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Interested parties or Investors may wish to first visit the **Ministry of Fisheries** to seek advice on the potential areas for investment in the sector, prior to registering their interest and obtaining a Foreign Investment Registration Certificate (FIRC) from Investment Fiji.

They will however **need to follow the formal approval procedures** in first registering their business venture and acquire licenses/approvals from the respective local authorities (town/city councils), licensing authority or agency.

POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FISHERIES

The fisheries industry is the third largest natural resource based sector in the Fijian economy, contributing around 1.8 percent to GDP and 7.0 percent of Fiji's total export earnings. The government policy towards the fisheries sector has largely been focused on encouraging private sector investment, providing regulatory and resource-management functions and adherence to regional and international commitments.

These functions lead to government intervention in the development of trade standards and guidelines, product research and development, tax incentives to encourage investment and value addition and helping to diversify export markets.

The sector is classified into three main areas namely the Offshore Fisheries, Inshore Fisheries and Aquaculture.

OFFSHORE FISHERY

The main commercial tuna species include bigeye and yellowfin. These are high value commodities that are largely destined for the Japanese and USA market in the form of fresh and chilled tuna (sashimi market) and loin fillets. Frozen albacore are generally sold to local canneries or exported to PagoPago, American Samoa. Other important trade partners include China, Thailand, New Zealand, Canada and Korea. Potential investment opportunities in offshore fishery are:

- i. Deep water snapper
- ii. Tuna species - Bigeye, Yellowfin, Albacore, Skipjack
- iii. Tuna – like species - Swordfish, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Mahimahi and Wahoo. Spanish mackerel (Walu), Barracuda (Ogo), Rainbow runner (Drodrolagi), Kajoo (Japanese tuna). Dog-tooth tuna, Orange raffii
- iv. Deep-water squid (Diamondback)
- v. Deep-water shrimp (Krills).

HOW TO GET A TUNA LONG LINE FISHING LICENSE

Applications for tuna long line licenses must be made in the form of a proposal accompanied by the relevant documents.

A. Company Documentation

- i. Proof of nationality of shareholders or applicant in case of individuals;
- ii. Company registration documents;
- iii. Notarized statements of shareholders with evidence of any Indigenous Fijian ownership by producing registration from Native Land and Fisheries Commission (Vola ni Kawabula);
- iv. Comprehensive Business plan – outlining the first year of operation on monthly basis and second and third year on monthly basis;
- v. Investment Fiji's FIRC in cases of foreign shareholding interests
- vi. Details of all onshore investments;
- vii. Conduct of past fishing operations;
- viii. Clearance of company taxation from Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA);
- ix. Valid FRCA Tax Compliance Certificate;
- x. FRCA TIN Letter;
- xi. Vessel Registration Certificate;
- xii. Valid MSAF Survey Certificate;
- xiii. Work permit for foreign crew;
- xiv. Valid Insurance cover for crew;
- xv. Passport bio-data page of:
 - a. Owners & Shareholders
 - b. Vessel master; and
 - c. Company Director

B. Vessel Documentation

Types of Tuna Long-Line Fishing Vessel

Domestic Fishing Fleet	Fiji Based and Fiji Licensed or Fiji Based and Non-Licensed
Foreign Fishing Fleet	Fiji Based and Fiji Licensed (Charter) or Fiji Based and Non-Fiji Licensed
Distant Water Fishing Fleet	Foreign Based and Foreign Licensed

Tuna Long-Line Fishing Vessel License Requirements:

- i. Customs clearance of vessel and evidence of payment of VAT on new entries only Registration Certificate from Flag State;
- ii. Valid Safety Certificate from either Flag State or Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF);
- iii. Valid good standing certificate with Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) if foreign;
- iv. Installed type-approved Mobile Transceiver Unit with Valid registration certificate from FFA;
- v. Notarized statement of vessel of ownership;
- vi. Evidence of gear type on board and be compatible with application;
- vii. Recent full length colored photograph of vessel clearly showing vessel name and radio call sign;
- viii. Complete application form.

Conditions applying to chartered vessels licenses by Fiji

- i. All vessels are to be chartered only by a Bare Boat or Demise Charter;
- ii. A true copy of the charter party is to be submitted with the license application. No alternation to the Charter Party within the tenure of the license is permitted without the approval of the Licensing Committee;
- iii. The Charter Party submitted to the Licensing Committee will be superior to any other charter or contracting agreements concerning the said vessel between the contracting parties;
- iv. All funds generated by the vessel shall be remitted to Fiji through the Fijian banking system;
- v. The charterer is to channel 100% of fish proceeds to the charterer's account through the Fiji banking system, and not have funds diverted to other accounts. The charterer is to ensure that all payments made offshore are done through the Fiji account of the charterer;
- vi. The crews employed on the vessel will be subject to FNPF, PAYE, or withholding taxes from time to time in place;
- vii. Training levies as required under NTPC, shall be paid by the charterer. The vessel shall remain in survey and mannered as required by the flag state so however it will be subject to port state control inspection by MSAF regardless of the size of the vessel;
- viii. The charterer must comply will all applicable laws governing his operation in Fiji including Fiji Immigration Service and the Ministry of Labor;
- ix. A commitment from charter operations not to interfere with or harass other fishing vessels and their operations.

HOW TO GET A DEEP WATER SNAPPER LICENSE

- i. Application letter clearly indicating that they want to fish for snapper;
- ii. Proof of fishing vessels and Survey Certificate from MSAF;
- iii. Master's Certificate from MSAF;
- iv. Company registration which must be 100% local.
- v. Further facilitation for licence will be sought from the Offshore Fisheries Division's Licensing Unit

INSHORE FISHERY

Fiji's inshore fisheries resources involve small scale commercial reef fisheries targeting the domestic markets and the export of inshore resources such as aquarium products and beche-de-mer. The inshore fishery makes a significant contribution to the local Fijian economy in terms of domestic food supplies and income generation. Subsistence fisheries account for over 30% of fisheries sector output.

How to get an Inshore Fisheries Fishing License

A. License to Fish

- i. Consent letter from Head of the Customary Fishing Right Area (I-Qoliqoli). The consent must clearly specify the fishing method he approves e.g. Hand lining, Net fishing, Diving, Collection of BDM and Collection of Coral;
- ii. Consent letter to be verified and supported by the Provincial Office;
- iii. Divisional Commissioners must issue Fishing Permits. Permit must clearly state the type of fishing that has been approved to be undertaken (Commissioner's Office authorizes fishing for the purpose of selling);
- iv. Fisheries Department will deal with relevant Divisional Officers for the issuance of Fishing License/Permit.

To Sell Fish

- Obtain authorization from the Divisional Officer's Office.
- Important to buy fish from a Licensed Fisherman.

Fishing for Subsistence use/ Personal consumption – Applicants other than a native fishing rights owner

- Obtain a permit from the Commissioner's Office.

Fishing License Cost

- Captain - \$5.28
- Per crew - \$1.32
- Boat with Engine - \$5.28
- Skiff/Boat with oars - \$1.32

Fishing within Rivers

- Need to obtain a Fishing License.

B. Beche-de-mer

The use of Underwater Breathing Apparatus (UBA) for diving is banned and therefore illegal. Procedure to be followed is the same as i-iii above but there is no fee charged for the license.

C. Crustaceans

Procedure to be followed is the same as i-iii above but there is no fee charged for the license.

AQUACULTURE

Aquaculture is seen as a natural progression to ensuring a sustainable supply of marine resources particularly fish protein. Due to increasing population and pressure on fish stock, the ministry continues to invest in Aquaculture as it is the way forward to ensuring food security, improved livelihoods and increasing import substitutions. Potential investment opportunities in Aquaculture commodities include:

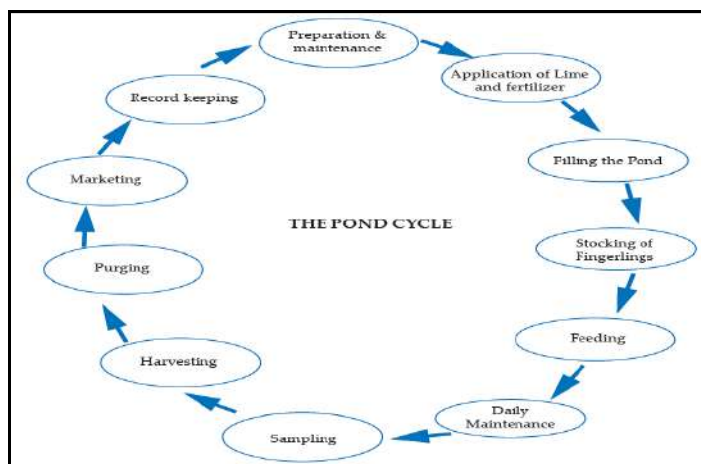
- i. Asian Carp, Ornamental Fish
- ii. Giant clams
- iii. Milkfish
- iv. Pearl Oyster
- v. Prawns
- vi. Sea grapes
- vii. Seaweed
- viii. Shrimp
- ix. Tilapia
- x. Groupers (Kawakawa) & Coral trout (Donu)
- xi. Snappers (Mangrove Jack)
- xii. Mulletts (Grey & blue mullet).
- xiii. Rabbitfish (Nuqa)
- xiv. Eels (Glass eels, elvers, silver (adult) eels
- xv. Mahimahi (Dolphin fish).

FARM MANAGEMENT – TILAPIA & FRESHWATER PRAWNS

Tilapia and Freshwater prawns are 2 major Aquaculture commodities that can easily be farmed in Fiji. Below is some basic information to assist any individual in setting up a Tilapia or Freshwater Prawn farm. Detailed information/guidelines can be obtained from our various Fisheries Offices.

A. Farming Tilapia

- i. Tilapias are hardy fish and can be grown in harsh environments. However, for successful farming, it is necessary to ensure that the site can provide an environment where the water quality factors can be maintained in the range known to be good for tilapia. The important factors to be checked are *water temperature*, *dissolved oxygen*, *acidity (pH)* and *salinity*.
- ii. The main factors that affect the profit and cost of Tilapia farming are:
Size and quality of fingerlings at stocking, stocking density of fish in the pond, Time of stocking, Length of culture period, Size of fish at harvest, Fertilization and Feed and feeding methods.
- iii. To have a good yield of fish, the farmer must know about the steps that need to be taken through each pond cycle and the interactions among them.



Source: Farm Management Manual, 2014

iv. **Marketing Opportunities**

It is important to determine the opportunities for selling the tilapia and to plan the production activities to suit the market. In some cases, partial harvesting or harvesting only one pond at a time may suit the local market situation. On the other hand, where fish have to be shipped out to a distant market, it is better to plan to be able to harvest and market large quantities at one time.

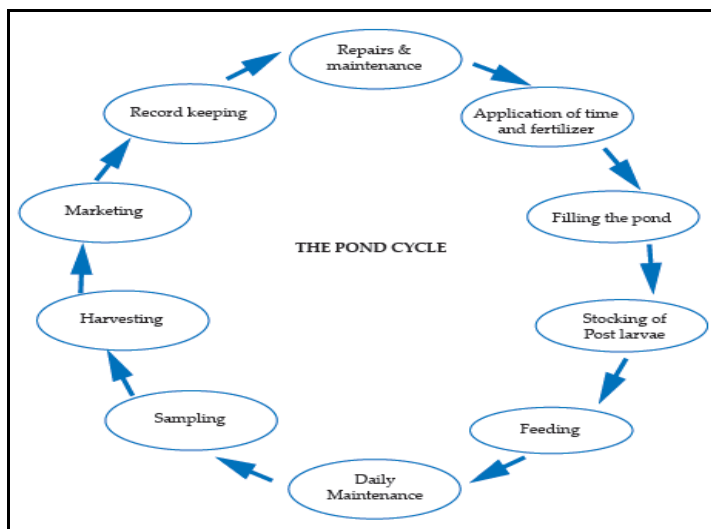
Tilapia can be sold in several ways:

- a) As live fish in tanks: tanks and accessories are needed for sale in the marketplace;
- b) Whole and fresh, sold soon after harvesting and sold by weight;
- c) Whole and fresh, sold soon after harvesting and sold by the bundle;
- d) Whole and frozen (gutted before freezing);
- e) Whole and on ice;
- f) Smoked and
- g) Fried or cooked in the local custom.

The Department of Fisheries can be contacted to assist farmers in site selection, water & soil testing and other forms of technical assistances to setup their Tilapia farms.

B. Farming Freshwater Prawns

- i. Selection of a good suitable site is essential for successful prawn farming. In comparison with Tilapia, prawns are less tolerant to poor pond conditions. It is therefore essential that intending farmers and growers needs to consult a qualified adviser from the Government or a recognized and appropriate agency for sound advice and guidance on any proposal to develop a prawn farm.
- ii. Main factors to consider when setting up a freshwater prawn farm:
 - Site selection;
 - Topography of the site;
 - Climate (rainfall, temperature, sunlight, wind exposure);
 - Soil type;
 - Water supply & distribution;
 - Pond size, structure & depth;
 - Other factor such as natural hazards, source of prawn PL, cost of supplies and equipment etc
- iii. To get good yields, the farmer must carry out each step highlighted in the pond cycle



Source: Farm Management Manual, 2014

iv. Marketing Opportunities

For marketing, prawns can be graded according to size, packed in 1kg or 2kg plastic bags, kept on ice and transported to market. They can also be sold to wholesalers. There is usually higher demand for larger prawns (in Fiji, 20–30g, or around 30–40 prawns/kg) and they fetch almost twice as much as smaller prawns. However, there is still good demand for smaller prawns (10–15g or around 60–100 prawns/kg).

To get the best prices, timing of the harvest and preparation and presentation of the prawns are all important:

- Plan a harvest before special holidays such as Christmas when there may be high demand for prawns;
- The prawns should look and smell very clean and fresh;
- Ensure that prawns are kept on ice while they are being transported and awaiting sale;
- If the prawns are being sold at the farm, advertise the place and date of the sale in advance along with prices per kilogram. Put up signs to direct people to the place of sale;
- As well as being sold fresh, prawns can be cooked and sold at the market or at fairs as take-away food.

The Department of Fisheries can be contacted to assist farmers in site selection, water & soil testing and other forms of technical assistance to setup their Freshwater prawn farm.

Note:

Individuals or businesses interested in venturing into Tilapia & Freshwater prawn farming or any fisheries related businesses **must** visit a Fisheries Office closest to them for more information and advice. Our Divisional Fisheries offices are setup in the following locations around the country:

- Fisheries Office (Eastern Division) – Lami (Ph: 336 1122);
- Fisheries Office (Northern Division) – Labasa (Ph: 881 2833);
- Fisheries Office (Western Division) – Lautoka (Ph: 666 5899);
- Fisheries Office (Central Division) – Nausori (Ph: 347 7617) and
- Headquarters – Level G & 1 Takayawa Building, Toorak Rd, Suva (Ph: 3301 611).

FOREIGN INVESTMENT CHECKLIST

(Administered by Investment Fiji)

Business Venture in Fishing and/or Fisheries industry

- Investment condition requires that the Investor must have at least 30% equity held by Fiji Citizen(s) and the foreign investor must have at least \$500,000 in owner's contribution or paid-up capital for companies in the form of cash from the operational date, to be fully brought into Fiji within the implementation period.
- Investment Approval process include:
 - * Register with Registrar of Companies;
 - * Registration with Investment Fiji office via submission of a completed Application Form;
 - * Obtain Work permit from Department of Immigration;
 - * Register with Reserve Bank of Fiji;
 - * Register with Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA)
 - VAT, TAX, TIN etc;
 - * Obtain Business License from Local Authority;
 - * Registration of employee and employer – superannuation with FNPf;
 - * Register with Fisheries Department;
- Commercial Fishing Venture
 - a) Fishing License application requirements:

Any application for any fishing license must be made only after the fishing vessel is in the country.

b) Two (2) Categories of Fishing License:

1. Offshore

- a. Tuna license – max. of 60 license per year [Schedule 6A & 6B];
- b. Deep water snapper [Schedule 6A & 6B];
- c. Sport or Recreational license [Schedule 6C];
- d. Exploratory license [Schedule 6D];
- e. Scientific license [Schedule 6E] and
- f. License to fish beyond Fiji's fisheries waters - High seas [Schedule 6F].

2. Inshore

- a. Fishing of Fish

HOW TO GET A FISHERIES COMMODITY EXPORT PERMIT

All Fisheries Food Products to be certified by the Competent Authority (CA). Export permits are required for every consignment 48 hours prior to shipment.

Tuna Export to the European Union (EU) Market

Compliance to EU Fish Export Standards requires vessels, crew, processing plants and storage facilities certified by the Competent Authority. Fish exported need to be accompanied by Catch Certificates confirming that the fish caught by Fiji fishing vessels are not IUU caught.

Tuna Export to International Markets

For major markets such as the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, EU markets, NZ, China, Taiwan and Thailand, the exporter is required to adopt and implement the following food safety systems:

- i. HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) System
- ii. Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures (SSOP)
- iii. Good Manufacturing Practices Plan (GMPP)
- iv. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

OTHER FISHERIES COMMODITIES:

1. Application in writing to the Director of Fisheries.
2. The application should provide the following information:
 - i. Company details;
 - ii. Product details (species, farmed or wild-caught for aquaculture species, final product and storage form);
 - iii. Consignment size;
 - iv. Frequency of export;
 - v. Details of harvest areas and suppliers;
 - vi. Market designation/destination;
 - vii. Contract agreements between exporter and processor and /or supplier etc;
 - viii. If a new applicant/business venture, a Business Plan is required.
3. For each consignment, export permit application should include the following information:
 - i. Consignment size;
 - ii. Market designation/destination;
 - iii. Company TIN number;
 - iv. Date of export;
 - v. HACCP Certificate;
 - vi. Satisfy the importing countries requirements.

For import countries that require a Health Certificate to accompany the export consignment and permit, this can be acquired from the office of the Central Board of Health. In this instance, the export permit is issued upon receipt of the Health Certificate.

HOW TO GET A FISHERIES COMMODITY IMPORT PERMIT

- i. Application in writing to the Permanent Secretary for Fisheries and Forests
- ii. Applicants should provide the following information:
 - Filled in application form (Schedule 6G)
 - Filled in application form for inclusion on the record of fish exporters and importers (Schedule 6S)
 - Company Registration;
 - Color scanned passport of (Owner, Shareholder(s), Agent, Manager);
 - FRCA registration certificate;
 - FRCA VAT clearance letter;
 - HACCP certified/ Health Certificate from the Competent Authority of country of

- origin;
 - Shareholding structure;
 - Copy of approval letter from the Fisheries Project Appraisal Committee;
 - Business license to operate;
 - Information report of inspection;
 - Name/details of commodity.
- iii. Comply with Importing Standard Regulation for each commodity.

HOW TO GET A CITES PERMIT

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species [CITES] products are administered under the Endangered and Species Act 2002. CITES Fisheries Products Export Permit are based on quota system

- i. For those intending to be involved in harvesting species listed under CITES (as stipulated under the Endangered Species Act 2002), the proponents will first need to enquire a CITES permit from the Department of Environment prior to applying for a license or permit to export from the Department of Fisheries.
- ii. Application for Fisheries Export Permit for products listed under CITES require:
 - CITES certificate/permit;
 - List of Species, Shipment date, Company details;
 - Product details (species, farmed or wild-caught for aquaculture species, final product and storage form);
 - Consignment size;
 - Frequency of export;
 - Details of harvest areas and suppliers;
 - Market designation/destination.

Commodities listed under [CITES]

Live Rock, Hard Corals, Giant Clams	<p><i>Apply: List of Species, shipment date and quantity</i></p> <p>Fisheries: Checks list of species under CITES and then deducts it from annual quota which is set by the Research Section and submitted to the Management Authority and the Scientific Council for submission to the CITES secretariat.</p> <p>Fisheries then issue CITES permit and a Fisheries Export permit</p>
Other Aquarium Species not listed under CITES, ornamental fish, soft corals, invertebrates	<p>Companies send in their application and then fisheries issue Fisheries Export Permit.</p> <p>‘All fisheries commodities requires a Fisheries Export Permit’</p>
Turtles, Humphead Wrasse	<p>Permits are only issued for Scientific and Educational Purposes</p> <p>Permits are only issued through an exemption letter from PS Fisheries and Forests</p> <p>Upon exemption, Fisheries then issue CITES permit and Fisheries Export permit.</p>
Other species Trochus	<p>Permits are only issued for Scientific and Educational Purposes</p> <p>Permits are only issued through an exemption letter from PS Fisheries and Forests</p> <p>Upon exemption, Fisheries export permit is then issued to accompany shipments.</p>
Triton, Giant Helmet	Totally banned for taking, selling or offer or expose for sale, or export.
BDM, Trochus	<p>Companies send in their application - consignment size</p> <p>Compliance officer is accompanied by Enforcement officers visit companies to inspect if species are of the correct exporting size and weight before submitting a filled form of inspection to FA and FO Licensing for the issuing of Fisheries Export permit</p>

2018/2019 BUDGET SUMMARY OF REVENUE POLICIES

The following tables provides details of various tax and customs policy measures introduced in the 2018-2019 Budget

2017-2018 Tax Policy Measures

Part: 1 Direct Tax Measures

Income Tax

Policy	Description
1. Aligning Residential Interest Withholding Tax Exemption Threshold to Income Tax	The current Residential Interest Withholding Tax threshold (RIWT) will be increased from \$16,000 to \$30,000 to be consistent with the existing individual income tax exemption threshold.
2. Tax Deduction for Salaries/Wages Paid during Paternity and Family Care Leave.	An introduction of 150% tax deduction on salaries/wages paid to employees during paternity and family care leave.
3. Amend the definition of ICT	The definition of ICT in the Income Tax Regulations will be amended to include “customer contact centres, engineering and design, research and development, animation and content creation, distance learning, market research, travel services, finance and accounting services, human resource services, legal procedure, compliance and risk services and other administrative services (e.g., purchasing, etc.). The above services will need to be ICT enabled.
4. Accelerated Depreciation Provision.	All greenhouse and nursery buildings, research labs and pack houses will be included under the Accelerated Depreciation Provision.
5. Incentive Package for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations	The minimum capital investment for setting up of EV charging stations will be further reduced from \$500,000 to \$100,000.
6. Tax Incentive for 2019 ADB Annual Meeting in Fiji	A 150% tax deduction be provided for cash contribution above \$10,000 by corporate sponsors towards the hosting of the event.
7. Application of Medical Incentive Package for	The Income Tax (Medical Investment Incentives) Regulations will be amended to include hospitals under

Government PPP Arrangements	Private Public Partnership (PPP) arrangements to be eligible for the medical tax incentives.
8. Modernisation of buildings in towns/cities	<p>As the Fijian Economy has been rapidly expanding and to capitalise on the rapid expansion of the economy, low interest rates, rising income and high investor confidence in Fiji, the following incentive package is available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For capital investments above \$1 million (excluding interior furnishings, furniture and fittings), the following will apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125% tax deduction on total expenditure incurred for renovation and redevelopment; • 25% investment allowance on total capital expenditure incurred for extension or redevelopment; and ➤ This incentive will be available to buildings that are 5 years or older.
9. Incentive package for Research and Development ('R&D')	Introduction of 250% tax deduction on any expenditure incurred by an eligible company investing in R&D. This will only be applicable to ICT and Renewable Energy Industries.
10. Investments in Electric Buses	A tax deduction of 55% will be allowed to investments in electric buses.
11. Tax Deduction for expenses paid for staff training through accredited training providers.	A 150% tax deduction will be provided to employers for cost of staff training through accredited training providers.
12. CGT and Income Tax Exemption for South Pacific Stock Exchange Listing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Income Tax Act will be amended to grant exemption for any gain made by a resident person from the sale of any capital asset including shares where the company undergoes listing. ➤ The Income Tax (Exempt Income) Regulations will be amended to extend the current exemption which is applicable to the 'income made from the gain from the sale of shares by resident private companies arising from the re-organisation, restructure or amalgamation of a company for the purpose of listing on the South Pacific Stock Exchange' to include 'any income' in addition to gain made. ➤ The exemption will be extended to public companies.

Tax Administration Act

Policy	Description
1. Offences relating to Tax Agents Registration	Section 116 of the Act will be amended to hold Tax Agents liable for non-compliance. Similar to Section 137 of the Customs Act whereby Customs Agents are held liable and penalised.
2. Offences for making false or misleading statement	Section 53 of the Act will be amended to include ‘fraudulent conduct’ apart from misleading/false statement in relation to Taxation Offences.
3. Jurisdiction of Tax Tribunal	Section 81 of the Act will be amended to increase jurisdiction of Tax Tribunal from \$50,000 to \$500,000.
4. Offence of failure to file a tax return	Section 49(1)(a) of the Act will be amended to include the word “in the approved form” after the word ‘due date’.
5. Issue of TIN	Section 38 of the Act will be amended to make TIN Registration mandatory and failure to comply will be treated as an offense.
6. Offences for failure to comply with obligations under this Act	Section 50 (1)(a) will be amended to insert a new provision “(vii) comply with section 38”
7. TIN Registration	To insert a new section 38A or 38B for business taxpayer to update their details if there are any changes. Similar to section 24 of VAT.
8. Strengthen Self-Assessment Regime	FRCS is rolling out the New Tax Administration System (NTIS) that will mainly be using the self-assessment provisions. The Tax Administration Act will be amended to strengthen the Self-Assessment Regime for a smooth transition and operation.
9. Issuance of Infringement Notice for Offences under the Act	To amend the Act to include the issuance of the infringement notice for offences under the Act.

10. Mandatory declaration of assets by all tax payers	<p>All business and commercial taxpayers will be required to declare their assets along with their Income Tax Returns in the approved form. The tax payers will also have to declare any assets paid for by them – even if held in any other person's name.</p> <p>A penalty of \$250,000 will be charged for failure to declare or false declaration.</p>
11. ECAL/STT	A new provision will be included to deal with offences for those who are not supposed to charge ECAL/STT.
12. Offences and Penalty for Specified Offences	<p>A new provision in Section 71 and 72 of the Act will be added to deal with offences for those who are not supposed to charge</p> <p>VAT.</p>

FRCS Act

Policy	Description
1. Institute proceedings	Section 51 of the Act will be amended to allow CEO, FRCS to amend or withdraw charges.

Part 2 - Indirect Tax Measures**Service Turnover Tax Act**

Policy	Description
1. Introduce a threshold for application of STT	Threshold of \$1.25m which is currently levied for licensed restaurants, bars, clubs, bistros and coffee shops, will now be aligned to all other prescribed services for the application of STT.

Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy Act

Policy	Description
1. Introduce a threshold for application of ECAL	Threshold of \$1.25m which is currently levied for licensed restaurants, bars, clubs, bistros and coffee shops, will now be aligned to all other prescribed services for the application of ECAL.
2. Increase Plastic Bag Levy	To discourage use of plastic bags and promote the use of reusable bags in line with governments commitment towards environment initiatives, plastic bag levy will be increased to 20 cents.

Value Added Tax Act

Policy	Description
1. Time of Supply rule for land development	Section 18(2) (e) of the Act to be amended to include the word “land development”. This provision allows special time of supply rules to various industries where payment of VAT becomes applicable whenever any payment in respect of a supply becomes due. This is to support the current commercial basis of how Land Development Business is moving.

Customs Tariff Act - Fiscal Duty Changes

Policy	Description
1. Reducing fiscal duty on used vehicles less than 2 years old (from the year of manufacture)	Fiscal duty on used cars below 2 years will be reduced from 32% to 15% or half the current specific rate.
2. Concessionary duty incentive for Public Transportation	The concessionary duty rates for taxis will be extended to used diesel/petrol vehicles with an age of 2 years or less (7.5% or quarter of the existing specific rate, whichever is greater, applied on used vehicles will be applicable). This incentive will be extended for another 2 years (until 30 June 2021), including the concessionary duty regime for bus industry and inter-island shipping.
3. Concession Code 245 – Inter Island Shipping	Will be amended to include ‘marine paints not manufactured or available locally’ at 15% Fiscal, Free Import Excise and 9%

Policy	Description
	VAT.
4. Concession Code 236 - Manufacturers	To amend column 2 by replacing the word 'Minister' with 'Comptroller'.
5. Duty free on fresh fruits and vegetables	Reduce Duty from 5% to 0% on Apples, Carrots, Tea, Grapes, Oranges, Pears, Mixed Vegetables, Celery, Capsicum, Mushrooms, Kiwi Fruits, Asparagus, Strawberries, Leeks, Spinach, Apricot, Peaches, Plum, Grapefruit, Raspberries, Cranberries, Pomegranate, Cauliflower, Broccoli and Brussel sprouts to ensure affordability of healthy foods, promote combating of NCD, and encourage importation to complement local supply.
6. Breakdown of Chassis Classification	To create a local breakdown for Chassis which is to be classified separately in the Customs Tariff Act.
7. Importation of photocopying apparatus (Full colour)	CPIER to be amended to remove the requirement of an import licence on colour photocopy apparatus from Schedule 3, Item 4 of the CPIER.
8. New Concession Code for Food Grade Plastic Pallets	To create a separate concession code for importation of Food Grade Plastic Pallets. The duty rates applicable will be Free Fiscal, Free Import Excise and 9% VAT.
9. Expanding Concession Code 275 to include importation of noodle taste makers (flavours) in bulk.	To expand concession code 275 to include importation of noodle taste makers (flavours) in bulk for repacking. The duty rates applicable will be Free Fiscal, Free Import Excise and 9% VAT.

Policy	Description
10. New Concession Code (Code 217A)	<p>To create a separate concession code (Code 217(A)) for local airline companies involved in international flights:</p> <p>The list of items are as follows: Inclusion of the following aircraft consumables under Concession code 217(A): Aircraft paints, paint thinner and paint hardener Aircraft cleaning chemicals (various specialised chemicals for aircraft cleaning for e.g. lavatory chemical, sink cleaning, etc.) Aircraft adhesives and sealants (various to be used on board) Aircraft disinfection spray – aerosol and liquid (for fumigation and disinfectant purposes) Aircraft biocide chemicals (used to clean aircraft fuel tank to eliminate fungus) Aircraft seat cover material – fabric and leather Aircraft decals and placards (signage used on the aircraft) Aircraft pre-mask spray set (stencils for aircraft logo, design, etc. Aircraft manuals – books and compact discs In-flight audio tapes, compact discs and on-board media loaded drives. Aircraft fuel tank treatment kits (to check fuel samples before and after biocide cleaning) Oil sample kits (Oil is filled in the kits and sent to laboratory abroad for testing) Water finding paste to test for any leakages. Comes in the form similar to “plasticine” or “crystals”. All kinds of tapes used for aircraft maintenance (Aluminium Tapes, Ducting Tape, High Speed Tape etc.) Grease for aircraft servicing (current concession is on oil, fuel and grease used in the production of cooling agent).</p>
11. Amendment in the Customs Tariff Act to Separate Telecom and Electrical Cables	<p>The Customs Tariff will be amended to Separate Telecom and Electrical Cables and provide a duty reduction on telecommunications cables from 15% to 5%.</p>
12. New concession code 231A	<p>To create new Code 231A to grant a concession on packaging material to approved exporters of local fresh produce.</p>

Policy	Description
13. Increase fiscal duty on Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Stretch Wraps	To protect the local manufacturers, fiscal duty on Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Stretch Wraps will be increased from 5% to 32%.
14. Increase fiscal duty on structural floor (decking) sheets.	To protect the local manufacturers, fiscal duty on structural floor (decking) sheets will be increased from 5% to 32%.
15. Increase fiscal duty on imported sweetened and carbonated drinks	A higher specific rate of duty of 32% or \$2 per litre will be applied to imported sweetened and carbonated drinks.

Import Excise Duty

Policy	Description
1. Increase in Import Excise Duty on Cigarettes, Tobacco and Alcohol	Increase in import excise duty by 15% on Cigarettes, Tobacco and Alcohol

Excise Act

Local Excise Duty

Policy	Description
1. Increase in Local Excise Duty on Cigarettes, Tobacco and Alcohol	The Local Excise Duty on Cigarettes, Tobacco and Alcohol will be increased by 15%.

New Local Excise Rates for Tobacco and Alcohol are as follows:

	2017-2018 Rates	2018-2019 Rates
Ale, Beer, Stout and other fermented liquors of an alcoholic strength of 3% or less	\$2.98/litre	\$3.43/litre
Ale, Beer, Stout and other fermented liquors of an alcoholic strength of 3% or more	\$3.47/litre	\$3.99/litre
Potable Spirit Not Exceeding 57.12 GL	\$65.63/litre	\$75.47/litre

	2017-2018 Rates	2018-2019 Rates
Potable Spirit Exceeding 57.12 GL	\$114.93/litre	\$132.17/litre
Still Wine	\$4.63/litre	\$5.32/litre
Sparkling Wine	\$5.28/litre	\$6.07/litre
Other fermented beverages: Still	\$4.63/litre	\$5.32/litre
Sparkling	\$5.28/litre	\$6.07/litre
Ready to Drink Mixtures of any Alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages of an alcoholic strength by volume of 11.49% or less	\$2.13/litre	\$2.45/litre
Cigarettes from local tobacco per 10 sticks	\$2.01/10 sticks	\$2.31/ 10 sticks
Cigarette from imported tobacco per 10 sticks	\$3.02/10 sticks	\$3.47/10 sticks
Manufactured tobacco containing tobacco grown outside Fiji	\$174.31/kg	\$200.45/kg
Manufactured tobacco containing tobacco grown in Fiji	\$102.40/kg	\$117.76/kg
Manufactured tobacco containing tobacco grown outside Fiji and tobacco grown in Fiji:		
Tobacco grown outside Fiji	\$174.31/kg	\$200.45/kg
Tobacco grown in Fiji	\$102.40/kg	\$117.76/kg

Customs Legislation

Policy	Description
1.Loading without Customs Entry (Pre-Shipment)	Section 66 of the Customs Act to be amended to include “\$100 per day per entry to be imposed for failure to perfect SAD for a pre-shipment within the required period”.

2.Provisional Entries	The Customs Act will be amended to impose penalty at an initial rate of 25% on the export value with a 5% compounding rate.
3.Definitions	Section 2 of the Customs Act will be amended to include definition of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO).
4.Deferred Payment System	The Customs Act will be amended to exclude Authorised Economic Operators (AEO).
5.Entries for Export (Late Penalty Fine)	Customs Regulation 82(3) will be amended to exclude AEO.
6.Customs Act Section 92	Section 92 of the Customs act will be amended to include 25% penalty on late payment for AEO.
7. Drawback allowed on re-export	Section 98(1)(b) of the Customs Act will be amended to reduce the 2-year duty-drawback claim period to 1 year.
8.All Licensing under Customs Act	The Customs Regulation will be amended for the validity of licenses to be changed for 3 years from the current 1- year period. The annual renewal fee will be thrice the amount of current licence renewal fee. To promote ease of doing business.
9.Miscellaneous	Section 114 of the Customs Act to be amended to allow Customs Officers to retrieve sample of goods already cleared.
10. Auction Sale	To amend the Customs Act by removing the word 'AUCTION SALE' and replace with 'SALE'. This will mean that the method of disposal of goods will depend on FRCS.
11. Code of Conduct for the Customs Agents	Similar to Tax Agents Code of Conduct, FRCS will introduce a Code of Conduct for the Customs Agents.

**For avoidance of doubt, please refer to the 2018- 2019 Budget Supplement*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

For local investors interested in setting up businesses pertaining to the Fisheries sector, the following financial assistance schemes/programs are available to their advantage provided they meet the criteria/requirements.

B. National Export Strategy (NES)

The NES aims to achieve sustainable growth by encouraging exports, competitiveness, value addition and diversification. The Fisheries sector is one of the 6 major sectors prioritized from the 13 sectors in the NES to improve our export performance under current economic conditions.

General criteria:

- Proposals will be invited from on-going projects in the 6 prioritized sectors (Agro-Business, Forestry, Marine Products, Mineral Water, ICT and Audio Visual);
- Proposals should be current exporters;
- Proposals must address issues of increasing exports, value adding and diversification;
- Proposals must state direct and positive impact on foreign exchange earnings in the medium-term;
- Proposals must demonstrate benefits to the livelihood of the general populace.

Specific criteria:

- Proposals must be submitted using the NES standard Application Form (form can be downloaded from the MITT website);
- Proposals that require construction works must set clear timelines, budget and an Implementation Plan;
- Proposals must provide 3 quotations of project works to be carried out, for instance, construction works and equipment;
- Proposals must provide company's Bank Account number, TIN number and Company Registration Certificate;
- Proposals should provide copies of latest tax returns lodged with FRCA;
- Proposals should provide valid export license and approved export premises issued by Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF);
- Proposal from import substitution related projects will be excluded;
- Proposals must provide Customs Entry for export for last 2 years;
- Proposals should be operating for at least 2-3 years; and
- The Minister may accept additional criteria if the need arises.

Some assistance to the private sector include Aquaculture development and upgrading standards of fishing vessels to meet fish exports requirements to the EU market.

Application forms & additional information can be obtained from the MITT website (www.mit.gov.fj)

C. Fiji Development Bank (FDB)

FDB aims at developing local resources, encouraging greater participation in the economy, creating long term employment and enhancement of a better standard of living for all.

FDB provides interest subsidy for its focused sector loans below \$50,000.00 and this includes:

- Agriculture (includes floriculture, horticulture, sugarcane, apiaries, livestock, copra, dairy etc.)
- Fisheries (includes in-shore fishing, tilapia and prawn farming, aquaculture, pearls etc.)
- Forestry (includes logging, associated cartage, machinery, equipment etc.)
- Mining & Quarrying (includes working capital, heavy equipment)

Application forms & additional information can be obtained from the FDB website (www.fdb.com.fj)

D. Integrated Human Resource Development Program (IHRDP)

IHRDP is a key coordinating agency for all relevant stakeholders in a participatory approach to promote economic and social well-being for all communities.

The programme is designed to address “unemployment” in a holistic way by combining efforts of the public, private and civil society sectors.

Requirements for submission

Criteria

- Unemployment level in village/settlement
- No. of business in operation in village/settlement
- Average weekly income for working population
- Available land & sea resources
- Maximum 6 months for construction
- Infrastructure/ Facilities available
- Availability of Development plan/Action Plan
- Accessibility/Distance from closest major city/township
- Previous Government Assistance

- Distribution of Projects

Who is eligible?

Communities, villages and settlements.

What type of projects can be funded?

Any type of Income Generating Projects [IGPs] that create decent work.

A Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with IHRDP has recently been signed & implemented with the Department of Fisheries to assist local communities in establishing businesses or projects in the Fisheries sector – particularly for Seaweed farmers.

E. National Centre for Small and Micro Enterprises Development (NCSMED)

Originally set up in 2002 under the Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development Act 2002, this government statutory organization was established to support the creation and development of SMEs in Fiji.

Its objective is to encourage sustainable business growth, investment and meaningful employment.

Under the NCSMED, financial assistance [via grants & soft loans] are also provided through these programs:

- **Northern Development Program**
 - Provides equity assistance through grants to enterprises to improve the livelihoods of the people of the Northern Division.
 - Economic sectors covered include Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism and Manufacturing.
 - Beneficiaries are micro, small & medium enterprises.
- **Micro-Finance Unit - South Pacific Business Development (SPBD)**
- **Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)**

F. Import Substitution & Export Finance Facility (ISEFF)

- Administered by the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF).
- Aims to advance competitiveness and ensure the availability of credit to the export sector.
- Provides back-to-back finance through commercial banks, licensed credit institutions and FDB.
- Details of eligibility criteria can be obtained from RBF.

ACRONYMS

BDM	Bech-De-Mer
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
FIRC	Foreign Investment Registration Certificate
FFA	Forum Fisheries Agency
FNPF	Fiji National Provident Fund
FRCA	Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority
GMPP	Good Manufacturing Practices Plan
HACCP	Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
MITT	Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism
MSAF	Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
NES	National Export Strategy
NTPC	National Training & Productivity Centre
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
RBF	Reserve Bank of Fiji
SMEs	Small Micro Enterprises
SSOP	Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures
TFR	Tax Free Region
TIN	Tax Identification Number
UBA	Underwater Breathing Apparatus
VAT	Value Added Tax

REFERENCES

- Fiji Development Bank
- Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority
- 2017-2018 Incentives brochure
- 2017-2018 Budget circular
- 2017-2018 Budget Summary of Revenue Policies
- Integrated Human Development Program
- Investment Fiji
- Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Ministry of Agriculture - Fiji Farm Management Manual 2014
- National Centre for Small & Micro Enterprises Development
- Reserve Bank of Fiji



APPENDIX I

SCHEDULE 6A

Regulation 15(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

LICENCE TO FISH WITHIN FIJI'S FISHERIES WATER APPLICATION

The fee for processing of your application is contained in schedule 7 of the Offshore Fisheries Management Regulations

Payments can be made to:
Department of Fisheries

What you need to do
Post, fax or email the completed form along with any attachment(s) to:

Fiji Fisheries Department
Offshore Fisheries Division
POBox 2218
Government Buildings
Suva, Fiji

PART A – Owner

1 Name of Registered Owner / Company

2 Postal address

Postcode

3 Other Vessels owned/ table- name, flag, IRCS, (attach details)

4. Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART B – Charterer

1 Name of Company

2 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART C – Master

1 Name of Master

2 Nationality

Passport

3 Contact details

Postal address

Phone number

Mobile

Phone/Satphone

Fax number

Email

PART D – Vessel

1 Names of Vessel

2 Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line)

3 IMO number

4 Vessel registration

5 International radio

Call sign

6 Current flag state

7 Previous name(s)

and flag State(s)

8 Insurance Cover Y/N

9 Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, scheme, GRT)

GRT

LOA

Beam

Net Ton

Depth

Colour

Fish hold tonnage

Carrying capacity

Freezer type

Hull type –steel/fb

Engine power kw

10 Number of crew members onboard

Nationality

Number

Attach a crew list giving names, nationalities and passport

numbers of each crew member (attachment)

11 MTU details

Serial number

Model/Type

Inmarsat Mobile No

PART E – Fishing Authorisation held**1 Authorisations**

Area	Validity	Gear

2 Species

3 Fishing gear authorised

L.I. ☐ P.I. ☐ P.S. ☐ D.I. ☐ other _____

PART F – Species and other information**1 Target species (list: Tuna etc)**

- a.
b.
c.
d.

2 Catch area applying for

- ☐ Archipelagic Waters ☐ EEZ
☐ Territorial Sea ☐ High seas

Other: _____

3. Intended Port of landing, transshipment, provision

- ☐ Muniwala ☐ Fiji Fish
☐ Lautoka ☐ Levuka
☐ Princess Wharf Other: _____

**PART G – Declaration by Agent/Owner
IMPORTANT**

I, the Owner detailed in Part A or the Agent detailed in Part B,

- Apply for the grant of an Offshore License in respect of the vessel described in Part D, and
- Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.
- Consent to comply with the requirements under the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree and its Regulations.

Signature
and date

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Full name (Company Seal)

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Position held in the Company (if applicable)

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Checklist of attachments

The attachments to this application are:

- ☐ Registration certificate
☐ Immersot Distress Alert (IDA) Contact Details Form
☐ Crew list
☐ Colour Scanned Passport [Master, Owner etc]
☐ Copies of authorisation
☐ Photo of Vessel (plan view, side view, stern)

PART H –OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status- approved/ not approved/ pending

2. Amount Received

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3. Receiving Officer

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4. Signature

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5. Receipt No -

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6B

Regulation 16(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

LICENCE TO FISH WITHIN FIJI'S ECONOMIC EXCLUSIVE ZONE APPLICATION

The fee for processing of your application is contained in Schedule 7 of the Offshore Fisheries Management Regulations. Foreign fishing vessels can only target tuna within Fiji's EEZ.

Payments can be made to:
Department of Fisheries

What you need to do

Post, fax or email the completed form along with any attachment(s) to:

Fiji Fisheries Department
Offshore Fisheries Division
POBox 2218
Government Buildings
Suva, Fiji

PART A – Owner**1 Name of Registered Owner /Company**

2 Postal address

 Postcode
3 Other Vessels owned/ table- name, flag, IRCS, (attach details)**4. Contact person's name**

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART B – Agent**1 Name of Company**

2 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART C – Master**1 Name of Master**

2 Nationality

Passport

3 Contact details

Postal address

Phone number

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Mobile

Phone/Satphone

Fax number

Email

PART D – Vessel**1 Names of Vessel**

2 Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line)

3 IMO number

4 Vessel registration

5 International radio

Call sign

6 Current flag state

7 Previous name(s)

and flag State(s)

8 Insurance cover

Y/N

9 Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, scheme, GRT)

GRT

LOA

Beam

Net Ton

Depth

Colour

Fish hold tonnage

Carrying capacity

Freezer type

Hull type –steel/fb

Engine power kw

10 Number of crew members onboard

Nationality	Number

Attach a crew list giving names, nationalities and passport numbers of each crew member (attachment)

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SCHEDULE 6C

Regulation 17(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

SPORT OR RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE APPLICATION

<p>PART A – Owner (additional form)</p> <p>1 Name of Company</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2 Postal address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">Postcode</p> <p>3 Other Vessels owned/ table- name, flag, TRCS (attach)</p> <p>4 Contact person's name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Business phone</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Mobile</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Fax</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Email address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; 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Area	Validity	Gear														

PART F – Species and other information**1 Target species (list; Billfish, Mahimahi etc)**

- a.
b.
c.
d.

2 Catch area applying for

- ☐ Archipelagic Waters ☐ EEZ
☐ Territorial Sea

3. Intended Port of landing

Please specify: _____

**PART G – Declaration by Agent/Owner
IMPORTANT****I, the Owner detailed in Part A or the Agent detailed in Part B:**

- Apply for the grant of a recreation fishing licence in respect of the vessel described in Part D, and
- Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct, and
- Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji.

Signature
and date

Full name (Company Seal)

Position held in the Company (if applicable)

Checklist of attachments

The attachments to this application are:

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- ☐ Inmarsat Distress Alert (IDA) Contact Details Form
- ☐ Crew list
- ☐ Colour Scanned Passport [Master, Owner etc]
- ☐ Copies of authorisation
- ☐ Vessel photo (side, plan, stern)
- ☐ Insurance cover

PART H –OFFICIAL USE ONLY**1. Status- approved/ not approved/ pending****2. Amount Received**

3. Receiving Officer

4. Signature

5. Receipt No -

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6D

Regulation 18(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

EXPLORATORY FISHING OR TEST FISHING APPLICATION

1. PART A – Applicant details

Name of Company/ Organisation

Postal address

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

2. PART B – Activity details

Project title:

Activity intent:

Gear type(s) :

☐

TRW

☐

LL

☐

DL

Other (specify)

Intended species (eg. orange roughly, alfonsino, blue-nose etc)

Start Date:

End Date:

3. PART C – Vessel details

Names of Vessel

Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line)

IMO number

Vessel registration

International radio

Fish hold tonnage

Call sign

Carrying capacity

Current flag state

Freezer type

Previous name(s)

and flag State(s)

Engine power

Insurance cover (Y/N)

Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, scheme, GRT) attach vessel

GRT

Net Ton

LOA

Depth

Beam

Colour

MTU details

Serial number

Model Type

Inmarsat Mobile No

Number of crew members on board

Nationality	Number

4. PART D- AGREEMENTS (Please attach the following information to your application):

Tick where appropriate

☐

Partnership agreement

☐

Joint venture

☐

Other

Please state partner details

(name of partnering company- start and end date of agreement etc)

5. PART E- Exploratory Fishing details (to be attached to the application)**Project proposal:**

Clearly outline the fishing objectives and methodology that will be used in your project. Be as specific as possible. If capture is involved, outline methods (eg: length of activity, gear used etc) and stress levels on affected species. If biological sample collection or other invasive activities (eg surgery) are part of the permit request, you must also provide sufficient detail on methodology and indicate efforts to reduce wildlife pain or stress.

Project Location:

Identify the specific location(s) of your field work, including co-ordinates (latitude/longitude). If large areas will be covered, provide a map summary of locations included in your study. If appropriate, identify which special or protected lands you plan to work in (eg MPA's, seamount etc). If your project is to occur in an area of high species interaction, please indicate.

Personal Experience:

Outline your previous experience in relation to the proposed activities and capture/handling of wildlife. If other persons may be involved with this activity (eg: field assistant), also list their names and previous experience in relation to the proposed project.

The attachments to this application are:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo vessel (plan, side, stern) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inmarsat Distress Alert (IDA) Contact Details Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Crew list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colour Scanned Passport (applicant/master) | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of authorisation |

6. PART F - DECLARATION

I, the applicant detailed in Part A applying for an exploratory fishing authorisation,

- declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct
- Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji

Full name and signature

Date

Seal

7. PART G - OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status- approved/ note approved/ pending

2. Amount Received

3. Receiving Officer

4. Signature/date

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6E

Regulation 19(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH APPLICATION

1. PART A – Applicant

Name of Company/ Organisation

Postal address

Postcode

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

2. PART B – Research details

Project title:

Project intent:

Applying for an authorisation relating to (check all that apply):

☐

species at risk

☐

devices attached to fish

☐

collection of animal or biological samples

☐

species of special interest

☐

devices attached to gears

Other:

Start Date:

End Date:

3. PART C – Vessel

Names of Vessel

IMO number

International radio

Call sign

Current flag state

Previous name(s)

and flag State(s)

Insurance cover

Y/N

Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, scheme, GRT)

GRT

Net Ton

LOA

Depth

Beam

Colour

MTU details

Serial number

Model/Type

Inmarsat Mobile No

Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line)

Vessel registration

Fish hold tonnage

Carrying capacity

Freezer type

Engine power kw

Number of crew members on board

Nationality	Number

4. PART D – Scientific Research (Please attach the following information to your application):

Project proposal:

Clearly outline the research objectives and methodology that will be used in your project. Be as specific as possible. If capture is involved, outline methods (eg. length of activity, gear used etc) and how you will stress levels to affected species. If biological sample collection or other invasive activities (eg surgery) are part of the permit request, you must also provide sufficient detail on methodology and indicate efforts to reduce wildlife pain or stress.

Project Location:

Identify the specific location(s) of your field work, including co-ordinates (latitude/longitude). If large areas will be covered, provide a map summary of locations included in your study. If appropriate, identify which special or protected lands you plan to work in (e.g., MPAs, seamount etc.). If your project is to occur in an area of high species interaction, please indicate.

Personal Experience:

Outline your previous experience in relation to the proposed activities and capture/handling of wildlife. If other persons may be involved with this project (e.g., field assistant), also list their names and previous experience in relation to the proposed project.

5. PART E- DECLARATION

I, the Owner /Agent detailed in Part B:

- Applying for a scientific research authorisation declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.
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Full name and signature

Date

Seal

6. PART F- OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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2. Amount Received

3. Receiving Officer

4. Signature/date

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6F

Regulation 20(3)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

AUTHORISATION TO FISH BEYOND FIJI'S FISHERIES WATERS – HIGH SEAS

<p>PART A – Applicant</p> <p>1. Name of Applicant</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Postal address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Postcode</p> <p>3. Email address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Business phone</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5. Mobile</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>6. Fax</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>PART B – Purpose of Application <i>[please tick]</i></p> <p>WCPC High Seas Authorisation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Authorisation to fish in waters under the Jurisdiction of another Coastal State <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Authorisation to fish in high seas areas managed by other Regional Fisheries Management Organisation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>PART C – Vessel</p> <p>1. Vessel Name:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. IRCS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>3. LOA</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Draft:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5. Beam:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>6. GRT:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>7. Engine Power:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>8. Port of Registry:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>9. Fish Hold Capacity:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>10. Fishing Method <i>[please tick]</i>:</p> <p>Longline <input type="checkbox"/> Purse-seine <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Pole and Line <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Other, please specify:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>11. Target Species (please list – e.g. Tuna, Billfish)</p> <p>a. _____</p> <p>b. _____</p> <p>c. _____</p> <p>d. _____</p> <p>PART D – DECLARATION</p> <p>I, the applicant detailed in Part A applying for an export/import/ re-export permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct. Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji. <p>Full name and signature</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Company Seal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Date</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Checklist of attachments</p> <p>The attachments to this application are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Registration certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Inmarsat Distress Alert (IDA) Contact Details Form <input type="checkbox"/> Crew list <input type="checkbox"/> Colour Scanned Passport [Master, Owner etc] <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of authorisation <input type="checkbox"/> Details of other vessels owned <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel photo (plan view, side view, stern) <p>PART E – OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Approved <i>[please tick]</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Authorisation No: _____</p> <p>Fees paid <i>[please tick]</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Name of Issuing Officer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Signature & Seal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;"> Official seal </div>
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SCHEDULE 6G

Regulation 13(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

EXPORT AND IMPORT APPLICATION

PART A – APPLICANT

1. Name of Applicant

2. Address of Applicant

Postcode

3. Email address

4. Business phone

5. Mobile

6. Fax

Part ☐ Derivative ☐ Fresh ☐Frozen ☐ Other ☐

If Other, please specify

2. Source [please tick]

Wild ☐ Cultured/ Farmed ☐Other ☐

If Other, please specify

PART B – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

[please tick]

Export ☐ Import ☐Re-Export ☐

PART C – Shipment

1. Country of Origin

2. Country of Destination

3. Shipment Date

4. Container No.

5. Name of Exporter/ Importer

6. Address of Exporter / Importer

PART D – COMMODITY

1. Condition of Export/Import Commodity
[please tick]Live ☐ Dead ☐ Whole ☐

PART E – DECLARATION

I, the applicant detailed in Part A:

- Applying for an export/import/re-export permit, declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.
- Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji.

Full name and signature

Official Seal

Date

PART F – OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Approved [please tick]

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Receipt No:

3. Fees paid [please tick]

Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Name of Issuing Officer

5. Signature & Seal

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6S

Regulation 30(3)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

RECORD OF FISH IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

1. PART A – COMPANY		<input type="checkbox"/> Export	<input type="checkbox"/> Import
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Name of Company	Postal address
<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Business phone	Mobile
<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fax	Email address
<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

2. PART B – OWNER(S)

Please fill in shareholder breakdown

Name	Citizen	Number of shares

3. PART C- PRODUCT

Product name(s) (list):

Product type:

<input type="checkbox"/> fresh	<input type="checkbox"/> frozen	<input type="checkbox"/> loin	<input type="checkbox"/> fillet	<input type="checkbox"/> canning	<input type="checkbox"/> dried
<input type="checkbox"/> smoked	<input type="checkbox"/> salted	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)			

Product source:

<input type="checkbox"/> Wild	<input type="checkbox"/> cultured	<input type="checkbox"/> other
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4. PART D- DECLARATION

I, the Owner /Agent detailed in Part B:

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- Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji.

Full name and signature	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">Official Seal</div>
Date	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	

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1 July 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE**EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF THE CURRENT FISHERIES INSHORE FISHING LICENSE HELD BY FISHERIES:**

In light of the pending decision on the formulization of the new Inshore Fisheries Access Fee Payments arrangements and subsequent processes, the Ministry of Fisheries would like to humbly present the following notification:

1. All inshore fisheries fishing license issued for the 2017 period and which were extended to March 31st 2018 and further extended to June 30th 2018 are now valid until December 31st 2018, when it is envisaged that the new access fee payment structure should be formalised and in place.
2. All active 2017 and 2018 Inshore fishing license holders are requested to contact the closest Ministry of Fisheries Office, for further details (if so required).
3. All new applications for 2018 are hereby informed that the current procedures for application of an inshore fishing license should remained the same.
4. The ministry would like to reiterate the current policy the **NO Goodwill Payments** will be made by fisherman's to any CFROs, until the Access fees Payment Policy is formalised.

This notice shall effect from the 1st of July, 2018.

Naipote Katonitabua
Acting Permanent Secretary for Fisheries

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5th September 2017**PUBLIC NOTICE****Ban on fishing, collection, sales and export of all Grouper (Kawakawa) and Coral Trout (Donu) fish species.**

Following the Hon Minister of Fisheries media release on the 4th of June, 2018 regarding the intended seasonal ban for Grouper (Kawakawa) and Coral Trout (Donu) fish species and protecting these fish species during their peak breeding seasons; the Public is hereby informed that the Ministry is putting in place the following measures:

1. All fishing, collection, local purchases and sales, and exports of Kawakawa and Donu are to cease immediately.
2. Local Sales will only be granted to stocks that are currently held within any local market outlets from the 1st to the 4th of June, and have been inspected by Fisheries Officials.
3. All stocks left after the 4th of June will be recorded and sealed by the Ministry of Fisheries officials.
4. No transportation of Kawakawa and Donu would be allowed between two different local marketing points, such as moving these fish from Vanua Levu to Viti Levu or elsewhere.

Regulation 4 of the Offshore Fisheries Management Regulation states that

- 4.-(1) A person shall not kill, take, land, sell or offer or expose for sale, deal in, transport, receive or possess any fish identified in Schedule 2A in accordance with the requirements described in that Schedule.
- 4.-(2) Any person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence.

Schedule 2 A: state that the list is as per directive of the Department of Fisheries from time to time. (It is thus any species that the Ministry of Fisheries see endangered or threatened by overfishing).

This is effective from the 5th of June, 2018.

Sanaila Naqali
Permanent Secretary for Fisheries



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Date: 28/12/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ban on the Harvesting, Purchase, Sales, and Export of Live Coral and Aquarium Rock (also known as Live Rock, or Coral Rock, or Fossil Coral).

Following from the above ban notification, all companies are to take note and adhere to the following:

- a. All harvesting, purchasing, and sales of live rocks and live coral are now banned, and no export permits would be processed by the Ministry.
- b. The CITES Scientific Committee will be submitting to the Management Authority on 7th January 2018, that live coral and Live rock is given a zero quota for 2018.
- c. The Ministry of Fisheries and both the Fiji CITES MA and SC, would be supporting the development of other sustainable options, particularly the development of farmed or cultured coral.

This is effective from the 28th of December, 2017

Mr Sanaila Nagali

Permanent Secretary for Fisheries



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18th September 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Seizure of all harvesting purchase sales and export of Sea Cucumber

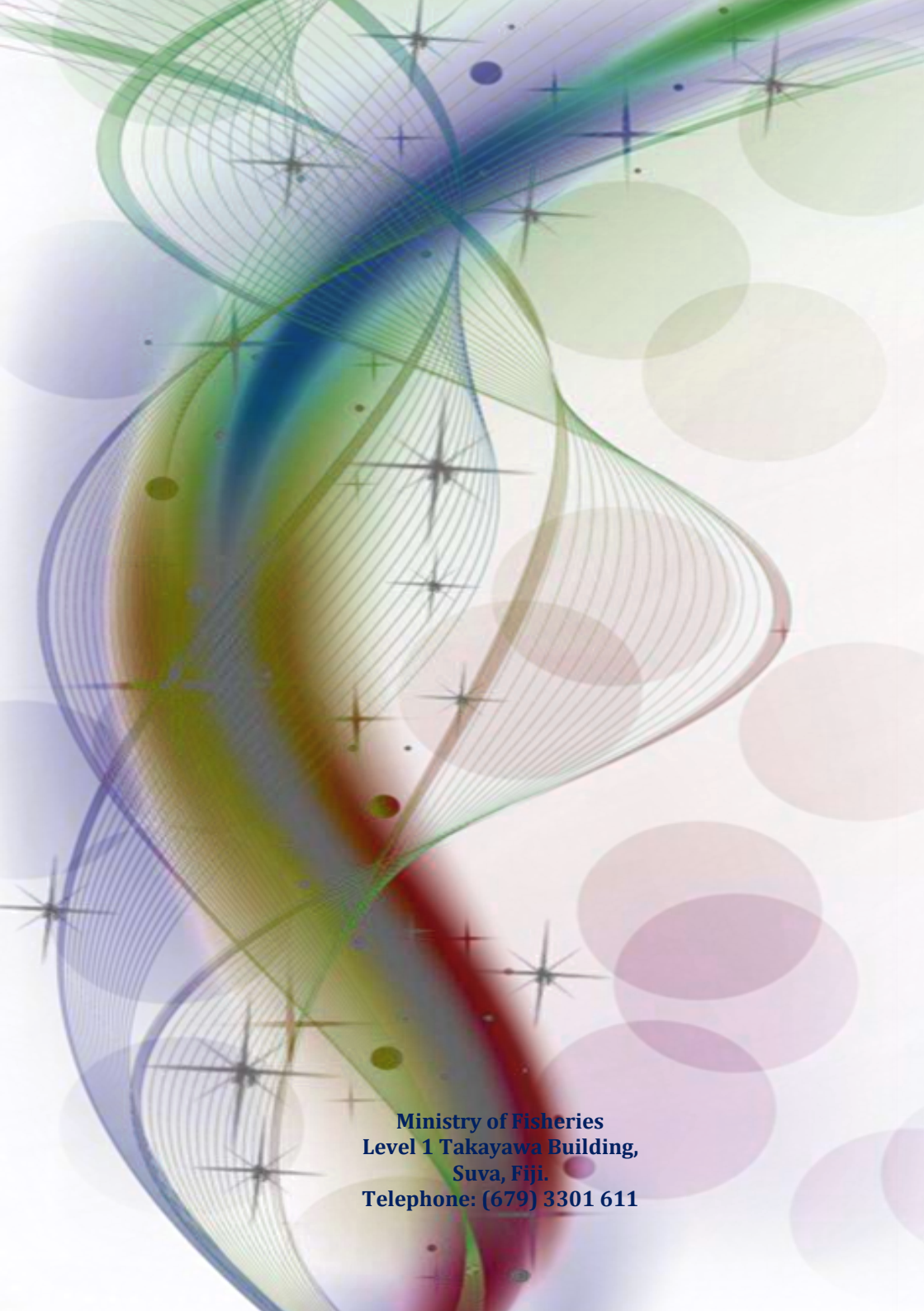
Following the Hon Minister of Fisheries media release on the 08th of September 2017 regarding Sea Cucumber, you are to ensure that the following is to be followed:

1. All harvesting, purchasing and sales are to cease immediately.
2. Export will only be granted to stocks that are currently held with processing facilities and have been inspected by Fisheries Officials.
3. Approved Companies have till the 2nd of November 2017 to clear remaining stocks.
4. All stocks left after the 2nd of November will be sealed by the Ministry of Fisheries and will not be exported.

This is effective from the 08th September 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanaila Naqali'.

Sanaila Naqali
Permanent Secretary for Fisheries

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