



DAKSHINBANGA MATSYAJIBI FORUM (DMF)

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5th April, 2021

To-
The Director of Fisheries,
Government of West Bengal.
31-GN Block, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata,
West Bengal 700091

Sub: Marine Fishing Ban Period 2021

Madam,

Greetings from Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum (DMF).

The Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the Government of India has, under their G.O. No.30035/15/97-Fy (T-1) Vol.V dt. 30.03.2021 (copy enclosed) has imposed uniform ban on fishing by all fishing vessels in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters for 61 days on both the East and West Coasts as in the following -

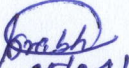
East Coast: 15th April to 14th June 2021;

West Coast: 1st June to 31st July 2021.

The traditional non-motorised boats are exempted from the ban beyond territorial waters.

We are given to understand from past practice that the Department of Fisheries of the Government of West Bengal will be issuing a matching fishing ban order in the territorial waters of West Bengal. DMF is putting up the following demands regarding the fishing ban for your immediate consideration -

1. It is of utmost regret that the Government of West Bengal in the Department of Fisheries is not implementing the 'Savings-cum-Relief Scheme' since 2015. The scheme was specifically meant for providing livelihood support to fish workers affected by the fishing ban. The 'Savings-cum-Relief Scheme' should be restarted forthwith.
2. Each and every fish worker affected by the fishing ban should be provided with a livelihood support of Rs. 5,000/- per month during the fishing ban period.


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Directorate of Fisheries, W.B.
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3. DMF maintains that 61 days' ban is not enough for regeneration of natural fish stock. The ban period should be increased to at least 90 days.
4. Since the mechanized fishing boats are much more damaging to the ecosystem than the small scale fishing boats and since they take more than 80% of the catch and are primarily responsible for overfishing in near shore areas, the fishing ban should be imposed applying the principle of scale subsidiarity as in the following –
 - i. 90 days ban on fishing for all motorized boats with livelihood compensation/support for affected fish workers.
 - ii. 120 days ban for all mechanized fishing boats.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Pradip Chatterjee

Pradip Chatterjee,
President,
Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum (DMF)

No. 30035/15/97-Fy (T-1) Vol.V

Government of India

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 30th March, 2021

ORDER

The President of India is pleased to impose a uniform ban on fishing by all fishing vessels in the **Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) beyond territorial waters** on the East Coast [including West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Andaman, & Nicobar Islands] and West Coast [including Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep Islands] as per period mentioned below for conservation and effective management of fishery resources and also for sea safety reasons:

East Coast-from 15th April to 14th June 2021 (both days inclusive) (61 days)

West Coast-from 1st June to 31st July 2021 (both days inclusive) (61 days)

The traditional non-motorized units shall be exempted from this uniform fishing ban imposed in the Indian EEZ beyond territorial waters.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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Min. of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

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To,

1. The Secretary (Fisheries), All Maritime States/Union Territories.
2. The Chairman, All Major Port Trust: The ban order may please be served on all the companies operating deep sea fishing vessels from the port.
3. Directorate General of Shipping, 9th Floor Beta Building, i-Think Techno Campus, Kanjurmarg (East), Mumbai - 400 042 with a request to notify all registrars of fishing vessels in the East & West Coasts, A&N Islands, Puducherry & Lakshadweep Islands and Daman & Diu.
4. Director (Operations), Coast Guard Headquarters, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi.
5. Director General, FSI, Mumbai/Director NIFPHATT/CIFNET, Kochi.
6. Director, CMFRI, Post Box No. 1603, Ernakulum North PO, Kochi-682 018.
7. Officer-In-charge, NIC, DoF, MFAH&D, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Chairperson, National Fishworkers Forum (NFF), The SFSS Soc. Ltd, Satpati Post, Tal, Palghar District, Maharashtra - 401405, Email: nff@nffindia.org, rpatilnarendra@gmail.com, Phone : 02525224142

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