

# Fisheries Law and Regulations

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# Legal definition

- Aquaculture is neither defined in Fisheries Law No. 1380 nor in Fisheries Regulation No. 22223. However, Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507 describes it as an “activity of production and/or ongrowing (including fattening) aquatic species in production units under intensive, semi-intensive or extensive conditions”.

- The Regulation also defines aquatic products, aquaculture premises, hatchery, production ponds, net cages, intensive, semi-intensive and extensive aquaculture, offshore or open sea aquaculture, allocated zones for aquaculture, filtration system and aquaculture production license/certificate.



# Guidelines and codes of conduct

- There are no current aquaculture guidelines or codes of conduct. However, Article 20 of Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507 provides with the measures that should be taken to maintain the health and welfare of the fish cultured. Most of these measures are related to fish health control.

- Regulation No. 28190 on Aquatic Animal Health and Protection and Fight Against Aquatic Animal Diseases (31 January 2012) provides preventive measures on aquatic animal diseases and precautions to be taken in case of disease outbreak.

- The Regulation further sets forth the required health conditions in aquatic animals and aquaculture products. According to Aquaculture Regulation No.25507 other matters concerning fish welfare are regulated by the Ministry (MoFAL) by issuing notices and circulars.

