

Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing of Octopus) Regulations 2016

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FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 74(1)(f) and (j) of the Fisheries and

Marine Resources Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing of

Octopus) Regulations 2016.

2. In these regulations —

“closed season” means the period from 15 August to 15 October in a year;

“octopus” means a fish belonging to the Cephalopoda class;

“undersized octopus” means any octopus which is less than 7 centimetres in mantle size.

3. These regulations shall not apply to Rodrigues.

4. No person shall fish -

(a) any undersized octopus;

(b) any octopus during a closed season.

5. Notwithstanding regulation 4, the Permanent Secretary may, for the purpose of scientific research, authorise a person to fish octopus during a closed season.

6. Any person who contravenes regulation 4 shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees.

Made by the Minister on 25 July 2016.