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## FISHING LICENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

*For licence renewals only*

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NOTE: This form must be filled in by every person wishing to renew a fishing licence.

*This information will not be released to any individual or company outside the Fisheries Division, except as a summary of total fishing effort. The purpose of this questionnaire is to allow the Fisheries Division to determine fishing activity over the whole of Fiji for the purpose of economic planning, deciding priorities for fishing gear development and fish stock assessment.*

*Please fill in the questionnaire as fully as possible, and if you are confused by any of the questions, the licencing officer will be happy to assist.*

*Nothing that you say in this questionnaire will have any effect on the issue of your fishing licence, so please be as accurate as possible. (If everybody were to under – estimate their catch, for example it might lead to the Fisheries Division stocking less gear or building less iceplants, or even encouraging more foreign fisherman. If catches are over-estimated we may think that some fish are over exploited and bring in catch quotas or closed seasons).*

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### *Information on Fishing trips last year*

**A. ODA. Do not fill in questions 1, 2 or 3 if you never fish outside the reef.**

1. Usual number of trips to fish outside the reef (in ODA areas) per month \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which ODA areas do you fish? (See map and write down the number- codes of the relevant grid- squares) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Usual number of fishing hours per ODA trip (hours when hooks or nets or you are in the water) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. IDA. Do not fill in questions 4, 5, 6 or 7 if you never fish inside the reef or in customary fishing rights areas.**

4. Usual number of trips to fish inside the reef (in IDA areas) per month\_20 days
5. Which IDA customary fishing rights areas do you have permission to fish?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Usual number of fishing hours per IDA trip (hours when hooks or nets or your are in the water)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How much “goodwill” do you pay for each IDA permit area? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What gear do you use? Place ticks below next to each gear type used, and fill any relevant details:
  - (a) Gillnets (No. of nets and mesh sizes) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Handlines or rods (No. of reels) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Spears (No. of spears or guns) \_\_\_\_\_

- (d) Hand collection (for shellfish, beach-de-mer etc)\_
  - (e) Castnets or handsets (No of nets \_\_\_\_\_)
  - (f) Fixed fish traps (No.) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (g) Portable traps or pots (No. of and type) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (h) Trolling gear (No. of lines) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (i) Dropline or bottom longline (No. of lines or length of mainline) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (j) Surface longline (length of mainline) \_\_\_\_\_ m
  - (k) Other gear (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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9. Do you use SCUBA or HOOKAH gear for fishing? \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO
10. Does your boat have hydraulic line or net haulers, or hydraulic reels? \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO
11. Does your boat have an icebox? \_\_\_\_\_ YES/NO
12. What weight of fish can you store on board? \_\_\_\_\_ kg
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***Information on catches last year***

13. What is the weight of your usual catch per trip? \_\_\_\_\_ kg  
 (If this is erratic and hard to guess, what is the total weight of your usual catch per month? \_\_\_\_\_ kg
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14. (Optional answer) How much did you earn from fish sales last year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
15. What percentage of your catch do you keep for your own consumption or for giving away? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name the place(s) or landing(s) you land your catch? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What are the main types of fish that you usually catch? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Are any of these becoming more common or less common? (state which)  
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19. What are the main types of non- fish (shellfish, lobster, crab etc) that you usually catch? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Are any of these becoming more common or less common? (State which)?  
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21. Who do you sell your catch to, and where? \_\_\_\_\_

**LICENSING OFFICER** \_\_\_\_\_