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Government Notifications

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FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

DR. RAJITHA SENARATNE,
Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

Colombo,
25th July 2012.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Prohibition of Catching Thresher Shark Regulations 2012.
2. These regulations shall apply to any fishing boats operated in Sri Lanka waters, or high seas and anchored in a Sri Lankan Port.
3. No person shall catch Thresher Shark species of the family *Alopiidae* (hereinafter referred to as the "Thresher Shark") when engaged in any fishing operation, recreational or sport fishing.
4. No owner or skipper of a fishing boat shall retain onboard, transship, land, store, sell or offer for sale any part or whole carcass of Thresher Shark.
5. It shall be the duty of the owner or skipper of a fishing boat—
 - (a) to release Thresher Shark caught incidentally to the sea without any harm to the extent practicable; and
 - (b) to record of all the incidental catch and alive release of Thresher Shark in the log book maintained for the purpose.
6. No person shall retain onboard, transship, land, store, sell or offer for sale any of Thresher Shark.
7. The species of the family *Alopiidae* shall include *Alopius vulpinus* (Thresher Shark), *Alopius superciliosus* (Bigeye thresher shark) and *Alopius peiagicus* (Pelagic thresher shark) as may be depicted in the Schedule hereto.