

Law N° 25 for the Organization of Fishing, 1943.

Article 1. - This Law is called (Law for Fishing) and will be implemented one month after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2. - The expressions and words in the Law will have the following meaning:

The word "Fish" means every aquatic animal either from the fish species, or not, and comprising sponge, animals with scales, sea turtles and aquatic mammals.

"Fishing" means fishing in East Jordan and also bringing it to Jordan even if it was not fished there.

"Licensing Authority" means every authority that has the power to issue licenses for this Law.

"East Jordan Waters" means the part of the sea on the boundary of East Jordan and 3 miles from the nearest boundaries.

Article 3. - The regulations of this Law coincide with fishing in the sea only and is for those working in fishing for commercial purposes.

Article 4. - It is forbidden for any person to work in fishing unless he has a licence and pays a fee of 100 fils for each year.

Article 5. - Each person or company working in fishing should pay fees as shown below for each 3 kilo of fish brought to land or transferred from a boat to a ship, as follows:

a) Fish not cleaned and sponge	5 fils
b) Fish gutted and head remaining	6 fils
c) Fish gutted and head removed	7 fils
d) Sliced and dried fish	10 fils
e) Aquatic species with hard scales and turtles	3 fils

Article 6. - The Council of Ministers can allow a person or company to pay a yearly sum to be specified by them towards Article IV of this Law.

Article 7. - It is forbidden for any person fishing in the sea or in fresh waters to use any explosives for commercial fishing or otherwise.

Article 8. - For implementation of this Law, any legislative official, police or customs official or any other official with a permission from the Prime Minister can:

- (a) Ask any person working in fishing to show his licence, or question the implements used for fishing.
- (b) Board a boat or ship dealing with fishing and inspect the fish and equipment.
- (c) Arrest any person or ship suspected for crime and take them to the nearest police post or port, keep them until a case in the court is heard, sell the fish and keep the money.
- (d) Ask any person with fish from where he got that fish.
- (e) Seize any fish fished by explosives or poison.

Article 9. - The Council of Ministers will issue regulations for: -

- (a) Appoint a licensing authority within this Law, the conditions for issuing licenses and payment of fees in accordance with Articles IV and V of this Law.
- (b) Changing of fees in accordance with Articles IV and V of this Law.
- (c) Implementing this Law on fishing in fresh waters.
- (d) Forbidding any methods of fishing that will harm fish maintenance and increase.
- (e) Declaring the places in which fishing is prohibited.
- (f) Forbidding the fishing of a special kind of fish.
- (g) Declaring the amount of fish to be sold.
- (h) Declaring the kind and mesh of fishing nets.
- (i) General execution of this Law.

Article 10. - Anyone transgressing Article VII of this Law and is found with fish that had been fished by explosives, will be punished:

- (a) By the Judge, for the first time, by imprisonment of 3 months or with a fine of JD. 20.
- (b) By the Judge, for the second time, by imprisonment of 3 months and with a fine of JD. 20 -50.

(c) For the third time, imprisonment for 6 months to 2 years and a fine of JD. 20 -100.

Article 11. - Anyone transgressing Articles IV and V of this Law will be imprisoned for a month or pay a fine of JD. 10.

Article 12. - Anyone transgressing this Law or any Regulation of it, will be imprisoned for 3 months or pay a fine of JD. 50, or both.

Article 13. - If a company transgressed Articles 10, 11, 12 of this Law, they will have to pay JD. 100 for each month of imprisonment set by the Law.

Article 14. - If Articles 10, 11 and 12 of this Law were transgressed, the Judge can confiscate the boat, ship or fish.

Article 15. - If the punishment was for Articles 10, 11 and 12 of this Law, the Licensing Authority can cancel the fishing license.

Article 16. - The Prime Minister can pay to any person giving information of any crime committed against this Law, he can give him a sum not exceeding JD. 100.

Article 17. - All Ottoman Laws and Regulations published in the official Gazette N° 559,375 will be cancelled.