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**F.No 50/10/2021-DOF**

**Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Invitation of Application for Deployment of Fish Carrier Vessels  
in the Territorial Waters of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep**

1. The Director of Fisheries on behalf of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (hereinafter called the UTLA) invites Applications from Indian nationals owning fishing vessels to engage in the collection of tuna and tuna-like fishes harvested by the fishermen of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.
2. The objective of the deployment of vessels from the mainland for collection of tuna and tuna-like species is to provide market for the tunas harvested by the Island's fishermen at remunerative prices.
3. The use of word 'operator' in this Application means the owner of the fishing vessel or the skipper operating the vessel. Similarly, the 'collector vessel' in this Application means a fishing vessel deployed for only collection and transportation of tuna and tuna-like fish from the Islands to the mainland.
4. The Terms and Conditions for deployment of fishing vessels for collection of tuna and tuna-like species and strict adherence by the operator of the collector vessel are given below.
5. The interested parties may apply in the prescribed format as at Annexure A
6. The last date of submission of the Application online is 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 15.00hrs.
7. Applicants meeting the qualification criteria as per the listed Terms and Conditions will be informed online of the decision of UTL Administration.
8. Applicants accepted by the Department of Fisheries, UTLA for deployment of their fishing vessels to collect tuna and tuna-like fishes from the Lakshadweep fishermen will immediately deploy their vessels but not later than one month of the acceptance of his Application.
9. Any violation of the Terms and Conditions as stipulated in the Permit will be dealt under the Lakshadweep Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 2000 (LMFRA, 2000) and the Rules



and Regulations framed there under, or the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, or under other applicable laws of the Union of India as the case may be.

10. For all purposes, the tuna and tuna-like fishes include all the four principal tunas such as yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacres*), skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) and albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*). The other tuna-like species that can be collected include longtail tuna (*Thunnus tongol*), kawakawa (*Euthynnus affinis*), frigate tuna (*Auxis thazard*), bullet tuna (*Auxis rochei*), narrow barred Spanish mackerel (*Scomberomorus commerson*), Indo-Pacific king mackerel (*Scomberomorus guttatus*), blue marlin (*Macairan igricans*), black marlin (*Macaira indicus*), striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*), Indo-Pacific sailfish (*Istiophorous platypterus*), and swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*).
11. The collector vessel shall not collect any other species of fin or shellfish, marine reptiles, echinoderms, sharks, corals, marine mammals, avians, etc. Possession of any such species will be punishable under the provision of relevant Act of the UTLA or the Union of India.
12. The area of operation of the collector vessel will be the Territorial Waters of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep that extends from the baseline to a distance of 12 nautical miles, as defined in the Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and Other Maritime Zones of India Act, 1976. Such waters may include the lagoons and the open sea.
13. Only such vessels will be considered which are registered under the Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972 and also under the Real Craft of the Department of Fisheries of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. of India. Further the permission will be subject to providing an action plan for voyaging fish resources including forward and backward linkages, export plan etc. (Enclose a copy of the same).
14. Initially the permission for collection of tuna and tuna-like fishes from the Island(s) will be provided for a period of three (03) months, which could be extended for another fixed period depending on the proper reporting and good conduct by the operator of the collector vessel.
15. The operator of the approved collector vessel shall ensure that the entire crews on the carrier vessel has a COVID-19 Test Certificate (RT-PCR) obtained within 72 hours of the commencement of travel from the mainland to the Island.
16. The specific **Terms and Conditions** for deployment of fishing vessels to collect tuna and tuna-like fishes from the fishermen of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep are given below.
  - a. The operator of each approved collector vessel will be provided with a 'Permit' by the Director of Fisheries, UTLA to collect fish from the Islands as mentioned in the Permit. Presently, the collection of fish is permitted only from the Islands of Agatti, Kavaratti and Minicoy.





- b. The operator of each approved collector vessel shall intimate the date of arrival in the Island as permitted under the Permit and departure from the Island once the collection of fish is completed upon each trip in the prescribed format at Annexure B.
- c. The permit for the travel of the crew (non-Islanders) of the collector vessel to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep will be obtained from the Administrative Officer of the UTLA based at Kochi. The collector vessel under no circumstance shall sail for the Union Territory without such travel permit for the crew.
- d. The operator of each approved collector vessel shall provide a list of the crew that shall include the skipper, engine driver and four (04) deckhands. The list should include details of the Aadhaar Card of each person, failing which the vessel will not be allowed to enter the Union Territory.
- e. Additional labour support required by the collector vessel shall be sourced from the Island where the vessel is permitted to collect the fish.
- f. Other than a medical emergency or for making online payment, the mainland crew of the collector vessel shall remain at the jetty and not enter the Island.
- g. The operator of each collector vessel shall ensure that there is no fishing gear, in any form or in any condition in the fishing vessel. The crew of such collector vessels shall also not undertake any fishing using make shift gear such as hook and line, etc. Any violation of this condition shall result in cancellation of the permit and penalties as stipulated under the LMFRA, 2000.
- h. The operator of the collector vessel shall ensure to bring the required quantity of ice and fuel. As the availability of ice in Lakshadweep Islands is very limited quantity, the operator should bring full capacity of ice in their vessel from mainland and use the same ice for distributing to the fishermen and to take the fish in return to mainland.
- i. The operator of the collector vessel shall do all fish collection related operations including transfer of ice, loading of fish and other related handling under the supervision of a responsible officer from Fisheries/Environment & Forest Department at the respective Island Jetty itself. Any exchange of materials in the mid sea is not permissible.
- j. Such collector vessels will engage in bulk purchase of tuna and tuna-like species from the fishermen.
- k. The operator of the collector vessel shall pay to the Lakshadweep fishermen in full before the departure of the vessel to the mainland or to another Island, if approved under the Permit. Such payments shall preferably be paid by bank transfer and a 'No due' certificate collected from the fishermen to whom the payment is made. The collector vessel shall be permitted to depart from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep only on the production of the 'No due' certificate.



- l. The operator of the collector vessel will be charged a license fee of Rs. 1000 per month per vessel and the same has to be paid at the time of issuance of the permit for the entire period for which the permit is issued.
  - m. The operator of each collector vessel shall submit a monthly report to the Director of Fisheries on the species-wise quantities collected from the Islands and the disposal of such fish in the mainland, for local consumption or for export. Such monthly report shall be submitted on or before the 10th of every month. Non-compliance will be considered as a violation of the Terms and Conditions and lead to the cancellation of the permit.
  - n. The operator of the collector vessel should have vessel insurance including third party insurance.
  - o. In case of dispute among Stakeholder if any, Court of Jurisdiction of Lakshadweep will have Jurisdiction.
17. The UTLA also reserves the right to cancel the permit of any operator in any emergent situation, safeguard of life, and in the interest of national security.



**(Pradeep Kumar, DANICS)**  
**Director, Fisheries**

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To,

The Director,  
Department of Fisheries,  
U.T of Lakshadweep

Sub:- Submission of Application for deployment of Fish Carrier  
Vessel in the Territorial water of U.T of Lakshadweep-Reg;

1. Name of the Company :
2. Particulars of MPEDA Registration (Enclose copy) :
3. Details of export for the last 2 years (Enclose copy) :
4. No. of Fishing Vessels/Fish Carrier Vessel Proposed  
to be deployed in Lakshadweep water :
5. Action plan about the transportation and export of  
fresh fish/fishery products from UTLA (including  
forward and backward linkages, export plan etc,  
if any). :
6. Documents such as Registration, License of the  
Vessel/Boat (Enclose copy) :
7. Crew Details and entry permission for non  
Islander if any, :
8. Any other documents/details: :

Place:

Name:

Date:

Company:





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To,  
Officer In charge,  
Department of Fisheries,  
..... Island

- 1. Name of the Fishing Vessel :
- 2. Name & Number of Crew :
- 3. Date & Time of arrival of vessel :
- 4. Date & Time of Departure of vessel :
- 5. Quantity of Ice brought from mainland :
- 6. Quantity of fish Collected :
- 7. Particulars of Permit issued by the Department of Fisheries :

Date:

Name & Signature of Authorized Crew/Operator

Place:

