

LEGAL NOTICE No. 335

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FISHERIES ACT, CHAP. 67:51

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE FISHERIES ACT

THE FISHERIES (CONTROL OF DEMERSAL TRAWLING)  
REGULATIONS, 2004

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Control of Demersal Trawling) Regulations, 2004. Citation

2. In these Regulations—

“artisanal trawler” means a fishing vessel used for trawling, equipped with a manually operated rig-handling system;

“demersal trawling” means the dragging or pulling of a trawl net on the bottom of the sea, in order to catch shrimp or a demersal species of fish;

“east coast”, “north coast”, “south coast” and “Gulf of Paria” have the meanings assigned to them in Schedule 1. Interpretation

3. A person may carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp within the limits of the areas identified on the map in Schedule 2. Trawling permitted  
Schedule 2

4. (1) A person may only carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp off the north coast, where such trawling is conducted west of Saut d’Eau at a distance outside of two nautical miles in the territorial waters off the north coast. Trawling on north coast

(2) Demersal trawling on the north coast under subregulation (1), shall only be conducted from 15th November each year to 15th January of the following year, from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

5. A person may carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp, in the territorial waters off the north coast at a distance outside of two nautical miles from the south coast. Trawling on south coast

6. (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), a person may carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp, in the Gulf of Paria. Trawling in the Gulf of Paria

(2) A person operating a trawler that is not an artisanal trawler, shall not carry out demersal trawling for fish or shrimp—

(a) at a distance inside of one nautical mile from the coastline of the Gulf of Paria;

(b) where the trawler has an engine size of 180 horsepower or less, between the one fathom isobath and six fathom isobath of the Gulf of Paria;

(c) where the trawler has an engine size in excess of 180 horsepower, between the six fathom and ten fathom isobath of the Gulf of Paria.

Restriction on trawling 7. A person shall not carry out demersal trawling except as provided in these Regulations and in particular, a person shall not carry out demersal trawling—

(a) within the twelve nautical mile limit off the coastline of Tobago except where such an area coincides with the north coast of Trinidad; and

(b) in the territorial waters off the east coast;

Exemption on application of Regulations 8. These Regulations shall not apply to a person who holds a licence or other permission from the Minister to undertake research and training within the areas covered by these Regulations.

#### SCHEDULE 1

[Regulation (2)]

Computation of co-ordinates 1. The co-ordinates referred to in this Schedule are computed by means of the World Geodetic System, 1984.

North Coast 2. "North Coast" means the marine area—

(a) bounded on the west by a line drawn by joining points, the respective co-ordinates of which are:

(i) 10° 44' 44.37356" N and 61° 47' 28.34325" W;

(ii) 10° 45' 43.37021" N and 61° 47' 3.34198" W;

(iii) 10° 48' 6.362058" N and 61° 45' 59.89877" W; and

(iv) 10° 53' 65.34223" N and 61° 43' 50.33214" W;

(b) bounded on the east by the meridian of Point Galera, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 50' 9.2476" N and 60° 54' 98.20081" W; and

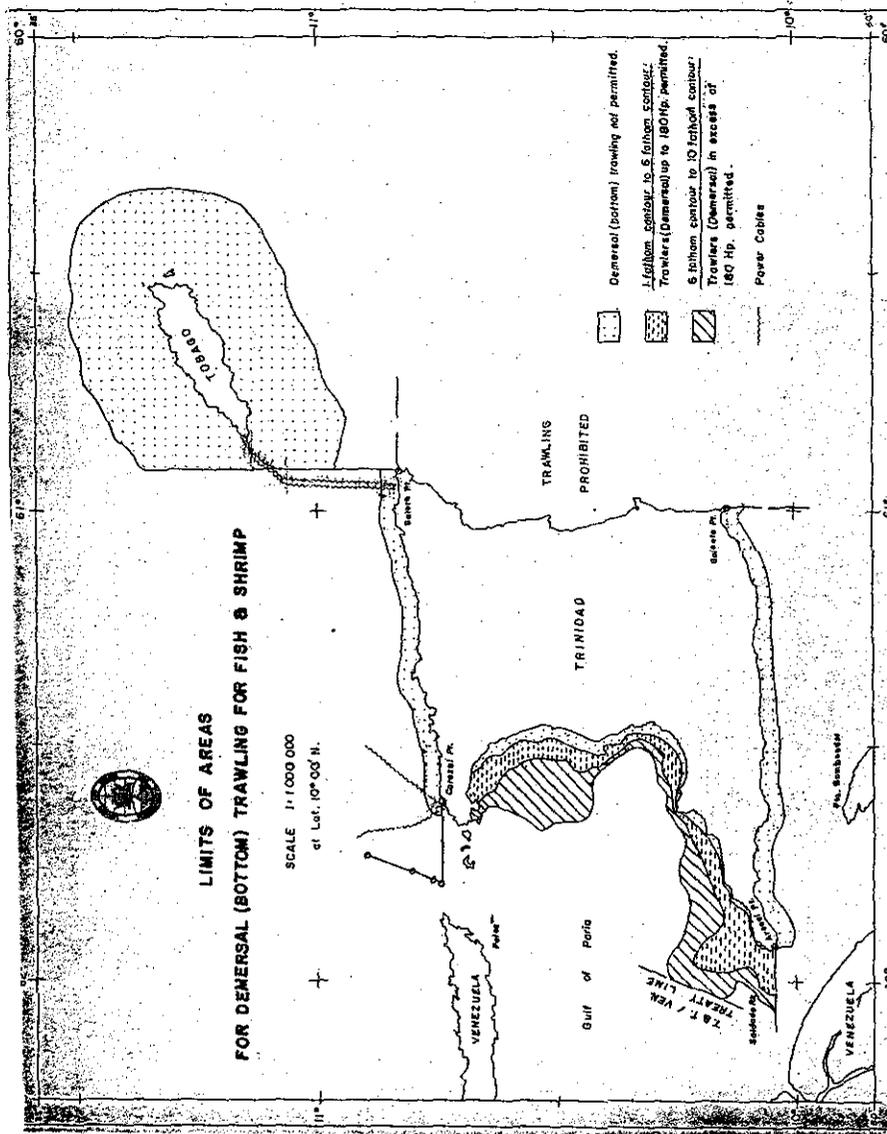
(c) the southern limit which is the parallel of Corozal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 44' 44.37205" N and 61° 36' 52.31479" W.

East Coast 3. "East Coast" means the marine area to the south of the parallel of Point Galera.

South Coast 4. "South Coast" means the marine area bounded on the north by the parallel through Arenal Point and on the east by the meridian through Point Galeota, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 08' 20.47992" N and 60° 59' 24.2498" W.

Gulf of Paria 5. "Gulf of Paria" means the marine area bounded on the north by the parallel of Corozal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 44' 44.37205" N and 61° 36' 52.31479" W and on the south by the parallel through Arenal Point, the approximate co-ordinates of which are 10° 03' 0.505373" N and 61° 55' 44.40128" W.

SCHEDULE 2/L



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 and Marine Resources*

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