



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES ACT [CAP 315]

Conservation and Measurement Measure for Deep-Bottom Fish Fishery Order No. 87 of 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 79(1) and paragraph 79(2)(a) of the Fisheries Act [CAP 315], I, the Honourable JAMES NGWANGO, Minister of Agriculture Quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries, make the following Order.

1 Ban on deep-bottom longline fishing method

A person must not:

- (a) use a deep-line bottom longline fishing gear and method for deep-bottom fishing; or
- (b) have in his or her possession or sell or offer for sale a deep-bottom longline fishing gear.

2 Conservation and management measure on dropline fishing method and gear

A person must not:

- (a) use a deep-bottom dropline fishing gear with more than 10 hooks attached to it for deep-bottom fishing; or
- (b) have in his or her possession or sell or offer for sale a deep-bottom dropline fishing gear with more than 10 hooks attached to it.

3 Offence and penalty

Any person who contravenes any clauses of this Order is guilty of an offence and is punishable on a conviction by a fine not exceeding:

- (a) VT200,000 for an individual; and
- (b) VT1,000,000 for a company or association, or body of persons corporate or incorporate.

4 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 2nd day of July, 2012.



Honourable **JAMES NGWANGO**
Minister of Agriculture, quarantine, Forestry and Fisheries