



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources together with its key stakeholders (Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee (STEC), the Sierra Leone Industrial Fishing Companies Association and the Sierra Leone Artisanal Fishermen Consortium) will be implementing a 'Close Season' as one of its management measures to protect our fish stock from depletion.

The 'Close Season' will take effect from 1st – 30th April, 2019.

During this period the following measures will be taken;

- No industrial fishing companies should undertake fishing activities,
- A ban on the export of fish from both industrial and fish processing plants by land, sea and air,
- Artisanal Fishermen Consortium should ensure that all fish caught by artisanal fishermen is sold to the local market,
- Industrial fishing companies should stock their cold rooms with different fish species (the number of fish to be stocked by each company will be calculated based on the number of fishing vessels operated by these companies). This is to ensure that there is no shortage of fish in the local market,
- The Ministry will work closely with its key stakeholders to intensify monitoring and surveillance of our waters to ensure compliance.

In connection with this, the ministry is calling on all fishing Agents in the distribution line from cold rooms to the market to ensure that during this period, the prices of our fish commodity is maintained.



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