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Department:
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

SECTION B

**Permit Conditions: Transport of East Coast rock lobster
(*Panulirus homarus*)**

2024

DATE OF APPROVAL: 10/01/2024



1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Section A (“the permit”) is issued under the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (“the MLRA”) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 1.2 This Permit is issued subject to the provisions and regulations of the following laws:
- a) The Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (“the MLRA”),
 - b) The National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) (“NEMA”),
 - c) The National Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004)
 - d) The National Protected Area Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003);
 - e) The Sea Birds and Seals Protection Act, 1973 (Act No. 46 of 1973); and
 - f) The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Act, 1986 (Act No. 2 of 1986).
 - g) And any other relevant legislation not mentioned above
- 1.3 The Directors of the Chief Directorate: Marine Resource Management shall be entitled to amend these Permit Conditions.
- 1.4 A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees whether permanent or temporary, its contractors agents or advisers may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). A breach includes, but is not limited to:
- (a) furnishing false information to the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (‘the Department’);
 - (b) contravening or failure to comply with a permit condition imposed.
 - (c) contravening or failure to comply with a provision of the MLRA; or
 - (d) being convicted of an offence in terms of the MLRA.

- 1.5 Any reference to the Permit Holder in these Permit Conditions includes the entity or person in whose name the permit has been issued (“the Permit Holder”) its employees whether permanent or temporary, its contractors, agents (clearing and airport handling agents) or advisors.
- 1.6 Any East Coast rock lobster (ECRL) that is deemed for transport shall be subjected to the permit and permit conditions.
- 1.7 The Permit Holder shall not sell, receive, transport, or possess any East Coast rock lobster taken by any means in contravention of the MLRA.
- 1.8 The Permit Holder shall at all times over the duration of the Permit ensure that an original Transport Permit (not a copy) is available for inspection by Fishery Control Officers / Authorised Law Enforcement Officers in a vehicle that is authorised to transport ECRL. Certified copies of all the original transport permits and original invoices (landing slips) must be stored in a file and kept for records for a minimum of twenty-four months (24) at the registered place of business; and the file must be available on request by Fishery Control Officers / Authorised Law Enforcement Officials.
- 1.9 The Permit Holder must fit the primary vehicle with a real-time monitoring system to which the local Fishery Control Officers shall have access to on request within reasonable time. A primary vehicle refers to a vehicle that transports ECRL from a holding facility to the FPE and/or from the FPE to the point of market or export. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that the monitoring systems are in working condition at all times. Any faulty monitoring system shall be reported to the relevant local Fishery Control Office within 24 hours of the knowledge of the fault.
- 1.10 All conditions as stipulated by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) and/or National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) must be strictly adhered.

- 1.11 The Permit Holder shall only collect East Coast rock lobster from the landing site during the hours of 06:30 and 16H30.
- 1.12 East Coast rock lobster shall be transported directly from the landing site/s listed in these Permit Conditions (Refer to Annexure 1) to the identified Fish Processing Establishment with FPE permits issued in terms of MLRA, and from the Fish Processing Establishment to the dedicated point of sale or point of export.
- 1.13 East Coast rock lobster shall be transported to the Fish Processing Establishment during the day light hours (06:30 and 18:00) only. The Permit Holder shall inform Fishery Control Officers when running late to the Fish Processing Establishment via contact details below:

Table 1: Contact details of Compliance officials responsible for DEFF ECRL areas

Station name	Name of official	Contact details	Fax/email
Mzamba/KZN	Mr. Thanduxolo Ntshangase	066 471 0789 / 039 3111326	MNtshangase@dffe.gov.za a
Port St Johns	Mrs. Zimbini Gebe	066 471 0772/047 564 8293	ZGebe@dffe.gov.za
Centane	Ms. Veronica Mangala	066 471 0781 /047 498 1125	NMangaka@dffe.gov.za
East London	Mr. Mphakamisi Fifane	083 227 2520/043 722 5861	MFifane@dffe.gov.za

2. COMMUNITY CATCH DATA MONITORS

- 2.1 The Permit Holder shall allow Community Catch Data Monitors appointed by the Department to record all landings before East Coast rock lobster is transported to the Fish Processing Establishment.
- 2.2 Community Catch Data Monitor and/or Fisheries Control Officer shall issue landing slips confirming amounts landed/caught, and the permit holder of a transport permit shall be issued with a receipt confirming the landings.

- 2.3 Landing slips issued by Community Catch Data Monitor and/or Fisheries Control Officer shall indicate date and time of when East Coast rock lobster was landed.
- 2.4 When no Fishery Control Officer or Catch Data Monitor is present at the landing site, the Permit Holder is required to notify the relevant Fishery Control Office via SMS or Fax indicating the following: name of landing site, estimated time of departure, amount of ECRL bought at the landing site and name of FPE to be delivered to.

3. TRANSPORTING LIMITATIONS AND CONTROLS

- 3.1 Local Fishery Control Officer must be informed by the Permit Holder during official working hours at least 24 hours prior to removal or transportation of East Coast rock lobster from the fish processing establishment (FPE) to the intended market and the permit holder shall disclose the following information before transportation:
- a) Date, place and time (estimate) of departure and destination
 - b) Description of possible routes to be followed
 - c) Description of vehicle(s) (make, color, transport permit number, etc.)
 - d) Kilograms and number of boxes/ crates transported
 - e) Production stats from the FPE
- 3.2 In addition to this, permit holders are required to confirm the consignment on the day of transporting the consignment from the FPE.
- 3.3 A template to submit the information referred to in section 3.1 and 3.2 of these conditions is attached as Annexure 2 to these permit conditions. This should be sent via email address: EC.SSFMpermitting@dffe.gov.za prior to transportation.
- 3.4 The Permit Holder shall not buy, transport, be in possession of any East Coast rock lobster of which:

- 3.4.1 the carapace is less than 65mm in length measured along its mid dorsal line from the centre of the edge which connects the two enlarge supra-orbital spines to the middle of the centre of the posterior edge of the carapace; or
- 3.4.2 the second segment of the tail counted from the junction of the tails with body, is less than 22mm measured along the dorsal line between its front and rear edges, in the absence of the carapace.
- 3.4.3 is about to cast off its shell, or is in a soft condition.
- 3.4.4 the eggs are intact, or have been removed, or where pleopods are absent.

4 COMPLIANCE

- 4.1 The Permit Holder is obliged to report to the delegated authority any contravention of the provisions of the MLRA by any other person. Any such contravention must be reported to the Department in writing and should be faxed to 043 722 5861 or emailed to LungileNO@daff.gov.za for attention Chief Director: Monitoring, Control & Surveillance.

5. VALIDITY OF TRANSPORT PERMIT

- 5.1 This transport Permit shall be valid only from (see 1.12)
 - 5.1.1 **01 March 2024** until **31 October 2024** for transporting directly from the landing site/s listed to the identified FPE.
 - 5.1.2 **01 March 2024** until **31 November 2023** for transporting from the FPE to the dedicated point of sale or point of export.
- 5.2 The Permit shall automatically expire and be invalid should one of the following occur:
 - 5.2.1 The Permit is cancelled or revoked in terms of section 28 of the MLRA; and
 - 5.2.2 The Permit granted to the Permit Holder is cancelled.

7. ANNEXURE 1: LANDING SITES

LANDING SITES EASTERN CAPE		ANNEXURE 1		
		Co-ordinates		
Community	Targeted Species	From	To	Landing Sites
Mthonjana	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni S32° 0414,E29.10934	Mthatha Mouth S31°. 95236, E29°. 18684	Hole In The Wall Beach
Mathokazini	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Jonga	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Sizindeni	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Ngoko	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Mawutsheni	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Rhini	East Coast rock lobster	Esikhaleni (S32°26.263': E298°25.697')	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945': E29°11.080')	Container next to training center
Tshani-Mankosi	East Coast rock lobster	Mthatha Mouth (S32°56.945':E29°11.080)	Mdumbi Mouth (S32°56.228': E29°13.055').	Mdumbi River
Mngcibe/Lwandile	East Coast rock lobster	Mdumbi River Mouth (S32°56.228': E29°13.055')	Mthakatye River Mouth (S32°51.314': E29°16.216')	Container next to the beach

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Mamolweni	East Coast rock lobster	Mdumbi River (S32°56.228': E29°13.055')	Mthakatye River (S32°51.314': E29°16.216')	Egrabileni
Hluleka	East Coast rock lobster	Mpande River (S320 51.314', E290 16.216')	Mthakatye River (S310 48.276', E290 19.957')	Containe at Gregory's
Mdzwini	East Coast rock lobster	Mpande River (S320 51.314', E290 16.216')	Mthakatye River (S310 48.276', E290 19.957')	KwaSibonda
Lutatweni	East Coast rock lobster	Mnenu River (S31° 48' 276" E029° 19' 957")	Mpande River (S31° 45' 695" E 029° 21' 442")	Container near the beach
Rhebhu	East Coast rock lobster	Mnenu River (S31° 48' 276" E029° 19' 957")	Mpande River (S31° 45' 695" E 029° 21' 442")	EKwethu, kwaShebet Spaza, Enkangala, Mncwetsha, Mthonga Point, Mike place
Tsweleni/Sihlanjeni	East Coast rock lobster	Mpande Estuary (S31°45.695': E29°21.442')	Mngazana River (S32°41.707': E29°25.057')	Ethebeni/Tsweleni holding facility
Njela/Mvelelo	East Coast rock lobster	Mpande Estuary (S31°45.695': E29°21.442')	Mngazana River (S32°41.707': E29°25.057')	Entabeni (Bhomdaka) & Emachibini
Mawotsheni	East Coast rock lobster	Mngazana Mouth t(S32°41.707': E29°25.057')	Sugarloaf (S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Masixhaxha's Place
Magcakini	East Coast rock lobster	Mngazana Mouth (S32°41.707': E29°25.057')	Sugarloaf (S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Mthonjeni
Madakeni	East Coast rock lobster	Mngazana Mouth (S32°41.707': E29°25.057')	Sugarloaf (S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Esigingqini, Mqaleni, Madakeni campsite. Papas Beach house
Mthalala	East Coast rock lobster	Mngazana Mouth S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Sugarloaf (S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Next to Codesa Store

Cwebeni	East Coast rock lobster	Mkhozi Estuary -33.44722 29.76268	Luphathana River -31.42323 29.96587	Mthini
Sicambeni/Vukand lule/Chaguba	East Coast rock lobster	Mngazana River (S31°45.695': E29°21.442')	Bulolo River (S31°40.140': E29°29.379')	Gaxela's Stop (A) & Vukandlue Sport Ground (B)
Mthumbane	East Coast rock lobster	Sugar loaf -31.669 29.48965	Mzimvubu -31.62657 29.54752	Second Beach (Next to Bottle Sore)
Port St.Johns Central/Mpantu	East Coast rock lobster	Sugar loaf -31.669 29.48965	Mzimvubu -31.62657 29.54752	First Beach (Parking area)
Noqhekwana/Bholani	East Coast rock lobster	Mzimvubu River(S31°37.594': E29°32.851')	Ntafufu River (S31°33.579': E29°37.533')	Elwandle (Emangxokweni)
Luphoko	East Coast rock lobster	Umzimvubu Mouth (S31° 37' 594" E029° 32' 859")	Ntafufu River (S31° 33' 579" E 029° 37' 533")	Ntafufu mouth & drifters camp Luphoko
Mthambalala/Lujazo	East Coast rock lobster	Ntafufu River -31.55965 29.62555	Mzintlava River -31.55965 29.62555	Ntafufu Mouth, drifters camp Lujazo/, Black Sands
Manteku	East Coast rock lobster	Ntafufu River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555)	Mzintlava (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Manteku Store
Mbotyi	East Coast rock lobster	Mzimpunzi Mouth (S31°28.754': E29°49.418')	Luphathana River (S31°25.295': E29°51.129')	Alex's Place
Cuthwini	East Coast rock lobster	Mkhozi Estuary (S33°44.722': E29°76.268')	Luphathane River (S31°42.323': E29°96.588')	Qakojane's Place
Role/Dimfi/Khonjwayo	East Coast rock lobster	Magogo River -31.36673 29.91987	Luphathana River -31.42323 29.96587	Msikaba Camp Site


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Ndengane	East Coast rock lobster	Msikaba River -31.31876 29.96587	Magogo River -31.6673 29.91987	Service's Place
Mthentu	East Coast rock lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Mantengisweni Ndovela's Place
Mtolani	East Coast Rock Lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Mnyameni Pre-School
Xholobeni	East Coast rock lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Jolo Stop
Mdatya	East Coast rock lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Luphahlane Mouth
Luphithini	East Coast rock lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Esigidi Primary School
Mpame	East Coast rock lobster	Mpame Beach (S32°06'24.6"E29°02'47.7")	Madikana River (S32.106476E29.046463)	Mdikana
Nqileni	East Coast rock lobster	Xhorha Mouth (S32.157352 E28.992668)	Bulungula Mouth (S32 120977 E29.024983)	Bulungula/Xhora Mouth
Qatywa	East Coast rock lobster	Xhorha Mouth (S32.157352 E28.992668)	Nkayi Beach (32°10'37.9"S 28°58'34.1"E)	Qatywa
Mzamba	East Coast rock lobster	Mtavuna River (S31°55.965': E29°62.555')	Mthentu Estuary (S31°55.965': E29°62.564')	Mzamba Mouth



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8. ANNEXURE 2: TRANSPORT NOTE FORM

 forestry, fisheries & the environment Department: Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA				
EAST COAST ROCK LOBSTER TRANSPORT NOTE				
SECTION A : COMPANY DETAILS				
Registered Company Name				
Transport permit number				
Telephone number		Cell number		
Email address		Fax number		
SECTION B : TRANSPORT DETAILS				
Place of departure		Destination		
Discription of possible routes to Destination :				
Discription of vehicles	1	2	3	4
Make				
Color				
GPS (Y/N)				
Registration number				
SECTION C: AUTHORIZATION				
Company Representative				
Contact number				
Email address				
Signature				
Date				
SECTION D : CONFRIMATION OF CONSIGNMENT DETAILS (ON THE DAY)*				
Product Type				
Whole		Number of boxes/crates transported	Company Representative	
Tails				
Frozen		Kilogrames per box/crates	Signature	
Live			Date*	



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DIRECTOR: SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (Acting)

DATE: 10/01/2024

