

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 65]

FISHERIES ACT
(CHAPTER 158)

**FISHERIES (MORATORIUM ON MOLESTING, TAKING OR
KILLING OF TURTLES) REGULATIONS, 1997**
(Section 9)

IN exercise of the power conferred on me under paragraph (g) of section 9 of the Fisheries Act, I have made the following Regulations –

Short title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Moratorium on Molesting, Taking or Killing of Turtles) Regulations, 1997.

Commencement and Revocation

2. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st March 1997 and revokes the Fisheries (Moratorium on Molesting, Taking or Killing of Turtles) Regulations, 1995 contained in Legal Notice No. 32 of 1995.

Fisheries regulations amended

3. The Fisheries Regulations is amended by inserting the following provision (regulation "20A") immediately after regulation "20":

"Moratorium on molesting, taking or killing of turtles

20A (1) Notwithstanding the: provisions of Regulations 20, no person during 1st March, 1997 to 31st December 2000 shall

(a) in any way molest, or take or kill any turtle of any size;

(b) sell, offer or expose for sale or export any turtle shell or meat--

(2) The Minister may, upon a written request by any person, exempt that person by writing under his hand, from the provision of sub-regulations (1).

(3) Subject to sub-regulation (2), any person who contravenes the provision of sub-regulation (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) The Minister may, if he or she considers it necessary or desirable, extend the prohibition on activities specified in sub-regulation (1) to a period beyond 31st December 2000 and may such extension be notified in the *Fiji Republic Gazette*.

Made this 15th May 1997

M V LEWENIQILA
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests and ALTA

Note -This Notice revokes Legal Notice No. 50 of 1997 dated Friday, 23rd May 1997
