



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Granting of Fishing Licences and of Individual Fishing Quotas for Sea Cucumber on the Pedro Bank

The public is hereby advised that a fishing season has been established for Sea Cucumbers (Family Holothuriidae) on the Pedro Bank from **September 1, 2021** through to **February 28, 2022**. Fishing for Sea Cucumbers around the Island Shelf of Jamaica remains prohibited.

Fishers are now invited to apply for fishing licences and for Individual Fishing Quotas to catch Sea Cucumbers on the Pedro Bank. A total of 30,000 kg wet weight of Sea Cucumber will be allocated through competitive bidding with a minimum reserve price of US\$0.75 per kg wet weight. No Fisher will be allowed to bid on more than 25,000 kg of wet weight Sea Cucumber. The Bid quantity awarded will be valid to be fished over a three year period.

Bids will be accepted in writing through sealed envelopes deposited at the National Fisheries Authority. Fishers will need at least 7,500 kg of wet weight to be given a Fishing Licence to fish for sea cucumbers on the Pedro Bank.

The deadline for receiving applications for the Licences is **NO LATER THAN October 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** at the National Fisheries Authority's Head Office at the address given below.

To obtain further information about the New Sea Cucumber Licensing Policy and other details about the application process, interested persons are required to contact the Authority at:

National Fisheries Authority
2c New Port East
Kingston 11
Phone: 876-967-1601 or
876-967-2081
Email: fisheries@moa.gov.jm