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Application from India to renew its status as Cooperating Non-Contracting Party

India

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Abstract	This document is the letter sent by India to SIOFA for renewing its CNCP status. Rev1 includes additional information submitted by India to supports its application for the renewal of its CNCP status.

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Recommendations

- The MoP to consider the application from India.

F. No. 27035/8/2020-Fy(IC)
Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 22nd April, 2024

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Subject: Application to renew the membership of India in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party at the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the email dated 10th April, 2024 from SIOFA Secretariat regarding the above-mentioned subject and to state that India would like to submit its application for renewal of the membership at Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party.

2. While submitting this application for renewal of the membership as stated above, it is to state that as per the Article 17 of SIOFA's Agreement, India is committed to:

- (i) Carry out the objectives of the Agreement, which consist of ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Area through cooperation with the Contracting Parties and to promote the sustainable development of the fisheries in the Area, taking into account developing coastal States in the Area that are Contracting Parties to the Agreement, in particular the least developed among them and small island developing States,
- (ii) Abide by the conservation and management measures and all other decisions and resolutions adopted in accordance with the Agreement,
- (iii) take appropriate action to ensure that our fishing activities do not diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures and all other decisions adopted in accordance with the Agreement, and
- (iv) consult with the Meeting of the Parties to develop any other criteria for its admission in the capacity of a cooperating non-Contracting Party in the SIOFA.

3. I am hopeful that this application would be considered favourably and India may be allowed in the capacity of a Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to attend the forthcoming Meeting of the Parties of the SIOFA scheduled in June, 2024.



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Sir/Madam

As per the discussions held in MoP 11 on 01.07.2024 and additional documents sought by SIOFA, necessary additional documents were submitted as an attachment for the consideration of India application for the renewal as CNCP.

Regards

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In regard to Point 14.1 renewal of Renewal of CNCP status of India the following reply with annexures are furnished for consideration in 11th MoP

The compliance report was submitted in time , only the supportive documents had not been attached earlier and same is submitted (Annexure 1 to 4) as per the discussions held in the 8th CoC and 11th MoP.

- i) In regard to conservation management measures (CMM) it is to furnish hereby that the fishing ban had been Implemented in India, since 20 years (Annexure 1)
- ii) Further in regard to CMM, India implemented Wild life protection act 1972 which was in force since 50 years (Annexure 2)
- iii) Proper port inspection had regularly been made by concern RFMOs and ensured no SIOFA listed fish species had been landed at Indian ports.
- iv) In regard to demersal fishery management the MLS (Minimum legal size) for catching of demersal fish in force and strictly implemented by RFMOs gazette notifications concern is enclosed along with fitting of TED demersal trawl nets (Annexure 3)
- v) India is strictly following compliance of law in Force by concerned RFMO/RFMA's and vessels involved in IUU fishing as per the reports / listed by IOTC area had been imposed heavy penalty (Annexure 4). Further it is to state that Indian Government conducting workshop and awareness programme to Fisherman/ entrepreneurs on the regulations and guidelines of SIOFA.
- vi) Further it is to state the the IUU vessels reported by IOTC are all involved in Tuna fishing and they don't have any facilities to exploit Demersal fishes in the ABNJ is confirmed.
- vii) Inorder to combat IUU fishing, India has started to install Transponders in 1,00,000 fishing boats under MCS Mornitoring control and Survillence scheme, and as of now 125 transponders have been installed to monitor the fishing fleets with in EEZ.
- viii) Further it is requested to extend the status of CNCP status of India and it is informed that India is in the process of meeting all obligations/ necessary approvals to submit application for the contracting party of SIOFA.

Annexure 1

No. 30035/15/97-Fy (T-1)/Ind Vol.VI
Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 07th April, 2022

ORDER

The President of India is pleased to impose a uniform ban on fishing by all fishing vessels in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters on the East Coast [including Andaman, & Nicobar Islands] and West Coast [including Lakshadweep Islands] as per period mentioned below for conservation and effective management of fishery resources and also for sea safety reasons:

East Coast-from 15th April to 14th June, 2022 (both days inclusive) (61 days)

West Coast-from 01st June to 31st July, 2022 (both days inclusive) (61 days)

The traditional non-motorized units shall be exempted from this uniform fishing ban imposed in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Dr. Sanjay Pandey)

Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries)

To,

1. The Secretary (Fisheries), All Maritime States/Union Territories.
2. The Chairman, All Major Port Trust: The ban order may please be served on all the companies operating deep sea fishing vessels from the port.
3. Directorate General of Shipping, 9th Floor Beta Building, i-Think Techno Campus, Kanjurmarg (East), Mumbai- 400 042 with a request to notify all Registrars of Fishing Vessels in the East & West Coasts, A&N Islands, Puducherry & Lakshadweep Islands and Daman & Diu.
4. Director (Operations), Coast Guard Headquarters, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi.
5. Director General, FSI, Mumbai/Director NIFPHATT/CIFNET, Kochi.
6. Director, CMFRI, Post Box No. 1603, Ernakulum North PO, Kochi-682 018.
7. Officer-In-charge, NIC, DoF, MFAH&D, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Chairperson, National Fishworkers Forum (NFF), The SFSS Soc. Ltd., Satpati Post, Tal, Palghar District, Maharashtra-401405



(Dr. Sanjay Pandey)

Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries)

THE WILD LIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972
(Last Updated 1-4-2023)

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Panaji, 7th January, 2021 (Pausa 17, 1942)

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Department of Fisheries
Directorate of Fisheries

Order

No. DF/ENF/NOTI-IMPL-MLS/2020-21/5042

Whereas, Clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 4 of Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 3 of 1981) provides that Government by an order notified in the Official Gazette, regulate, restrict or prohibit the catching in any specified area of such species of fish and for such period as may be specified in the notification;

And Whereas, the Government of Goa have declared the "specified area" vide Government Notification No. 2-1-81-FSH (V) dated 04-09-2001, of Department of Fisheries published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 24 dated 13-09-2001.

And Whereas, sub-section (2) of Section 4 thereof provides that while making an order under sub-section (1) the Government shall have regard to the matters such as the need to protect the interest of different sections of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamaran, country craft or a canoe, the need to conserve fish and to regulate fishing on a scientific basis, the need to maintain law and order in the sea;

And Whereas, it has come to the notice of the Government that a large quantity of low value (non-target), smaller size fishes (juveniles) are caught by mechanized fishing vessels, and are found killed and discarded in varying proportions. The juveniles of various species of fishes are caught before they attain maturity and this severely affects the fish population. Along with juvenile fishes, other non-edible biota, which are vital to the existence of marine eco-system are caught extra in a fishing operation.

And whereas, the Government has considered the matter of serious concern and this current practice will affect the juvenile population and in the long run may bring about a disaster in the fishing industry making it unsustainable and uneconomical and has decided to prohibit catching of the different species of juvenile fishes in the above specified area.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (c) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 3 of 1981) the Government of Goa hereby prohibits catching of the following species of juvenile fishes having less than the size noted against their names in the area specified in the Schedule hereunder from the date of publication of this Order.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Species Name	Common Name	Local Name	MLS (cm)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	<i>Sardinella longiceps</i>	Indian oil sardine	Tarlo (तार्लो)	10TL
2.	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian mackerel	Bangdo (बांगडो)	14TL
3.	<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Ribbon fish	Balle (बालो)	46TL
4.	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	King seer	Wiswan (विस्वण)	50FL
5.	<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	Indian anchovy	Motiyale (मोतियाळे)	7.0TL
6.	<i>Parastromateus niger</i>	Black pomfret	Somgul (सुगुले)	17TL
7.	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	Little tuna	Bokdo (बुगडो)	31FL
8.	<i>Sillago sihama</i>	Silver sillago	Mudoshi (मुदोशी)	11.3TL
9.	<i>Escualosa thoracata</i>	White sardine	Velli (वेल्लो)	8.9TL
10.	<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>	Threadfin bream (yellow)	Rano (रणो)	12TL
11.	<i>Lactarius lactarius</i>	White fish	Sondhalo (सवनाळो)	10TL
12.	<i>Cynoglossus macrostomus</i>	Sole fish	Lepo (लेपो)	9TL
13.	<i>Pampus argenteus</i>	Silver pomfret	Paplet (पापलेट)	13TL
14.	<i>Epinephelus diacanthus</i>	Grouper	Gobro (गोबरो)	18TL
15.	<i>Johnius spp.</i>	Sciaenid	Dhodiaro (दोड्यारो)	15TL
16.	<i>Otolithes spp.</i>	Croaker	Dhodiaro (दोड्यारो)	17TL
17.	<i>Uroteuthis photololigo duvauceli</i>	Indian Squid	Manki (मान्की)	8DML
18.	<i>Portunus sanguinolentus</i>	Spotted crab	Kulli (कुल्लो)	7CW
19.	<i>Parapenaeopsis stylifera</i>	Kiddi prawn	Sungat (सुंगट)	7TL
20.	<i>Metapenaeus affinis</i>	Jinga prawn	Sungat (शिगा शिम्)	9TL

Abbreviations:- TL-Total Length, FL-Fork Length, DML- Dorsal Mantle Length, CW-Carapace Width of crabs, MLS-Minimum Legal Size.

Consider the catch as violation if more than 50% of the catch sample is composed of fishes at or below the prescribed MLS.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. (Smt.) Shamila Monteiro, Director and ex officio Jt. Secretary (Fisheries).

Panaji, 6th January, 2021.

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Suggestions are welcomed on e-mail: dir-gpps.goa@nic.in

Notification

DF/ENF/RULE AMENDMENT/2021-22

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 3 of 1981), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following rules so as to further amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1982, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Goa Marine Fishing Regulation (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2021.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of rule 2.*— In rule 2 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1982 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Rules"),—

(i) after clause (a), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

"(aa) "Captain of Ports" means the Captain of Ports of the Government of Goa;

(ab) "Director" means the Director of the Directorate of Fisheries;";

(ii) after clause (b), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ba) "inland water" means a fresh water lake, pond, reservoir, stream, creek, saline river stretch upto the boundaries where it meets the sea, including the estuarine water or any other water including stationary water collected in paddy field, khazan land excluding the private water body, where the activity of fishing can be carried out;

(bb) "mechanized fishing" means fishing by a fishing vessel which uses mechanical power for actual fishing operation;

(bc) "mechanized fishing vessel" means fishing vessel fitted with inboard or outboard motor/engine above 10 HP;

(bd) "private water body" means inland water wherein a person has, for the time being, an exclusive right of fishery whether as owner, lessee or in any other capacity.

Explanation— For the purpose of this clause, any private water body wherein more than one person is by virtue of custom has a right of fishing therein shall also be construed as private water body;

(be) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these Rules;";

(iv) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(ca) "turtle excluder device" means a specialized device that allows a captured sea turtle to escape when caught in a trawl net".

3. *Amendment of rule 3.*— In rule 3 of the principal Rules,—

(i) in sub-rule (1), for the existing Table, the following Table shall be substituted, namely:—

"Table

Sr No.	Category of fishing vessel based on Overall Length (OAL)	Amount of fees for grant/renewal of Licence
(i)	Upto 7.91 meters	Rs. 200/-.
(ii)	Above 7.91 meters but upto 12 meters	Rs. 600/-.
(iii)	Above 12 meters but upto 15 meters	Rs. 1,000/-.
(iv)	Above 15 meters but upto 18 meters	Rs. 1,000/-.
(v)	Above 18 meters but upto 19 meters	Rs. 1,000/-.
(vi)	Above 19 meters	Rs. 1,000/-.
(vii)	For the sports fishing vessel below 20 meters	Rs. 5,000/-.

"

(ii) for sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"(3) If the authorized officer, after making such enquiry as he deems fit,

Annexure 4

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Letter.No.2072/FS6(2)/2022-6, dated:03-02-2024

From
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Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries)
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying,
Department of Fisheries, Government of India,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.

Sir,

Sub: Marine Fisheries – The inspection and illegal fishing activity of the
Indian flagged vessels in British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)
Waters – Report submitted – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Mails received from Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Government of India Letter Nos.1) j-11001/ 64/2022-Fy, dated 21.11.2022, 2) j-11001/65/2022-Fy, dated 21.11.2022, 3) j-11001/66/2022-Fy, dated 21.11.2022, 4) j-11001/64/2022-Fy, dated 21.11.2022 and 5) j-11001/64/2022-Fy, dated 21.11.2022.
 2. Government letter No. 2072/Fs6-2/2021-1&2, Dated:02.01.2023 & 13.02.2023.
 3. Email received from Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Dairying Department of Fisheries, Government of India Letter No. J-1102101/7/2023-Fy, Dated: 21.06.2023 (received on 05.07.2023)
 4. Government Letter No. 2072/Fs6-2/2021-3,4&6 Dated:21.07.2023, 10.10.2023 & 03.11.2023.
 5. From the Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Rc.No. 3417/J5/2022, Dated: 23.01.2023.

I am to invite attention to the references cited. In the reference third cited, you have informed that vide Communication No.IOTC2023-217 dated 13th June 2023 from IOTC Secretariat, it is reported that the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) decided as its 27th Session, held

on the 8-12 May 2023, to include the following eleven (11) vessels flagged to India in its Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Vessels List: AKASH, ANNAI VELAMKANNI, ARPUTHA MATHA, BENEDICTA, EASRON, EL SHADAI, EMMANUEL, GIFT OF GOD, SHARJI AMMA, STAR OF THE SEA AND YAHOVA NICY. The government of India has been requested by the IOTC to notify the owners of the IUU-listed vessels and of the consequences of the vessel being listed, as detailed in paragraph 21 of the IOTC resolution 18/03.

2. The Government of India has therefore requested the Government to take strict action against the IUU-listed vessels/their owners and furnish the ATR to initiate the de-listing process of the vessels as per "Vessel Delisting Procedures" described in para 22 to 28 of the IOTC Resolution 18/03 on establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing in the IOTC area of competence. A separate vessel-wise action taken report as per the format of the IOTC Resolution 18/03 in the above-mentioned matter may kindly be forwarded to the Ministry at the earliest.

3. In this regard, I am to inform you that the last two years around 60 mechanized fishing boats were reported for illegal fishing in BIOT waters and the Deputy Director of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare (Regional) Kanyakumari and concerned Assistant Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare that the Kanyakumari district west coast fishermen are repeatedly transgressing and are entering the British Indian Ocean Territory which is viewed seriously by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and other International Bodies and would create negative repercussions on exports of fish from India in addition to leading to grave international legal Consequences and also instructed to ensure that the Kanyakumari District fishing vessel should not repeat such violations of crossing IMBL and engaging in IUU fishing in high seas/waters of other countries. Since this issue is being seriously viewed by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) which is an International Monitoring Organization for fishing in the Indian Ocean and also an embarrassment to our country in the international arena, this cannot be dealt as ordinary one.

Further, it is informed that any illegal fishing activity in their waters will be treated with the utmost severity and owners will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, with court sanctions including high fines, seizure of vessels, catch and gear, permanent detention of boats, crew and imprisonment by Great Britain /US Navy.

4. I am also to state that, the Deputy Director of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare (Regional) Kanyakumari and Assistant Director of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Colachel has been requested to convene a stake holders meeting chaired by District Collector, District Administration and Police officials with fishermen representatives of various fishermen Association operating in the west coast of Kanyakumari District and to create awareness and sensitize them on the importance of fishing within the Indian EEZ and the ill- effects of fishing in the territory waters of other Nations such as BIOT, Maldives and Seychelles. In addition, it has been requested to take necessary action to

issue press release to inform the fishermen in unambiguous terms that repeated offenders may have to face legal consequences if they fail to adhere to the instructions of the District Administration and the Department of Fisheries. In response, the concerned Authorized officers/ Assistant Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare framed charges under TNMFR Act 1983. Based on the charge Sheet, the Adjudicating Officer / Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare (Regional) made an enquiry and imposed fine in the range of Rs 2.00 lakh to Rs 3.50 lakh.

5. I am further to inform that, the Authorized Officer / Assistant Director of Fisheries, Colachel has framed the charges against the fishing boats involved in illegal fishing activities between 21st September and 28th September, 2022 bearing registration Nos. 1) IND-TN-15-MM-5327 AIDEN MARIA, 2) IND-TN-15-MM-5541 EPSIBA, 3) IND-TN-15-MM-5348 BIBLE, 4) IND-TN-15-MM-322 EMMANUEL, 5) IND-TN-15-MM-5561 AKASH 6) IND-TN-15-MM-7325 BENEDICTA and 7) IND-TN-15-MM-4861 EARSON. In addition, suspended the valid fishing license. Based on the charge Sheet, the Adjudicating Officer / Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare (Regional) made an enquiry and imposed fine of Rupees two lakhs for each fishing boats. The action taken report is attached here with for the 7 boats involved in illegal fishing activities between 21st September and 28th September, 2022 and also for the eleven IOTC IUU listed fishing boats (IND-TN-15-MM-5661 AKASH, IND-TN-15-MM-3310 ANNAI VELAMKANNI, IND-TN-15-MM-8581ARPUTHA MATHA, IND-TN-15-MM-7325 BENEDICTA, IND-TN-15-MM-4861 EASRON, IND-TN-15-MM-4424 ELSHADAI, IND-TN-15-MM-322 EMMANUEL, IND-TN-15-MM-3587 GIFT OF GOD, IND-TN-15-MM-6176 SHARJI AMMA, IND-TN-15-MM-5557 STAR OF THE SEA and IND-TN-15-MM-6753 YAHOVA NICY) is briefed details enclosed in Annexure-A.

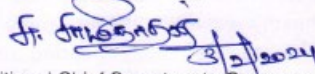
In continuation, to avoid IUU fishing the Government of India has requested to provide information and take following action:

- *Number of vessels that wish to operate in the high seas and the vessels that are presently operating or use to operate in the high seas and also provide a list of vessels.*
- *The vessel owner interested in engaging in high sea fishing have to be recommended to follow the conservation and management measures (CMMs) of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) viz. IOTC including authorization and registration of such vessels with RFMO, compliance of catch reporting, strictly avoid entering and fishing in waters of other countries and such other measures adopted by the RFMO.*
- *Facilitate authorization of such vessels for high sea fishing, equip them with necessary equipment and devices so that they can be compliant with CMMs in the RFMO areas.*
- *Any other procedures that can be added to the above which needs to be followed by them may be discussed with the concerned boat operators.*

6. I am to state that, the Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare (Regional) Kanyakumari has been requested to conduct a meeting with the mechanized Fishing Boat owners to discuss about above said issue and to send the list of interest and fishing vessel list that wish to operate in the high seas by following the conservation and management measures (CMMs) of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) viz. IOTC and also the vessels that are presently operating or use to operate in the high seas.

7. This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,



for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

R. Raj
13/1/24

Copy to: -
The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
Nandanam, Chennai-35.

Action Taken report on the fishing boats involved in illegal fishing activities in BIOT waters between 21st September and 28th September 2022

S.No	Name of the Boat	Registration number of Boat	Date of charge sheet Framed By ADF	Date of Fine imposed by DDF	Fine imposed (Rs. in lakhs)	Status of Fishing license	Remarks
1	AIDEN MARIA	IND-TN-15-MM-5327	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 19.05.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel has not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
2	EPSIBA	IND-TN-15-MM-5541	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 19.05.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel has not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
3	BIBBLE	IND-TN-15-MM-5358	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel has not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
4	EMMANUEL	IND-TN-15-MM-322	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel has not paid the fine.
5	AKASH	IND-TN-15-MM-5561	28-Nov-2022	-	-	Data not found in Real Craft	Owner has not attended for enquiry. But made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
6	BENIDICTA	IND-TN-15-MM-7325	21-Oct-2022	-	-	Not renewed	Owner not attended for enquiry
7	EASRON	IND-TN-15-MM-4861	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority

Action Taken report to delist the Eleven Fishing Vessels listed in IOTC IUU fishing list for involving in illegal fishing activities in BIOT waters

S.No	Name of the Boat	Registration number of Boat	Date of charge sheet Framed By ADF	Date of Fine imposed by DDF	Fine imposed (Rs. in lakhs)	Status of Fishing license	Remarks
1	AKASH	IND-TN-15-MM-5661	20-Sep-2022	--	--	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not attended for enquiry and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
2	ANNAI VELAMKANNI	IND-TN-15-MM-3310	20-Sep-2022	15.06.2023	--	Suspended from 12.10.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not attended for enquiry
3	ARPUTHA MATHA	IND-TN-15-MM-8581	21-Oct-2022	29-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
4	BENEDICTA	IND-TN-15-MM-7325	28-Nov-2022	--	--	License not renewed	Owner of the Fishing vessel not attended for enquiry and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
5	EASRON	IND-TN-15-MM-4861	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
6	ELSHADAI	IND-TN-15-MM-4424	4-Dec-2022	29-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
7	EMMANUEL	IND-TN-15-MM-322	28-Nov-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine

8	GIFT OF GOD	IND-TN-15-MM-3587	28-Nov-2022	30-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 11.02.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
9	SHARJI AMMA	IND-TN-15-MM-6176	4-Nov-2022	30-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	License not renewed	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine
10	STAR OF THE SEA	IND-TN-15-MM-5557	28-Nov-2022	29-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	License not renewed	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority
11	YAHOVA NICY	IND-TN-15-MM-6753	21-Oct-2022	28-Dec-2022	Rs. 2.00	Suspended from 19.05.2023	Owner of the Fishing vessel not paid the fine and made an Appeal to the Appellate Authority

**PART E: FISHES**

No.	Common Names	Scientific Name
GROUPEr		
1.	Giant Grouper	<i>Epinephelus lanceolatus</i>
SEAHORSES		
2.	Seahorses and Pipefishes	All species in the Family Syngnathidae
RAYS		
3.	Bottlenose Wedgefish	<i>Rhynchobatus australiae</i>
4.	Bowmouth Guitarfish	<i>Rhina ancylostoma</i>
5.	Clubnose Guitarfish	<i>Glaucostegus thouin</i>
6.	Ganges Stingray	<i>Himantura fluviatilis</i>
7.	Giant Freshwater Whipray	<i>Urogymnus polyepis</i>
8.	Giant Guitarfish	<i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i>
9.	Giant Manta	<i>Mobula birostris</i>
10.	Porcupine Whipray	<i>Urogymnus asperrimus</i>
11.	Reef Manta	<i>Mobula alfredi</i>
12.	Smoothnose Wedgefish	<i>Rhynchobatus laevis</i>
13.	Widenose Guitarfish	<i>Glaucostegus obtusus</i>
SAWFISHES		
14.	Common sawfish	<i>Pristis pristis</i>
15.	Dwarf sawfish	<i>Pristis clavata</i>
16.	Green Sawfish	<i>Pristis zijsron</i>
17.	Nanuw Sawfish	<i>Anoxypristis cuspidata</i>
SHARKS		
18.	Gangetic Shark	<i>Glyphis gangeticus</i>
19.	Pondicherry Shark	<i>Carcharhinus hemiodon</i>
20.	Whale Shark	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>

PART F: ECHINODERMATA