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## Overview of the fisheries legal framework

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- European Community legislation
- Fisheries and Aquaculture Law
- Law on Maritime Spaces, Internal Water Ways and the Ports of Republic of Bulgaria



# Definition and use of terms, objective, scope and application

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- National waters
- Living aquatic resources
- Fishing
- Fishing vessel
- Fishing gear
- Operator



## Access regimes to fisheries resources

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- For commercial fishing – Fisheries and Aquaculture Law Art. 17
- For artisanal fishing – there is no definition
- For recreational fishing – Fisheries and Aquaculture Law Art. 22(a)



# Access regimes to fisheries resources

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- Way of organization and conduction of the fisheries activities
- Responsible authorities
- Requirements for carrying of fishing activities
- Requirements for foreign vessels



# Conservation and management measures

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- So far there is no fisheries management plan established;
- Conservation and management measures:
  - Law on the Biodiversity;
  - Fisheries and Aquacultures Law;
  - Law on Marine Spaces, Internal Water Ways and Ports of the Republic of Bulgaria;
  - Protected marine territories Law.



## Monitoring, control and surveillance measures

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- The control of the fishing vessels under the flag of the Republic of Bulgaria (RB) and of those under foreign flag is performed by NAFA, Executive Agency “Maritime administration” and “Border police
- **Fisheries and Aquaculture Law**  
Art. 5 (1), The management, monitoring and control of the fisheries, aquacultures and trade with fish and other aquatic organisms are performed by the National Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NAFA) at the Minister of agriculture and food.



## Monitoring, control and surveillance measures

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- Art. 6 (2) The National Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Executive Agency “Maritime administration” perform collective activities for the registration and control of the fishing vessels. The National Agency of Fisheries and Aquaculture keeps a register of the fishing vessels.
- Art. 6 (3) The National Agency of Fisheries and Aquacultures performs collective activities with General Directorate “Border Police” for control of the foreign fishing vessels.





## Monitoring, control and surveillance measures

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- Art. 6 (5) Vessels of third countries may perform commercial fishing according to the applicable legal acts of the European Community and under the order of the Law on the Marine Spaces, Internal Water Ways and Ports of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Art. 14 (1) The persons, conducting commercial fishing should have a license for qualification . The licenses are issued by NAFA after a training course and successful exam, which are organized with ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Food.



# Enforcement procedures and sanctions

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- Regulation 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy
- Fisheries and Aquaculture law, Chapter 8;
- Ordinance 43/2001 on the order of keeping of fishing logbook and the order for submission of declaration of origin
- Ordinance 7/2006 on the order and conditions for the use, maintenance and protection of the system for monitoring and control of the fishing vessels and the board equipment



# Priority issues and problems

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- For commercial fishing:
  - Fishing during the ban period
  - Fishing without a permit
  - Catches of undersized individuals



## Priority issues and problems

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- For recreational fishing:
  - Fishing without ticket
  - Fishing during the ban period
  - Use of banned fishing gears and means
  - Catches below the minimum size