

Tuna Licensing Arrangement for 2013



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Managing Director,
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Dear Sir,

CONDITIONS FOR LICENSING TUNA FISHING VESSELS.

You may recall that there was a meeting/workshop in Monrovia, Liberia to discuss access agreement between the government of Sierra and a group of three European Union (EU) tuna operators to fish for tuna in the waters of Sierra Leone but no conclusive agreement was reached. Since applications for tuna licenses for 2013 fishing period were received from you, all tuna agents were invited to series of meetings to discuss a way forward. The meetings resulted in the following interim agreement for licensing tuna vessels for the year 2013;

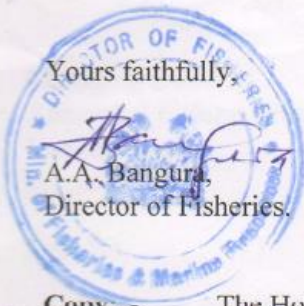
1. **PRE-INSPECTION:** That all tuna vessels operating in the EEZ of Sierra Leone must be inspected in Abidjan at the sole responsibility of their Agents. Not more than four Officials and the local agent of the vessel owners must constitute the inspection team.
2. **LICENSES FEES:** The cost of license for 2013 is US \$45,000 per vessel.
3. **OBSERVERS:** Until the finalization of a Regional Fisheries Observers Programme arrangement, all agents are required to pay for four observers for a period of four (4) months at a monthly rate of US\$500 (five hundred United States Dollars) totaling \$8,000 (eight thousand United States Dollars) in lieu of embarking 4 observers per agency.
4. **SIERRA LEONEAN CREW:** That each agency/company to contribute a reasonable sum to support training efforts for 2 (two) Sierra Leonean Crew members.
5. **10% BY-CATCH:** That each agency/company is required to land 10% of its by- catch or equivalent quantum of fish for the local market.
6. **FAD:** In the event of the use of FAD, permission must be obtained from the Director of Fisheries in writing through their respective agents indicating the position and Management Plan of the FAD.

7. **V.M.S. SIGNALS:** That all vessels operating in the EEZ of Sierra Leone must grant access of their VMS frequencies to the Ministry and JMC's Joint Operations Centre with a view to ascertain their entrance, presence and exit.

8. **REPORTING:** That each Tuna vessel must submit an accurate daily catch report to the Ministry and JMC's Joint Operations Centre accordingly.

9. **LANDING STATISTICS:** That each tuna vessel to submit an accurate landing report after every expedition in our waters.

Yours faithfully,



A.A. Bangura,
Director of Fisheries.

Copy: - The Hon. Minister, MFMR.
- The Hon. Dep. Minister, MFMR
- The Permanent Secretary, MFMR.
- The Deputy Director of Fisheries, MFMR.
- The O/C Statistics, MFMR. ✓