

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

CHAPTER 158

THE FISHERIES (MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION MEASURES)
REGULATIONS NO. 35 OF 1993

An Order to conserve and manage the exploitation of fisheries resources in Aneitcho on Anietyum.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 34 of the Fisheries Act [CAP. 158] I, THOMAS B. FARATIA, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby make the following regulations :-

INTERPRETATION

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

"closed area" has the meaning assigned to it in regulation 4;

"trochus" means a mollusc of the species *Trochus niloticus*;

"green snail" means a mollusc of the species *Turbo marmoratus*;

"lobster" means a crustacean of genus *Panulirus* and species *Parribacus caledonicus*;

"fishing" means fishing for or catching or taking or killing fish including shellfish by any method for consumption and/or commercially;

"Director" means the Director of Fisheries.

FISHING PROHIBITED

2. (1) No person shall fish for any trochus, green snail and lobsters in the closed area;

(2) The prohibition shall be for a period of five years and may be extended by the Director where written advice to that effect is obtained from the custom owners.

PERMISSION TO FISH FOR TROCHUS, GREEN SNAILS AND LOBSTERS

3. (1) The custom owners or any person directed by the custom owners may fish for trochus, green snail and lobsters during the prohibited period provided that the custom owners or any such prohibition person has obtained prior written permission from the Director.

- (2) The Director may, upon application made by any responsible person and for the purpose of research, grant permission in writing to that person to fish any trochus, green snails and lobsters during the prohibition period.

CLOSED AREA

4. The area of waters, reefs and seabed of the southern coast of Anietyum Island locally known as Aneitcho bounded by Aname in the East and Anaia in the West, extending outward to the outer edge of the reef slop including Anawamet Bay and Anmovan Bay commonly known as Port Patrick. The area is clearly specified in the annexure to these regulations.

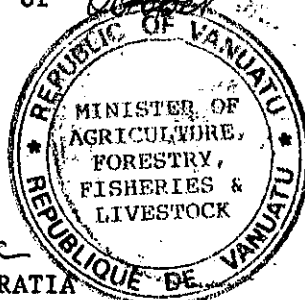
GENERAL PENALTY

5. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding 1.000.000 Vatu.

COMMENCEMENT

6. This Order shall come into force on the date of its signature.

MADE at Port Vila this, 20th day of October, 1993:



Thomas B. Faratia

THOMAS B. FARATIA

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries