Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations
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1.   These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Shark Finning) Regulations.

2.   In these Regulations-

"fishing vessel" means a foreign-owned fishing vessel licensed to fish in Seychelles Waters or a local fishing vessel 24 metres or more in length fishing within or outside Seychelles Waters; and

"shark" means all species of shark (elasmobranchii taxon).

3.   No person shall on board a fishing vessel remove fins from sharks except under and in accordance with an authorization issued in respect of that vessel by SFA.

4.   No person shall keep on board a fishing vessel or transship or land therefrom shark fins removed contrary to regulation 3.

5.   An authorization referred to in regulation 3 shall be issued-

(a)   only to make use of all parts of shark by a separate processing of fins and of other parts on board a fishing vessel; and

(b)   only to fishing vessels that satisfy SFA that they have the capacity to use all parts of sharks and justify the need for the separate processing and fins and other parts of sharks.

6.   All fishing vessels authorised under regulation 3 are prohibited from discarding at sea the remnant parts of sharks after the removal of fins except for those parts that result from gutting and beheading.

7.   The landed weight of shark fins shall not exceed 5 per centum of the landed weight of all other parts of sharks after evisceration or 7 per centum of the landed weight of other parts of sharks after evisceration and beheading.

8.   (1) All fishing vessels shall on arrival at Port Victoria declare the quantities of shark fins and shark products on board the vessels.

(2) The master of each fishing vessel shall record all catches of shark in the log book issued by SFA.

9.   It shall be the duty of the operator and of the master of every fishing vessel to comply with these Regulations.

10.   An operator and master of a fishing vessel convicted of an offence of breach of regulations 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 shall be liable to a fine of R500,000.