

S.I. 7 OF 2006

FISHERIES ACT

*(Cap 82)***Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations, 2006**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Fisheries Act, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources hereby makes the following Regulations—

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| 1. | These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations, 2006. | Citation |
| 2. | In these Regulations—

“fishing vessel” means a foreign-owned fishing vessel licensed to fish in Seychelles Waters or a local fishing vessel 24 metres or more in length fishing within or outside Seychelles Waters; and

“shark” means all species of shark (elasmobranchii taxon). | Interpretation |
| 3. | No person shall on board a fishing vessel remove fins from sharks except under and in accordance with an authorisation issued in respect of that vessel by SFA. | Shark fins removal prohibited |
| 4. | No person shall keep on board a fishing vessel or tranship or land therefrom shark fins removed contrary to regulation 3. | Illegal possession, transhipment etc. |
| 5. | An authorisation referred to in regulation 3 shall be issued— | Authorisation requirements |
| | (a) only to make use of all parts of shark by a separate processing of fins and of other parts on board a fishing vessel; and | |
| | (b) only to fishing vessels that satisfy SFA that they have the capacity to use all parts of sharks | |

and justify the need for the separate processing of fins and other parts of sharks.

- Prohibition on discarding parts
6. All fishing vessels authorised under regulation 3 are prohibited from discarding at sea the remnant parts of sharks after the removal of fins except for those parts that result from gutting and beheading.
- Percentage of fin weight
7. The landed weight of shark fins shall not exceed 5 per centum of the landed weight of all other parts of sharks after evisceration or 7 per centum of the landed weight of other parts of sharks after evisceration and beheading.
- Declaration and record
- 8.(1) All fishing vessels shall on arrival at Port Victoria declare the quantities of shark fins and shark products on board the vessels.
- (2) The master of each fishing vessel shall record all catches of shark in the log book issued by SFA.
- Duty of operator and master
9. It shall be the duty of the operator and of the master of every fishing vessel to comply with these Regulations.
- Offences etc.
10. An operator and master of a fishing vessel convicted of an offence of breach of regulations 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 shall be liable to a fine of R500,000.

MADE this 15th day of February, 2006.

RONNY JUMEAU
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
