
ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. Citation
2. Definitions

PART II
PROTECTION OF MARINE MAMMALS

3. Prohibition on intentional taking or injuring of marine mammals
4. Sale of marine mammal prohibited
5. Release to sea
6. Reporting of incidental catch and interactions
7. Request for information
8. Prohibition on large-scale driftnets and other harmful gear
9. Marine mammals management plan
10. Arrangement to collect information from fishing vessels operating in other States
11. Exemptions

SCHEDULE I – MARINE MAMMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR
GRENADA

SCHEDULE II – MARINE MAMMAL INTERACTION REPORTING FORM

GRENADA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 43 OF 2025

THE MINISTER IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM BY SECTION 40 OF THE FISHERIES ACT CAP. 108 MAKES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS—

(Gazetted 5th December, 2025).

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. Citation. These Regulations may be cited as the

FISHERIES (MARINE MAMMALS) REGULATIONS, 2025.

2. Definitions. In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Fisheries Act, Chapter 108;

“harass” in relation to a marine mammal, means any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which has the potential to—

(a) injure the marine mammal; or

(b) disturb the marine mammal by causing disruption of behavioural patterns, including migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding or sheltering;

“incidental catch” means any marine mammal that is unintentionally caught in fishing gear that is not the primary target;

“marine mammals” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Act, including the marine mammals specified in Schedule I;

“serious injury” means any injury that is more likely than not to result in the death of a marine mammal;

“take” in relation to a marine mammal, means to hunt, capture or kill, or attempt to hunt, capture, or kill the marine mammal.

PART II**PROTECTION OF MARINE MAMMALS**

3. Prohibition on intentional taking or injuring of marine mammals.—(1) No person shall intentionally take, harass, or otherwise cause serious injury to any marine mammal within the fishery waters.

(2) Every marine mammal inadvertently taken or entangled during fishing operations shall be released alive and in a manner that minimises injury.

(3) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

4. Sale of marine mammal prohibited.—(1) A person shall not land, sell, have in his or her possession or provide to a person, a marine mammal that was—

- (a) taken in contravention of these Regulations; or
- (b) accidentally taken while fishing or farming or preparing to fish or farm any other species of fish.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

5. Release to sea.—(1) A marine mammal that has been caught accidentally or entangled while a fishing vessel is fishing or farming or preparing to fish or farm a species of fish other than a marine mammal, shall be—

- (a) returned to the fishery waters as soon as possible after discovery; and
- (b) as far as is possible, promptly freed in a manner that causes the least amount of stress or harm to the marine mammal.

(2) When requested to do so by the master or operator of a fishing vessel, a member of a fishing vessel shall assist in the release of a marine mammal accidentally caught or entangled unless he or she fears for his or her personal safety.

(3) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

6. Reporting of incidental catch and interactions.—(1) The master or operator of a fishing vessel shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Chief Fisheries Officer of any incident in which a marine mammal is killed, seriously injured or taken during fishing operations, in the form set out as Schedule II.

(2) A report under sub-regulation (1) shall state the date and time of the incident, the location, the species (if known), the circumstances of the interaction and the disposition of the animal.

(3) The master or operator shall record all marine-mammal interactions in the vessel's logbook, including cases where the animal is released alive without apparent injury.

(4) Failure to report under this regulation is an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) The Chief Fisheries Officer shall compile the reports submitted under this regulation and prepare an annual summary of marine-mammal interactions and incidental catch.

7. Request for information.—(1) The Chief Fisheries Officer may request from a fisherman returning from fishing or farming, the following information on any interaction with marine mammals—

- (a) reports on sightings including—
 - (i) approximate proximity to fishing vessel and any deployed fishing gear;
 - (ii) the species observed, if identifiable;
 - (iii) the number of individuals for each species;
 - (iv) the location where each species was observed and the number of individuals at each location; and

-
- (b) reports on any marine mammal that was caught accidentally or entangled and has died or was seriously injured, including for any species, the amount, size by estimated weight, measured length or approximate length;
 - (c) information on persons on-board the fishing vessel who attempted, whether successfully or not, to harm a marine mammal or who has harmed a marine mammal while the vessel was fishing or farming or preparing to fish or farm any other species of fish; and
 - (d) information on persons who refused to assist in the release of a marine mammal caught accidentally or entangled when requested to do so by the master of the fishing vessel except on the grounds of fear for his personal safety.

(2) A person who—

- (a) refuses or willfully fails to provide the information requested under this regulation; or
- (b) knowingly provides false information under this regulation,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

8. Prohibition on large-scale driftnets and other harmful gear.—(1) No person shall use or permit to be used in the fishery waters any driftnet exceeding 2.5 kilometres in length or any other fishing gear that causes significant mortality or serious injury to marine mammals.

(2) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

9. Marine mammals management plan.—(1) The Chief Fisheries Officer shall prepare and keep under review a plan for the management of interaction with marine mammals, including incidental catch of marine mammals and shall take into account—

-
- (a) the interdependence of species, food webs, and habitats;
 - (b) the precautionary principle; and
 - (c) the protection of vulnerable marine species and critical habitats.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (1), the marine mammals management plan shall be consistent with bilateral and multilateral regional and international obligations of Grenada and may include—

- (a) identification of any species of marine mammal that is commonly caught as incidental catch, have incidental mortality or serious injury in the fishery waters;
- (b) estimation of incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in the export fishery;
- (c) estimation of cumulative incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in the export fishery;
- (d) safe handling procedures for the release of marine mammals incidental catch;
- (e) a mortality limit for each stock of marine mammals which must include an incidental-catch limit and quotas for the fishery.

(3) The Chief Fisheries Officer shall—

- (a) submit the marine mammals management plan and the review of the marine mammals management plan to the Minister for approval; and
- (b) notify fishermen of the approved mortality limits of each stock of marine mammal including the incidental-catch limit and quotas and when the limit is achieved.

10. Arrangement to collect information from fishing vessels operating in other States. The Chief Fisheries Officer may enter into arrangements with any other State for the purpose of collecting the following information from fishing vessels operating within the jurisdiction of that other State—

-
- (a) information on marine mammal incidental catch; or
 - (b) the information mentioned in regulation 7.

11. Exemptions.—(1) It is not a contravention of these Regulations to take or harass a marine mammal if the taking or harassing is authorised by the Minister for the purposes of research into fisheries under section 24 of the Act.

(2) It is not a contravention of these Regulations to take a marine mammal if the taking is imminently necessary in self-defence to save the life of a person in immediate danger.

(3) It is not a contravention of these Regulations to take a marine mammal if—

- (a) the taking or harassing is imminently necessary to avoid serious injury, additional injury, or death to a marine mammal entangled in fishing gear or debris; and
- (b) reasonable care is taken to ensure the safe release of the marine mammal, taking into consideration the equipment, expertise and conditions at hand; and
- (c) reasonable care is taken to prevent further injury to the marine mammal.

(4) The master or operator of a fishing vessel shall report a taking or harassing under sub-regulation (2) to the Chief Fisheries Officer within forty-eight hours and the Chief Fisheries Officer may seize and dispose of any carcass.

SCHEDULE I

MARINE MAMMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE FOR GRENADA

(regulation 2)

This Schedule provides a reference list of marine mammal species known to inhabit or migrate through the territorial sea of Grenada and may be expanded by the Marine Mammals Management Plan.

1. Cetaceans (Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises):

-
- (a) Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)
 - (b) Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*)
 - (c) Short-finned Pilot Whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*)
 - (d) Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*)
 - (e) Spinner Dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*)
 - (f) Atlantic Spotted Dolphin (*Stenella frontalis*)
 - (g) False Killer Whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*)
 - (h) Pygmy Sperm Whale (*Kogia breviceps*)
 - (i) Pantropical Spotted Dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*)
2. Sirenians – West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) – occasional visitor
3. Pinnipeds (Seals) – Rarely sighted; any occurrence must be reported immediately to the Fisheries Division.
4. Identification Features – Key characteristics for field identification:
- (a) Whales: Large blow, slow surfacing, visible dorsal fin position.
 - (b) Dolphins: Leaping behaviour, smaller dorsal fin, travel in pods.
 - (c) Manatees: Rounded body, paddle-like tail, surfacing with nostrils.
5. Reporting Unknown Species
- If a marine mammal cannot be identified:
- (a) Record and photograph the individual(s);
 - (b) Report as “Unidentified species” with descriptive notes;
 - (c) Submit materials to the Fisheries Division for scientific verification.

SCHEDULE II

MARINE MAMMAL INTERACTION REPORTING FORM

(regulation 6 (1))

This form shall be used to record and report any incidental capture, injury, or mortality of marine mammals. Completed forms must be submitted to the Fisheries Division within 24 hours of the event.

A. Vessel and Operation Details

Vessel Name: _____

Registration/Licence No.: _____

Operator Name: _____

Date/Time of Incident: _____

Fishing Area (coordinates): _____

Type of Fishing Gear: _____

Target Species: _____

B. Marine Mammal Interaction Details

Species (if known): _____

Number of Animals Involved: _____

Condition: Alive Injured Dead

Nature of Interaction (entanglement, collision, etc.): _____

Circumstances (brief description): _____

C. Actions Taken

Was the animal released? Yes No

Condition upon release: _____

2025

*Fisheries (Marine Mammals)
Regulations*

SRO. 43

Assistance Requested: Yes No

Reporting Officer/Crew Member: _____

I hereby declare that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Made by the Minister this 28th day of November, 2025.

LENNOX ANDREWS
Minister responsible for matters relating to fishing.

GRENADA

PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, AT THE GOVERNMENT
PRINTING OFFICE, ST. GEORGE'S

5/12/2025.