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**FISHERIES ACT 1998
(NO. 6 OF 1998)****FISHERIES (PROHIBITION OF EXPORT OF DOLPHIN)
REGULATIONS 2013**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 59 of the Fisheries Act 1998, I make these Regulations:

Citation and
commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Prohibition of Export of Dolphins) Regulations 2013 and shall commence on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Regulations, unless the contrary intention requires:

“dolphin” shall mean all species of dolphin;

“dolphin products” include dolphin teeth dowries as alternative currency for bride payments or conflict resolution as dictated by cultural practices;

“dolphin holding facility” means any facility on either land or sea intended for the captivity of dolphins;

“traditional purposes” shall mean hunting of dolphins using dug-out canoes and associated equipment including stones, and flags, commonly known in north and south Malaita as “*ala ana kirio (dolphin net)*” or any other traditional fishing methods used by a indigenous community whom by virtue of its culture practices dolphin hunting for which a cultural purpose is intended;

Prohibition on
Ban on Dolphins

3. Any person who catches for sale, catches and retains in captivity for sale, expose for sale, exports any live dolphin or operates a dolphin holding facility for the purpose of exposing for sale or export, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SBD500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 24 months, or both.

4. Regulation 3 shall not apply to:

- i. catching of dolphins or possessing of dolphins products for traditional purposes; or
- ii. catching of dolphins, retaining in captivity of live dolphins, or possessing of dolphin products, for the purposes of research, where the person has obtained permission in writing from the Director of Fisheries for such research and where the research is undertaken in compliance with the written permission from the Director of Fisheries.

DATED AT HONIARA this twentieth-fourth day of September, 2013.

HON. ALFRED GHIRO, MP
Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources