

SIGNED this 31st day of December, 1973.

SIAKA STEVENS,
President.

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Sierra Leone

The Fisheries (Amendment) Act, 1973

Short title.

[31st December, 1973.]

Date of commencement.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. Section 2 of the Fisheries Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of "territorial sea" and replacing it by the following new definition—

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 195.

"territorial sea" means any part of the open sea within two hundred nautical miles of the coast of Sierra Leone measured from low water mark; "

Replacement
of subsection
(2) of section
3 of Cap. 195.

2. Subsection (2) of section 3 of the Fisheries Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new subsection—

“(2) (a) Any person operating or navigating, or causing to be operated or navigated, a motor fishing vessel in contravention of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred leones, or, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) Any person who, being the owner or master of any foreign fishing vessel found fishing within the territorial waters of Sierra Leone, in contravention of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(c) On the conviction of any such persons, whether summarily or on indictment, for an offence against this Act, the Court may, if it shall so think fit, order that the fishing gear or any poaching appliance employed by such foreign fishing vessel and the catch of fish, in respect of or in connection with which such offence has been committed, shall be forfeited to the State. On any such order being made, any gear or fish so ordered to be forfeited shall be dealt with in such manner as the Court may prescribe or in the absence of any such prescription, in such manner as the Minister may direct.”

Passed in Parliament this *18th* day of *December*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

A. M. DUMBUYA,
Acting Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

A. M. DUMBUYA,
Acting Clerk of Parliament.