

# Fishing with the Use or Aid of Local Non-Fishing Vessels

«The Fisheries Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2012» (Amendment Ordinance) came into effect on 15 June 2012. In order to bring local fisheries industry back to a sustainable path, the Government is implementing a series of fisheries management measures to regulate fishing activities. These measures include restricting fishing with the use or aid of local non-fishing vessels.

Nevertheless, fishing with the use or aid of local non-fishing vessels by the following methods does not contravene the Amendment Ordinance :



Fishing by means of a line (without any branch line) operated by hand ;



Fishing with the use of a hand net ;



Fishing without the use of any fishing gear ; and



Fishing during diving supported by self contained underwater breathing apparatus.

In addition, the Amendment Ordinance does not restrict recreational fishing activities at the shore.

## Liability

To prevent from breaching the law, the responsible person, including the owner, master, coxswain and other person in charge of the vessel, must inform the crew members and users to comply with relevant sections of the Amendment Ordinance.

## Penalty

Any person who without reasonable excuse fishes, other than a fishing activity specified above, with the use or aid of local non-fishing vessels commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

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