

PART I-orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Fisheries Department

No. 718 Fish/C-I /9R-3/20 12 (Part-I)

Kolkata, the 4th April, 2013.

ORDER

In exercise of the power conferred by clause (c) and (d) of sub-section (I) of section 4, and with clauses (i) of section 2 of the West Bengal Marine Fisheries Regulation Act, 1993 (West Ben. Act IX of 1993) and in supersession of all earlier order on the subject, the Governor is pleased hereby to issue the following restrictions regulating catching of hilsa with effect from such date as may be specified by the State Government:--

In fishing hilsa (species group / family: Hilsa shad-Genus / Species: *Hilsa ilisha* and species group / family: other shads- Genus / Species: other Hilsa species (*tenulosa, macrura and todi*) in the territorial water body of the State, the following restrictions are imposed:--

(a) For the purpose of conservation of hilsa fish stock in the open water system. no persons or group of persons or fishers or fisherman or their assistants under no circumstances shall catch hilsa (species group / family: Hilsa shad-Genus / Species: *Hilsa ilisha* and species group / family: other shads- Genus / Species: other Hilsa species (*tenulosa, macrura and todi*) using any kind of monofilament gill net / nets having mesh size below ninety (90) millimeter.

(b) For the purpose of conservation of juveniles hilsa (jatka / khoka ilish) migrating downstream towards sea, use of bag net, scoop net, lift net and small meshed gill nets {mesh size below one (1) inch} for catching hilsa below 23 centimeters in estuarine area of the rivers and bay mouth is totally prohibited during February to April every year.

(c) No persons or group of persons or fishers or fisherman or their assistants under no circumstances shall transport, market, sell and possess hilsa (species group / family: Hilsa shad-Genus / Species: *Hilsa ilisha* and species group / family: other shads- Genus / Species: other Hilsa species (*tenulosa, macrura and todi*) having length below 23 (twenty three) centimeter.

(d) For the purpose of conservation of marine (shallow area) biodiversity and habitat, necessary for hilsa survivality and growth, bottom trawling in shallow continental shelf (12 nautical miles) is totally banned.

(e) For the purpose of promoting breeding/ spawning, catching of hilsa (species group / family: Hilsa shad-Genus/ Species: *Hilsa ilisha* and species group/ family: other shads-Genus / Species: other Hilsa species (*tenulosa, macrura and todi*) of any size is completely banned between five (5) days prior & post of the full moon for the period of 15th September to 24th October every year.

By order of the Governor,

S. K. DAS

Addl. Chief Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.