

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA  
 INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

**Technical Circular ARAP/IFA/TC/013/2020**

<b>To:</b>	Shipowners, Captains and Legal Representative
<b>From:</b>	Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
<b>Subject:</b>	International Fishing Licenses for capture fishing and fishing related activities for national flag vessels in international service.
<b>Ref.:</b>	Executive Decree No. 131 of April 14, 2020


Executive Decree No.131 of April 14, 2020, establishes and regulates international fishing licenses for capture fishing and fishing related activities for national flag vessels of international service, dictates provisions to prevent, discourage and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and establishes the financial contributions that fishing vessels must cover for their participation when registered in an RFMO to which the Republic of Panama is a Contracting Party or Cooperating non-Contracting Party, therefore the rates based on the new Decree are:

VESSEL TYPE	RATE	YEAR
PURSE SEINER	USD\$10.00 x GRT x RFMO per year	1 o 2 years requested
LONG LINER	USD\$5,000.00 x RFMO per year	1 o 2 years requested
REFRIGERATED CARGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessels up to 5000 GRT = <b>USD 5,000.00 per year</b></li> <li>• Vessels between 5001 GRT y 10000 GRT = <b>USD 10,000.00 per year</b></li> <li>• Vessels over 10000 GRT = <b>USD 15,000.00 per year</b></li> </ul>	1 o 2 years requested
VESSEL ON CHARTER	USD 5,000.00 per year	1 o 2 years requested
VESSEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION	USD 5,000.00 per year	1 o 2 years requested

RFMO: Regional Fisheries Management Organizations

**This rate is effective as of the publication of this Executive Decree. All licenses that were in process prior to April 14, 2020, the previous rate will be applied.**

If you have any questions or doubts about international service fishing license procedures, please contact us at:

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Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, reiterates that our job is to make the user experience a quality and efficient one.