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Overview of the fisheries legal framework

○ Laws

- Draft Law
- Limitation of Coastal Sea: Law 1104
14/10/1921
- Monitoring of Coastal Marine Fisheries: Law
2775 28/9/1929
- Ban of foreign fishing vessels in Lebanese
territorial water: Law 70/L.R. 5/5/1937
- Sponge collection: Law 95 L 9/5/1939
- Licensing of Fresh water fishing: Law of
19/10/1947



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○ Decrees

- Organization of ministry of Agriculture: Decree 5246 30/6/1994

○ Minister Decisions

- Ban on fishing, sale & consumption of Puffer Fish: Decision 676/1, 27/7/2011
- Regulation of Fishing Gears: Decision 346/1, 15/7/2010
- Minimum Fish Sizes: Decision 15/1, 21/1/2004



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- Regulation of Scuba Diving : Decision 126/1, 23/4/2001
- Ban on catching whales, seals, and sea turtles: Decision 125/1, 23/9/1999
- Regulation of purse seines: Decision 43/1, 24/3/1999
- Regulation of underwater recreational fishing (speargun): Decision 42/1, 24/3/1999
- Ban on sponge collection: Decision 281/1, 19/11/1998



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- Ban of fishing in river estuaries: decision 385/1, 26/11/1997
- Medical form for scuba diving applications: decision 234/1, 20/5/1996
- Regulation of scuba diving schools: decision 255/1, 8/12/1995



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Access regimes to fisheries resources

- Territorial waters (12nm): Open to all Lebanese persons and companies
- EEZ: no regulation yet



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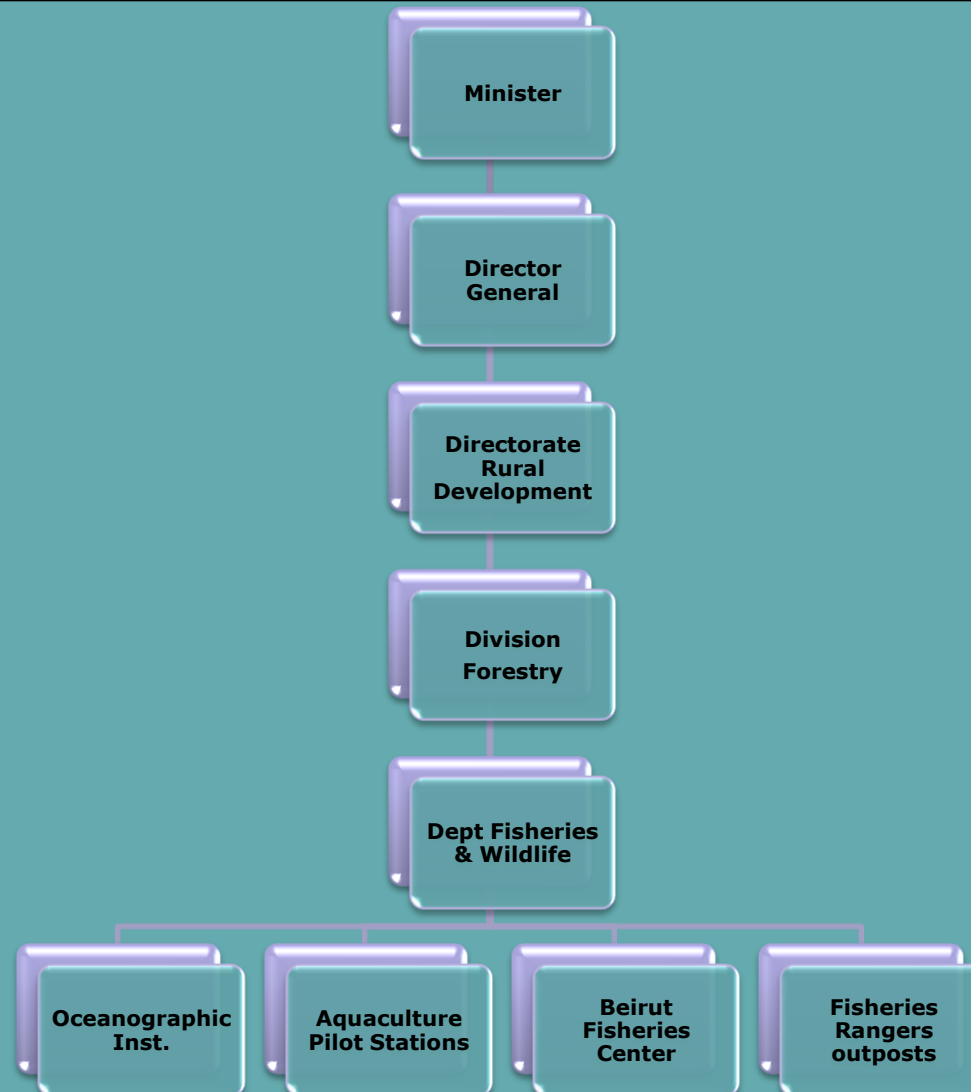
Conservation and management measures

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Monitoring, control and surveillance measures





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- Fisheries Guards/Rangers
- Outposts:
 - Aabdeh-Akar
 - Tripoli-North
 - Batroun-North
 - Byblos-Mt. Lebanon
 - Jounieh-Mt. Lebanon
 - Dora-Mt. Lebanon
 - Beirut
 - Saida-South
 - Tyr-South



Monitoring, control and surveillance measures

○ Facilities

- No patrol boats
- Few assigned vehicles of questionable status
- No law monitoring equipment e.g. binoculars



Enforcement procedures and sanctions

- Citation
- Can confiscate illegal items
- Court Ruling
- Sanctions:
 - Fines
 - Confiscation/destruction of illegal items
 - Prison terms