

Communiqué
COVID 19 – Special Arrangements for the carrying out of fishing activities during the confinement period

In view of the COVID 19 situation prevailing in Mauritius, the following special arrangements are being made to enable the carrying out of fishing activities during the confinement period -

A. Registered Fishers

- a) All registered fishers are authorised to carry out their fishing activities in their respective fishing areas as mentioned in their Fisherman Registration Cards issued by this Ministry from Monday to Saturday between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, excluding public holidays, irrespective of alphabetical order;
- b) The fishers shall notify the nearest fisheries post or the National Coast Guard office before they set out for their fishing activities;
- c) They shall keep in their possession their Fisherman Registration Cards for the whole duration of their fishing activities; and
- d) **Only two** fishers including applicant fishers will be allowed per fishing boat and they should observe all sanitary precautions.

B. Applicant Fishers

- a) Applicant fishers are allowed to accompany registered fishers for fishing activities from Monday to Saturday between 6.00 am to 6.00 pm, excluding public holidays, irrespective of alphabetical order;
- b) To strictly control their movement, this Ministry is issuing a memo to the applicant fishers certifying that they are allowed to accompany registered fishers for fishing activities from Monday to Saturday between 6.00 am to 6.00 pm, excluding public holidays;
- c) Applicant fishers must call at their respective fisheries posts to collect the memo;
- d) They shall keep in their possession the memo issued by the fisheries posts and their National Identity Card for the whole duration of their fishing activities; and
- e) This memo shall be valid during the confinement period **only**.

C. Fishmongers (Banian)

- a) Fishmongers will be allowed to carry out their activities and must keep in their possession their Fishmonger's Licence and their Work Access Permit (WAP) issued by the authorities; and
- b) They will be authorised to carry out their activities from Monday to Saturday between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, excluding public holidays, as per conditions mentioned in their Fishmonger's Licence issued by the Ministry.

D. Ornamental Live Fish (Aquarium Shop)

- a) Owners of aquarium shops will be authorised **to feed their fish only** from Monday to Sunday between 6.00 am to 6.00 pm, and shall keep in their possession their Work Access Permit (WAP) issued by the authorities.
- b) The WAP shall be used for the feeding of fish **only** and not for business (buying and selling of ornamental live fish) activities.

All the activities of the fishers, applicant fishers and fishmongers will be under the close supervision of the Fisheries Protection Service and the National Coast Guard.

The Ministry relies on the collaboration of all for the smooth running of the fishing activities.

Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping

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