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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION FOR FISHERIES AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES (INCORPORATION)**

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BILL

**to incorporate the Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and
Aquatic Resources**

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*Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and
Aquatic Resources (Incorporation)*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION FOR FISHERIES AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the “Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources” has heretofore been established for the promotion of effective interaction and co-operation among those involved in research and development activities in fisheries and aquatic resources in Sri Lanka and for the purpose of effectively carrying out its objects according to the Constitution agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Association has applied to be incorporated in order to enable it more effectively to carry out and fulfill the several objects and purposes for which it was established, and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application :

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2015.

Short title.

2. From and after the commencement of this Act such and so many persons as now are members of Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”) or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Association hereby constituted shall (so long as they continue to be members) be and become a body corporate with perpetual succession under the style and name of the “Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources” and by that name may sue and be sued in all Courts, with full power and authority to have and to use a common seal and to alter the same at their pleasure.

Incorporation of Sri Lanka Association for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

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3. The general objects for which the Corporation is continued are hereby declared to be— General
objects of the
Corporation.

- 5 (a) to promote effective interaction and co-operation among those involved in research and development activities in fisheries and aquatic resources in Sri Lanka ;
- (b) to liaise and co-operate with Government and non-Governmental Organizations concerned in such activities in Sri Lanka ;
- 10 (c) to create and propagate awareness of the importance and the ways of sound utilization cultivation, conservation and development of aquatic resources in Sri Lanka ;
- 15 (d) to serve as a Forum for Scientists and other personnel to discuss issues and policies related to development and conservation of aquatic resources ; and
- (e) to establish liaison with other Scientific Organizations.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other General
powers of the
Corporation.

20 written law, the Corporation shall have the powers to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank

25 accounts, to borrow or raise monies with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Association.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the Management
of the affairs
of the
Corporation.

30 Constitution of the Corporation, be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of officers and such other persons as may be provided for in the Constitution and elected in accordance therewith.

(2) The first Executive Committee of the Association shall be the Executive Committee of the Corporation holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this Act.

5 **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Association, from time to time, at any Annual General Assembly and by the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make Articles of the Constitution, not inconsistent with the Provisions of this Act, for the management of the affairs of the Association and the accomplishment of its objects. Such Articles when
10 made, at a like meeting and in like manner, be altered, added to, amended by the Association.

Articles of
the
Constitution
of the
Corporation.

(2) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the Articles of the Constitution of the Association.

15 **7.** (1) The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire purchase, gift, devise, bequest, exchange or in any other manner and to hold any movable or immovable property and to dispose of any such property acquired or held by the Association.

Power to
acquire
property and
raise money.

20 (2) The Corporation shall have the power to borrow or raise money necessary for the furtherance of its objects and to create, execute, grant or issue any mortgages, bonds or obligations to receive such money.

25 (3) All property, movable and immovable, acquired or held by the Corporation under this Act or the Articles of the Constitution, shall be held, used and applied by the Corporation in accordance with the Constitution for the furtherance of its objects and subject to such Articles of the Constitution, the Corporation shall have the power from time to time to buy, sell, grant, convey, devise, assign, exchange
30 or otherwise dispose of or mortgage any such property and invest its funds in such manner as may be necessary or expedient for the furtherance of its objects.

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8. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to charge— Power to
charge fees
and
subscriptions.

5 (a) such fees as the Association may deem reasonable
for admission to any course or examination
conducted by the Association ;

 (b) fees for the election of persons to any class of
membership of the Association ; and

10 (c) such subscriptions and fees as the Association may
deem reasonable in respect of services provided by
the Corporation.

9. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing at Debts due by
and payable
to the
Corporation.
the time of coming into operation of this Act shall be paid or
discharged by the Corporation, and all, debts due to, and
subscriptions, and fees payable to the Association shall be
15 paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

10. The Corporation shall have the power to appoint Appointment
of
Committees.
any Committee and to take such other steps as may be found
necessary, from time to time, for the furtherance of its objects.

11. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to Seal of the
Corporation.
20 any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of such
persons as the Committee shall authorize from time to time
by Standing Order, who shall sign their names to the
instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall
be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

25 12. Nothing contained in this Act shall prejudice or Saving of the
rights of the
Republic and
others.
affect the rights of the Republic or any body politic or
corporate or of any other persons, except such as are
mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under
them.

30 13. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency.
Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall
prevail.

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