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**FISHERIES ACT 1905**  
HOUTMAN ABROLHOS REEF OBSERVATION AREAS NOTICE 1994  
Notice No. 637

FD 272/90.

Made by the Minister under sections 9 and 10.

**Citation**

1. This notice may be cited as the *Houtman Abrolhos Reef Observation Areas Notice 1994\**.

**Interpretation**

2. In this notice unless the contrary intention appears-
  - “attended” means to have either the fishing line or the fishing rod held by the fisher;
  - “authorised boat” means a boat licensed under the Fisheries Regulations 1938 and authorised by a limited entry fishery licence issued in accordance with the *West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery Management Plan 2012* to be used to take rock lobster from Zone A of the West Coast Rock Lobster Limited Entry Fishery;
  - “Houtman Abrolhos Islands” means those Islands of A Class Reserve No. 20253;
  - “Reef Observation Areas” means the waters as described in Schedule 1;
  - “rock lobster” means all species of fish of the *genus Panulirus*;
  - “traditional fisher of Beacon Island” means a resident of Beacon Island who has a significant fishing history as determined by the Minister, and who has the written approval of the Minister to fish from the Defined Fishing Area of Beacon Island;
  - “traditional fisher of Leo Island” means a resident of Leo Island who has a significant fishing history as determined by the Minister, and who has the written approval of the Minister to fish from the Defined Fishing Area of Leo Island; and
  - “transfer” means the passing of ownership or effective control of the rights, entitlements and obligations attached to a licence, from one person to another person.

**Prohibition on taking fish**

3. Subject to the provisions of clause 4, a person shall not take, or attempt to take, any fish by any means from the waters described in Schedule 1.

**Exemption from clause 3**

4. The prohibition in clause 3 does not apply to -
  - (a) the holder of a professional fisherman’s licence when operating from an authorised boat when taking rock lobster by means of a rock lobster pot;
  - (b) the holder of a recreational fishing licence specifying that the holder may undertake rock lobster fishing, when taking rock lobster by means of a rock lobster pot, or by diving;

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Note :-

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