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## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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## SEA FISHERY ACT, 1988 (ACT NO. 12 OF 1988)

## DRAFT AMENDED LEVIES ON FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of section 29 of the Sea Fishery Act, 1988 (Act No. 12 of 1988) publish the draft amended levies on fish and fish products for public comment. The draft levies are set out in the schedule attached hereto.

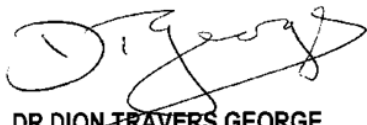
Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or objections to the draft amended levies, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette* or newspapers, whichever date occurs last, to any of the following addresses:

By post: The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
Branch: Fisheries Management  
**Attention:** Revenue Management  
Private Bag X2  
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By email [revenue@dffe.gov.za](mailto:revenue@dffe.gov.za)

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](mailto:revenue@dffe.gov.za).

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



**DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE**  
**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## SCHEDULE

1. In this schedule, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) and in the regulations published in terms of that Act (published in Government Notice No. R1111 in *Government Gazette* 19205 of 2 September 1998), bears the same meaning and unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**abalone**” means any shellfish of the species *Haliotis midae*, also known as “perlemoen”;

“**albacore**” means the species *Athunnus allalunga*;

“**anchovy**” means any fish of the species *Engraulis encrasicolus* (previously known as *Engraulis capensis*);

“**big eye tuna**” means the species *Thunnus obesus*;

“**east coast crustacean**” means any crustacean, including shrimps, prawns and langoustines found in the waters of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal and caught by means of bottom trawl nets;

“**east coast sole**” means any fish of the species *Austroglossus pectoralis*;

“**gutted**” means cleaned by removing the viscera, but not the removing the head or the gills;

“**gutted and gilled**” means cleaned by removing the viscera and the gills, but not removing the head;

“**hake**” means any fish of the genus *Merluccius*;

“**headed & gutted**” means cleaned by removing the head, gills and viscera;

“**horse-mackerel**” means any fish of the species *Trachurus trachurus capensis*;

“**kingklip**” means any fish of the species *Genypterus capensis*;

“**langoustine**” means any crustacean of the species *Metanephrops mozambicus* (previously known as *Metanephrops anadamanicus*);

“**monkfish**” means any fish of the species *Lophius vomerinus*;

“**pilchard**” means any fish of the species *Sardinops sagax* (previously known as *Sardinops ocelatus*);

“**patagonian toothfish**” means any fish of the species *Dissostichus* spp;

“**redeye or round herring**” means any fish of the species *Etrumeus whiteheadi*;

“**red spotted sole**” or “**red spotted tonguefish**” or “**sandrat**” means any fish of the species *Cynoglossus zanzibarensis*;

“**ribbonfish**” means any fish of the species *Lepidopus caudatus*;

“**seaweed**” means any marine macro-algae, including Kelp (*Ecklonia maxima* and *Laminaria pallida* including *Laminaria schinzi*) and other species such as *Gracilaria gracilis*, *Gracilariopsis* spp and *Gelidium* spp;

“**shark**” means any fish of the class *Chondrichthyes*;

“**shrimp**” means any crustacean of the superfamilies Caridea and Penaeoidea including the genera *Callinassa* and *Upogebia*;

“**snoek**” means any fish of the species *Thyrsites atun*;

“**south coast rock lobster**” means any rock lobster of the species *Palinurus gilchristi*;

“**southern bluefin tuna**” means the species *Thunnus maccoyii*;

“**squid**” means any squid (chokka) of the species *Loligo vulgaris reynaudii*;

“**swordfish**” means the species *Xiphias Gladius*;

“**the Act**” means the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (ACT No. 18 of 1998);

“**tuna**” means any fish of the species *Allothunnus fallai*, *Euthynnus affinis*, *Gymnosarda unicolor*, *Katsuwonus pelamis*, *Sarda orientalis* or *Sarda sarda* or any species of the genus *Thunnus*;

“**west coast rock lobster**” means any Cape or spiny rock lobster of the species *Jasus lalandii*;

“**west coast sole**” means any fish of the species *Austroglossus microlepis*; and

“**yellow tuna**” means the species *Thunnus albacares*.

**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.

Item No.	Commercial Fishery Sector	Species Type	Levy rate per ton
2.	Small Pelagic Fish	Directed Pilchard (industrial inclusive)	R 64.00
		Anchovy: Directed	R 19.00
		Anchovy: Sardine by-catch	R 19.00
		Other: Industrial purposes	R 19.00
3.	West Coast Rock Lobster	West Coast Rock Lobster	R 5,147.00
4.	South Coast Rock Lobster	South Coast Rock Lobster: tails	R 9,550.00
		South Coast Rock Lobster: whole	R 4,297.00
5(a).	Offshore and Midwater Trawl	Hake	R 250.00
		Kingklip	R 384.00
		Sole	R 380.00
		Horse Mackerel	R 21.00
		Squid	R 470.00
		East Coast Crustaceans	R 186.00
		Monkfish	R 253.00
		Ribbonfish	R 24.00
		Snoek	R 30.00
5(b).	Inshore Trawl	Hake	R 250.00
		Kingklip	R 384.00
		Sole	R 380.00
		Horse Mackerel	R 23.00
		Squid	R 470.00
		East Coast Crustaceans	R 186.00
		Monkfish	R 253.00
		Ribbonfish	R 24.00
		Snoek	R 30.00
6.	Abalone	Abalone	R 34,370.00
7.	Traditional Linefish	2 or less than 2 tonnes	R 171.00
		5 tonnes and less, but more than 2 tonnes	R 622.00
		10 tonnes and less, but more than 5 tonnes	R 1,332.00
		20 tonnes and less, but more than 10 tonnes	R 2,662.00
		30 tonnes and less, but more than 20 tonnes	R 4,439.00
		More than 30 tonnes	R 6,211.00
8(a).	Tuna (pole or line method)	Tuna	R 156.00
		Tuna by-catch	R 122.00
8(b).	Tuna or Swordfish (longline)		
	South African vessels	Southern bluefin tuna	R 1,238.00
		Bigeye tuna	R 413.00
		Yellowfin tuna	R 413.00
		Swordfish	R 413.00
		All other species including by-catch	R 156.00
	Foreign Flagged vessels	Southern bluefin tuna	R 2,475.00
		Bigeye tuna	R 825.00

		Yellowfin tuna	R 825.00
		Swordfish	R 825.00
		All other species including by-catch	R 312.00
9.	Patagonian Toothfish	Patagonian Toothfish	R 413.00
10.	Shark longline	Shark	R 162.00
11.	Hake longline	Hake	R 250.00
		Kingklip	R 384.00
12.	Hake handline	Hake	R 186.00
13.	Squid	Squid	R 470.00
14.	Seaweed	Kelp	R 130.00
		Other Seaweed species	R 285.00

15. For purposes of Item 2, the mass of pilchard, anchovy, redeye (round herring) and horse mackerel must be determined at a fish processing establishment in the presence of a fishery control officer (subject to paragraph 17).
16. (a) For the purposes of Items 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 15, the whole mass of fish must be determined by multiplying the mass of the fish caught or part thereof (see column 1 below) with the appropriate conversion factor (see below). A factor of 1,00 applies to any fish that are landed whole (unprocessed).

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Conversion factor</b>
Gurnard, headed and gutted	x 1,40
Hake, broken and/or sour	x 1,94
Hake, gutted (PQ)	x 1,10
Hake, gutted and gilled (PQ)	x 1,16
Hake, headed and gutted	x 1,46
Hake, mince	x 2,25
Hake, sausage	x 2,25
Hake, skinless fillets (trimmed or untrimmed)	x 2,25
Hake, skin-on fillets (trimmed or untrimmed)	x 1,94
Horse mackerel, gutted and gilled	x 1,09
Horse mackerel, headed and gutted	x 1,40
Kingklip, headed and gutted	x 1,52
Kingklip, untrimmed fillets	x 2,28
Langoustines, tails	x 2,80
Monkfish, headed and gutted (tails)	x 3,44
Monkfish, gutted (head on)	x 1,19
Ribbonfish, headed and gutted	x 1,40
Ribbonfish, headed, gutted and tailed	x 1,80
Shark, (headed, gutted, tailed and finned)	x 1,52
Shrimps and prawns, tails	x 1,60
Snoek, frozen	x 1,41
Snoek, headed, gutted and tailed	x 1,41
Snoek, salted (flecked)	x 2,12
Sole, (East Coast sole) gutted	x 1,05
Sole or Tonguefish (Red spotted ) gutted	x 1,06
Sole, (West Coast sole) gutted	x 1,06
West Coast rock lobster (spiny or slipper tails)	x 2,20

- (b) Where a product is not listed in the above table, a conversion factor from an appropriate equivalent product must be applied.
17. The levies payable in respect of fish caught during any one month must be paid before the end of the following month, except in the case of traditional linefish (Item 7) where the levy declarations may be submitted at the end of the season. In the case of the linefish the levies must be submitted and paid before the end of the month following the closing date of the fishing season.
18. All payments of levies must be accompanied by a levy declaration form signed by the holder of the right to undertake commercial fishing that indicates the whole mass of fish caught or received during the month (or months in the instance of linefishing) concerned. This form is obtainable from: Customer Services, Marine and Coastal Management, Ground Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Road, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001, or E-mail: **revenue@dffe.gov.za**.
19. Interest and penalties will be imposed on any outstanding amount and late submission of levy declaration forms. Interest will be charged at the rate determined by National Treasury from time to time on any outstanding amount (except in the case of linefish, where it will be calculated from the first day of the second month following the year in which the fish was landed). A penalty of 10% of the levies payable will be imposed on late submissions of levy declarations and payment of levies due.
20. Levies, penalties and interest payable in terms of this schedule must be paid directly to the bank account of MRLF (proof of payment must be emailed to **Revenue@dffe.gov.za**).
21. Government Notice No. 52 in *Government Gazette* 32898 dated 29 January 2010, is hereby repealed.
22. This notice takes effect on 1 April 2025.