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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**THE FAUNA AND FLORA PROTECTION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 469)**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Agriculture, Environment, Irrigation and Mahaweli Development under Section 71 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with Section 6A and Section 9(c) of the aforesaid Act.

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA,  
Minister of Agriculture, Environment,  
Irrigation and Mahaweli Development.

Colombo,  
17th January, 2006.

**Regulations**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fauna and Flora (Fishing) Regulations, No. 01 of 2005.
2. The Director - General of Wild Life Conservation (hereinafter referred to as “the Director - General”) may, from time to time determine whether fishing may be permitted within any National Reserve or Sanctuary and if so, the number of permits that may be issued, in that behalf. In authorizing fishing and determining the number of permits to be issued, the Director - General may take into consideration the recommendations of the Officer - in - Charge of the relevant National Reserve or Sanctuary as the case may be and the relevant Fisheries Inspector or the Fisheries Extension Officer as the case may be.
3. No person shall, except under the authority of a permit issued by the Director - General in that behalf under these regulations, fish or take any aquatic animal or plant from any of the waters within a National Reserve or Sanctuary. Every application for a permit shall contain the information set out in the Schedule hereto.
4. The period of validity of a permit shall be as specified in the permit. Every permit issued under these regulations shall be registered with the Director - General. Upon the expiration of the period of validity of a permit, the permit holder shall return the permit to the prescribed officer.

5. Any person who wishes to extend the period of validity of the permit issued to him shall forward a written application in that behalf to the Director General one month prior to the expiration of the current permit.

6. A permit holder shall pay an annual license fee of rupees two hundred and fifty (Rs. 250) in respect of the fishing vessel, which is to be used by him for fishing in the specified area of the waters within a National Reserves or Sanctuary in terms of the permit. The registration number assigned to the permit of the permit holder shall be clearly indicated on such fishing vessel, in letters of luminous yellow colour, ten inches high on a black background. The permit shall at all times be kept in the fishing vessel for which it has been issued.

7. (a) The Director General or any person authorized by him in that behalf shall upon registering a permit, issue Identity Cards to the permit holder and the operator of the fishing vessel intended to be used for fishing in terms of the permit.

(b) The permit holder and operator shall at all times have the identity card issued to them in their possession whenever they are plying the fishing vessel.

8. (a) The permit shall be valid only for fishing in the area as is specified in the permit within a National Reserve or Sanctuary.

(b) The permit holder shall at all times be present in the vessel when such vessel is being operated within the specified area within a National Reserves or Sanctuary.

(c) No person other than the permit holder or the operator of the fishing vessel may remain on board such vessel at times when the vessel is being used for fishing.

(d) A permit holder shall not have in the fishing vessel or in his possession or in the possession of the operator, any firearms, explosive or poisonous substances.

(e) The permit holder shall not construct any permanent or temporary cover, or kindle any fire or do any other act, which would interfere with the fauna flora within a National Reserve or Sanctuary.

(f) While fishing and engaging in other activities it is not allowed to use noise, light to attract fish or stirring the water course.

9. The permit holder shall cause the fishing vessel to be moored under great care at such post as is specified by the Director General for such purpose, at all times that the vessel is not being operated.

10. The permit holder shall not stop or disembark at any other post other than the post assigned to him.

11. Nets used for fishing in terms of these regulations shall have eyes of at least 3 1/2 inches (85 mm) or larger. No other nets shall be used within the approved area.

12. The nets should be a throwing net for the purpose of fishing.

13. A permit issued under these regulations shall not be transferable.

14. The Fauna Flora (Fishing) Regulations, No. 1 of 2004 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1381/17 of February 25, 2005 are hereby rescinded.

15. For the purpose of these regulations —

“Director General of Wildlife Conservation” means the Director General of Wildlife Conservation appointed under section 68 of the Fauna Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) ;

“Fishing Vessel” means the traditional canoe rowed with oars and does not include motor boats ;

“National Reserve” means a national reserve situated on State land, declared as such under subsection (1) of section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance ;

“Prescribed officer” means the Director General or a person authorized by him ; and

“Sanctuary” means a Sanctuary situated on State land, declare as such under subsection (2) of section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

Information to be given when applying for a permit for fishing or taking any aquatic animal or plant from any waters which are within any National Reserve or Sanctuary situated on State Land.

1. Full name of applicant :
2. Address of applicant :
3. National Identity Card No. of applicant :
4. Name of the Fishing Vessel Operator :
5. Address of Fishing Vessel Operator :
6. National Identity Card No. of Fishing Vessel Operator :
7. Name of the waters for which the permit is being applied for :
8. The Registration No. of the fishing vessel :
9. Landing site :
10. Other relevant information :