

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 196

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE FISHERIES ACT, CHAP. 67:51

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE FISHERIES ACT

THE FISHERIES [CONTROL OF DEMERSAL (BOTTOM)
TRAWLING ACTIVITIES] REGULATIONS, 1996

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries [Control of Demersal (Bottom) Trawling Activities] Regulations, 1996.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“artisanal trawler” means a fishing vessel used for trawling and equipped with a manually operated rig-handling system;

“cod end” means the rear or posterior end of a trawl net in which the majority of fish or shrimp caught, is lodged during the fishing exercise;

“demersal (bottom) trawling” means the dragging or pulling of a trawl net on the bottom of the sea, in order to catch a demersal or bottom living species;

“east coast”, “north coast”, “south coast” and “Gulf of Paria” have the meanings assigned to them in the Schedule.

Restrictions
north coast

3. (1) Subject to this regulation, demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp is permitted in the territorial waters of the north coast at a distance outside of two nautical miles from that coast.

(2) Where trawling of a kind referred to in subregulation (1) is carried out, the stretched mesh of the cod end of the trawl nets used, shall not be less than 7.5 cm (3 ins.) in the case of fish and 3.5 cm (1.5 ins.) in the case of shrimp.

(3) Where chafing gear is used, it shall be of netting material of stretched mesh of a size that is no smaller than that of the cod end of which it is being used and shall cover 25 per cent of the said cod end.

4. No trawling is permitted off the east coast.

Restrictions
east coast

5. (1) Subject to this regulation demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp may be carried out off the south coast, at a distance outside of two nautical miles from that coast.

Restrictions
south coast

(2) Where trawling of the kind referred to in subregulation (1) is carried out, the stretched mesh of the trawl nets used, shall not be less than 7.5 cm (3 ins.) in the case of fish and 3.5 cm (1.5 ins.) in the case of shrimp.

(3) Where chafing gear is used, it shall be of netting material of stretched mesh of a size that is no smaller than that of the cod end of which it is being used and shall cover 25 per cent of the said cod end.

6. (1) Subject to this regulation demersal (bottom) trawling for fish or shrimp may be carried out in the Gulf of Paria.

Restrictions
Gulf of Paria

(2) No person operating an artisanal trawler shall do so between the one fathom isobath and the coast line of the Gulf of Paria.

(3) A person operating a non-artisanal trawler with an engine size of 180 horse power or less, shall not do so between the four fathom isobath and the coast line of the Gulf of Paria.

(4) A person operating a non-artisanal trawler with an engine size in excess of 180 horse power, shall not do so between the eight fathom isobath and the east coast line of the Gulf of Paria.

(5) Where chafing gear is used, it shall be of netting material of stretched mesh of a size that is no smaller than that of the cod end of which it is being used and shall cover 25 per cent the said cod end.

(6) Where trawling of the kind referred to in subregulation (1) is carried out, the stretched mesh of the cod end of the trawl nets used, shall not be less than 7.5 cm (3 ins.) in the case of fish, and 3.5 cm (1.5 ins.) in the case of shrimp.

7. No person may carry out demersal (bottom) trawling within the twelve nautical mile limit off the coast line of Tobago except where such an area coincides with the North Coast of Trinidad.

Restrictions
Tobago

8. These Regulations do not apply to any person who holds a licence or other relevant permission from the Minister to undertake research and training within the areas covered by these Regulations.

Research and
training

9. These Regulations shall expire at the end of two years from the date of publication but may be extended by the Minister for further periods, of not more than two years.

Duration

SCHEDULE

I. NORTH COAST

The north coast of Trinidad in the marine area bounded in the west by a line drawn by joining points whose respective co-ordinates are:

10° 44' 31" N	61° 47' 31" W
10° 45' 30" N	61° 47' 06" W
10° 47' 53" N	61° 46' 02" W
10° 53' 42" N	61° 43' 53" W

and in the east by the meridian of Point Galera whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 49' 56" N and 60° 54' 41" W.

The southern limit of the north coast of Trinidad in the parallel of Corozal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 44' 31" N and 61° 36' 55" W.

II. EAST COAST

The east coast of Trinidad is the marine area to the south of the parallel of Point Galera.

III. GULF OF PARIA

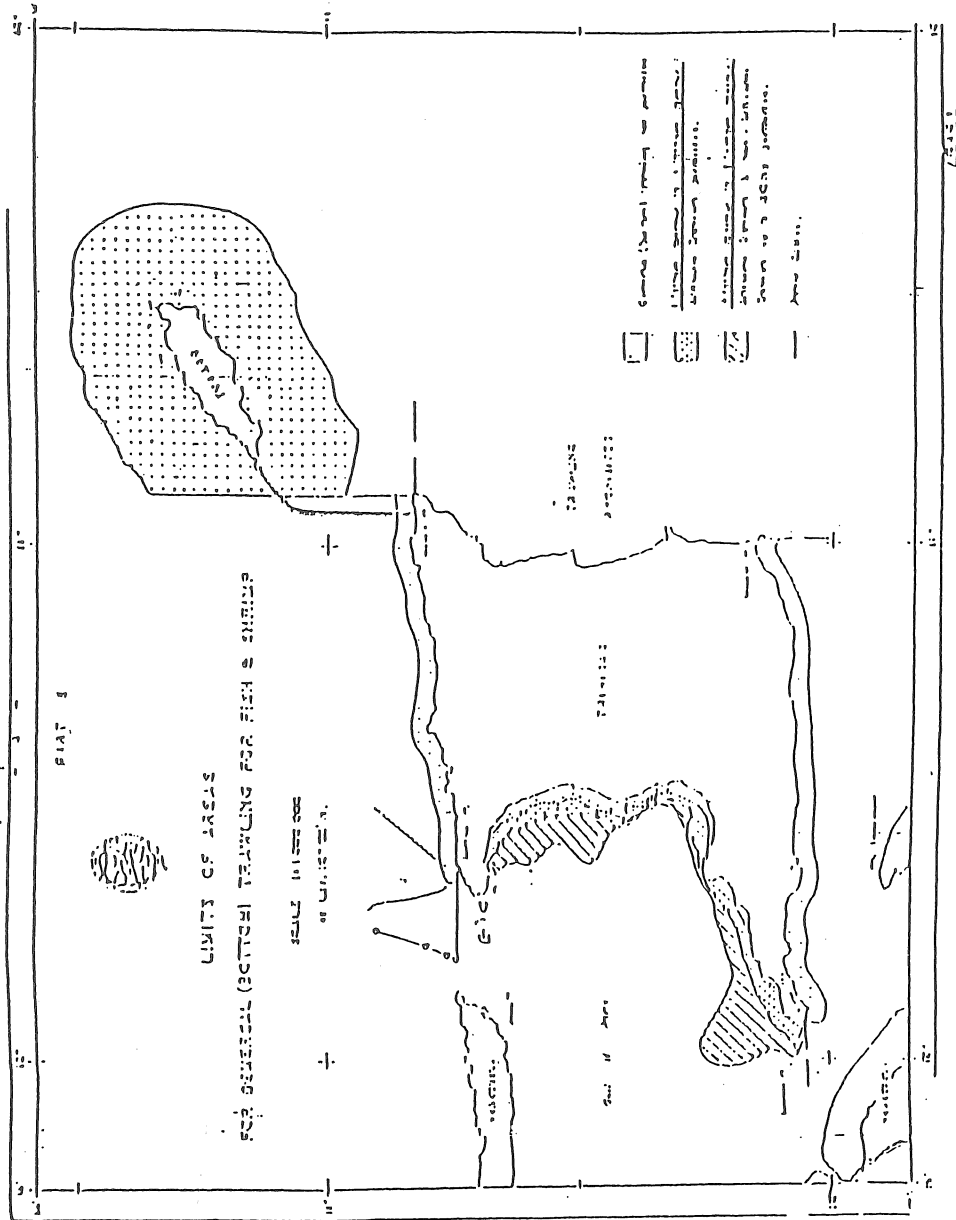
The Gulf of Paria is the marine area bounded in the north by the parallel of Corozal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 44' 31" N and 61° 36' 55" W and in the south by the parallel through the Arenal Point whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 02' 47" N and 61° 55' 47" W.

IV. SOUTH COAST

The south coast of Trinidad is the marine area bounded in the north by the parallel through Arenal Point and in the east by the meridian through Point Galeota whose approximate co-ordinates are 10° 09' 07" N and 60° 59' 27" W.

V. TOBAGO

The quoted co-ordinates refer to the Clarke 1858 Spheroid.



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 and Marine Resources

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