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## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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## MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

## DRAFT AMENDED FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS AND THE ISSUING OF RIGHTS, PERMITS AND LICENSES (CONSUMPTIVE ACTIVITIES)

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of section 25 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) publish draft amended fees payable in respect of applications and the issuing of rights, permits and licenses, for public comment. The draft fees are set out in the schedule attached to this notice.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or objections to the draft amended fees, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette* or newspapers, whichever date occurs last, to any of the following addresses:

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Any enquiries in connection with the draft fees can be directed to Mr Zamuxolo Qhanqisa on 082 782 7173 or by email: **revenue@dffe.gov.za**.

**Comments or objections received after the closing date may be disregarded.**



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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**SCHEDULE****DRAFT FEES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS AND THE ISSUING OF RIGHTS, PERMITS AND LICENSES (CONSUMPTIVE ACTIVITIES)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** These fees will be increased annually for five years from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette* by the Consumer Price Index rate, as published by Statistics South Africa. A notice of the adjusted fees will be published annually.

**1. APPLICATION FEES**

(a) Fee payable in respect of an application for a right to—

(1)	Operate a fish processing establishment	R 10,035.00
(2)	Engage in mariculture	R 10,035.00
(3)	Small Scale Fisheries (Currently exempted)	R 7.00

(b) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit to exercise a right granted to—

(1)	Undertake commercial fishing (including seaweed):	R 264.00
(2)	Operate a fish processing establishment:	R 264.00
(3)	Engage in mariculture:	R 264.00
(4)	Small Scale Fisheries (Currently exempted)	R 7.00

(c) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit to undertake recreational fishing:  
R8.00

(d) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit by a person other than a South African person (does not include permits issued in terms of an international agreement)

(1)	To undertake fishing or related activities	R 13,335.00
(2)	To undertake exploratory fishing:	R 1,333.00
(3)	To enter the exclusive economic zone	R 3,850.00

(e) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit from a holder of a commercial fishing permit to transport any fish or any part or product thereof from any landing point:  
R264.00

- (f) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit to have any gear, stake net, setnet, gillnet, bottom trawlnet, midwater trawlnet, purse seine net, purse net, longline and/or any type of rock lobster net on board of a fishing vessel or a vessel: R 264.00
- (g) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit to import any fish or any part or product thereof on a recreational basis (recreational fishers): R 264.00
- (h) Fees payable in respect of an application for a local fishing vessel license: R 264.00
- (i) Fees payable in respect of an application for a high seas fishing vessel license: R 264.00
- (j) Fees payable in respect of an application for a foreign fishing vessel license (does not include vessels licensed in terms of an international agreement):

(1)	In respect of vessel to be utilized in joint venture arrangement with a South African person	R 1,333.00
(2)	In respect of a vessel to be utilized by foreign company	R 13,335.00
(3)	In respect of a vessel to be utilized for exploratory fishing	R 1,333.00

- (k) Fees payable in respect of an application for a permit or license to perform an activity in terms of the Act not mentioned in paragraphs (b) - (j) above:

(1)	Local Vessels	R 264.00
(2)	Foreign Vessels	R1,000.00

- (l) Fees payable in respect of an application for a change of vessel: R 264.00

## 2. PERMIT FEES

- (a) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of permits to exercise a right to—

(1)	Undertake commercial fishing (including seaweed)	R 914.00
(2)	Operating a fish processing establishment	R 1,828.00
(3)	Engage in mariculture	R 1,828.00
(4)	Undertake subsistence fishing	R 44.00

## (b) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit—

(1)	To undertake high seas fishing	R 921.00
(2)	Authorising a person other than a South African person to undertake fishing in South African waters (does not include permits issued in terms of an international agreement)	R 33,132.00
(3)	Authorising a foreign person to take part in exploratory fishing in South African waters	R 1,333.00

## (c) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to undertake recreational fishing of—

(1)	Scuba Diving in MPA's	R 94.00
(2)	West coast rock lobster	R 96.00
(3)	East coast rock lobster	R 96.00
(4)	Mollusks including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants	R 96.00
(5)	Mud crab	R 96.00
(6)	Marine aquarium fish	R 96.00
(7)	Angling	R 76.00
(8)	Spearfishing	R 96.00
(9)	Use of cast or throw net	R 96.00
(10)	Additional fee per vessel (only payable by the skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable	R 96.00

## (d) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a short-term permit (only valid for four weeks) to undertake recreational fishing for the following categories:

(1)	Scuba Diving in MPA's	R 46.00
(2)	Mollusks including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants	R 55.00
(3)	Mud crab	R 55.00
(4)	Marine aquarium fish	R 55.00
(5)	Angling	R 50.00
(6)	Spearfishing	R 55.00
(7)	Use of cast or throw net	R 55.00
(8)	Additional fee per vessel (only payable by skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel, where applicable	R 55.00

(e) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of permits to a holder of a commercial fishing permit to transport any fish or any part or product thereof from any landing point:  
R 292.00

## (f) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to have any gear, stake net, setnet,

gillnet, bottom trawlnet, midwater trawlnet, purse seine net, purse net, longline or any type of rock lobster net on board of a fishing vessel or a vessel:

R 292.00

- (g) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to import any fish or any part or product thereof on a recreational basis (recreational fishers): R 292.00
- (h) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to perform any other activities in terms of the Act not mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i): R 292.00

### 3. LICENSE FEES

- (a) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a license for a local fishing vessel with a length of—

(1)	5 metres and less	R 296.00
(2)	More than 5 m to 8 metres	R 413.00
(3)	More than 8 m to 12 metres	R 667.00
(4)	More than 12 m to 20 metres	R 1,251.00
(5)	More than 20 metres	R 1,994.00

- (b) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a high seas fishing vessel License: R 2,158.00
- (c) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a foreign fishing vessel License (does not include vessels utilised in terms of an international agreement): R 15,809.00

### 4. OTHER FEES

- (a) Fees payable in respect of an application for the transfer of right: R 264.00
- (b) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a new right, license or permit due to the amendment of the terms or conditions of the existing right, license or permit at request of the holder: R 292.00
- (c) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a permit to import or export fish on a commercial basis—

(1)	First species to be listed on permit	R 495.00
(2)	Per additional species to be listed on permit	R 220.00

- (d) Fees payable in respect of the issuing of a duplicate license or permit: R 165.00

5. Government Notice No. 795 in *Government Gazette* 33518 dated 10 September 2010, is hereby repealed.

6. This notice takes effect on 1 April 2025.