



**REPUBLIC OF VANUATU**

**FISHERIES ACT [CAP 315]**

**Fisheries Regulations (Amendment)  
Order No. 141 of 2013**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 79 of the Fisheries Act [CAP 315], I, the Honourable DAVID TOSUL, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, make the following Order.


**1 Amendments**

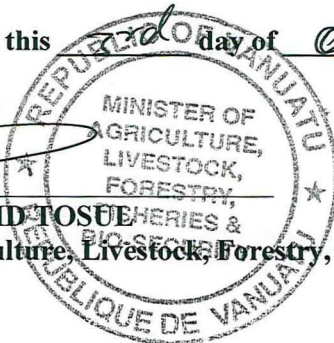
The Fisheries Regulations Order No. 28 of 2009 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

**2 Commencement**

This Order is taken to have commenced on 3 October 2013.

Made at Port Vila this 3rd day of Oct, 2013.

  
Honourable DAVID TOSUL  
Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity



## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS OF THE FISHERIES REGULATIONS ORDER NO. 28 OF 2009

**1 Clause 1**

Insert in its correct alphabetical order

“**Department** means the Fisheries Department;”

**2 Subclause 61(heading)**

Repeal the heading, substitute “Processing of Beche-de-mer”

**3 Subclauses 61(1), (2), (3) and (4)**

Repeal the subclauses, substitute

- “(1) A person must not process or have in his or her possession any beche-de-mer for the purpose of processing.
- (2) A person who intends to process any beche-de-mer may apply in writing to the Director for a processing licence.
- (3) The Director may issue a processing licence to an applicant if he or she:
- (a) is a citizen of Vanuatu; and
  - (b) has paid the relevant fee set out in Schedule 27A.
- (4) A person issued with a processing licence may process beche-de-mer subject to conditions imposed by the Director.
- (5) A processing licence issued under this clause expires on 31 December each year and may be renewed.”

**6 After clause 61**

Insert

“ **61A Harvesting of beche-de-mer**

- (1) A person must only harvest beche-de-mer in an area set out in Schedule 27B.
- (2) A person must not harvest beche-de-mer under subclause (1) unless:
  - (a) the Department conducts an assessment of the full stock of beche-de-mer; and
  - (b) the Department finds that there is sufficient stock of beche-de-mer in that area.
- (3) A person must not harvest beche-de-mer in the absence of an officer of the Department.”

**7 Clause 62**

Repeal the clause, substitute

“**62 Export of Beche-de-mer**

- (1) A person must not export or have in his or her possession any beche-de-mer for the purpose of export.
- (2) A person who intends to export beche-de-mer may apply in writing to the Director for an export licence.
- (3) The Director may issue an export licence to an applicant if he or she:
  - (a) is a citizen of Vanuatu; and
  - (b) has paid a fee for the issue or renewal of a licence to operate a fish export processing establishment set out in clause 49.
- (4) A person issued with an export licence must only export beche-de-mer that is of the required size specified under Schedule 27.
- (5) An export licence issued under this clause expires on 31 December each year and may be renewed.”

**8 After Schedule 27**

Insert

**SCHEDULE 27A**  
**PROCESSING LICENCING FEES**

(Regulation 61(3)(b))

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Common Name	Scientific Name	Grade	Single-species licence fee
Amberfish	<i>Thelenota anx</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Brown Curryfish	<i>Stickopus vastus</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Chalkfish	<i>Bohadschia marmorata</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Elephant Trunkfish	<i>Holothuria fuscopunctata</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Flowerfish	<i>Pearsonothuria Graeffei</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Pinkfish	<i>Holothuria edulis</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Red snakefish	<i>Holothuria flavomaculata</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Snakefish	<i>Holothuria coluber</i>	Low	=3,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Hairy blackfish	<i>Actinopyga miliaris</i>	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)



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Lollyfish	Holotyhuira atra	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Brown sandfish	Bohadshia vitiensis	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Deepwater blackfish	Actinopyga palauensis	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Greenfish	Stichopus chloronotus	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Peanutfish	Stichopus horrens	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Prickly redfish	Thelenota ananas	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Stonefish	Actinopyga lecanora	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Surf redfish	Actinopyga mauritiana	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Tigerfish	Bohadschia argus	Medium	=5,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Black teatfish	Holothuria	High	=8,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Golden sandfish	Holothuria lessoni	High	=8,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
White teatfish	Holothuria fuscogilva	High	=8,000 (VT) TAC (kg)
Curryfish	Stichopus herrmanni	High	=8,000 (VT) TAC (kg)

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Note 1: Licence application fees are indicated for single-species processing and export licences.

Licence application fee are proportional to the value of the processed and exported quantities for each Beche-de-mer species.

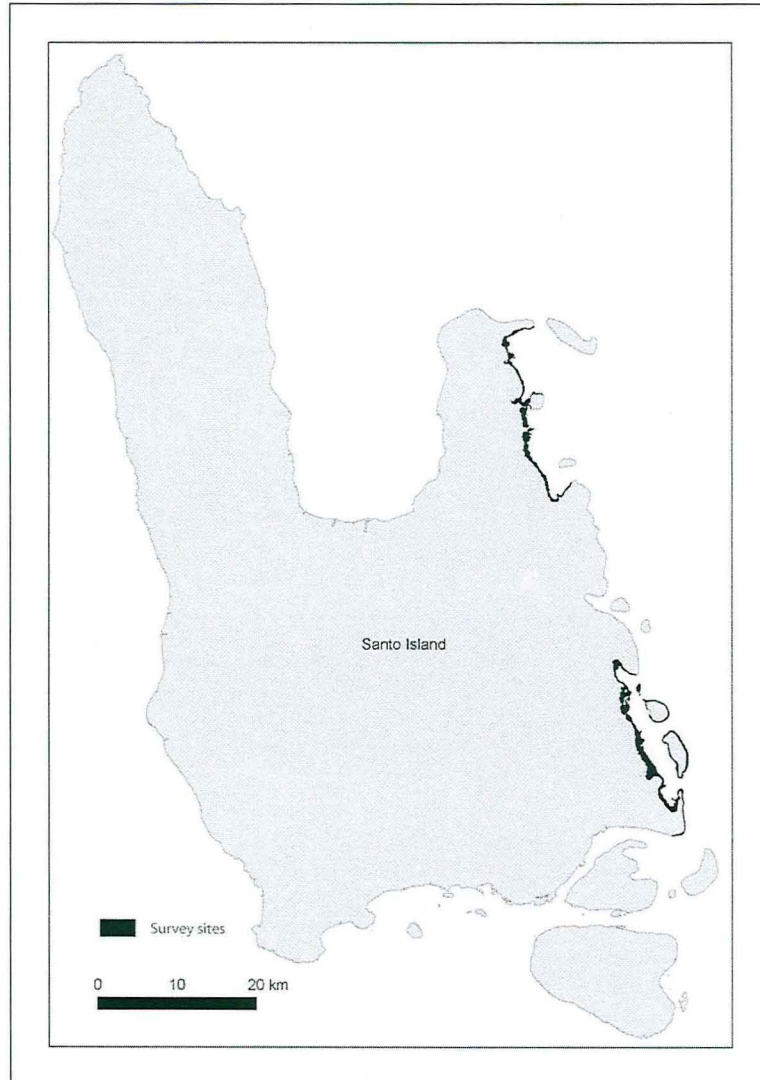
Note 2: TAC must be indicated in kg of dried products (using standard conversion rates from wet/semi-processed to dried products).

Example 1: The fee of a licence for producing 1,500 kg of dried Lollyfish (*holothuria atra*) is 468,750VT.

Example 2: The fee of a licence for producing 500 kg of dried Curryfish (*Stichopus herrmanni*) is 250,000VT.

## SCHEDULE 27B SELECTED AREAS

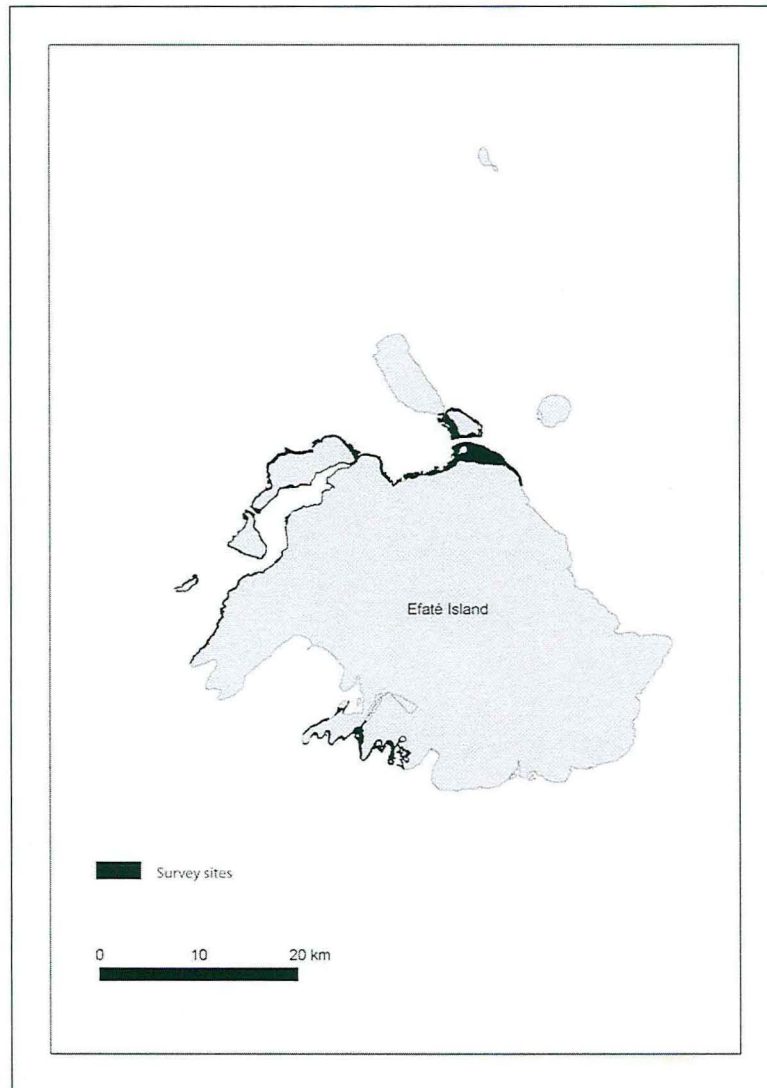
(Regulation 61A(1))





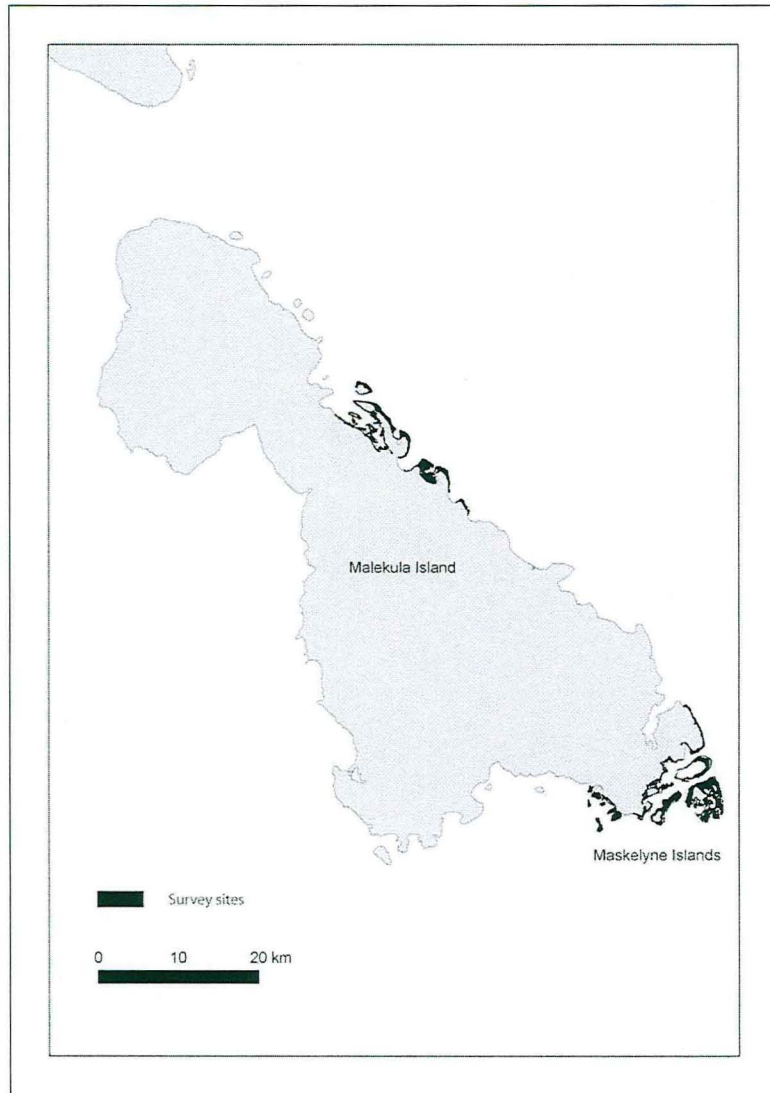
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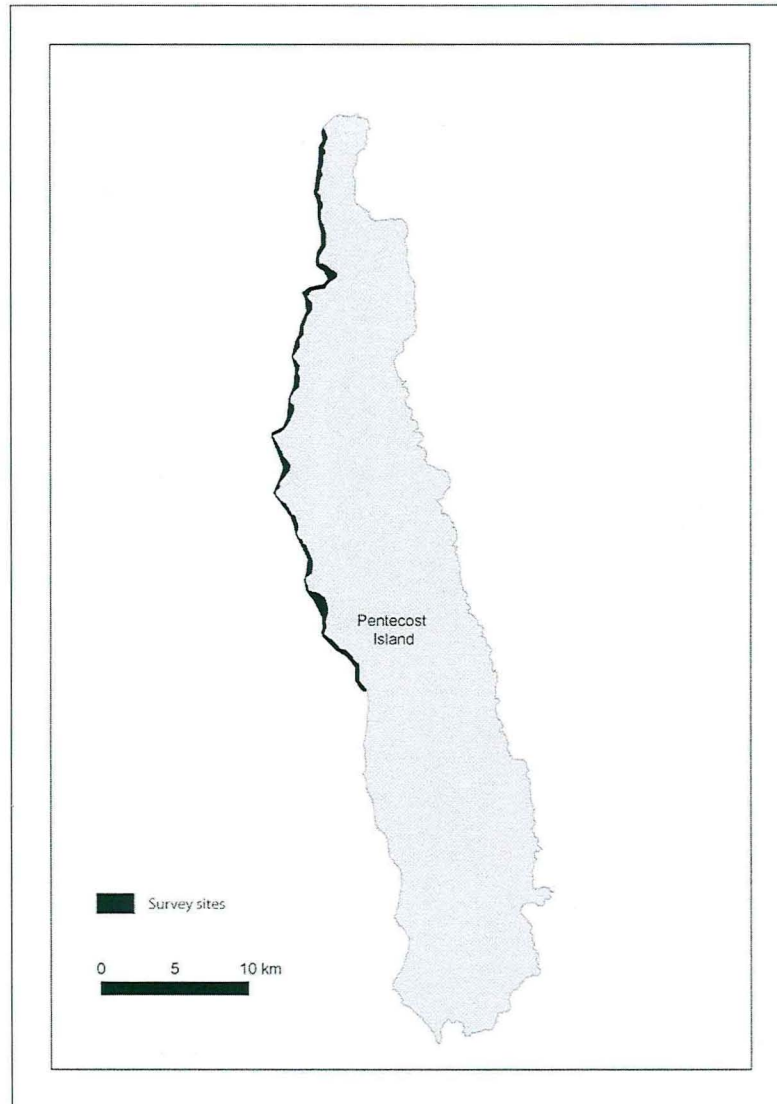
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Note 1: Black shadings indicate the areas where Harvesting of Beche-De-Mer is licenced.

Note 2: All licence holders must only harvest at the selected areas designated to them by the Department.