

Department of Fisheries

Notification

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Ref.: Notification No. DF/AQUA/NAT-MARI-POLICY/2020-2021 dated 07-08-2020 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 21 dated 20-08-2020.

In partial modification of the notification referred above of the Goa State Mariculture Policy 2020, Sr. No. 1 second para, Sr. No. 3 sub point (3.2) (B), Sr. No. 3.6 sub point 4 and Sr. No. 3.6 sub point 6, is revised and amended as follows:

Sr. No. 1 second para

Mariculture— (a specialized branch of aquaculture involving the cultivation of marine organisms/marine plants (algae/seaweeds) for food and other products in an enclosed section of the sea such as cages/pens, or in tanks or raceways which are filled with saline water)-represents an opportunity to provide a sustainable supplement or an alternative to the marine capture fishery. It is also a means of diversifying the fisheries sector, introducing new skills and technologies into a largely traditional and somewhat static sector of the economy. Mariculture can increase employment and income in areas with marginal economies as well as advance coastal zone management objectives through improved marine resources planning and management. Under ideal circumstances, it could lead to the reduction of foreign exchange expenditure for the importation of fish and fish products, as well as provide a source of foreign exchange through product export. Presently, the relatively low capital input required makes it an opportunity that is accessible to lower socio economic groups.

Sr. No. 3 sub point (3.2) (B)

B) Zone B where offshore aquaculture activity in the form of open sea cage farming is permitted. This zone will be further classified as follows:

Sr. No.	Particular	Size of cages	Distance	Depth
Zone B-1	Small size cages	6m.-10m. dia.	3-5 k.m.	10-15 m.
Zone B-2	Large size cages	Above 10m. dia.	6-20 k.m.	Above 15 m.

Sr. No. 3.6 sub point 4

The licensed area for open sea cage farming shall be based on the total water spread and the fee stipulated will be as follows:

a) Zone B-1 (Small size cages)

Sr. No.	Area	Nominal fees (Rs. per annum)
1)	Upto 500 sq.m.	Rs. 500/-
2)	500 to 1000 sq.m.	Rs. 1000/-
3)	1000 to 2000 sq.m.	Rs. 2000/-
4)	2000 to 4000 sq.m.	Rs. 4000/-

b) Zone B-2 (Large size cages)

Sr. No.	Area	Nominal fees (Rs. per annum)
1)	Upto 500 sq.m.	Rs. 5000/-
2)	500 to 1000 sq.m.	Rs. 10,000/-
3)	1000 to 2000 sq.m.	Rs. 20,000/-
4)	2000 to 4000 sq.m.	Rs. 40,000/-

Sr. No. 3.6 sub point 5 to be deleted

Sr. No. 3.6 sub point 6

Leasing method: Sealed tender cum open auction may be adopted for leasing of area for open sea cage farming at place identified by the Expert Committee for Zonation and Demarcation of Marine Waters for Mariculture only if more than one application is received for the same location.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U. O. No. 102683 dated 25-10-2024.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

M/s. Yashaswini B., IAS, Director/ex officio Joint Secretary (Fisheries).

Panaji, 8th November, 2024.