

REGULATION ON THE CATCHING, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTING, SELLING, TRADING AND EXPORTING OF MANGROVE CRABLETS, JUVENILE MANGROVE CRABS & GRAVID MANGROVE CRABS (*Scylla spp.*)



PROHIBITION

It shall be unlawful for any person, association, cooperative, partnership or corporation to undertake the following:

- A.** Catch, possess, transport, trade and sell mangrove crablets and mangrove crab juvenile, and mangrove crablets less than 12 centimeters in Carapace Width(CW) from the wild;
- B.** Catch, possess, transport, trade and sell gravid mangrove crab;
- C.** Export of wild-sourced mangrove crablets and juvenile mangrove crabs; and
- D.** Export of wild-sourced mangrove crabs breeders, spawners, eggs or fry as per provision of Section 104 of the amended Fisheries Code.

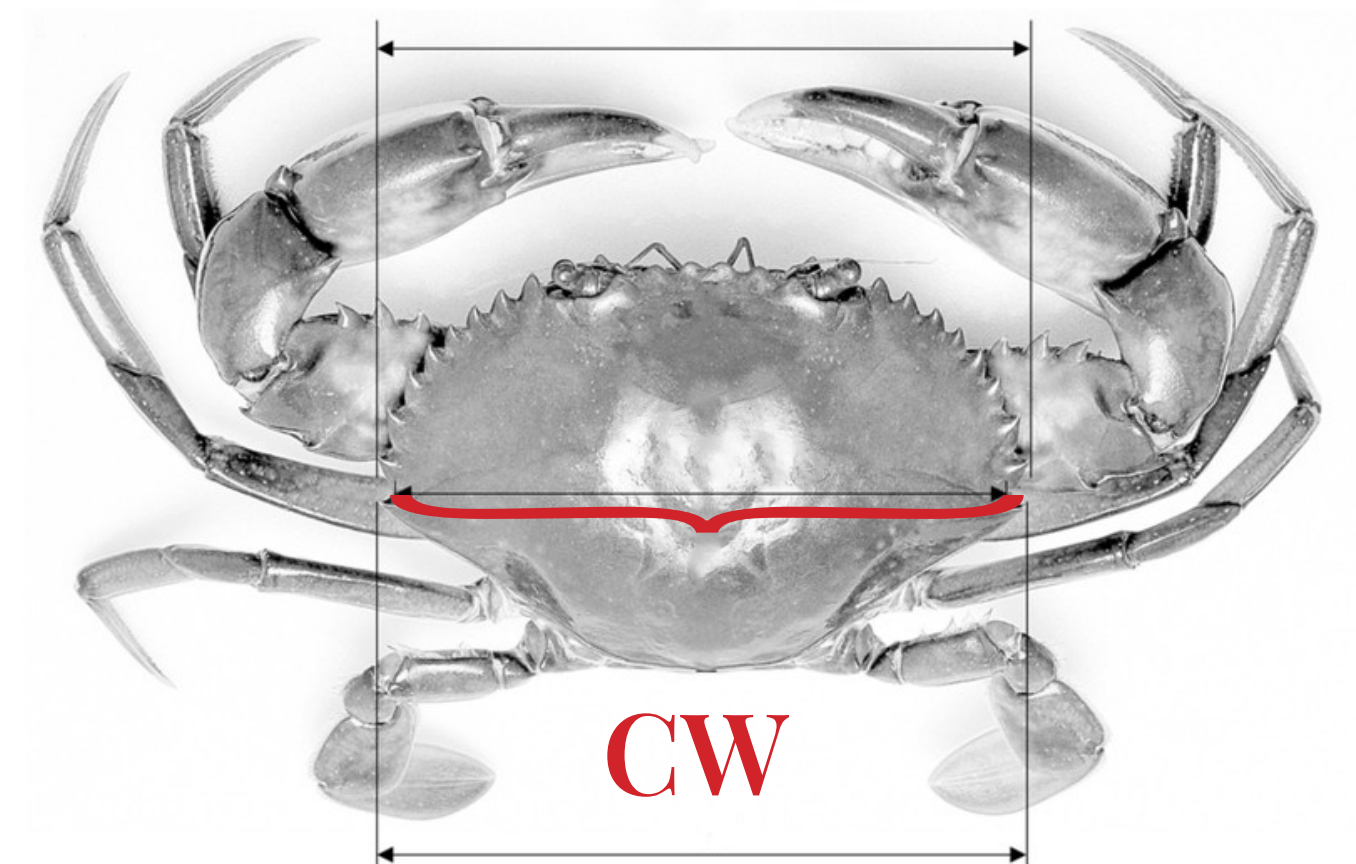
PENALTIES

A. In case of violation of Sections 3(a), (b) and (c) the offender shall be subject to a fine of One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) to five million pesos (P5,000,000), depending on the socioeconomic impact and seriousness of the violation, volume and value of the fisheries product, damage to the environment due to the violation, and the habituality of the offender, in accordance with Sec 128 of the amended Fisheries Law.

B. In case of violation of Section 3 Paragraph (d) or the exportation of wild-sourced mangrove crabs breeders, spawners, eggs or fry, the offender, upon a summary finding of administrative liability, shall be punished with an administrative fine equivalent to three (3) times the value of the wild-sourced mangrove crabs breeders, spawners, eggs, or fry exported or one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) to five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000), whichever is higher, confiscation of breeders, spawners, eggs or fry, suspension or revocation of license for commercial fishing and/or registration as exporter.

Upon conviction by a court of law, the offender shall be punished by imprisonment of eight (8) years to ten (10) years, confiscation of wild-sourced mangrove crabs breeders, spawners, eggs or fry, a fine equivalent to twice the amount of the administrative fine, revocation of the fishing license, and/or suspension or revocation of registration as exporter.

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Carapace Width(CW) is the distance between the lateral spines (the posterior most spines) of the carapace.

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