

	MAURITANIA	SENEGAL	THE GAMBIA	GUINEA*	SIERRA LEONE	GHANA*	MADAGASCAR
Name	"Zone de Pêche artisanale maritime" (Maritime artisanal fishing zone)	None	Unclear regulation	"Zone de pêche artisanale traditionnelle" (Traditional artisanal fishing zone)	"Inshore Exclusive Zone"	"Inshore Economic/Exclusive <sup>1</sup> Zone"	None
Definition of artisanal fishing or artisanal fishing vessel	"Any fishing carried out on foot or using decked or open vessels LOA ≤14 m that are non-motorised or have an engine ≤150 hp and operate with passive fishing gear, with the exception of purse seines" (Decree 2015-159, Art. 13)	"Any open vessel that uses non-mechanically operated means of capture and whose only means of preservation is ice or salt" (Art. 2, Decree 2016-1804)	"fishing in coastal or inland waters with motorised or non-motorised vessels, and includes commercial fishing" (Law 6-2007, Part 1.2)	<u>Traditional</u> : "all fishing carried out on foot or using non-motorised pirogue-type vessels propelled by paddle or sail and using fishing gear such as gillnets, hawks, lines, longlines and pots" <u>Motorised</u> : "all fishing using pirogue-type vessels, LOA ≤ 24m, propelled by an engine ≤60 HP, and operating with passive gear with the exception of the purse seine" <u>Advanced</u> : "any fishing carried out by a vessel LHT ≤ 25m, of capacity ≤45 GRT, and engine >60 HP to ≤250 HP" (Decree A/2017/6805/MPAEM/SGG)	"small-scale, or commercial fishing using an artisanal fishing vessel and gear where the owner is directly involved in the day-to-day running of the enterprise" (Act 48-2018, Part IV, Section 18)	<u>Artisanal fishing</u> : "traditional canoe fishing carried on by a citizen" <u>Small local semi-industrial vessel</u> : "a local fishing vessel of a length below ten metres" (Act 625-2002, Section 140)	<b>Note: artisanal fishing is known as "petite pêche" (traditional fishing) in Madagascar</b>  <u>Petite pêche</u> : "Fishing reserved for individuals, carried out in Malagasy waters using motorised craft <15 HP, non-motorised craft or on foot." (Law 2015-053, Art. 1)
Area reserved to artisanal fishing	Up to 6 nm	Area between baseline and 6 nm free from bottom trawling	Between 1 and 7 nm or 2-7 nm (seasonal)	<u>Traditional</u> : Up to 6 nm (nationals) <u>Advanced</u> : Up to 10 for pelagic or 12 for demersal (nationals) <u>Motorised</u> : Up to 20 nm (nationals & ECOWAS)	Approximately up to 6 nm (map in the 2019 Regulations)	From the coastline to the 30-m isobath line or 6 nm, whichever is further	Up to 2 nm (shrimp trawling ban)
Legal reference	Decree 2015-159, Annex I	Decree 2016-1804, Chapter V, Section 3; Law 70-02 (1970)	2019 amendments to 2008 Fisheries Regulations.	Decree A/2020/3538/MPAEM/CAB/SGG (fish. management plan for 2021)	Act No. 48-2018, Part IV, Section 18 § I; 2019 Fisheries and Aquaculture Reg., Sections 4.2 & 7.3	Act 625-2002, Section 81 (1)	Decree 2021-361
Comment	Zones are accessed according to fishing licences. Artisanal fishers are also <i>authorized</i> to operate 6-9nm. Beyond 9 nm fishing is <i>free</i> .	"State may reserve certain zones for exploitation by artisanal fishers" (Art. 24, Law 2015-18). Fishing zones start from 3 nm and licences according to type of vessel.	Permanent ban in 1 nm & seasonal ban in 2 nm; Trawlers & SI <50 GRT beyond 7 nm if registered & land in country; Industrial <50 GRT beyond 9 nm. Frequent incursions.	Before 2022, foreign vessels accessed the AFZ through joint ventures using advanced category (overlap of zones). <b>Following the restitution session of this study, the 2022 plan replaced the "advanced" zone for "semi-industrial" operating beyond 14 nm.</b> However, continued incursions by SIV of foreign origin.	Reserved to artisanal and recreational fisheries.	Exceptions: Fisheries Commission may authorize trawlers ("large semi-industrial") to capture cephalopods and pole & line vessels to fish for bait.	Fishing communities have a precise idea of their "traditional fishing zone", especially where natural landmarks are; Industrial fishing beyond the 2 nm band on the West coast and 8 nm on the East coast.

<sup>1</sup> The full name of the area corresponding to IEZ appears to use "economic" or "exclusive" indifferently across the 2002 Act 625. See: <https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/gha34737.pdf>

\* Significant changes in the legislation since the publication of the study or currently a revision of legislation.