



SEYCHELLES FISHING AUTHORITY

NOTICE: Applicable License Conditions for Artisanal Fishing Vessel

The Seychelles Fishing Authority(SFA) is reminding operators and master of fishing vessels that falls within the artisanal category (excluding Semi Industrial and Sea cucumber fishing vessels) of the following applicable license conditions;

Requirements to carry and operate ‘Vessel Monitoring System’ (VMS) Units

- Maintain a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) on board the fishing vessel and ensure it is fully operational at all times.
- Ensure that the VMS remains ON at all times during a trip except when a fishing vessel is in a port, or at a designated landing site for a period of more than 3 hours;
- Ensure that the VMS is reporting and that messages from the VMS to the SFA are not altered in any way;
- Ensure that the power supply (if applicable) of the VMS is not interrupted in any way and at any time during a fishing trip;
- Ensure that the VMS or any of its parts are not removed from the fishing vessel without prior authorization from SFA;
- Ensure that the VMS and any of its parts are not tampered with;
- Report VMS technical failure or non or mal functioning as soon as practicable;
- Conclude a trip in the event that the VMS is non-operational for a period of more than 24 hours, after respective notification of same has been issued by the SFA.
- Not commence any trip in the event that the VMS is non-operational;

Notification Prior to Departure/ Arrival

- At least 3 hours prior to leaving a port, or a designated landing site for any trip, seek the necessary authorization before the commencement of such trips, from the SFA on **24670341 and 2525421** to verify if its VMS is reporting to the SFA, report particulars of the vessel, names and number of crew on board, itinerary and duration of the fishing trip.
- At least 1 hour prior to the fishing vessel’s arrival into a port or at a designated landing site from any trip, report to the SFA in the same way, of the fishing vessel’s arrival into port, or before 6pm in the event that the vessels Excepted Time of Arrival is between 6pm and 6am the following day.
- All departure authorization shall be notified to the SFA, on the afore- mentioned numbers between 8am to 6pm on week-days, and 9am-12pm on Saturdays

- All departure and arrivals occurring on Sundays and Public holidays shall be notified the day prior at the above-mentioned times;

License Conditions of Artisanal Fishing Vessels

The Seychelles Fishing Authority is kindly reminding all vessel owners that punitive actions against owners and masters of vessels failing to comply with the terms and conditions of its fishing license and provisions of the Fisheries Act 2014 and Fisheries Regulations 1987 will be taken which includes the imposition of fines of up to SCR350, 000. This will also include suspension, cancellation and revocation of fishing licenses.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Seychelles Fishing Authority.

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