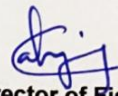


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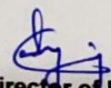
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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
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NOTIFICATION

Sri Vijaya Puram, dated the 28th August, 2025.

No.75/2025/F.No.M-13/10/2022-ADF(HQ-II)-Fisheries-FISH_AN.— In exercise of powers conferred under Section 24 of the A & N Islands Marine Fishing Regulation, 2003 (No. 1 of 2003), the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands hereby makes the following Amendments to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 as published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette vide Notification No. 110 dated 01.06.2004, namely :—

1. Short title and commencement :-

- i. These Rules may be called the **Andaman and Nicobar Islands Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules, 2025.**
- ii. It shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

AMENDMENTS

2. After Rule 2(g) (xii) of the A & N Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004 (hereinafter called Principal Rules), the following shall be added :—

(xiii) **Mainland fisher** : means a person who does not possess an Islander Card / Local Certificate / ST Certificate / OBC Certificate of A & N Islands issued by the Competent Authority.

(xiv) **Angling**: means fishing as a sport or hobby with a fishing rod and line.

3. Rule 3(s) of the Principal Rules shall be substituted as under :—

“All Motorized, Mechanized, and Sport Fishing vessels registered by the Authorized Officer shall have on-board Distress alert transmitter / satellite- based transponder with two-way communication facilities registered in the name of the vessel's owner for Fishing License Issuance.”

4. The Table in Schedule – II under Rules 3(f) of the Principal Rule, shall be substituted as under :

Sl. No.	Description of Fishing Vessel	Registration (Rs.)	Transfer of Ownership (Rs.)	Change of Authorized Officer (Rs.)	Replacement of Engine (Rs.)	Seaworthiness Certificate (Rs.) (Valid for one year)
1.	Country craft Powered by oars and sails	50/-	50/-	50/-	50/-	-
2.	Mechanized Fishing Vessel powered and propelled by an engine					
(i)	Upto 30 BHP including motorized Fishing Vessel (Vessels upto 20 metres OAL)	50/-	50/-	50/-	50/-	100/-
(ii)	More than 30 BHP upto 200 BHP including Sport Fishing Vessels (Vessels upto 24 metres OAL)	150/-	100/-	100/-	100/-	200/-
(iii)	More than 200 BHP (Vessels upto 24 metres OAL)	1500/-	200/-	200/-	200/-	200/-
1. Duplicate Registration Certificate for					Rate prescribed (in Rs.)	
i)	Country crafts powered by oars and sails				50/-	
ii)	Mechanized fishing vessels powered and propelled by an engine					
	a)	Upto 30 BHP including motorized fishing vessel (vessels upto 20 meters OAL)				100/-
	b)	More than 30 BHP upto 200 BHP (Vessels upto 24 meters OAL)				150/-
	c)	More than 200 BHP (Vessels upto 24 meters OAL)				200/-

Note :

- When Change of Principal base is occasioned through Transfer of Ownership, no fees are separately payable for Change of Authorized Officer.
- The Rates are subject to revision under Rule 3 (f) of A & N Islands Marine Fishing Rules, 2004.

5. Schedule -I under Rule 3(a) (iv) & 4(h), 4(l) & 4 (m) of the Principal Rule shall be substituted as under :—

Description of Fishing Vessels		Fishing License/ Renewal of Fishing License per year (in Rs.)	Additional processing fee for delay in renewal per month of its expiry (in Rs.)
1.	Non-Mechanized Boat		
i.	Non-Mechanized country crafts powered by Oars and Sails	50/-	50/-
ii.	Issue of Fisher ID Card for Crew Members / Fisher / Diver per head	100/-	50/-
2.	Mechanized / Motorized Fishing Vessel		
i.	Upto 30BHP (vessels upto 20 meters OAL)	150/-	100/-
ii.	Above 30 BHP (vessels upto 24 meters OAL)	1000/-	200/-
iii.	Issue of Fisher ID Card for Crew Members / Fisher / Diver per head	100/-	50/-
3.	Duplicate Fishing License / Fisher ID Card		
i.	Issue of Duplicate Fishing License for fishing vessel (Mechanized, Motorized & Non-Motorized)	250/-	N.A.
ii.	Issue of Duplicate Fishing License Fisher ID Card to Crew Members / Fishermen / Divers per head	100/-	N.A.

6. Rule-3(r) of the Principal Rule shall be deleted and replaced as under :—

3(r) (i) before bringing any existing / Old Mechanized / Motorized Fishing Boat / Sport Fishing vessel from mainland the Owners shall apply for Transfer of Registry to the respective Registrar of the Port as per Merchant Shipping Act.

3(r) (ii) before bringing any New Mechanized / Motorized Fishing Boat / Sport Fishing vessel from mainland the Owners shall intimate the concerned Authorized Officer of A&N Islands.

7. Rule 5(a) (i) & (ii) of the Principal Rule, shall be substituted as under :-

Sl. No.	Specified area for fishing	Class of Fishing vessels for plying	Type of gear / mesh size to be used
(i)	Fishing Zone- A (Territorial water surrounding A & N Islands upto 06 nautical miles from appropriate baseline)	All fishing vessels fitted with either inboard engine(s) or outboard motor(s) having engine horse power below 30 HP and sport fishing vessel [NOTE] : The sport fishing shall operate beyond 03 nautical miles from the nearest port / jetty]	i. Gill net not below 25mm (mesh knot to knot diagonally) ii. Hook & line iii. Long line iv. Fish traps v. Fishing rod with reel, line, barbless hook & bait for sport fishing.
(ii)	Fishing Zone-B (Territorial water surrounding A & N Islands beyond 06 nautical miles from appropriate base line upto 12 nautical miles)	All fishing vessels fitted with in board engine(s) or outboard motor(s) having engine 30HP and above including sport fishing vessels.	i. Gill net not below 25 mm mesh ii. Long line, purse seine not below 25 mm, squid jiggers iii. Hook & line iv. Fishing rod with reel, line barbless hook & bait for sport fishing v. Pelagic trawl net with cod end not below 30 mm mesh size and mandatory fitment of Turtle Excluder Device (TED).

8. Rule- 17 (a) (iii) of the Principal Rule, the following shall be substituted as under :

"The Sport Fishing activity shall be permitted throughout the year subject to weather conditions and sailing clearance from respective Port Control Tower."

9. After clause (xii) of sub rule (2) of Rule 21 (A) of the Principal Rule, the following shall be added :

(xiii) "The vessel should be fitted with the night navigational equipments such as Navigational Lights as per LSS Rules, Life Jacket Lights, Hand Fares, Search Light, Emergency Light with back-up, Sufficient Logistic support at shore, Search and rescue facilities and all should be in perfect working condition for operation beyond day light."

10. Clause (i) of sub rule (b) of Rule 21(B) of the Principal Rule, shall be substituted as under :

"Owner of Sport Fishing Vessel shall obtain permit through online Sport Fishing portal or as may be prescribed from the respective Authorized Officer for sailing of the vessel with Foreign / Indian Guests for each voyage. The permit shall be issued for a period of one to seven days based on the request of the owner for the same route and Guests/Tourists and the permit shall be valid even for night time sport fishing."

11. The heading of Rule 15 of the Principal Rules shall be substituted as below :
"Leasing of Sea Area for Fish Culture including Seaweed cultivation and installation of Fish Aggregating Devices"
12. The Schedule V under Rule 15(f) of the Principal Rules shall be deleted.
13. Rule 15(f) of the Principal Rule shall be substituted as under :
"The list of sea areas shall be identified and notified from time to time as per the requirement."

Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lieutenant Governor (Administrator),
A & N Islands.

By order and in the name of Lieutenant Governor,

Sd./-
(Ms. Jagtap Kalyani Rajendra, DANICS)
Director of Fisheries