



# The Executive Council of the Public Entity Saba

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Island decision holding general measures of the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 (Ab. 2010, nr. 16)

No. 495/10

## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE PUBLIC ENTITY OF SABA

Read the proposal of the dive shops founded on Saba d.d. 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2010;

Read the Lionfish Response Plan of October 2009;

Seen article 7 of the Island Ordinance 'Marien Milieu Saba';

Considering that scientific research shows that the lionfish forms a big threat for the biodiversity of the Saban Marine Park, also has a negative influence on the ecosystems of the coral reefs, also has a negative influence on the Fisheries, also has a negative influence on the (diving) tourism and water recreation and also causes risks for the Public Health. The spreading of this invasive species of fish is because of its fast reproduction, the lack of natural enemies and the abundance of food, not to be stopped. Therefore it is necessary to take measures to confine as much as possible the negative effects of the lionfish on the ecosystem, the society and the economy;

### DECIDES:

To enact the following decision holding general measures:

#### Article 1 Definitions

For the application of this island decision the following definitions apply:

- a. *Lionfish*: Latin name: *Pterois Volitans en de Pterois Miles*;
- b. *SLRD*: Saban Lionfish Removal Device, being an adjusted Hawaiian sling with a maximum range of 50 centimeters;
- c. *Foundation*: Saba Conservation Foundation, administrator of the Saban Marine Park;
- d. *Saba Marine Park*: the territory as established in article 1, paragraph a, of the Island Ordinance Marien Milieu Saba;
- e. *Executive Council*: the executive council of the public entity of Saba;

#### Article 2 Catch

1. The foundation has the authority to catch the lionfish within the boundaries of the Saba Marine Park and if necessary outside these boundaries.
2. The number of lionfish to be caught is not bound to a maximum.

#### Article 3 Instruments

1. The use of the SLRD by the foundation en persons trained by the foundation, as mentioned in article 4 of this decision, is exclusively permitted to catch lionfish.
2. For the catch of lionfish also all means are permitted that are not in conflict with the ruling legislation.

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**Article 4 Training**

1. The foundation is given the task to train persons to be able to catch lionfish.
2. Only the persons who have passed the training successfully are allowed to catch lionfish.
3. The foundation is allowed to recruit persons for the training as mentioned in the first paragraph. The foundation can appoint one or more persons to fulfill this task.

**Article 5**

The foundation has the duty to make sure that the regulations of this decision of the Executive Council are being act upon accordingly.

**Article 6 Obligation to inform**

The foundation has the obligation to inform the Executive Council at least once per three months about the progress and their obligations coming forth from this decision.

**Article 7**

This island decision holding general measures shall be quoted as: 'island decision lionfish catch Saba'.

**Article 8**

This island decision holding general measures will go into force the day after its publication.

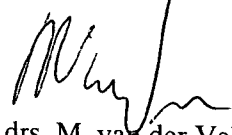
**Article 9**

This is the English translation of the original decision of the executive Council which is in Dutch. In case there are any discrepancies between the English version and the Dutch version, the Dutch version prevails.

Saba, 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2010

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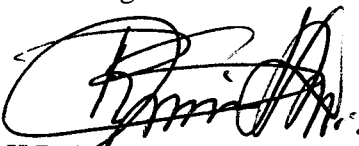
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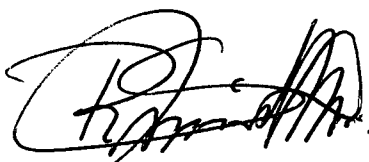
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