

Fishing Vessel Registration Guide

Fisheries & Aquaculture

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains fishing-vessel registration (ReALCraft), fishing licences and the permits a marine fishing operation needs — documents, authorities and the process. Use it before operating a boat.

Purpose of this tool & output

Register a fishing boat and get licences

How the output is used

Use it to register a fishing boat and get its licences — the vessel registration and fishing licence a marine fishing operation needs.

Who receives it

The registration and fishing licence are issued by the State Fisheries Department / port registrar under the Merchant Shipping Act and the State Marine Fishing Regulation Act.

How to submit / file it

Apply with the vessel, ownership, engine and gear details; survey/inspection and the fishing licence precede operation.

Fees & charges

Registration, survey and fishing-licence fees per the rules; the licence is periodically renewed.

Who should vet it

A fisheries/marine consultant and the State Fisheries Department, which verify the vessel and licence before operation.

Important cautions

Marine fishing rules (zones, mesh sizes, closed seasons, deep-sea permits) are state-specific and change; violations attract penalties and seizure. Confirm current rules with the State Fisheries Department and port authority.

Companion documents

- Fisheries Licence Roadmap
- Coastal Aquaculture Authority Registration Guide
- Fisheries GST & Tax Guide
- MPEDA Registration Guide
- Seafood FSSAI Registration Guide
- CRZ Clearance Guide

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.