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FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

MAHINDA AMARAWEEERA,
Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,
14th October 2015.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as Shark Fisheries Management Regulations, 2015.
2. No person engaged in fishing operations in Sri Lanka Waters shall catch any shark of the species specified in the Schedule hereto except for the collection of museum, biological sampling for taxonomic study and research purposes.
3. No person shall -
 - (i) remove on board a local fishing boat the fins of any shark caught by such local fishing boat and discard carcass of such shark of which fins have been removed.
 - (ii) retain on board, transship or land fins of any shark unless such fins are naturally attached to the body of such shark.
4. Subject to the provisions of regulation 2, it shall be the duty of the owner or skipper of a fishing boat engaged in fishing operations to release live sharks especially juveniles and pregnant sharks.



5. The Landing of Fish (Species of Shark and Skates) Regulations, 2001 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1206/20 of 17th October 2001 and the prohibition of Catching Thresher Shark Regulations, 2012 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1768/36 of 27th July 2012 are hereby rescinded.

6. In these regulations “Shark” include species of sharks.

SCHEDULE

1. Shark species of the Family Alopiidae.
Alopias vulpinus (Thresher shark)
Alopias superciliosus (Big-eye thresher shark)
Alopias pelagicus (Pelagic thresher shark)
2. *Carcharhinus longimanus* (Oceanic white-tip shark)
3. *Rhincodon typus* (Whale shark)