waters of the Republic of the Marshall Islands or any particular Atoll are under stress or threat, the Authority may, after consulting with Local Governments, relevant agencies, stakeholders and licensees, take precautionary management measures to preserve the stock(s). These measures may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) declaring the closure of whole parts or any area of the Republic of the Marshall Islands waters from collecting and exporting of certain species of marine ornamentals for a determined period of time;
- (b) prohibiting the collection, and exports of certain species of marine ornamentals;
- (c) prohibiting the collection and exports of certain species of marine ornamentals from certain atolls/islands;
- (d) further restricting the number of export licenses; and

(e) imposing other restrictions on activities that may have adverse impacts on marine ornamental resources.

(2) A person who violates any precautionary measures imposed under these Regulations commits an offence, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000) in addition to the retail value of marine ornamentals seized.

#### **PART IV - PENALTY AND SHARING OF FINES**

##### **Section 20. Revocation and suspension of License.**

The Authority may revoke or suspend a license where the license holder:

- (1) has been convicted of violating these Regulations or condition of license.
- (2) has been convicted of an offence under the Fisheries Laws and Regulations.
- (3) has not been exporting marine ornamentals for a continuous period of at least 9 months.

##### **Section 21. General penalty.**

- (1) A person who violates a provision of these Regulations and/or Conditions of License commits an offence, and where there is no penalty provided in the particular provision, and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not exceeding twenty five thousand (\$25,000).
- (2) Where a Licensee, in the course of business causes environmental damage, including pollution, damage to coral, commits an offence, and shall be liable to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000), in addition to the cost of cleaning.

##### **Section 22. Sharing of fine with Local Government.**

A fine that is imposed and paid under these Regulations shall be equally shared, after payment of related expenses in prosecuting the case, with a Local Government where the offence occurred.

#### **PART V – PROMULGATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

##### **Section 23. Effective date.**

These Regulations come into force on the date of promulgation as set out below.

##### **Section 24. Promulgation.**

Pursuant to the Powers vested in the Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority by the Act, and with the approval of Cabinet, pursuant to Cabinet Minute .....hereby promulgate, on this,..... the above Regulations.

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**Marine Ornamentals Export License Application Form**

Instructions: *Underline surnames or family name*  
*Answer all the questions on this form either by filling in the spaces provided*  
*If not applicable, write N/A*

Address to: The Director  
 Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority  
 PO Box 860, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960  
 Telephone: (692) 625-8262/5632: Fax: (692) 625-5447

I hereby apply for a license to export marine ornamentals from the Republic of the Marshall Islands at a place and in the manner described below:

Name of applicant	
Nationality	
Produce photo page of valid passport of owner/s	Attachment 1
Address and location of marine ornamentals export establishment	
Name and address of owner of marine ornamentals export establishment	
Contact details of owner of exporting establishment (Phone, Fax, Email)	
Name and address of lessee (if establishment/facility is leased)	
Contact detail of lessee (if applicable)	Attachment 2
Provide original or certified copy of the applicant's Foreign Investment Business License or the original or certified copy of the applicant's Local Government Business License [if any]	Attachment 3
Provide proof of registration, certificate of incorporation, evidence of employer identification number issued by RMI Social Security Administration and shareholders information (if any)	Attachment 4
Business Plan Structure of business Staffing (provide list of RMI staff and positions within the business) List the processing and business management training offered to RMI staff Number of collectors Anticipated production/exports [If applicant is a corporation, business association or other entity, provide the names of all individuals who own, shares or other forms of equity or interest in such a company, or who are otherwise involved in any way as beneficiary owner(s), proprietor(s), manager(s), employee(s) or agent(s) of the business]	Attachment 5
Police or Court Clearance Report or violations of Fisheries, Environment, EPA, Tax or Labor laws (if any) of company	Attachment 6
Proof of importer agreement and product price list	Attachment 7
Key species to be exported and source of supply	Attachment 8

I declare that I have answered all the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge and that I am required to report any changes in the information contained in this application to the Director of Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority within 7 days of the change.

Signature of Applicant: ..... Date:.....  
Owner, Lessee (circle appropriate)



**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
**Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority**

P.O. BOX 860 Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

**Marine Ornamentals Export License**

<b>LICENSE No.:</b>	<b>EXPORTER:</b>	<b>ADDRESS:</b>
		<b>PHONE:</b>
		<b>FAX:</b>
		<b>EMAIL:</b>

*Specific Terms and Conditions of License*

**Permission:**

- 1) Purchase, hold and package for export of marine ornamentals from the atoll(s) of xxxx. xxxx. xxxx. xxxx.
- 2) Purchase, hold and package for re-export of cultured clams and corals from approved source countries.
- 3) Export marine ornamentals out of Majuro [or Ebeye]; with each export consignment requiring an export permit.

*Period of Validity*

Subject to the Aquarium Fishery Regulations of 2015 made thereunder, this License is valid from the 00<sup>th</sup> day of Month 20YY to the 00<sup>th</sup> day of Month 20YY.

**Director**

**MIMRA**

**Date**

**THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE**

## Marine Ornamentals Export License

### General Terms and Conditions

As License holder, I understand that:

- a. I must not be involved in any destructive fishing activities or provide destructive collecting equipment such as crowbars, dynamite, toxic chemicals both in natural or synthetic form such as bleach, cyanide, rotenone or clove oil to fishers for collecting marine ornamentals;
- b. I must not knowingly purchase marine ornamentals from fishers or collectors who have used destructive equipment or methods to harvest marine ornamentals;
- c. I must not purchase marine ornamentals collected from areas established by national or local governments as closed areas, reserves, parks, sanctuaries, community managed areas, or sites of archaeological/historic/prehistoric importance.
- d. I must not export any wild corals, wild giant clams, or wild live rock. Corals, giant clams, live rock intended for export for the ornamental trade shall only come from facilities recognized by the Authority to culture corals and clams, including from foreign countries unless specifically exempted by Director from time to time;
- e. I must not export any food fish or species listed in Schedule 5, unless specifically exempted by the Director;
- f. I must not purchase or trade in any marine ornamentals from any area not specified in the license;
- g. I must provide true, complete and accurate information in the forms set out in the Schedules 4 and;
- h. I must maintain the facility according to best practices so as to keep marine ornamentals alive and in good health;
- i. I must declare all marine ornamentals intended for each export to the Authority;
- j. I must not export marine ornamentals without first obtaining an export permit from the Authority;
- k. The Authority may refuse to issue an export permit if I provide misleading, false information or I do not declare all marine ornamentals intended for export;
- l. Upon request, I must present my license to any authorized officer;
- m. Upon request, I must allow my catch, holding facility or packaged consignments of marine ornamentals intended for exports to be inspected by any authorized officer;
- n. I am responsible for renewing my license even without notification from the Authority. Unless some other expiration period is specified, licenses are valid no longer than five years from the issuance date;
- o. I must comply with laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and applicable Ordinances of Local Government.
- p. The Authority may suspend my license for a period of time if I do not comply with the terms and conditions of this license,

- q. The Authority may revoke my license if I have not sold and/or exported marine ornamentals for a continuous period of 9 months;
- r. The Authority may revoke my license due to serious violations of the Fisheries Laws, the Regulation or repeated offences of the Regulations or any condition of my license and I may not renew a revoked license for one year from the date of revocation.

## FEES.

INSTRUMENT	FEE PAYABLE
1. Application Fee	\$30.00
2. Marine Ornamentals Export License Fee	\$1000.00
3. Export Permit Fee	\$20.00
5. Inspection fee (after office hours)	\$50.00

All fees are non refundable

## Marine Ornamentals Export Declaration Form

**For official use**

**Export permit No.:**

Send completed form to: The Director, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, PO Box 860, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960, Telephone: (692) 625-8262/5632; Fax: (692) 625-5447

**Marine Ornamentals Export License No.:** .....

**Name of Exporting company:** .....

**Date of shipment:**

**Airway Bill no.:**.....

**Importer Name:**.....

**Export Destination:**

**Country of origin:**.....

If species exported require CITES specify whether specimens are farmed, bred, or ranched

**Purpose:** Commercial or Scientific or Personal

Trade Name	Species (Scientific name)	Number of pieces	Weight (and unit)	Size range (where applicable)	Local value** (& currency)	Origin (atoll)	Export Value (& currency)
<b>TOTAL</b>							

\* record weights for live rock, coral

\*\* Price paid to the collectors

Signature:.....

Signature:.....

Marine Ornamentals Export Licensee

Date:.....

Fisheries Authorized Officer/Inspector

Date:.....

**Schedule 4b: Marine Ornamentals Export Permit for clams and corals**



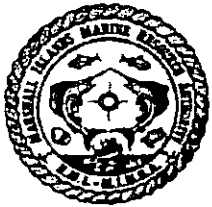
**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
**Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority**

P.O. BOX 860 Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960  
 Phone: (692) 625-8262/532 Fax: (692) 625-5447 email:mimra@ntamar.net

**MARINE ORNAMENTS EXPORT PERMIT**

<b>ISSUING AUTHORITY</b> Director Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority P. O. Box 860 Majuro, MH 96960 REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS				<b>PERMIT No.:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Export <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<b>COPY</b>																																					
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I, Glen Joseph, Director of the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, hereby certify that the shipment of marine ornamentals covered by this document has been legally acquired in accordance with the laws and regulations of the RMI, the exports will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild.																																											
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**Schedule 4c: Marine Ornamentals Export Permit for fish**



**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority**

P.O. BOX 860 Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960  
Phone: (692) 625-8262/532 Fax: (692) 625-5447 email:mimra@ntamar.net

**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN AND HEALTH  
Live Aquarium Fish**

*Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, hereby certify that the shipment of tropical fish covered by this document in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild, and if living, will be transported in a manner which will minimize the risk of injury, damage to health, or cruel treatment.*

<b>Shipper (Name &amp; Address)</b>	<b>Consignee (Name &amp; Address)</b>

<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Voyage/Flight</b>	<b>Shipping Date</b>	<b>Airway Bill #</b>	<b>Permit No.</b>

Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity	Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity

*I, Glen Joseph, Director of the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, hereby certify that the shipment of animals covered by this document is in accordance with the laws of the RMI, will not be detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild and will be transported in a manner which will minimize the risk of injury, damage to health, or cruel treatment.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspector

Authorized by  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MIMRA Director

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**This permit is equivalent in authority to any permits required to be issued pursuant to *Fish and Wildlife in lieu of CITIES (Annex II) statement RE: 50CFR-23(b3)* to which Marshall Islands is not a party. Valid for one shipment only**

List of wild species prohibited from capture and export for aquarium trade

**Fish**

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Humphead Wrasse *Cheilinus undulates*

Grouper species *All spp.*

All other food fish species

**MarineTurtles**

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Green Turtle *Chelonia mydas*

Hawksbill Turtle *Eretmochelys imbricata*

Loggerhead Turtle *Caretta caretta*

Olive Ridley Turtle *Lepidocheyls olivacea*

Leatherback Turtle *Dermochelys coriacea*

**Giant clams**

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Bear Paw Clam, Horse Hoof *Hippopus hippopus*

Southern Giant Clam *Tridacna derasa*

Giant Clam *Tridacna gigas*

Small Giant Clam *Tridacna maxima*

Fluted Giant Clam *Tridacna squamosa*

**Corals**

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Antipatharia Spp.

*Heliopora coerulea*

Scleractinia Spp.

Tubiporidae Spp.

Milleporidae Spp.

Stylasteridae Spp.

**All cetaceans, sharks and rays**

**Marine Ornamental Export License: Monthly Log**

Send completed form to: The Director, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, PO Box 860, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960, Telephone: (692) 625-8262/5632; Fax: (692) 625-5447

Name of Exporting company: .....

Reporting Month: .....  
 (To be submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month following month of reporting, e.g., submit by 7<sup>th</sup> of June when reporting for May)

Marine Ornamentals Export License No: .....

Full Name of diver or packer or aquaculture facility worker	Role	Gender	Age	Station Atoll/ Island	If SCUBA diver, SCUBA certification body and certification number	Comments

Signature:.....

Signature:.....

Marine Ornamentals Export Licensee  
 Date:.....

Fisheries Authorized Officer/Inspector  
 Date:.....

**Marine Ornamentals Actual Shipment Log**

Export permit No.:

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To be submitted within a month of successful shipment

Marine Ornamentals Export License No.: .....

Name of Exporting company: .....

Date of shipment:

Airway Bill no:.....

Importer Name.....

Export Destination:

Trade Name	Species (Scientific name)	Number of pieces	Weight (and unit)	Size range (where applicable)	Local value ** (& currency)	Origin (atoll)	Export Value (& currency)
<b>TOTAL</b>							

Signature:.....

Marine Ornamentals Export Licensee

Date:.....

Signature:.....

Fisheries Authorized Officer/Inspector

Date:.....




REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**C.M. 031 (2015)**


**FOR ACTION**  
Minister of R&D

**FOR INFORMATION**  
All Cabinet Members

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Aquarium Fishery Regulations of 2015

At its meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Cabinet:  
**approved** the *attached* Aquarium Fishery Regulations of 2015.

  
Morean S. Watak  
Clerk of the Cabinet

  
Christopher J. Loek  
President

[Reference – CP 7194 (2015)]  
Signed by the President on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015