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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

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**FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996**

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

**DOUGLAS DEVANANDA,**  
Minister of Fisheries.

Colombo.  
22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022.

**Regulations**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Blue Swimming Crab Fishery Management Regulations, 2022.
2. A person shall not engage in Blue Swimming Crab Fishing in Sri Lanka Waters, using bottom set gill nets or traps except under a valid operation licence issued by the Director - General according to the Fishing Operations Regulations of 1996 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 948/25 of November 07, 1996.
3. A person shall not use any net other than Nylon polifilament net for Blue swimming crab fishing operations.
4. A person shall not use bottomset gillnets of mesh size less than four point five (4.5) inches or ply more than six (6) for Blue Swimming Crab fishing operations.



5. A person shall not process or export live or dead Blue Swimming Crabs weighing less than 100 grams of unit wet weight.
6. The Director - General shall determine the number of licences issued annually and operation specifications of crab fishing according to the recommendations of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency, on requirement or in every three years period.
7. The Minister shall declare closed seasons and open seasons for crab fishing in areas specified by a Notice made by him under section 34 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 on the recommendation of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency, according to the requirement or in every three years period.
8. A person shall not use any other type of vessel for Blue Swimming Crab fishing operations except Outboard engine Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Boat (OFRP), or Mechanized or Non mechanized Traditional Boats (MTRB or NTRB).
9. A person shall not dredge or damage the sea bottom in conducting fishing operations for Blue Swimming Crabs.
10. A license for Blue Swimming Crab fishing operations shall provide production data and any other data relating to the Fishing operations as required by the Director-General.
11. In these regulations -

" Director - General" means the Director - General of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;

"Processing" means boiling, removal of carcase, removal of guts and gills, cutting, or removal of meat of live or dead crabs for the purpose of selling or exporting.

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