

**Table Annexed to Cabinet Resolution No. (120) of 2023
Concerning the Regulation of Administrative Violations and Penalties
Concerning Living Aquatic Resources and Reconciliation Thereof**

No.	Violations	Penalty of the first-time violation	Penalty of the second time violation	Penalty of the third time violation
1	The captain (nawkhadha) violates the security instructions issued by the relevant security authorities in the State, including turning off the automatic identification system during navigation.	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 3,000	A fine of AED 5,000
2	Failure to number licensed fishing tools and equipment (nets, traps) with unified, clear numbers matching the vessel's number, including the Emirate code.	Issue a written warning	Confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding a month or conciliation with the payment of AED 5,000	Confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding two months or conciliation with the payment of AED 10,000
3	Fishing small-size fish that are below the permitted length or exceeding the permitted quantity, or catching marine organisms that are	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000	A fine of AED 5,000

	completely or seasonally banned.			
4	Hunting sea turtles of all species, sizes, and ages, or collecting their eggs, disturbing their habitats and breeding grounds in fishing waters, or hunting dolphins, whales, dugongs (sea cows), or other marine mammals of any species and sizes, or for any purpose, or extracting its skin, fins, or for any other purposes.	A fine of AED 5,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the authority in case of its death	A fine of AED 6,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the competent authority in case of their death.	A fine of AED 7,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the competent authority in case of their death.
5	Failure to report types of sea turtles, dolphins, whales, manatees, marine mammals, or prohibited shark species that were incidentally caught, or their disposal at sea in case of their death.	A fine of AED 1,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the competent authority in case of their death.	A fine of AED 2,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the competent authority in case of their death.	A fine of AED 3,000 and releasing aquatic organisms back into their natural environment or delivering them to the competent authority in case of their death.

6	Fishing with tools or equipment that violate the specifications or that exceed the specified length and quantity as per the regulatory resolutions.	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000	A fine of AED 5,000
7	Fishing at areas where fishing is temporarily banned or at areas that are not designated for certain fishing tools, equipment and methods.	A fine of AED 2,000	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding a month	A fine of AED 10,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding two months
8	Fishing at areas where fishing is permanently banned, including: - Natural and artificial marine reserves - Natural and artificial creeks - Areas of vital and military facilities	A fine of AED 2,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding a month	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding (3) three months	A fine of AED 10,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a period not exceeding (6) six months
9	Fishing with tools, equipment or methods during times or seasons that violate applicable legislations in this regard.	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000	A fine of AED 5,000

10	Fishing with prohibited tools, equipment, or fishing using banned methods.	A fine of AED 1,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for one month, and the seized equipment and tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent authority in order to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place.	A fine of AED 2,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for two months, and the seized equipment and tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent authority in order to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place.	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for (3) three months, and the seized equipment and tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent authority in order to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place.
11	Possession of prohibited fishing tools and equipment at sea for fishing.	Sending a warning in writing and the seized equipment and tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent	A fine of AED 1,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for one week, and the seized equipment and	A fine of AED 2,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for two weeks, and the seized equipment and

		authority in order to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place.	tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place	tools shall be handed over to the Ministry or the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place
12	Dumping aquatic waste or any other pollutants, and causing contamination of the marine environment in fishing waters	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a week	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a month
13	Practising diving activities for the purpose of fishing and exploiting living aquatic resources without a permit issued by the competent authority.	A fine of AED 1,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the	A fine of AED 3,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the	A fine of AED 5,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the

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14	Organizing fishing competitions without a permit issued by the competent authority.	A fine of AED 1,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place	A fine of AED 3,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place	A fine of AED 5,000 and delivering the seized aquatic organisms to the competent authority to dispose or destroy them according to the procedures in place
15	Selling or displaying for sale fishing tools or equipment that violate regulations and legislations.	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 3,000	A fine of AED 5,000
16	Selling or marketing that are banned to be fished completely or seasonally, or small-size fish that are below the permitted length (when seized at the possession of the fisherman/ a means of transport or a sale shop)	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 5,000	A fine of AED 10,000
17	Extracting shellfish, sponges, or coral without a permit	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 5,000	A fine of AED 10,000

	issued by the competent authority.			
18	Failing to provide fishing boats and live aquatic resource transport vessels with refrigeration units or insulated boxes cooled with ice.	A fine of AED 500	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000
19	Practising fishing without a license obtained from the Ministry and the competent authority.	A fine of AED 1,000	A fine of AED 2,000	A fine of AED 3,000
20	The pleasure vessel committing any of the following violations: - Fishing at areas where fishing is permanently or temporarily banned. - Possessing fishing tools and equipment specified for banned or unauthorized fishing. - Fishing fish that are below the permitted length or exceeding the permitted quantity, or catching marine organisms that are completely or seasonally banned.	A fine of AED 5,000	Confiscation of the pleasure vessel for 3 months in case (similar or different) violation is committed or conciliation to pay AED 7,000	Confiscation of the pleasure vessel for 6 months in case (similar or different) violation is committed or conciliation to pay AED 10,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selling or marketing aquatic organisms - Number of persons on the pleasure vessel (practising fishing) exceeds the permitted number upon registration - Violating the property of fishermen. - Violation of the security instructions issued by the relevant security authorities, including turning off the automatic identification system during navigation. - Sailing outside territorial waters or entering the maritime borders of neighbouring countries - Existing at areas where proximity is prohibited or approaching commercial vessels 			
21	Chartering pleasure vessels to others for the purpose of organizing fishing trips	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the pleasure vessel's license for 3 months	A fine of AED 10,000 and confiscation of the pleasure vessel's license for 3 months	Cancellation of the pleasure vessel's license

22	Erecting or constructing artificial coral reefs (artificial reefs) without a licence from the competent authority.	Confiscation of the boat licence until necessary licenses are obtained	A fine of AED 5,000	Confiscation of the boat licence for a month or conciliation by paying AED 10,000
23	Deliberate concealment of the fishing boat number or failure to comply with the standards, measurements and requirements of the licensing authorities.	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a month	A fine of AED 10,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for (6) six months	A fine of AED 10,000 and cancellation of the license of the boat
24	Selling fish and aquatic organisms that were illegally fished.	A fine of AED 5,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for a month	A fine of AED 10,000 and confiscation of the boat license and the captain's card for (6) six months	A fine of AED 10,000 and cancellation of the license of the boat