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## 1. Fishing Ban Periods Starts In Turkish Internal Waters For 2023

According to the Notifications No. 5/1 and 5/2 Regulating Commercial and Amateur Fishing, a ban on fishing will be applied in Turkey's inland waters between April 1 and June 30.

In the written statement made by the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry, "In all inland water resources within the borders of our province, in streams, dams, lakes and ponds; It is forbidden to hunt between 1 April and 30 June, which is the time of reproduction and spawning of fish, including carp, tench, siraz, catfish, grey mullet and other species.



**Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**

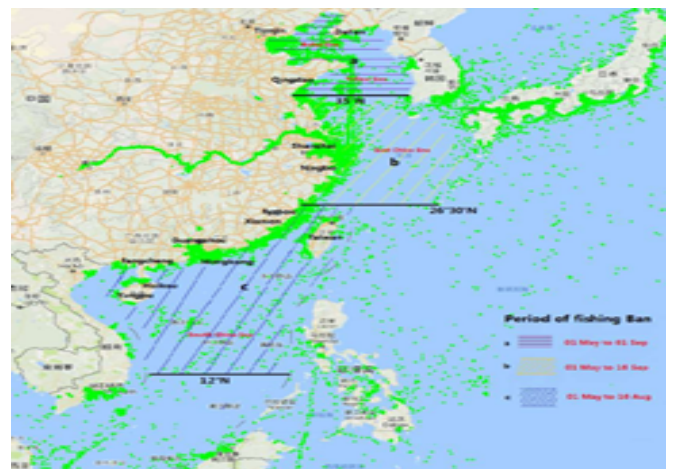
The Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry, emphasizing that it is important for the fishers to comply with the time, species, and length prohibitions to the maximum extent in fish production areas where amateur and commercial fishing is carried out on the edges of dams, lakes and streams, which are important recreation and recreation areas, for the continuity of fishing and the continuity of fish generations. For this reason, it is necessary to know that those who are engaged in fishing and citizens must comply with the rules, otherwise legal action will be taken against them.

During the fishing ban period, which will last until 30 June, the fishermen who do fishing or sell prohibited species will be subject to an administrative fine, as well as the confiscation of the prohibited product and fishing gear.

## 2. Chinese Authorities Issued Revised Fishing Ban Periods In China

On 13 Mar 2023, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China (MOA) announced the revised annual fishing ban periods which will come into effect as of 15 Apr 2023.

The fishing ban applies to vessels. To be more specific, the to all kinds of fishing vessels, including fishing auxiliary applicable period of annual fishing ban in different sea waters in China are revised as follows:



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1. Waters north of 35°N in the Bohai Sea and the Yellow Sea: the ban period is between 1200 hours on 01 May and 1200 hours on 01 September.
2. Waters between 35 °N and 26°30'N in the Yellow Sea and the East China Sea: the ban period is between 1200 hours 01 May and 1200 hours on 16 September.
3. Waters between 12 °N and 26°30'N in the East China Sea and the South China Sea: the ban period is between 1200 hours 01 May and 1200 hours on 16 August.
4. Special Fishing Permit in Waters between 35 °N and 26°30'N in the Yellow sea and the East China Sea during the fishing ban period: fishing boats including truss-trawls for shrimp, cage and pot, gill net and light-seining (lift) net can apply for the special fishing permit for shrimp, crab, pelagic fish and other resources with the relevant fishery authorities, so that they can carry on fishing activities during the fishing ban.
5. The ban of small trawlers shall start from 1200 hours on 01 May and last for no less than three months. The lifting time of fishing ban shall be determined by the provincial fishery authorities and reported to the MOA for record.
6. Fishing boats are prohibited from operating outside the boundaries of the sea areas assigned to them in their license.

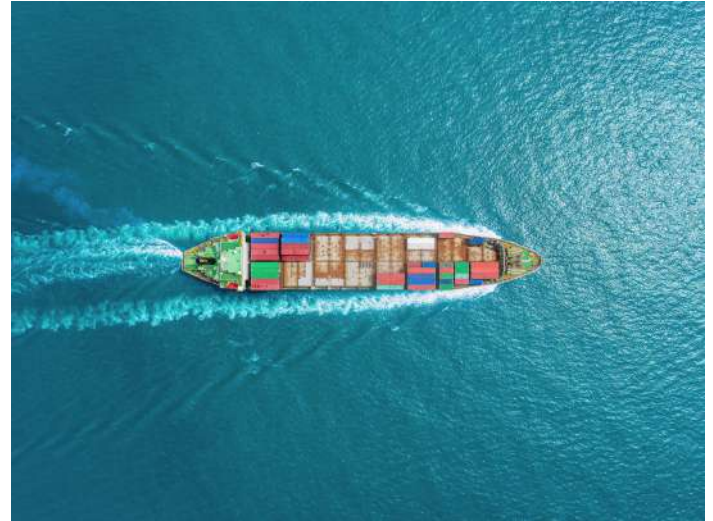
For your easy reference, please see below illustration on the fishing ban in different waters of China.

**Source: Oasis P&I Services Company Limited**

### 3. IMO 2020: More About Scrubbers In Brazil

Nearly three years after the IMO regulation limiting shipboard Sulphur emissions went into effect worldwide, scrubber washwater discharge in Brazilian ports still raises doubts.

Following an amendment to Annex VI of IMO's International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), effective 1 January 2020, vessels operating outside designated emission control areas have had to considerably lower the limits of sulphur oxides in fuel oil used on board, from 3.5% m/m (mass by mass) to 0.5% m/m.



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IMO 2020, as the new rule became known, allows alternative fuels and emission control methods to meet the global sulphur cap reduction, such as the installation of exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS), also known as “scrubbers”, homologated by the vessel’s Class and meeting the requirements of IMO regulation and guidelines, including monitoring and recording of discharge overboard of washwater generated during the operation of the EGCS unit.

Brazilian federal authorities have not established specific criteria for discharging EGCS waters beyond what the IMO regulation already stipulates. Nevertheless, in the absence of conclusive scientific research or evidence on the impact of scrubbing waters on the marine environment, local port authorities across the country have taken a cautious approach and have banned washwater discharge in their jurisdiction.

Yet, in some ports where release is not expressly prohibited, shipmasters and local agents remain uncertain if and where the practice is permitted.

In a recent significant development, Santos Port Authority (SPA) has joined those who have expressly prohibited the operation of open-loop scrubbers and wash water discharges.

**Source: Proinde Brazil**

## 4. Port Update

Below is Yemen Ports Status as of today March 2023.

- Open and operational ports: Aden, Rudhum Oil Terminal, Mukalla, Ash Shihr Oil Terminal, Nishtun, Mokha, Saleef, Hodeidah and Ras Isa Petroleum Products Reception Facility.
- Closed ports: Ras Isa Marine Terminal (FSO Safer), and Balhaf LNG Terminal.

Regarding the threat to crude oil tankers, the Houthi rebels continue to warn crude oil tankers not to call at the crude oil export terminals of Rudhum and Ash Shihr. Accordingly, all crude oil export operations in these terminals have been halted.



**Source: GAC Yemen Ltd.**

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