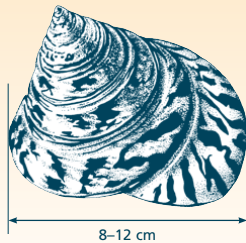


# PAPUA NEW GUINEA FISHERIES REGULATIONS

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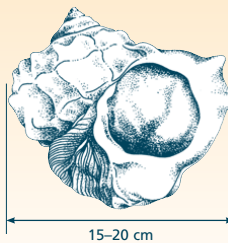
*Trochus niloticus*



**Restrictions:**  
Commercial buyers must have license issued by NFA

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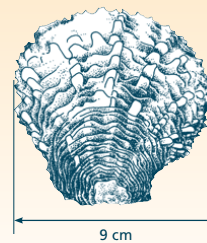
*Turbo marmoratus*



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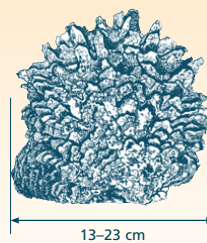
## PEARL OYSTERS

**Black-lip pearl oyster**  
*Pinctada margaritifera*



**Restrictions:**  
Commercial buyers must have license issued by NFA

**Gold-lip pearl oyster**  
*Pinctada maxima*



## SEA CUCUMBERS (beche-de-mer)

**Season:**  
1 October–15 January, unless provincial total allowable catch is reached earlier; check with the provincial fisheries office

**Restrictions:**  
Exporters must have license issued by NFA

### High-value species

#### Black teatfish

*Holothuria nobilis*

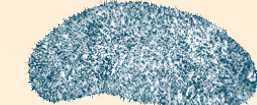
Minimum size:  
22 cm (live)  
10 cm (dried)



#### Blackfish

*Actinopyga miliaris*

Minimum size:  
15 cm (live)  
10 cm (dried)



#### Curryfish

*Stichopus hermanni*

Minimum size:  
25 cm (live)  
10 cm (dried)



#### Greenfish

*Stichopus chloronotus*

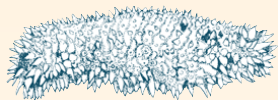
Minimum size:  
20 cm (live)  
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#### Prickly redfish

*Thelenota ananas*

Minimum size:  
25 cm (live)  
15 cm (dried)



#### Sandfish

*Holothuria scabra*

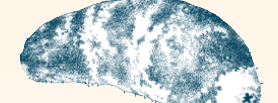
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#### Stonefish

*Actinopyga lecanora*

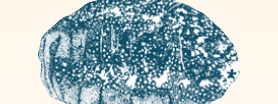
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#### Surf redfish

*Actinopyga mauritiana*

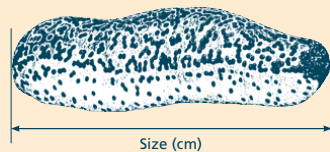
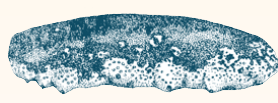
Minimum size:  
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8 cm (dried)



#### White teatfish

*Holothuria fuscogilva*

Minimum size:  
35 cm (live)  
15 cm (dried)



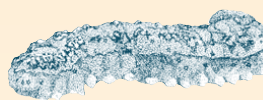
Size (cm)

### Low-value species

#### Amberfish

*Thelenota anax*

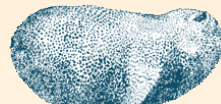
Minimum size:  
20 cm (live)  
10 cm (dried)



#### Brown sandfish

*Bohadschia vitiensis*

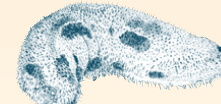
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#### Chalkfish

*Bohadschia similis*

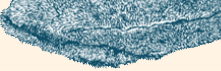
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7 cm (dried)



#### Deep-water redfish

*Actinopyga echinites*

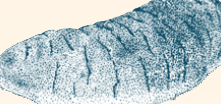
Minimum size:  
25 cm (live)  
15 cm (dried)



#### Elephant trunkfish

*Holothuria fuscopunctata*

Minimum size:  
45 cm (live)  
15 cm (dried)



#### Lollyfish

*Holothuria atra*

Minimum size:  
30 cm (live)  
15 cm (dried)



#### Pinkfish

*Holothuria edulis*

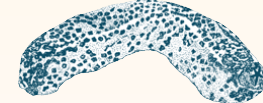
Minimum size:  
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10 cm (dried)



#### Tigerfish

*Bohadschia argus*

Minimum size:  
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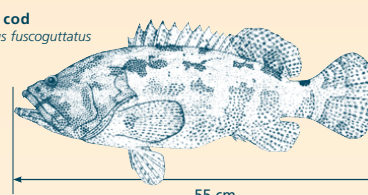


## LIVE REEF FISH

**Restrictions:**  
1) Operators must have license issued by NFA  
2) Dimensions for fish cages: 3 m x 3 m x 4 m  
3) Holding capacity of cages must not exceed 700 kg  
4) Fishing within or near a spawning aggregation site prohibited  
5) Use of scuba or hookah gear prohibited

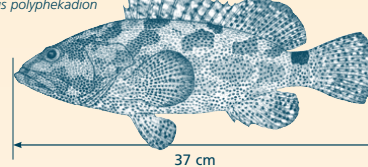
### Flowery cod

*Epinephelus fuscoguttatus*



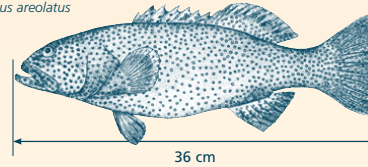
### Camouflage grouper

*Epinephelus polyphakadion*



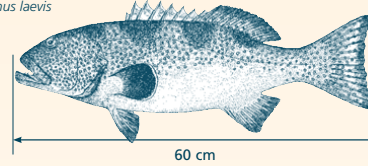
### Squaretail coral trout

*Plectropomus areolatus*



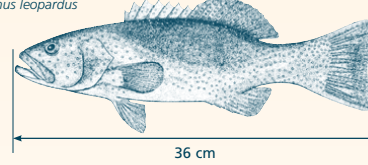
### Chinese footballer trout

*Plectropomus laevis*



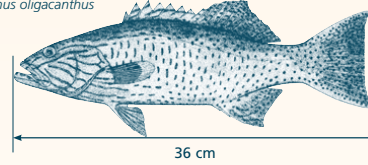
### Leopard coral trout

*Plectropomus leopardus*



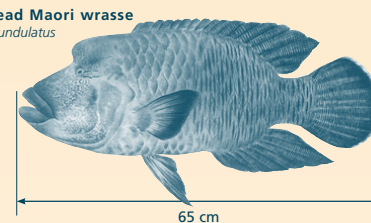
### Highfin coral trout

*Plectropomus oligacanthus*



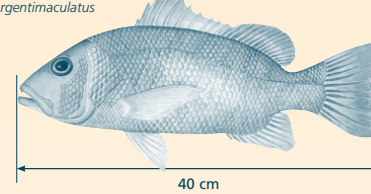
### Humphead Maori wrasse

*Chelinus undulatus*



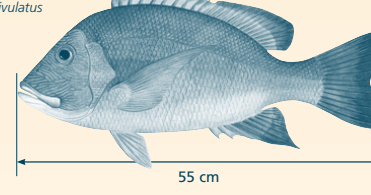
### Mangrove jack

*Lutjanus argentimaculatus*



### Maori perch

*Lutjanus rivulatus*



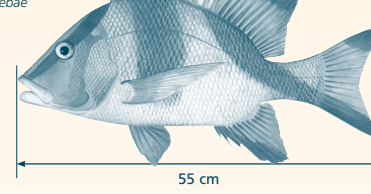
### Moses perch

*Lutjanus russellii*



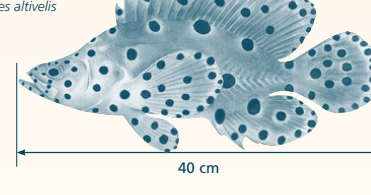
### Red emperor

*Lutjanus sebae*



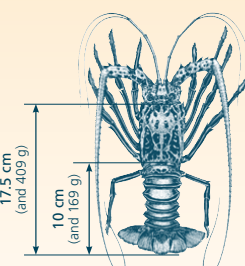
### Barramundi cod

*Cromileptes altivelis*

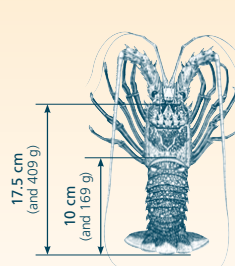


## LOBSTERS

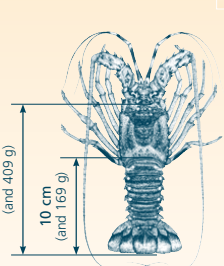
**Restrictions:**  
• Illegal to take female lobsters  
• Commercial buyers must have license issued by NFA



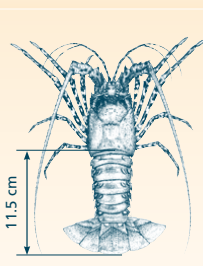
**Painted lobster**  
*Panulirus versicolor*



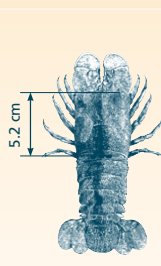
**Long-legged lobster**  
*Panulirus longipes*



**Scalloped lobster**  
*Panulirus homarus*



**Ornate lobster**  
*Panulirus ornatus*



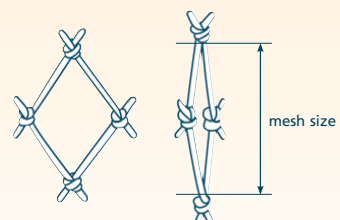
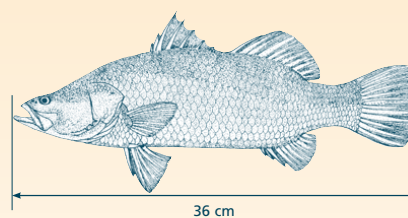
**Slipper lobsters**  
*Scyllaridae*

## FOR ALL PNG MARINE RESOURCES

- Forbidden to harvest all sedentary animals (i.e. those that do not move, or move very slowly) such as trochus, sea cucumbers, pearl oysters and green snail at night using underwater lights, scuba or hookah
- Forbidden to use explosives to catch fish and other marine resources
- Forbidden to use plants and chemicals to kill and stun fish

## BARRAMUNDI

*Lates calcarifer*



### Gear restrictions:

- 1) Prohibited to use seine and gill nets with net mesh size more than 15 cm
- 2) Prohibited to use seine and gill nets with mesh sizes between 6.35 cm and 12.7 cm from 1 March–30 April (peak period of juvenile recruitment) between Sui village and PNG/Irian Jaya border
- 3) Prohibited to use seine and gill nets with mesh sizes more than 12.7 cm from 1 September–31 October (peak spawning time) between Sui village and Buzi village

### Area closure:

- 1) Spawning and breeding grounds closed to commercial fishing 1 October–30 November between Sigabaduru village and PNG/Irian Jaya border

### Other restrictions:

- 1) Owners of licensed collector vessels prohibited from catching barramundi
- 2) Total allowable catch is 260 metric tonnes per year