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Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:


Whether, in terms of the allocation of fishing rights to small-scale fishermen, her Department has an indication as to what number of the rights holders (a) are paper quota holders and (b) harvest their own quotas; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

1950. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (a) Small-scale fishing rights are allocated to community-based legal entities in the form of co-operatives. These cooperatives are made up of verified and declared small-scale fishers in terms of the Marine Living Resources Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014). These fishers have met the relevant criteria and proved their historical involvement in fishing, as well as deriving a major part of their livelihood from traditional fishing operations. As such, there are no 'Paper Quota Holders' in the Small-scale Fishing Sector.

- (b) All fishers that form part of the small-scale fisheries cooperatives are involved in either one of the many fishing operations that include, amongst others, catching, processing and/or marketing of fish.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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