



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES ACT [CAP 315]

Conservation and Measurement Measure for Deep-Bottom Fish Fishery Order No. 87 of 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 79(1) and paragraph 79(2)(a) of the Fisheries Act [CAP 315], I, the Honourable JAMES NGWANGO, Minister of Agriculture Quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries, make the following Order.

1 Ban on deep-bottom longline fishing method

A person must not:

- (a) use a deep-line bottom longline fishing gear and method for deep-bottom fishing; or
- (b) have in his or her possession or sell or offer for sale a deep-bottom longline fishing gear.

2 Conservation and management measure on dropline fishing method and gear

A person must not:

- (a) use a deep-bottom dropline fishing gear with more than 10 hooks attached to it for deep-bottom fishing; or
- (b) have in his or her possession or sell or offer for sale a deep-bottom dropline fishing gear with more than 10 hooks attached to it.

3 Offence and penalty

Any person who contravenes any clauses of this Order is guilty of an offence and is punishable on a conviction by a fine not exceeding:

- (a) VT200,000 for an individual; and
- (b) VT1,000,000 for a company or association, or body of persons corporate or incorporate.

4 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 2nd day of July, 2012.

Honourable JAMES NGWANGO
Minister of Agriculture, quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries

