

Fisheries Law and Regulations

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- REFERENCES
- FAO, National Aquaculture Legislation Overview Turkey
- Fisheries Law (No: 1380) (Official Gazette dated 22.03.1971 and No 13799, amended by Law No. 4950 dated 22.07.2003)
- The Coastal Law (No: 3621) (Official Gazette Dated 17.04.1990 and No. 20495, amended by Law No. 3830 dated 01.07.1992)

Basic Legislation

- Fisheries Law No. 1380 of 1971, as amended by Laws No. 3288 of 1986 and No. 4950 of 2003, is the framework law for fisheries and aquaculture related activities. The law provides the basis for the regulations and communiqués, issued under the authority of the competent minister (the minister of Food Agriculture and Livestock), which are used to regulate fisheries and aquaculture.



- All activities in fisheries and aquaculture are based on the Fisheries Law, No.1380 of 1971. With this law, and its related regulations, definitions were codified. Based on this law, regulations and notifications are prepared to regulate fisheries. Law No. 3288 of 1986 amended the Fisheries Law No.1380 of 1971. According to Laws 1380 and 3288, and Continental Waters Law No. 2674 of 1982, foreigners are not allowed to participate in commercial fishing activities.

- Article 1 of the Law explains the scope of the Act – “protection, production and inspection of aquatic products” – and Article 2 gives the definitions, including the aquatic products, which are further completed by other regulations. Fisheries Law No. 1380 sets out rules for:

- Management of fisheries and aquaculture.
- Fisheries and aquaculture activities.
- Improvement, incentives and protection.
- Prohibitions.
- Fish markets.
- Procedural provisions.
- Inspection and control.
- Penal clauses.

- A separate critique of the draft amendment to the fisheries law was prepared and submitted to the Prime Minister's Office (2008) but in summary there are issues with the current law which compel a recommendation that the law be re-drafted and that a new law is made to deal specifically with aquaculture.