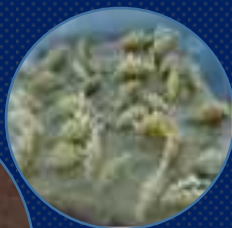


FISHERIES SECTOR INVESTMENT GUIDE

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Interested parties or Investors may wish to first visit the **Ministry of Fisheries** to seek advice on the potential areas for investment in the sector, prior to registering their interest and obtaining a Foreign Investment Registration Certificate (FIRC) from Investment Fiji.

They will however **need to follow the formal approval procedures** in first registering their business venture and acquire licenses/approvals from the respective local authorities (town/city councils), licensing authority or agency.

POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FISHERIES

The fisheries industry is the third largest natural resource based sector in the Fijian economy, contributing around 1.8 percent to GDP and 7.0 percent of Fiji's total export earnings. The government policy towards the fisheries sector has largely been focused on encouraging private sector investment, providing regulatory and resource-management functions and adherence to regional and international commitments.

These functions lead to government intervention in the development of trade standards and guidelines, product research and development, tax incentives to encourage investment and value addition and helping to diversify export markets.

The sector is classified into three main areas namely the Offshore Fisheries, Inshore Fisheries and Aquaculture.

OFFSHORE FISHERY

The main commercial tuna species include bigeye and yellowfin. These are high value commodities that are largely destined for the Japanese and USA market in the form of fresh and chilled tuna (sashimi market) and loin fillets. Frozen albacore are generally sold to local canneries or exported to PagoPago, American Samoa. Other important trade partners include China, Thailand, New Zealand, Canada and Korea. Potential investment opportunities in offshore fishery are:

- i. Deep water snapper
- ii. Tuna species - Bigeye, Yellowfin, Albacore, Skipjack
- iii. Tuna – like species - Swordfish, Blue Marlin, Striped Marlin, Mahimahi and Wahoo. Spanish mackerel (Walu), Barracuda (Ogo), Rainbow runner (Drodrolagi), Kajoo (Japanese tuna). Dog-tooth tuna, Orange raffii
- iv. Deep-water squid (Diamondback)
- v. Deep-water shrimp (Krills).

HOW TO GET A TUNA LONG LINE FISHING LICENSE

Applications for tuna long line licenses must be made in the form of a proposal accompanied by the relevant documents.

A. Company Documentation

- i. Proof of nationality of shareholders or applicant in case of individuals;
- ii. Company registration documents;
- iii. Notarized statements of shareholders with evidence of any Indigenous Fijian ownership by producing registration from Native Land and Fisheries Commission (Vola ni Kawabula);
- iv. Comprehensive Business plan – outlining the first year of operation on monthly basis and second and third year on monthly basis;
- v. Investment Fiji’s FIRC in cases of foreign shareholding interests
- vi. Details of all onshore investments;
- vii. Conduct of past fishing operations;
- viii. Clearance of company taxation from Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA);
- ix. Valid FRCA Tax Compliance Certificate;
- x. FRCA TIN Letter;
- xi. Vessel Registration Certificate;
- xii. Valid MSAF Survey Certificate;
- xiii. Work permit for foreign crew;
- xiv. Valid Insurance cover for crew;
- xv. Passport bio-data page of:
 - a. Owners & Shareholders
 - b. Vessel master; and
 - c. Company Director

B. Vessel Documentation

Types of Tuna Long-Line Fishing Vessel

Domestic Fishing Fleet	Fiji Based and Fiji Licensed or Fiji Based and Non-Licensed
Foreign Fishing Fleet	Fiji Based and Fiji Licensed (Charter) or Fiji Based and Non-Fiji Licensed
Distant Water Fishing Fleet	Foreign Based and Foreign Licensed

Tuna Long-Line Fishing Vessel License Requirements:

- i. Customs clearance of vessel and evidence of payment of VAT on new entries only Registration Certificate from Flag State;
- ii. Valid Safety Certificate from either Flag State or Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF);
- iii. Valid good standing certificate with Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) if foreign;
- iv. Installed type-approved Mobile Transceiver Unit with Valid registration certificate from FFA;
- v. Notarized statement of vessel of ownership;
- vi. Evidence of gear type on board and be compatible with application;
- vii. Recent full length colored photograph of vessel clearly showing vessel name and radio call sign;
- viii. Complete application form.

Conditions applying to chartered vessels licenses by Fiji

- i. All vessels are to be chartered only by a Bare Boat or Demise Charter;
- ii. A true copy of the charter party is to be submitted with the license application. No alternation to the Charter Party within the tenure of the license is permitted without the approval of the Licensing Committee;
- iii. The Charter Party submitted to the Licensing Committee will be superior to any other charter or contracting agreements concerning the said vessel between the contracting parties;
- iv. All funds generated by the vessel shall be remitted to Fiji through the Fijian banking system;
- v. The charterer is to channel 100% of fish proceeds to the charterer's account through the Fiji banking system, and not have funds diverted to other accounts. The charterer is to ensure that all payments made offshore are done through the Fiji account of the charterer;
- vi. The crews employed on the vessel will be subject to FNPF, PAYE, or withholding taxes from time to time in place;
- vii. Training levies as required under NTPC, shall be paid by the charterer. The vessel shall remain in survey and mannered as required by the flag state so however it will be subject to port state control inspection by MSAF regardless of the size of the vessel;
- viii. The charterer must comply will all applicable laws governing his operation in Fiji including Fiji Immigration Service and the Ministry of Labor;
- ix. A commitment from charter operations not to interfere with or harass other fishing vessels and their operations.

HOW TO GET A DEEP WATER SNAPPER LICENSE

- i. Application letter clearly indicating that they want to fish for snapper;
- ii. Proof of fishing vessels and Survey Certificate from MSAF;
- iii. Master's Certificate from MSAF;
- iv. Company registration which must be 100% local.
- v. Further facilitation for licence will be sought from the Offshore Fisheries Division's Licensing Unit

INSHORE FISHERY

Fiji's inshore fisheries resources involve small scale commercial reef fisheries targeting the domestic markets and the export of inshore resources such as aquarium products and beche-de-mer. The inshore fishery makes a significant contribution to the local Fijian economy in terms of domestic food supplies and income generation. Subsistence fisheries account for over 30% of fisheries sector output. Potential investment opportunities in inshore fishery are:

- i. BDM
- ii. Live rock
- iii. Corals (soft & hard corals)
- iv. Live Reef-Food Fish
- v. Reef Fish
- vi. Precious corals (black, pink, red, white)

How to get an Inshore Fisheries Fishing License

A. License to Fish

- i. Consent letter from Head of the Customary Fishing Right Area (I-Qoliqoli). The consent must clearly specify the fishing method he approves e.g. Hand lining, Net fishing, Diving, Collection of BDM and Collection of Coral;
- ii. Consent letter to be verified and supported by the Provincial Office;
- iii. Divisional Commissioners must issue Fishing Permits. Permit must clearly state the type of fishing that has been approved to be undertaken (Commissioner's Office authorizes fishing for the purpose of selling);
- iv. Fisheries Department will deal with relevant Divisional Officers for the issuance of Fishing License/Permit.

To Sell Fish

- Obtain authorization from the Divisional Officer's Office.
- Important to buy fish from a Licensed Fisherman.

Fishing for Subsistence use/ Personal consumption – Applicants other than a native fishing rights owner

- Obtain a permit from the Commissioner's Office.

Fishing License Cost

- Captain - \$5.28
- Per crew - \$1.32
- Boat with Engine - \$5.28
- Skiff/Boat with oars - \$1.32

Fishing within Rivers

- Need to obtain a Fishing License.

B. Beche-de-mer

The use of Underwater Breathing Apparatus (UBA) for diving is banned and therefore illegal. Procedure to be followed is the same as i-iii above but there is no fee charged for the license.

C. Crustaceans

Procedure to be followed is the same as i-iii above but there is no fee charged for the license.

AQUACULTURE

Aquaculture is seen as a natural progression to ensuring a sustainable supply of marine resources particularly fish protein. Due to increasing population and pressure on fish stock, the ministry continues to invest in Aquaculture as it is the way forward to ensuring food security, improved livelihoods and increasing import substitutions. Potential investment opportunities in Aquaculture commodities include:

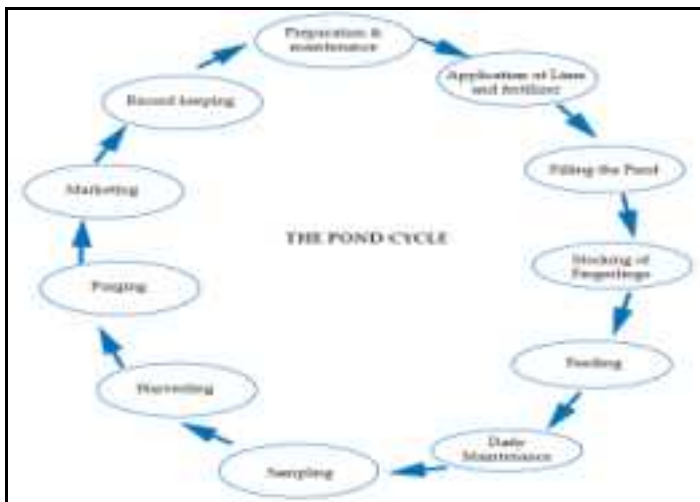
- i. Asian Carp, Ornamental Fish
- ii. Giant clams
- iii. Milkfish
- iv. Pearl Oyster
- v. Prawns
- vi. Sea Cucumber
- vii. Sea grapes
- viii. Seaweed
- ix. Shrimp
- x. Tilapia
- xi. Groupers (Kawakawa) & Coral trout (Donu)
- xii. Snappers (Mangrove Jack)
- xiii. Mulletts (Grey & blue mullet).
- xiv. Rabbitfish (Nuqa)
- xv. Eels (Glass eels, elvers, silver (adult) eels)
- xvi. Mahimahi (Dolphin fish).

FARM MANAGEMENT – TILAPIA & FRESHWATER PRAWNS

Tilapia and Freshwater prawns are 2 major Aquaculture commodities that can easily be farmed in Fiji. Below is some basic information to assist any individual in setting up a Tilapia or Freshwater Prawn farm. Detailed information/guidelines can be obtained from our various Fisheries Offices.

A. Farming Tilapia

- i. Tilapias are hardy fish and can be grown in harsh environments. However, for successful farming, it is necessary to ensure that the site can provide an environment where the water quality factors can be maintained in the range known to be good for tilapia. The important factors to be checked are *water temperature*, *dissolved oxygen*, *acidity (pH)* and *salinity*.
- ii. The main factors that affect the profit and cost of Tilapia farming are: Size and quality of fingerlings at stocking, stocking density of fish in the pond, Time of stocking, Length of culture period, Size of fish at harvest, Fertilization and Feed and feeding methods.
- iii. To have a good yield of fish, the farmer must know about the steps that need to be taken through each pond cycle and the interactions among them.



Source: Farm Management Manual, 2014

iv. Marketing Opportunities

It is important to determine the opportunities for selling the tilapia and to plan the production activities to suit the market. In some cases, partial harvesting or harvesting only one pond at a time may suit the local market situation. On the other hand, where fish have to be shipped out to a distant market, it is better to plan to be able to harvest and market large quantities at one time.

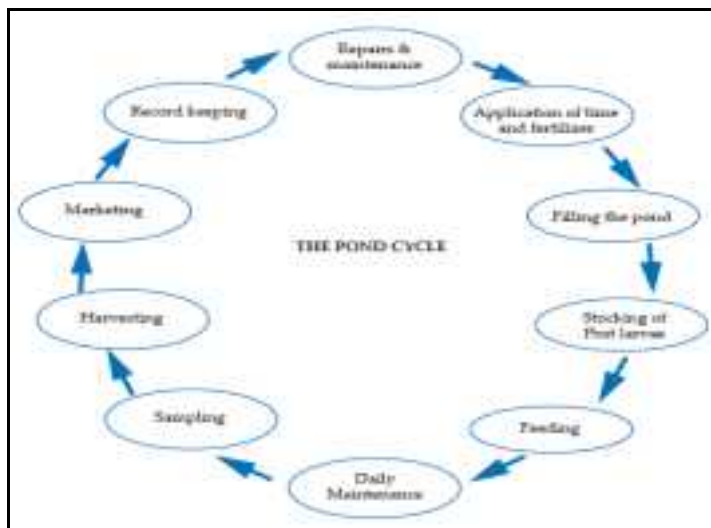
Tilapia can be sold in several ways:

- a) As live fish in tanks: tanks and accessories are needed for sale in the marketplace;
- b) Whole and fresh, sold soon after harvesting and sold by weight;
- c) Whole and fresh, sold soon after harvesting and sold by the bundle;
- d) Whole and frozen (gutted before freezing);
- e) Whole and on ice;
- f) Smoked and
- g) Fried or cooked in the local custom.

The Department of Fisheries can be contacted to assist farmers in site selection, water & soil testing and other forms of technical assistances to setup their Tilapia farms.

B. Farming Freshwater Prawns

- i. Selection of a good suitable site is essential for successful prawn farming. In comparison with Tilapia, prawns are less tolerant to poor pond conditions. It is therefore essential that intending farmers and growers needs to consult a qualified adviser from the Government or a recognized and appropriate agency for sound advice and guidance on any proposal to develop a prawn farm.
- ii. Main factors to consider when setting up a freshwater prawn farm:
 - Site selection;
 - Topography of the site;
 - Climate (rainfall, temperature, sunlight, wind exposure);
 - Soil type;
 - Water supply & distribution;
 - Pond size, structure & depth;
 - Other factor such as natural hazards, source of prawn PL, cost of supplies and equipment etc
- iii. To get good yields, the farmer must carry out each step highlighted in the pond cycle



Source: Farm Management Manual, 2014

iv. Marketing Opportunities

For marketing, prawns can be graded according to size, packed in 1kg or 2kg plastic bags, kept on ice and transported to market. They can also be sold to wholesalers. There is usually higher demand for larger prawns (in Fiji, 20–30g, or around 30–40 prawns/kg) and they fetch almost twice as much as smaller prawns. However, there is still good demand for smaller prawns (10–15g or around 60–100 prawns/kg).

To get the best prices, timing of the harvest and preparation and presentation of the prawns are all important:

- Plan a harvest before special holidays such as Christmas when there may be high demand for prawns;
- The prawns should look and smell very clean and fresh;
- Ensure that prawns are kept on ice while they are being transported and awaiting sale;
- If the prawns are being sold at the farm, advertise the place and date of the sale in advance along with prices per kilogram. Put up signs to direct people to the place of sale;
- As well as being sold fresh, prawns can be cooked and sold at the market or at fairs as take-away food.

The Department of Fisheries can be contacted to assist farmers in site selection, water & soil testing and other forms of technical assistances to setup their Freshwater prawn farm.

Note:

Individuals or businesses interested in venturing into Tilapia & Freshwater prawn farming or any fisheries related businesses **must** visit a Fisheries Office closest to them for more information and advice. Our Divisional Fisheries offices are setup in the following locations around the country:

- Fisheries Office (Eastern Division) – Lami (Ph: 336 1122);
- Fisheries Office (Northern Division) – Labasa (Ph: 881 2833);
- Fisheries Office (Western Division) – Lautoka (Ph: 666 5899);
- Fisheries Office (Central Division) – Nausori (Ph: 347 7617) and
- Headquarters – Level G & 1 Takayawa Building, Toorak Rd, Suva (Ph: 3301 611).

FOREIGN INVESTMENT CHECKLIST

(Administered by Investment Fiji)

Business Venture in Fishing and/or Fisheries industry

- Investment condition requires that the Investor must have at least 30% equity held by Fiji Citizen(s) and the foreign investor must have at least \$500,000 in owner's contribution or paid-up capital for companies in the form of cash from the operational date, to be fully brought into Fiji within the implementation period.
- Investment Approval process include:
 - * Register with Registrar of Companies;
 - * Registration with Investment Fiji office via submission of a completed Application Form;
 - * Obtain Work permit from Department of Immigration;
 - * Register with Reserve Bank of Fiji;
 - * Register with Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA)
 - VAT, TAX, TIN etc;
 - * Obtain Business License from Local Authority;
 - * Registration of employee and employer – superannuation with FNPF;
 - * Register with Fisheries Department;
- Commercial Fishing Venture
 - a) Fishing License application requirements:
 - Any application for any fishing license must be made only after the fishing vessel is in the country.

- b) Two (2) Categories of Fishing License:
1. Offshore
 - a. Tuna license – max. of 60 license per year [Schedule 6A & 6B];
 - b. Deep water snapper [Schedule 6A & 6B];
 - c. Sport or Recreational license [Schedule 6C];
 - d. Exploratory license [Schedule 6D];
 - e. Scientific license [Schedule 6E] and
 - f. License to fish beyond Fiji’s fisheries waters - High seas [Schedule 6F].
 2. Inshore
 - a. Fishing of Fish
 - b. BDM
 - c. Aquarium products (Artisanal)

HOW TO GET A FISHERIES COMMODITY EXPORT PERMIT

All Fisheries Food Products to be certified by the Competent Authority (CA). Export permits are required for every consignment 48 hours prior to shipment.

Tuna Export to the European Union (EU) Market

Compliance to EU Fish Export Standards requires vessels, crew, processing plants and storage facilities certified by the Competent Authority. Fish exported need to be accompanied by Catch Certificates confirming that the fish caught by Fiji fishing vessels are not IUU caught.

Tuna Export to International Markets

For major markets such as the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, EU markets, NZ, China, Taiwan and Thailand, the exporter is required to adopt and implement the following food safety systems:

- i. HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) System
- ii. Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures (SSOP)
- iii. Good Manufacturing Practices Plan (GMPP)
- iv. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)

OTHER FISHERIES COMMODITIES:

1. **Application in writing to the Director of Fisheries.**
2. **The application should provide the following information:**
 - i. Company details;
 - ii. Product details (species, farmed or wild-caught for aquaculture species, final product and storage form);
 - iii. Consignment size;
 - iv. Frequency of export;
 - v. Details of harvest areas and suppliers;
 - vi. Market designation/destination;
 - vii. Contract agreements between exporter and processor and /or supplier etc;
 - viii. If a new applicant/business venture, a Business Plan is required.
3. **For each consignment, export permit application should include the following information:**
 - i. Consignment size;
 - ii. Market designation/destination;
 - iii. Company TIN number;
 - iv. Date of export;
 - v. HACCP Certificate;
 - vi. Satisfy the importing countries requirements.

For import countries that require a Health Certificate to accompany the export consignment and permit, this can be acquired from the office of the Central Board of Health. In this instance, the export permit is issued upon receipt of the Health Certificate.

HOW TO GET A FISHERIES COMMODITY IMPORT PERMIT

- i. Application in writing to the Permanent Secretary for Fisheries and Forests
- ii. Applicants should provide the following information:
 - Filled in application form (Schedule 6G)
 - Filled in application form for inclusion on the record of fish exporters and importers (Schedule 6S)
 - Company Registration;
 - Color scanned passport of (Owner, Shareholder(s), Agent, Manager);
 - FRCA registration certificate;
 - FRCA VAT clearance letter;
 - HACCP certified/ Health Certificate from the Competent Authority of country of

- origin;
 - Shareholding structure;
 - Copy of approval letter from the Fisheries Project Appraisal Committee;
 - Business license to operate;
 - Information report of inspection;
 - Name/details of commodity.
- iii. Comply with Importing Standard Regulation for each commodity.

HOW TO GET A CITES PERMIT

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species [CITES] products are administered under the Endangered and Species Act 2002. CITES Fisheries Products Export Permit are based on quota system

- i. For those intending to be involved in harvesting species listed under CITES (as stipulated under the Endangered Species Act 2002), the proponents will first need to enquire a CITES permit from the Department of Environment prior to applying for a license or permit to export from the Department of Fisheries.
- ii. Application for Fisheries Export Permit for products listed under CITES require:
 - CITES certificate/permit;
 - List of Species, Shipment date, Company details;
 - Product details (species, farmed or wild-caught for aquaculture species, final product and storage form);
 - Consignment size;
 - Frequency of export;
 - Details of harvest areas and suppliers;
 - Market designation/destination.

Commodities listed under [CITES]

Live Rock, Hard Corals, Giant Clams	<p><i>Apply: List of Species, shipment date and quantity</i></p> <p>Fisheries: Checks list of species under CITES and then deducts it from annual quota which is set by the Research Section and submitted to the Management Authority and the Scientific Council for submission to the CITES secretariat.</p> <p>Fisheries then issue CITES permit and a Fisheries Export permit</p>
Other Aquarium Species not listed under CITES, ornamental fish, soft corals, invertebrates	<p>Companies send in their application and then fisheries issue Fisheries Export Permit.</p> <p>‘All fisheries commodities requires a Fisheries Export Permit’</p>
Turtles, Humphead Wrasse	<p>Permits are only issued for Scientific and Educational Purposes</p> <p>Permits are only issued through an exemption letter from PS Fisheries and Forests</p> <p>Upon exemption, Fisheries then issue CITES permit and Fisheries Export permit.</p>
Other species Trochus	<p>Permits are only issued for Scientific and Educational Purposes</p> <p>Permits are only issued through an exemption letter from PS Fisheries and Forests</p> <p>Upon exemption, Fisheries export permit is then issued to accompany shipments.</p>
Triton, Giant Helmet	<p>Totally banned for taking, selling or offer or expose for sale, or export.</p>
BDM, Trochus	<p>Companies send in their application - consignment size</p> <p>Compliance officer is accompanied by Enforcement officers visit companies to inspect if species are of the correct exporting size and weight before submitting a filled form of inspection to FA and FO Licensing for the issuing of Fisheries Export permit</p>

FISHERIES SECTOR INCENTIVES

It is critical to note that these incentives are ascertained from the Budget Announcement of the state hence some of these facilities are subject to change accordingly.

Incentives outlined in this information guide fall under two main legislations;

- i. Income Tax Act 2015
- ii. Customs Tariff Act 1986

and thereafter are being administered by the Ministry of Economy and the Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority (FRCA).

Unless indicated in the guide, applications are to be submitted to the following authorities:

- i. Code 235 applications - the Comptroller of Customs (CEO FRCA);
- ii. Other Duty Concessions applications - addressed to the Comptroller of Customs (CEO FRCA);
- iii. Other Incentives - addressed to the Minister for Economy.

INDUSTRY	INCENTIVES/ CONCESSIONS OFFERED INDUSTRY [ALL SEGMENTS]		
	(i) 2001 – 2016 Tax Rate Reduction		
	YEAR	RESIDENT COMPANIES	NON-RESIDENT COMPANIES
	2001	From 35% to 34%	From 45% to 34%
	2002	From 34% to 32%	From 34% to 32%
	2003	No change – 32%	No change – 32%
	2004	From 32% - 31%	From 32% - 31%
	2005-2008	No change – 31%	No change – 31%
	2009	From 31% to 29%	From 31% to 29%
	2010	From 29% to 28%	From 29% to 28%
	2011	28%	28%
	2012	From 28% to 20%	From 28% to 20%
	2013 – July 2016	20%	20%
	Aug 2016 – July 2017	20%	20%
	(ii) Investment Allowance		
Investment allowance (excluding cost of labor) of 40% for extension and renovation expenses with a minimum qualifying capital expenditure of \$50,000. This is only available to existing businesses in Vanua Levu.			

(v) Accelerated Depreciation

- a) Accelerated depreciation for buildings erected before 2001 has been extended to 2018. 20% depreciation for building used for agricultural, commercial or industrial purpose can be written off within any 5 of 8 years.
- b) 100% write off will be available in the year the expenditure was incurred on water storage facilities and renewable energy plant and machineries.
- c) This will also be available to new plants and machineries used for manufacturing purposes.

(v) Loss Carried Forward

Loss carried forward can be claimed up to 4 years. Loss carried forward by a company is allowed if that entity satisfies the continuity of ownership test or the same business test.

(v) Export Income Deduction

- a) "Export Income" means net profits derived by a taxpayer from the business of exporting goods and services but excludes re-exports. Deduction shown below.
- b) Export income deduction will only be allowed if the Commissioner of Inland Revenue is satisfied that the export earnings will be remitted to Fiji.

YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF EXPORT INCOME TO BE DEDUCTED
2011	50%
2012	40%
2013	40%
2014	40%
2015	50%
Jan - July 2016	50%
Aug 2016 – July 2017	50%

(vi) Duty Concessions:**Production Inputs**

All goods used as raw materials in the manufacture of approved goods not available locally will attract 0% fiscal duty + 9% VAT. Concessions on Packaging materials will apply to those that are not available locally.

Capital Items

Duty rates on capital items (which refer to machinery used for converting/ processing raw materials) will attract 0% fiscal duty + 9% VAT.

Rehabilitation materials for Fiji Pearl Industry

As part of providing assistance towards Tropical Cyclone Winston recovery, duty free concessions on rehabilitation materials for farms under Tax Free Regions for a period of one (1) year has been granted for the Pearl Industry stakeholders.

(vii) Small and Micro Enterprises (SME's)

Income tax exemption to be applicable to selected sectors with maximum turnover threshold of \$500,000. The sectors include:

- a. Agriculture and Fishing. (For Agriculture, this will cover activities in the entire Agriculture Sector);
- b. Tourism (Sea Cruise and River Tour Operators);
- c. Community and Social Services (Amusement, recreation services; traditional handicraft producers (not "middleman" or agents);
- d. Supportive projects to tourism industry (flora, fauna and other natural characteristics of Fiji; and history, traditions, cultures and ways of life of its people).

(viii) Tax Free Regions (TFR)***Who will qualify for this incentive?***

- This incentive is available to a newly incorporated entity engaged in a new business established in the following areas:-
 - B. Vanua Levu – includes Taveuni, Rabi, Kioa and other islands generally included for government's administrative purpose as being in the Northern Division.
 - C. Rotuma, Kadavu, Levuka, Lomaiviti, Lau and Nausori-Lautoka region (from Nausori Airport side of the Rewa River (excluding township boundary) to the Ba side of the Matawalu River).
- Any company may apply to the Minister for Economy in a prescribed form for an operating license.

Criteria for Grant of License

- (i) The company is a newly incorporated entity engaged in a new business.
- (ii) The minimum initial level of investment should be \$250,000.

Tax Exemptions Available

The income of any new activity approved and established between

- i. 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2018 for Rotuma, Kadavu, Levuka, Lomaiviti & Lau
- ii. 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018 for East of Viti levu (Korovou to Tavua region)
- iii. 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018 from the airport side of the Rewa Bridge excluding the town boundary of Nausori, up to the Ba side of the Matawalu River shall be exempt from tax as follows:
 - o capital investment from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000, for a period of 5 consecutive fiscal years; or
 - o capital investment from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, for a period of 7 consecutive fiscal years; or
 - o capital investment above \$2,000,000 for a period of 13 consecutive fiscal year.

- **Amendments to TFR Regulations:**

- The Minister has the powers to extend time of commencement of business under the TFR license if the business cannot commence at the date fixed by the Minister.

The Minister has the powers to change the conditions of the TFR license.

Duty Exemption

- (i) Import duty exemption on the importation of raw materials, machinery and equipment (including parts and materials) insofar as they are required for the establishment of the business in the Tax Free Region.

Other benefits under the TFR:

- (i) Additional 5 years of income tax exemption is available to any company granted a license and having indigenous Fijian landowner equity of at least 25 percent.
- (ii) Additional 7 years of income tax exemption is available to any hotel developer granted a license and having Indigenous Fijian landowner equity of at least 25 per cent

NOTE: (Applications to be made to FRCA. The Incentive Committee will scrutinize the application before making recommendation to the Minister for Economy)

(ix) Manufacturers Incentives

Food Processing & Forestry

- 100% of the amount of investment as a deduction for investing in food processing as well as forestry. Re-investment will also be allowed for expansion purposes. In order to qualify, the investor should utilize 50% of local produce in its production process.

Renewable Energy Projects and Power Co-generation

- 5 year tax holiday is available to a taxpayer undertaking a new activity in renewable energy projects and power co-generation as approved by the Commissioner.
- Duty free importation of renewable energy goods is also available.

(x) Shipping Companies

Maritime Shipping

- A **7 years tax holiday** will be introduced for shipping companies servicing uneconomical routes, which includes Rotuma and Lau. The uneconomical routes will be ring-fenced.
- All importation of spare parts for Maritime vessels will be subject to zero duty.

(xi) Employment Taxation Scheme

- ✦ Tax deduction on wages paid on first full-time employee to continue, with an increased rate of 200%, effective from 1 August, 2016.
- ✦ 200% tax deduction on apprenticeship in the related area of study up to 6 months in a year before graduation, as part of course requirements.
- ✦ 200% tax deduction on wages paid to students employed in the related area of study up to 3 months in a year during holidays.
- ✦ 300% tax deduction on wages paid in the employment of disabled people who will be employed continuously for a period of 3 years.
- ✦ 150% tax deduction of employees' education fees who are allowed to study (up-skill) and attend training to obtain a professional qualification during their course of employment.
- ✦ All the above will expire in 2020 except the 300% tax deduction on wages paid in the employment of disabled people, which will expire in 2022.

(xii) Newly Introduced Concessions

Items	Descriptions	Fiscal	VAT (%)
Tags	Dive tags used for diving and shark feeding	0%	9%
Shipping Incentives	Duty on the importation of all spare parts for maritime vessels is reduced to 0%	0%	9%

(xiii) Other Existing Concessions

Industry	Items	Fiscal	VAT (%)
Agriculture & Dairy	Specialized agriculture, livestock and dairy machineries, equipment and agricultural inputs excluding those that attract duty rates of free Fiscal and free import Excise in the Tariff. The importation under the concession is subject to the condition that a letter of approval is issued by the Ministry of Agriculture in relation to goods under concession.	Free	9%
Fisheries & Forestry	Specialized machineries directly used for fisheries and forestry purposes. The importation under concession is subject to the condition that a letter of approval is issued by the Department of Fisheries & Forests in relation to goods under the concession.	Free	9%
Fishing Industry	Exemption of bunker fee 2 cents/litre and duty free fuel concession for local fishing vessels. The eligibility of this duty concession will be based on the fulfillment of the new eligibility criteria and approval by the Minister for Economy.	Free	9%

Duty/Customs Concession under Section 10 of the Customs Tariff Act

- a. Specialized equipment and machinery
 - ✚ Free fiscal duty, free import excise duty and 9% VAT on specialized Fisheries & Forests equipment and machinery
 - ✚ The importation under concession is subject to the condition that a letter of approval/support is issued by the Department of Fisheries and Forests in relation to goods under concession.
- b. 100% Income tax exemption to be applicable to selected sectors with maximum turn over threshold of \$500,000
 - ✚ The sectors include: Agriculture and Fishing (Sugarcane Farmers; Coconuts; Rice; Ginger; Yaqona; Fishing; Raising Livestock; Vegetable; Dalo, Cassava and other root crops production; farming and Bee keeping)

NOTE: (These concessions are already approved by the Minister for Economy. All they (Importers) need to do is lodge a customs entry for clearance of the goods).

MISCELLANEOUS**(i) Fiscal & Import Duty Excise Changes for PRIME MOVERS & SPECIALIZED MOVING MACHINERY)**

- a) Machinery used in the manufacture of goods
 - * Reduce Fiscal Duty to 0%
- b) New road tractors for semi-trailers of heading 8701 and trailers of heading 8716
 - * Reduce Fiscal Duty from 32% to 5% excluding agricultural tractors, which is 0%
 - * Include prime-movers and
 - * Self-loading and other trailers for transport of goods
- c) New trucks (goods vehicles) of gross vehicle weight exceeding 3 tonnes
 - * Reduce Fiscal Duty from 32% to 5%
- d) New special type of vehicles of heading 8705
 - * Reduce Fiscal Duty from 32% to 5%
- e) New trucks (goods vehicles) of gross vehicle weight exceeding 3 tonnes

NOTE: (No need to apply, customs entry to be lodged with Customs and paid)

Goods eligible for Duty Concessions – Under Part 3

Industry	Items	Fiscal	VAT (%)
Inter-Island Shipping [Code no. 245]	▪ Gas-oil (diesel) having sulphur content not exceeding 500ppm [HS 2710.11.31]	Free	9%
	▪ Residual fuel oil	Free	9%
	▪ Mooring ropes between 56mm to 76mm in diameter	Free	9%
Fishing [Code no. 246]	▪ Gas-oil (diesel)	2cents/litre	9%
	▪ Specialized fishing gear & equipment	Free	9%
	▪ Fish baits	Free	9%
	▪ Specialized fishing vessels	Free	9%
Prawn Industry [Code no. 247]	▪ Prawn Larvae	Free	9%
	▪ Prawn feed	Free	9%
	▪ Lime	Free	9%
	▪ Formalin	Free	9%
Pearl Farming [Code no. 248]	▪ Rope specifically (DAN lines – 6mm, 10mm, 12mm, 16mm and 24mm)	Free	9%
	▪ Floats – 300mm	Free	9%
	▪ Mono-filament 100mm	Free	9%
	▪ Spat collector lines	Free	9%
	▪ Protective plastic mesh	Free	9%
	▪ Panel & pocket nets	Free	9%
	▪ Scientific equipment:	Free	9%
	○ Bag filter vessel & bag filters		
	○ UV Sterilizer		
	○ Chemicals (for hatchery)		
Approved Operators engaged in 100% export [Code no. 249]	1. Sharks Fin	Free	9%
	2. Live Fish	Free	9%
	3. Live Corals	Free	9%
	4. Food Supplement	Free	9%
	5. Fish sauce and Fish	Free	9%
Ship/ boat building [Code no. 253]	1. Identifiable fixtures, fittings and components	Free	9%
	2. Approved raw materials	Free	9%
Canning and Pouch packing of fish [Code no. 276]	Fish, Salt, Edible oil, Vegetable, Binder	Free	9%

* Conditions of each can be obtained from FRCA

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

For local investors interested in setting up businesses pertaining to the Fisheries sector, the following financial assistance schemes/programs are available to their advantage provided they meet the criteria/requirements.

A. National Export Strategy (NES)

The NES aims to achieve sustainable growth by encouraging exports, competitiveness, value addition and diversification. The Fisheries sector is one of the 6 major sectors prioritized from the 13 sectors in the NES to improve our export performance under current economic conditions.

General criteria:

- Proposals will be invited from on-going projects in the 6 prioritized sectors (Agro-Business, Forestry, Marine Products, Mineral Water, ICT and Audio Visual);
- Proposals should be current exporters;
- Proposals must address issues of increasing exports, value adding and diversification;
- Proposals must state direct and positive impact on foreign exchange earnings in the medium-term;
- Proposals must demonstrate benefits to the livelihood of the general populace.

Specific criteria:

- Proposals must be submitted using the NES standard Application Form (form can be downloaded from the MITT website);
- Proposals that require construction works must set clear timelines, budget and an Implementation Plan;
- Proposals must provide 3 quotations of project works to be carried out, for instance, construction works and equipment;
- Proposals must provide company's Bank Account number, TIN number and Company Registration Certificate;
- Proposals should provide copies of latest tax returns lodged with FRCA;
- Proposals should provide valid export license and approved export premises issued by Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF);
- Proposal from import substitution related projects will be excluded;
- Proposals must provide Customs Entry for export for last 2 years;
- Proposals should be operating for at least 2-3 years; and
- The Minister may accept additional criteria if the need arises.

Some assistance to the private sector include Aquaculture development and upgrading standards of fishing vessels to meet fish exports requirements to the EU market.

Application forms & additional information can be obtained from the MITT website (www.mit.gov.fj)

B. Fiji Development Bank (FDB)

FDB aims at developing local resources, encouraging greater participation in the economy, creating long term employment and enhancement of a better standard of living for all.

FDB provides interest subsidy for its focused sector loans below \$50,000.00 and this includes:

- Agriculture (includes floriculture, horticulture, sugarcane, apiaries, livestock, copra, dairy etc.)
- Fisheries (includes in-shore fishing, tilapia and prawn farming, aquaculture, pearls etc.)
- Forestry (includes logging, associated cartage, machinery, equipment etc.)
- Mining & Quarrying (includes working capital, heavy equipment)

Application forms & additional information can be obtained from the FDB website (www.fdb.com.fj)

C. Integrated Human Resource Development Program (IHRDP)

IHRDP is a key coordinating agency for all relevant stakeholders in a participatory approach to promote economic and social well-being for all communities.

The programme is designed to address “unemployment” in a holistic way by combining efforts of the public, private and civil society sectors.

Requirements for submission

Criteria

- Unemployment level in village/settlement
- No. of business in operation in village/settlement
- Average weekly income for working population
- Available land & sea resources
- Maximum 6 months for construction
- Infrastructure/ Facilities available
- Availability of Development plan/Action Plan
- Accessibility/Distance from closest major city/township
- Previous Government Assistance

- Distribution of Projects

Who is eligible?

Communities, villages and settlements.

What type of projects can be funded?

Any type of Income Generating Projects [IGPs] that create decent work.

A Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] with IHRDP has recently been signed & implemented with the Department of Fisheries to assist local communities in establishing businesses or projects in the Fisheries sector – particularly for Seaweed farmers.

D. National Centre for Small and Micro Enterprises Development (NCSMED)

Originally set up in 2002 under the Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Development Act 2002, this government statutory organization was established to support the creation and development of SMEs in Fiji.

Its objective is to encourage sustainable business growth, investment and meaningful employment.

Under the NCSMED, financial assistance [via grants & soft loans] are also provided through these programs:

- **Northern Development Program**
 - Provides equity assistance through grants to enterprises to improve the livelihoods of the people of the Northern Division.
 - Economic sectors covered include Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Tourism and Manufacturing.
 - Beneficiaries are micro, small & medium enterprises.
- **Micro-Finance Unit - South Pacific Business Development (SPBD)**
- **Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)**

E. Import Substitution & Export Finance Facility (ISEFF)

- Administered by the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF).
- Aims to advance competitiveness and ensure the availability of credit to the export sector.
- Provides back-to-back finance through commercial banks, licensed credit institutions and FDB.
- Details of eligibility criteria can be obtained from RBF.

ACRONYMS

BDM	Bech-De-Mer
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
FIRC	Foreign Investment Registration Certificate
FFA	Forum Fisheries Agency
FNPF	Fiji National Provident Fund
FRCA	Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority
GMPP	Good Manufacturing Practices Plan
HACCP	Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
MITT	Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism
MSAF	Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
NES	National Export Strategy
NTPC	National Training & Productivity Centre
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
RBF	Reserve Bank of Fiji
SMEs	Small Micro Enterprises
SSOP	Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures
TFR	Tax Free Region
TIN	Tax Identification Number
UBA	Underwater Breathing Apparatus
VAT	Value Added Tax

REFERENCES

- Fiji Development Bank
- Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority
- 2016 Incentives brochure
- 2016-2017 Budget circular
- 2016-2017 Budget Summary of Revenue Policies
- Integrated Human Development Program
- Investment Fiji
- Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Ministry of Agriculture - Fiji Farm Management Manual 2014
- National Centre for Small & Micro Enterprises Development
- Reserve Bank of Fiji



APPENDIX I

SCHEDULE 6A

Regulation 15(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

LICENCE TO FISH WITHIN FIJI'S FISHERIES WATER APPLICATION

The fee for processing of your application is contained in schedule 7 of the Offshore Fisheries Management Regulations

Payments can be made to:
Department of Fisheries

What you need to do:
Pay the fee or send the completed form along with any attachment(s) to:
Fiji Fisheries Department
Offshore Fisheries Division
PO Box 2218
Government Buildings
Suva, Fiji

PART A – Owner

1 Name of Registered Owner / Company

2 Postal address

3 Other Vessel owner's name, flag, TRCS, (attach details)

4 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART B – Charterer

1 Name of Company

2 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART C – Master

1 Name of Master

2 Nationality

3 Contact details

Phone number

Mobile

Fax number

Email

PART D – Vessel

1 Name of Vessel

2 Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line)

3 IDU number

4 Vessel registration

5 International radio call sign

6 Current flag state

7 Previous owner(s) and flag state(s)

8 Enclosure Cover: YES NO

9 Description of Vessel log: size, colour, scheme, IRECI

IRECI: YES NO

LOA: YES NO

Beam: YES NO

Deck: YES NO

Colour: YES NO

10 Fish hold storage Carrying capacity

11 Frame type: Hull type – steelth:

12 Engine power kw:

13 Number of crew members onboard

Nationality	Number

Attach a crew list giving names, nationalities and proper numbers of each crew member (attachement)

14 MTU details

Serial number:

Model Type:

Manufacturer No:

PART E – Fishing Authorization form

1 Authorisation:

Area	Validity	Class

2 Species:

3 Fishing gear collected:
 1. LI PL OS BR other _____

PART F – Species and other information

1 Target species (for Tuna etc):
 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____
 d. _____

2 Certificate applying for:

Archipelagic Waters EEZ
 Territorial Sea High seas

Other: _____

3. Intended Part of landing, transshipment, provision:

Mackerels Fiji Tuna
 Laysan Levele
 Princess Wharf Other: _____

PART G – Declaration by Agent/Owner:
IMPORTANT

I, the Owner detailed in Part A or the Agent detailed in Part B:

- Apply for the grant of an Offshore License in respect of the vessel described in Part D, and
- Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct,
- Consent to comply with the requirements under the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree and its Regulations.

Signature and date:

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Full name (Company Seal):

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Position held in the Company (if applicable):

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Checklist of attachments:
 The attachments to this application are:

- Registration certificate
- Decree Districts Alert (DDA) Contact Details Form
- Crew list
- Colour Stamped Passport (Master, Crew etc)
- Copies of authorisation
- Photo of Vessel (star view, side view, stern)

PART H – OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status: approved / not approved / pending

2. Amount Received:

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3. Issuing Officer:

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4. Signature:

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5. Receipt No.:

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SCHEDULE 6B

Regulation 16(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

LICENCE TO FISH WITHIN FIJI'S ECONOMIC EXCLUSIVE ZONE APPLICATION

The fee for processing of your application is outlined in Schedule 7 of the Offshore Fisheries Management Regulations. Foreign fishing vessels can only target tuna within Fiji's EEZ.

Documents can be made to:
Department of Fisheries.

What you need to do:
Do not forget to attach the completed form along with any attachments to be:
Fiji Fisheries Department
Offshore Fisheries Division
PO Box 2218
Government Buildings
Suva, Fiji

PART A – Owner
1 Name of Registered Owner / Company

2 Postal address

3 Other Vessels owned (make, model, flag, BECS, (attach details))

4 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART B – Agent
1 Name of Company

2 Contact person's name

Business phone

Mobile

Fax

Email address

PART C – Master
1 Name of Master

2 Nationality

Passport

3 Contact details

Postal address

Phone number

Mobile

Phone/Satellite

Fax number

Telex

PART D – Vessel
1 Name of Vessel

2 Vessel type (e.g. longline, gillnet, pole and line)

IMO number

4 Vessel registration

5 International radio call sign

6 Current flag state

7 Previous owner(s) and flag state(s)

8 International code UIC

9 Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, scheme, ICH)

GRT: Net Tonnage
LOA: Length
Beam: Depth
Colour

Twin hold storage: Carrying capacity

Fuselage type: Hull type – steel/ib

Engine power (kw)

10 Number of crew members onboard

Nationality	Number

(Attach a note for all log books, catch records and progress analysis of each crew member (attachments))

II MTE details (D/D)

Serial number	
Model Type	
Manufacturer Mobile No	

PART E – Fishing Authorization held

1. Authorizations

Area	Validity	Gear

2. Species

3. Fishing gear referenced
 IT: FI: PS: DL: Other: _____

PART F – other information

1. Involved: Part of landing, transshipment, provision

Maitavala Fijitiki
 Luvuvu Luvuvu
 Princes Wharf Other: _____

PART G – Declaration by Agent/Owner
IMPORTANT

I, the Owner detailed in Part A, or the Agent detailed in Part B:

- Apply for the grant of a Foreign Fishing License in respect of the vessel detailed in Part D, and
- Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct, and
- Consent to comply with the requirements under the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji.

Signature and date

Full name (Company Seal)

Position held in the Company (if applicable)

Checklist of attachments

The attachments to this application are:

- Registration certificate
- Domestic Distress Alert (DDA) Contact Details Form
- Certificate
- Colour Scanned Passport (Master, Owner etc)
- Copies of authorization
- Photo of vessel (plan, side, stern)

PART H – OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status: approved / not approved / pending

2. Assessor Name:

3. Reviewing Officer:

4. Signature:

5. Receipt No:

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SCHEDULE 6C

Regulation 17(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

SPORT OR RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE APPLICATION

<p>PART A – Owner (Additional form)</p> <p>1 Name of Company</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2 Postal address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%; text-align: right; font-size: small;">Postcode</div> <p>3 Other Vessels owned (date-acq. name, flag, TRCS (attach))</p> <p>4 Contact person's name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Business phone</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Mobile</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Fax</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Email address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>PART B – Agent / Charterer:</p> <p>1 Name of Company</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2 Contact person's name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; 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width: 100%;"></div> <p>PART D – Vessel</p> <p>1 Name of Vessel</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2 Vessel type (e.g. 1)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>3 IMO number</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4 Vessel registration</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5 International code Call sign</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>6 Insurance cover</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>7 Previous owner(s) and flag State(s)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>8 Vessel Port base</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%;"></div> <p>9 Description of Vessel (e.g. size, weight, weight, GRT)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black;">GRT</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black;">Net Ton</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">LOA</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">Depth</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">Beam</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;">Colour</td> </tr> </table> <p>Fish hold capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying capacity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Engine type <input type="checkbox"/> Hull type –wood/b <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Engine power kw <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>10 Number of crew members aboard</p> <table style="width: 100%; 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<p>PART F – Species and other information</p> <p>1. Target species (list: British, Moroccan etc)</p> <p>a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____</p> <p>2. Catch area applying for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Archipelagic Waters <input type="checkbox"/> EEZ <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Seas</p> <p>3. Intended Port of loading</p> <p>Please specify: _____</p> <p>PART G – Declaration by Agent/Owner IMPORTANT</p> <p>I, the Owner detailed in Part A, or the Agent detailed in Part B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for the grant of a recreation fishing licence in respect of the vessel described in Part D, and • Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct, and • Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji. <p>Signature and date: <input style="width: 150px; height: 30px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Full name (Company Seal): <input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Position held in the Company (if applicable): <input style="width: 150px; height: 25px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Checklist of attachments</p> <p>The attachments to this application are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Registration certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Business Diversion Alert (BDA) Contact Details Form <input type="checkbox"/> Crew list <input type="checkbox"/> Colour Scanned Passport (Master, Owner, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of authorisation <input type="checkbox"/> Vessel photo (side, plus, stern) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance cover 	<p>PART H – OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p> <p>1. Status- approved/ not approved/ pending</p> <p>2. Amount Received: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>3. Receiving Officer: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>4. Signature: <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>5. Receipt No.:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Official seal</p> </div>
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SCHEDULE 6D

Regulation 18(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

EXPLORATORY FISHING OR TEST FISHING APPLICATION

1. PART A - Applicant details

Name of Company/ Organisation:

Postal address:

Business phone: Mobile:

Fax: Email address:

2. PART B - Activity details

Project title:

Activity area:

Gear type(s): TSW LL DC. Other (specify):

Targeted species (eg. orange snapper, alfonsino, blue tang etc):

Start Date: End Date:

3. PART C - Vessel details

Name of Vessel:

Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line):

IMO number:

Vessel registration:

International radio Call sign:

Tick load tonnage:

Current flag state:

Carrying capacity:

Engine: make(s) and flag state(s):

Engine type:

Insurance cover (Y/N):

Engine power:

Description of Fuel (e.g. oil, coal, solar, ethanol, GHD attach vessel):

Number of crew members on board:

Nationality	Number

CO2: Net Tonn:

COA: Depth:

Beam: Colour:

ITU details:

Serial number:

Model Type:

Diameter 5000k Hz:

4. PART D- AGREEMENTS (Please attach the following information to your application)

Tick where appropriate:

Partnership agreement Joint venture Other

Please state partner details:

(Name of partnering company- start and end date of agreement etc)

5. PART E- Exploratory Fishing details (to be attached to the application)

Project proposal:

Clearly outline the fishing objectives and methodology that will be used in your project. Be as specific as possible. If capture is involved, outline methods (eg. length of activity, gear used etc) and stress levels on affected species. If biological sample collection or other intrusive activities (eg surgery) are part of the project request, you must also provide sufficient detail on methodology and indicate efforts to reduce wildlife pain or stress.

Project Location:

Identify the specific location(s) of your field work, including co-ordinates (latitude/longitude). If large areas will be covered, provide a map summary of locations included in your study. If appropriate, identify which special or protected lands you plan to work in (eg MPA's, seasonant etc). If your project is to occur in an area of high species interaction, please indicate.

Personal Experience:

Outline your previous experience in relation to the proposed activities and capture handling of wildlife. If other persons may be involved with this activity (eg. field assistant), also list their names and previous experience in relation to the proposed project.

The attachments to this application are:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo vessel (plan, side, stern) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inmarsat Distress Alert (IDA) Contact Details Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Cover list |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color Scanned Passport (applicant/master) | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of authorizations |

6. PART F - DECLARATION

I, the applicant detailed in Part A applying for an exploratory fishing authorization,

- declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct
- Consent to comply with the Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji

Full name and signature:

Date

Seal

7. PART G - OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status= approval/ note approval/ pending

2. Assessed Ecologist

3. Reviewing Officer

4. Signature/Date

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6E

Regulation 19(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH APPLICATION

1. PART A – Applicant

Name of Company/ Organisation:

Postal address:

 Postcode

Business phone: Mobile:
 Fax: Email address:

2. PART B – Research details

Project title:
 Project intent:

Applying for an authorisation relating to (check all that apply):

species at risk activities attached to fish collection of animal or biological samples
 species of special interest activities attached to gear

Other:

Start Date: End Date:

3. PART C – Vessel

Name of Vessel:

IMO number:

International radio Call sign:

Current flag state:

Fiji Vessel name(s) and flag State(s):

Business name: Y/N:

Description of Vessel (e.g. size, colour, schema, GRT):

GRT: Net Tonnage:
 LDA: Depth:
 Beam: Colour:

MTI details:
 Serial number:
 Model/Type:
 International Mobile No:

Vessel type (e.g. longline, purse seine, pole and line):

Vessel registration:

Fish hold tonnage:

Carrying capacity:

Engine type:

Engine power kW:

Number of crew members on board:

Nationality	Number

4. PART D – Scientific Research (Please attach the following information to your application)

Project proposal:
 Clearly outline the research objectives and methodology that will be used in your project. Be as specific as possible. If capture is involved, outline methods (eg. length of activity, gear used etc) and how you will stress freely to affected species. If biological sample collection or other aversive activities (eg surgery) are part of the project request, you must also provide sufficient detail on methodology and indicate efforts to reduce wildlife pain or stress.

Project Location:
 Identify the specific location(s) of your field work, including co-ordinates (latitude/longitude). If large areas will be covered, provide a map/summary of locations included in your study. If appropriate, identify which special or protected lands your plan to work in (e.g., MPAs, wetland etc.). If your project is to occur in an area of high species interaction, please indicate.

Personnel Experience:
 Outline your previous experience in relation to the proposed activities and capture/handling of wildlife. If other persons may be involved with this project (e.g., field assistant), also list their names and previous experience in relation to the proposed project.

5. PART E- DECLARATION

I, the Owner (Agent detailed in Part B):

- Applying for a scientific research authorization declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.
- Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji.

Full name and signature:

Date:

Seal

6. PART F- OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Status- approved/ not approved/ pending

2. Amount Received:

3. Receiving Officer:

4. Signature/date:

Official seal



SCHEDULE 6F

Regulation 20(3)

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AUTHORISATION TO FISH BEYOND FIJI'S FISHERIES WATERS – HIGH SEAS

<p>PART A – Applicant</p> <p>1. Name of Applicant</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Postal address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"><i>Postcode</i></p> <p>3. Email address <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>4. Business phone <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>5. Mobile <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>6. Fax <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">PART B – Purpose of Application <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>WCFFC High Seas Authorisation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Authorisation to fish in waters under the jurisdiction of another Coastal State <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Authorisation to fish in high seas areas managed by other Regional Fisheries Management Organisation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p>PART C – Vessel</p> <p>1. Vessel Name:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. DUNS <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>3. LOA <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>4. Draft: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>5. Deck: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>6. GRT: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>7. Engine Power: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>8. Port of Registry: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>9. Fish Hold Capacity: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>10. Fishing Method <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Trawler <input type="checkbox"/> Trawl-spear <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Price and Line <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Other, please specify:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>11. Target Species (please list – e.g. Tuna, Billfish)</p> <p>a. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>b. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>c. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <p>d. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p>PART D – DECLARATION</p> <p>I, the applicant declared in Part A applying for an export licence warrant (please tick):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct. • Consent to comply with the Offshore Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji. <p>Full name and signature <input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Company Seal <input style="width: 150px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> Date <input style="width: 100px; height: 30px;" type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p>Checker of attachments</p> <p>The attachments to this application are:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flag Registration certificate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Permanent District West (PDW) Essential Details Form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Crew list</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Current Inland Passport (Master, Owner etc)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copies of authorisation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Details of other vessels owned</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vessel photo (plan view, side view, stern)</p> <p>PART E – OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Approved <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Authorisation No. <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Fees paid <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Name of Issuing Officer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Signature & Seal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80%; height: 50px; margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 15%; height: 50px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <p>Official seal</p> </div> </div>
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SCHEDULE 6G

Regulation 13(2)

Fiji Government - Fisheries Department

EXPORT AND IMPORT APPLICATION

<p>PART A – APPLICANT</p> <p>1. Name of Applicant</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Address of Applicant</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"><i>Postcode</i></p> <p>3. Email address</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Business phone</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5. Mobile</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>6. Fax</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Part <input type="checkbox"/> Derivative <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Frozen <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Other, please specify</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Source, <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Wild <input type="checkbox"/> Cultured/ Farmed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Other, please specify</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>PART B – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Export <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Re-Export <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>PART E – DECLARATION</p> <p>I, the applicant declared in Part A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for an export/import re-export permit, declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct. • Consent to comply with the Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations and the Laws of Fiji. <p>Full name and signature</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Official Seal Date</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>
<p>PART C – Shipment</p> <p>1. Country of Origin</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>2. Country of Destination</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>3. Shipment Date</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4. Container No:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5. Name of Exporter/ Importer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>6. Address of Exporter / Importer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>PART F – OFFICIAL USE ONLY</p> <p>1. Approved <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Receipt No. _____</p> <p>3. Tax paid <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4. Name of Issuing Officer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>5. Signature & Seal</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 60px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80%; height: 50px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20%; height: 50px; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Official seal</div> </div>
<p>PART D – COMMODITY</p> <p>1. Condition of Export/Import Commodity <i>(please tick)</i></p> <p>Live <input type="checkbox"/> Dead <input type="checkbox"/> Whole <input type="checkbox"/></p>	



SCHEDULE 6S

Regulation 30(3)
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RECORD OF FISH IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

1. PART A – COMPANY Export Import

Name of Company: Postal address:

Business phone: Mobile:

Tax: Email address:

2. PART B – OWNERS

Please fill in distribution breakdown

Name	Citizen	Number of shares

3. PART C – PRODUCT

Product name(s) (lot):

Product type:

fresh frozen ice fillet smoking dried

seafood other other (specify):

Product source:

Wild cultured other

4. PART D – DECLARATION

I, the Owner (Agent detailed in Part B)

- Applying the scientific research and expertise declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct.
- Consent to comply with the Fisheries Management Decree 2012 and its Regulations, and the Law of Fiji.

Full name and signature:

Date:

Official Seal:

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