

Code of Agriculture of 1973

PART IV - AQUATIC RESOURCES

Article 180. - For the purposes of this part:

The word "fish" indicates any water animal whether a fish or not, and includes sponge, molluscs, crustaceae, water reptiles and mammal water animals.

The word "fishing" indicates fishing operations in the territorial waters and the landing of catch even if it were caught outside these territorial waters.

Article 181. - The provisions of the present part are applicable only to persons fishing for commercial purposes.

Article 182. - Fishing is forbidden without authorization from the Minister.

Article 183

(a) It is forbidden to use explosives, harmful or poisonous materials to catch fish whether for commercial purposes or otherwise.

(b) It is forbidden to damage or remove the coral rocks of the territorial waters.

Article 184. - The Minister will issue decisions on the following matters:

(a) Granting fishing authorizations.

(b) Limiting fishing areas in sea or fresh water.

(c) Prohibition of fishing methods and techniques which are likely to cause damage to fish fields and to effect their conservation and reproduction.

(d) Fixing the areas and seasons where fishing may be forbidden or be allowed only for specific kinds of fish.

(e) Fixing the size of catch from a specific kind of fish.

(f) Determination of the size of the mouth and mesh of nets which can be used in fishing.

(g) Any other matter relevant to the purposes of the present Part.

Article 185. - The Minister may give a financial reward to any person who provides information or helps in detecting violations of the provisions of the present Part on condition that the value of this reward does not exceed half the value of the fine and in any case not be less than five Dinars.

Article 186. - Any violation of Articles 182, 183 and 184 will be liable to a fine not less than ten Dinars and not more than 50 Dinars.