

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 43

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FISHERIES ACT, CHAP. 67:51

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND MARINE RESOURCES
UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE FISHERIES ACT

THE FISHERIES [CONTROL OF DEMERSAL (BOTTOM)
TRAWLING ACTIVITIES] REGULATIONS, 2000

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries [Control of Demersal (Bottom) Trawling Activities] Regulations, 2000.

2. In these Regulations—

“artisanal trawler” means a fishing vessel used for trawling and equipment with a manually operated rig-handling system;

Interpretation

“cod end” means the rear or posterior end of a trawl net in which the majority of fish or shrimp caught is lodged during the fishing exercise;

“Clark 1858 Spheroid” means the Spheroid used as a reference system to allow for the computing and recording of positions of points on or above earth’s axis;

“demersal (bottom) trawling” means the dragging or pulling of a trawl net on the bottom of the sea, in order to catch a demersal or bottom living species;

“east coast”, “north coast”, “south coast”, “the Gulf of Paria” and “Tobago” have the meanings assigned to them in the Schedule.

3. (1) Subject to this regulation, demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp is permitted in the territorial waters of the north coast at a distance outside of two nautical miles from that coast and west of Saut D’eau from the 15th November to the 15th January in each year.

Restrictions on north coast

(2) No person may carry out trawling of the kind referred to in subregulation (1) between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m..

4. No trawling is permitted off the east coast.

Restrictions on east coast

5. Subject to this regulation demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp may be carried out off the south coast, at a distance outside of two nautical miles from that coast.

Restrictions on south coast

- Restrictions on
Gulf of Paria
6. (1) Subject to this regulation demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp may be carried out in the Gulf of Paria.
- (2) No person operating a non-artisanal trawler shall do so at a distance inside of one nautical mile from the coastline of the Gulf of Paria.
- (3) No person operating a non-artisanal trawler with an engine size of 180 horsepower or less, shall do so between the six fathom isobath and the coast line of the Gulf of Paria.
- (4) No person operating a non-artisanal trawler with an engine size in excess of 180 horse power, shall do so between the ten fathom isobath and the coast line of the Gulf of Paria.
- Restrictions on
stretched mesh
7. When trawling of the kind referred to in regulation 3(1), 5 and 6(1) is carried out, the stretched mesh of the cod end of the trawler net used, shall not be less than 7.5 cm (3 ins.) in the case of fish, and 3.5 cm (1.5 ins) in the case of shrimp.
- Chafing gear
8. Where in relation to regulations 3, 5 and 6 chafing gear is used, it shall be netting material of stretched mesh of a size that is no smaller than that of the cod end of which it is being used and shall cover at least 25 per cent of the said cod end.
- Restrictions
Tobago
9. No person may carry out demersal (bottom) trawling within the twelve nautical mile limit off the coast line of Tobago except where such an area coincides with the North Coast of Trinidad.
- Exemption on
application of
Regulations
10. These Regulations do not apply to any person who holds a licence or other relevant permission from the Minister to undertake research and training within the areas covered by these Regulations.
- Duration
11. These Regulations shall expire at the end of two years from the date of publication but may be extended by the Minister for further periods of not more than two years.

SCHEDULE

I. NORTH COAST

The north coast of Trinidad is the marine area bounded in the west by a line drawn by joining points whose respective co-ordinates are:

10° 44' 31" N	61° 47' 31" W
10° 45' 30" N	61° 47' 06" W
10° 47' 53" N	61° 47' 02" W
10° 53' 42" N	61° 43' 53" W

and in the east by the meridian of Point Galera whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 49' 56" N and 61° 54' 41" W. The southern limit of the north coast of Trinidad is the parallel of Corozal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 44' 31" N and 61° 36' 55" W.

II. EAST COAST

The east coast of Trinidad is the marine area to the south of the parallel of Point Galera.

III. SOUTH COAST

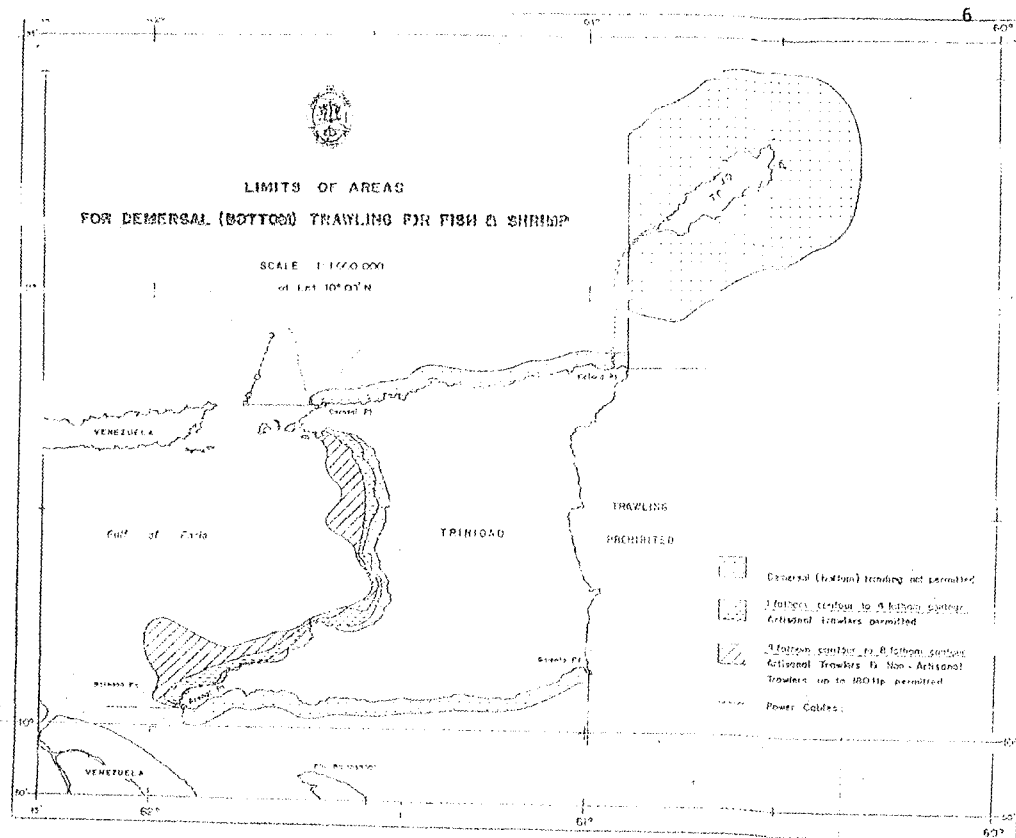
The south coast of Trinidad is the marine area bounded in the north by the parallel through Arenal Point and in the east by the meridian through Point Galeota whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 09' 07" N and 60° 59' 27" W.

IV. GULF OF PARIA

The Gulf of Paria is the marine area bounded in the north by the parallel of Corozal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 44' 31" N and 61° 36' 55" W and in the south by the parallel through the Arenal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 02' 47" N and 61° 55' 47" W.

V. TOBAGO

For the quoted co-ordinates refer to the Clarke 1858 Spheroid.



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