



# NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# NOTIFICATION FOR ALL MUD CRAB LICENSED COMPANIES

**28th April 2025**

This is to notify ALL mud crab fishery licensed buyers and operators, the local fishers and the general public, that the mud crab harvest for the provinces that have not yet reached their TACs for the 2024 /2025 season can continue to buy and trade until the provincial TACs are reached.

Annual mud crab stock assessments indicate that the mud crab stocks are healthy and the fishery is sustainable. Therefore, the National Fisheries Board (NFB) considering both the ecological and economic sustainability of the mud crab fishery, decided to grant an extension of the fishing season beyond the closing date of 30th April 2025 until provincial TACs are reached.

This NFB decision supersedes the mud crab licensing and management plan requirement to cease mud crab fishing by 30th April for the 2024/2025 mud crab fishing season. NFA will continue to monitor the daily purchase records to track each provincial TAC performance.

According to section 6 (c)(i)(c) of the gazetted National Mud Crab Management Plan 2022 (No. G619), when each province reaches their allocated TAC, the collecting, buying and exporting of mud crabs for that specific province will cease. A cease notice informing fishers, licensed buyers and operators of the reached TAC will be posted in the media prior to the closure date.

**For any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Thomas Usu, Executive Manager, Fisheries Management Unit on Email: [tusu@fisheries.gov.pg](mailto:tusu@fisheries.gov.pg) or Mr. Jerome Tioti, Executive Manager, Licensing & Data Management Unit on Email: [jtioti@fisheries.gov.pg](mailto:jtioti@fisheries.gov.pg) or landline (+675) 3090444**

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