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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Fisheries and Ports (B) Department**

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No.22/2022 /F&PD.

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Idavam, 1197*

**S. R. O. No. 484/2022**

.- WHEREAS, clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 10 of 1981) provides that the Government may by order notified in the Gazette, regulate, restrict or prohibit the catching in any specified area of such species of fish and for such period as may be specified in the notification;



AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala have declared the “specified area” vide G.O (P) No. 22/88/F&PD dated 2nd July, 1988 and published as S.R.O.No. 830/88 dated 2nd July, 1988 as per clause (h) of section 2 of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS, sub-section (2) of section 4 thereof provides that while making an order under sub-section (1), the Government shall have regard to the matters such as the need to protect the interest of the different sections of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing craft such as catamaran, country craft or canoe, the need to conserve the fish and to regulate fishing on scientific basis and the need to maintain law and order in the sea;

AND WHEREAS , it has come to the notice of the Government that different species of juvenile fishes are being caught by some fishermen so as to sell the same for the use as manure and fish feed etc;

AND WHEREAS, the Government has found that catching of different species of juvenile fishes will adversely affect the marine ecosystem and significant depletion in the income of fishermen, particularly those fishermen engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts, fish mongers and other persons engaged in connected trades;

AND WHEREAS, the Government had decided to prohibit the catching of different species of juvenile fishes mentioned in the Schedule thereof in the above specified area for a period of five years from 17th May, 2017 to 16th May, 2022 in pursuance of notification issued under G.O.(P)No.11/2017/F&PD dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 and published as S.R.O.No.266/2017 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1001 dated 17th May,2017;

AND WHEREAS , the Government have considered the matter in detail and have decided to prohibit the catching of forty four (44 ) species of juvenile fishes in the above specified area mentioned in the schedule for a period of one year and fifteen days with effect from 17th May, 2022 to 31st May, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of subsection (1) and sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981), the Government of Kerala hereby prohibits catching of the following forty four (44) species of juvenile fishes having less than the size noted against their names in the area specified in the schedule hereunder for a period of one year and fifteen days with effect from 17th May, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023.

#### SCHEDULE

No	Species Name	Common Name	Vernacular Name	Recommended MLS (cm) (g)	Decision Logic	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<b>Major Pelagic Fish Stocks</b>						
1	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack tuna	വരയൻ ചുര	35 FL	MSM	
2	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellow fin tuna	കേര ചുര	50 FL	MSM	
3	<i>Auxisroche</i>	Bullet tuna	എലി ചുര	18 FL	MSM	
4	<i>Sardaorientalis</i>	Bonito	നെൽച്ചീൻ ചുര	35FL	MSM	
5	<i>Thunnus tonggol</i>	Longtail tuna	കാറ ചുര	44FL	MSM	



6	<i>Gymnosarda unicolor</i>	Dogtooth tuna	പള്ളൻ ചുര	50 FL	MSM	
7	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	King seer	അയ്യറ നെയ്യിൻ	50 FL	MSM	
8	<i>Scomberomorus guttatus</i>	Spotted seer	സീല നെയ്യിൻ	37FL	SFM	The more conservative SFM is applied due to the fact that the stocks are in declining status
9	<i>Rachycentron candum</i>	King fish	മോത	61FL	SFM	
10	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	Dolphin fish	പുള്ളി മോത	38 FL	MSM	
11	<i>Megalaspis cordyla</i>	Horse mackerel	വക്കട	19 TL	SSD	
12	<i>Selarcrumenophthalmus</i>	Big-eye scad	അയിലകണ്ണി	16TL	MSM	
13	<i>Cynoglossus macrostomus</i>	Malabar sole	മാന്തൽ/നക്	9TL	MSM	
14	<i>Nemipterus randalli</i>	Threadfin bream(red)	കിളിമീൻ /പുതിയാപ്പ കോര	10TL	MSM	
15	<i>Saurida tumbil</i>	Greater Lizard fish	അരണ മീൻ	17TL	MSM	
16	<i>Saurida undosquamis</i>	Lizard fish	അരണ മീൻ	10TL	MSM	
17	<i>Pampus argenteus</i>	Silver pomfret	വെള്ള ആവോലി	13TL	MSM	
18	<i>Parastromateus niger</i>	Black pomfret	കറുത്ത ആവോലി /മച്ചാൻ	17TL	MSM	
19	<i>Priacanthus hamrur</i>	Bull's eye	ഉടുപ്പൂരി /കലവക്കട്ടൻ	14TL	MSM	
20	<i>Orolithes ruber</i>	Tiger toothed croaker	കോര	17TL	MSM	
21	<i>Otolithes cuvieri</i>	Lesser tiger toothed croaker	പല്ലി കോര	16TL	MSM	
22	<i>Johnius sina</i>	Sin croaker	മട്ടി കോര	11TL	MSM	
23	<i>Johnius carutta</i>	Karut croaker	കട്ടൻ കോര	15TL	MSM	



24	<i>Johnius belangerii</i>	Belanger's croaker	കോര	14TL	MSM	
25	<i>Johnius glaucus</i>	Pale spotfin croaker	കട്ടൻ കോര	15TL	MSM	
26	<i>Nibea maculata</i>	Blotched croaker	കൊറുക്ക	14TL	MSM	
27	<i>Pennahiaanea</i>	Bigeye croaker	കോര	13TL	MSM	
28	<i>Epinephelus diacanthus</i>	Spiny cheek grouper	കലവ	18TL	MSM	
29	<i>Himantura imbricata</i>	Scaly whipray	മൂക്കാന്തിരണ്ടി	14DW	MSM	
30	<i>Himantura jenkinsii</i>	Pointed nose sting ray	തിരണ്ടി	61DW	MSM	
31	<i>Gymnura poecilura</i>	Long tailed butterfly ray	പെരുത്തിരണ്ടി	29DW	MSM	
32	<i>Rhizoprionodon oligolinx</i>	Grey sharp nose shark	പാൽ സ്രാവ്	53TL	MSM	
33	<i>Charybdis feriatus</i>	Crucifix crab	കരിൾ ഞണ്ട്	5CW	MSM	Berried (with egg) female crabs are easily identifiable by fishermen and they should be encouraged to release such crabs back into the sea
34	<i>Portunus sanguinolentus</i>	Spotted crab	കാവലൻ ഞണ്ട്	7CW	MSM	
35	<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Blue crab	കാവലൻ ഞണ്ട്	9CW	MSM	
36	<i>Metapenaeus dobsoni</i>	Flower tail prawn	പൂവാലൻ ചെമ്മീൻ	6TL	MSM	
37	<i>Parapenaeopsis stylifera</i>	Kiddy prawn	കരിക്കാടി ചെമ്മീൻ	7TL	MSM	
38	<i>Metapenaeus monoceros</i>	Speckled prawn	ചൂടൻ ചെമ്മീൻ	11TL	SFM	This Species is depleted and needs additional protection, and therefore, the SFM is used as



						conservative measures
39	<i>Metapenaeus affinis</i>	Jinga prawn	കഴന്തൻ ചെമ്മീൻ	9TL	MSM	
40	<i>Plesionika quasigrandis</i>	Oriental narwhal shrimp	ഡീപ്പ് സീ പുള്ളൻ	8TL	SFM	Both these are deep sea shrimps having low regeneration capacities and hence as a conservative measure SFM is used as the metric to decide the MLS
41	<i>Aristeus alococki</i>	Arabian red shrimp	റെഡ് റിംഗ്	13TL	SFM	
42	<i>Uroteuthis photololigo</i>	Indian squid	കൂന്തൽ /ഓലക്കണവ	8DML	MSM	
43	<i>Sepia pharaonis</i>	Pharaoh cuttlefish	കാലൻ /ഓലക്കണവ	11DML	MSM	
44	<i>Amphioctopus neglectus</i>	Ocellate octopus	നീരാളി /കിനാവള്ളി	5DML	MSM	

*Abbreviations:-* TL- Total Length, FL- Fork Length, SL-Standard Length, DW- Disc Width of rays, CW- Carapace Width of crabs, DML- Dorsal Mantle Length in the case of cephalopods, MLS- Minimum Legal Size, MSM- Minimum Size at Maturity or the size of the smallest mature fish, WFM- Weight at Fish Maturity or weight of animal were 50% of the fishes are mature, SFM- Size at the First Maturity of the size at which 50% of fishes are mature, APM- Anterior Posterior Measurement of Length or Bivalves, g- gram.

By order of the Governor,

*K S Srinivas*

*Principal Secretary to Government.*

### Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

It has come to the notice of the Government of Kerala that tonnes of different species of juvenile fishes are being caught by mechanized fishing vessels to cater exclusively to the requirement of fish meal plants outside the State of Kerala. Along with the juvenile fishes, other non-edible biota, which are vital to the existence of marine



ecosystem, are being landed on a daily basis at different fishing harbours in the State. This type of unscientific, uncontrolled practice of fishing will lead to heavy destruction of juvenile fishes and will affect adversely the biodiversity of the marine eco-system and the livelihood of traditional fisher folk. Therefore, the Government prohibited the catching of 44 species of juvenile fishes for a period of five years from 17th May, 2017 to 16th May, 2022 in pursuance of notification issued under G.O.(P) No.11/2017/F&PD dated 17th May, 2017 and published as S.R.O No.266/2017 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1001 dated 17th May, 2017. The Government have found that forty four (44 ) species of juvenile fishes has to be prohibited from catching since it is adversely affecting the marine eco-system and cause significant depletion in the income of fishermen. Hence, the Government have considered the matter in detail and have decided to prohibit the catching of forty four (44) species of juvenile fishes in the above specified area mentioned in the schedule for a period of one year and fifteen days with effect from 17th May, 2022 to 31st May, 2023.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

