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**URGENT CEASURE NOTICE TO ALL MUD CRAB
LICENSED BUYERS AND EXPORT COMPANIES
OPERATING IN GULF PROVINCE**

The National Fisheries Authority wishes to notify **ALL** mud crab fishery licensed buyers and exporters in Gulf Province, the local fishers, and the general public, that the mud crab harvest from Gulf Province for the 2023-2024 open season has reached **100%** of the annual Total Allowable Catch (TAC) quota allocated for the province as monitored via the daily purchase records.

Under Section 6(c)(i)(c) of the Gazette National Mud Crab Management plan 2022 (No. G619), when each province reaches the allocated TAC, the collecting, buying, storing, and exporting of mud crabs for that specific province will cease. That means, **all licenses for buying, storing, and export of mud crabs from Gulf Province CEASE TO OPERATE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

Any licensed entity that continues to buy, store, and export mud crabs from Gulf Province after the publication of this notice will be penalized.

This notice does **NOT** affect the harvesting, selling, and buying for local domestic consumption or to local markets, restaurants and hotels.

For any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr. Thomas Usu**, Executive Manager, Fisheries Management Unit on Email: tusu@fisheries.gov.pg or **Mr. Jerome Tioti**, Executive Manager, Licensing & Data Management Unit on Email: jtioti@fisheries.gov.pg on landline **(+675) 3090 444**.

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