

Fisheries Law and Regulations

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International arrangements

- Turkey is a member of the following international organizations and agreements with implications for the regulation of aquaculture:

- EU Accession Country.
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- World Trade Organization (WTO).
- World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE).
- Codex Alimentarius Commission.
- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM).

- European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC).
- Central Asian and the Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (CACFish). International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- International Organization for the Development of Fisheries in Eastern and Central Europe (EUROFISH).
- The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (BSC). The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).



Authorization system

- **Licencing:**

Under Article 13 of the Fisheries Law No. 1380, those who wish to culture aquatic species for commercial purposes are obliged to apply to MoFAL by informing the Ministry about the location, characteristics and management of the facilities, and submitting the enterprise's project and plans. . MoFAL issues permission if there are no adverse effects in terms of public health, national economy, navigation, or science and technology.

- The provisions of the last paragraph of Article 4 of Fisheries Law No. 1380 are also applicable for production units to be established in the sea and inland waters. Aquaculture cannot be carried out without a licence. The power to grant aquaculture licences, including licenses for sea ranching, is vested in the Ministry, who has delegated this power to the Department of Aquaculture.

- The details of the application, issuing and cancellation of licenses are described in Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507 and Application Principles with Regard to the Regulation on Aquaculture (Notice 2006/1). Entrepreneurs or applicants need to submit their applications either to central offices (the DG for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Ankara) or relevant Provincial Directorates of MoFAL.