



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996**

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*Presented by Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, M. P. for Jaffna District  
on 27th January, 2016*

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*Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES  
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1996

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Act, No. of 2016. Short title.

5 2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 28 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and shall have effect as section 28A of that enactment. Insertion of new section 28A to the principal enactment.

10 “Prohibition of Trawling Operations. 28A. (1) No person shall engage in or cause any other person to engage in fishing operations carried out by Trawl Nets, including those using nets without two wings but using vertical poles at the two free ends of the net.

15 (2) No person shall use, posses, import, transport, purchase or sell Trawl Nets for the purpose of carrying out trawling operations in Sri Lanka waters.

20 (3) No license shall be issued under Part II of the principal enactment for fishing operations carried out by Trawl Nets in Sri Lanka waters.

25 (4) Any license, which has already been issued under the principal enactment for fishing operations carried out by Trawl Nets in Sri Lanka waters, shall not be renewed, and

applications for the renewal of such a license shall not be entertained:

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“Offences.

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**5.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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