



## SEYCHELLES FISHING AUTHORITY

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

### Press Release

#### **SEZON LAPES OUMAR I FERMEN**

Lotorite Lapes Sesel (SFA) pe enform tou peser ki'n ganny license lapes oumar pour sezon 2020 a 2021, ki sezon lapes oumar pou fermen demen Mardi le 20 Avril aparti minwi.

Sa I vedir ki dernyen zour ki lekip SFA pou obzerv oumar ki ganny debarke lo por lapes, pou Merkrede le 21 Avril 2021.

SFA pe fer sorti sa notis aköz i annan konfizyon parmi bann peser lo dat ki sezon oumar I devret fermen, apre ki serten medya lokal ti'n dir ki sezon lapes sa lespes kontrole I fermen le 21 Avril 2021; me sa pa le ka.

Nou ava rapel ki sezon lapes oumar ti ouver le 21 Desanm 2020 e ti sipoze fermen le 21 Mars 2021.

Me swivan konsern leve par bann peser ki ti'n ganny license pou lapes oumar, ki movetan sirtou pandan mwan desanm ti afekte zot aktivite lapes, desizyon ti ganny pran an bonn fwa pour kit sezon lapes oumar ouver pou ankor 30 zour.

SFA I fer rapel avek bann peser e manm piblik an zeneral ki I en lofans pou lapes oumar san en license ki valid e osi pandan letan ki sezon lapes oumar I fermen.

I osi en lofans pou aste oumar avek bann peser e lezot endividi ki pe lapes oumar san en license ki valid.

Younit 'enforcement' kot SFA pou sirvey bann landrwa kot peser I antre e osi bann magazen pou asire ki napa okenn lavant oubyen lezot tranzaksyon oumar illegal ki pe deroule.

#### **CLOSURE LOBSTER FISHERY SEASON**

The Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) is informing licensed lobster fishers that the lobster fishery season will close tomorrow Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at midnight.

As such, the last day that SFA will be observing landing catch at the fishing port will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2021.

SFA has noticed that there is some confusion amongst licensed lobster fishers on the closure date of the lobster season after reports published by some media houses stating that the lobster season will close on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. That is not the case.

The lobster fishery season opened on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2020 and was expected to close on the 21 March 2021.

However, following legitimate complaints by licensed lobster fishers, that bad weather especially during the month of December greatly affected their fishing activities, therefore the decision was taken to extend the season for an additional 30 days.

SFA would like to remind fishermen and the public in general that it is an offence under the fisheries act and fisheries regulations to fish for lobster without a valid license and also while the season is closed.

It is also an offence to purchase lobster from fishermen and other individuals who do not have a valid lobster fisher license.

SFA's Enforcement unit will be patrolling all landing sites and retail outlets to ensure no illegal fishing and illegal sales/trading of locally fished lobsters are taking place.

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