

GUYANA

No. 23 of 1994.

ORDER

Made Under

THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES ACT

(Act No. 10 of 1977)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 24 OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES ACT, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDER:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Maritime Boundaries (Turtle Excluder Device) Order 1994. Citation.

2. In this Order —

(a) "fishing" and "fishing boat" have the same meanings as in the Act;

(b) "trawl net" means a net consisting of a cone-shaped body, closed by a bag or cod end and extended at the opening by the wings and which can be towed by one or two fishing boats and used for fishing;

(c) "turtle excluder device" means any device that fits into the back end of a trawl net just before the bag or cod end and permits organisms such as shrimps and certain sizes of fishes to pass into the bag or cod end, while blocking larger organisms such as turtles from entering the bag or cod end, and simultaneously providing turtles but not shrimps and fishes with means of escape from the net.

Interpretation:

Require-
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the pro-
tection of
sea
turtles.

3. (1) With effect from the commencement of this Order, the master, owner or charterer of a fishing boat referred to in section 24(2) of the Act shall not fish in the fishery zone or territorial sea, using a trawl net for fishing unless he has installed on such net a turtle excluder device which he shall not remove while fishing and shall have at least one spare turtle excluder device on board his fishing boat.

(2) Every such master, owner or charterer shall return to the water any live sea turtle caught accidentally while fishing and apply, where necessary, the resuscitation procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Made this 25th day of April, 1994.

Reepu Daman Persaud J.P; M;P;
Senior Minister of Agriculture.