

Government Notice No. 95 of 2006

THE FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES ACT
Regulations made by the Minister under sections 9(1) and 73
of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries and Marine Resources (Prohibition of Removal of Coral and Sea-shell) Regulations 2006.

2. In these regulations —

“Act” means the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act;

“inter-tidal zone” means the area on the shore between the high-water and low-water marks;

“Permanent Secretary” means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry;

“permit” means a permit issued under regulation 5;

“public beach” has the same meaning as in the Beach Authority Act 2002.

3. No person shall remove any coral from any maritime zone of Mauritius unless he holds a permit.

4. (1) Subject to paragraph (3), no person shall remove from any maritime zone of Mauritius any sea-shell, other than a sea-shell specified in the Schedule, unless he holds a permit.

(2) No person shall have in his possession for sale any sea-shell, unless he holds a permit.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, a person may, on any one day, collect not more than 10 sea-shells which are not inhabited by any living animal, from the inter-tidal zone at a public beach and for recreational purposes.

5. (1) Every person who wishes to obtain a permit shall apply in writing to the Permanent Secretary.

(2) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Permanent Secretary may request the applicant to furnish such particulars as he thinks fit.

(3) Where the Permanent Secretary is satisfied that a permit may be issued to the applicant, he may issue the permit in such form and on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit.

6. Any person who contravenes regulation 3 or 4 shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than 2,000 rupees and not more than 50,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

7. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 August 2006.

Made by the Minister on 14th of July, 2006.

SCHEDULE*(regulation 4(1))***SEA-SHELLS THAT MAY BE REMOVED FROM
A MARITIME ZONE OF MAURITIUS**

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Scientific name</i>
Betay	Trachycardium sp. Gafrarium sp. Asaphis sp. Tellina sp.
Bigorneau	Littorina sp.
Bouche d'argent	Turbo sp.
Gono gono (Gouse)	Pleuroploco trapezium
Hache d'arme	Pinna sp.
Mangouak	Isognomon sp.
Tek tek	Donax sp.