

**FISH INDUSTRY ACT
(CAP. 138)**

Marine Vegetation Licence Regulations, 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Fish Industry Act, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Commerce, has made the following regulations:—

Citation. 1. These regulations may be cited as the Marine Vegetation Licence Regulations, 1997.

Interpretation. 2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

Cap. 138. “Act” means the Fish Industry Act;

“catching” includes cultivation;

“Fisheries Department” means the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture;

“fishing” and “fishing boat” have the same meaning as is given to them in the Act;

“plants” and “plants found in the sea” include all types of marine vegetation.

Granting and renewal of licence. 3. A fee of Lm50 shall be paid by a person engaged in fishing and in the cultivation of marine plants to the Fisheries Department for the granting of a licence, and for the renewal thereof each year thereafter, to use a fishing boat for the purpose of catching every description of plants found in the sea within such area of the bays or of the territorial waters of Malta as may be designated in the licence.

Prohibition and penalty. 4. (1) No person shall cultivate or catch plants, or use a fishing boat for such purpose, unless he has been issued with, and is in possession of, a valid licence in terms of regulation 3 of these regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of these regulations shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (multa) of Lm100.