

The Private Fisheries Protection Act, 1889

(ACT NO. II OF 1889)

1♣An Act for the protection of the right of fishing in private waters.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the protection of private rights of fishery; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

Short title, and extent

1. (1) This Act may be called the Private Fisheries Protection Act, 1889.
- (2) It extends to the whole of ²[Bangladesh].

Interpretation clause

2. In this Act—
 - “fish” includes shell-fish and turtles;
 - “fixed engine” means any net, cage, trap or other contrivance for taking fish fixed in the soil or made stationary in any other way;
 - “private waters” means waters-
 - (a) which are the exclusive property of any person; or
 - (b) in which any person has an exclusive right of fishery, and in which fish are not confined but have means of ingress or egress.

Penalties

3. Any person who-
 - (a) fishes in any private waters, not having a right to fish therein,
 - (b) erects, places, maintains or uses any fixed engine in private waters, or puts, or knowingly permits to be put, therein any matter for the purpose of catching or destroying fish without the permission of the person to whom the right of fishery therein belongs;shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be punished for a first offence with a fine not exceeding fifty Taka.