



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
Department of Fisheries

PRESS RELEASE

Sea Egg Fishery (“Chadon”) remains Closed

The public is informed that the Sea Urchin (Sea Egg/“chadon”) Fishery remains closed. When the fishery is closed, no one shall fish for, sell, expose for sale or have in their possession sea eggs without the written permission of the Chief Fisheries Officer. Anyone who fails to comply with any of the provisions of the Fisheries Act is liable to a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Recent assessments of the sea egg population conducted with fishers revealed very low numbers. This may be due to a number of factors unfavourable sea conditions, reduced number of juveniles and illegal harvesting during the closed season. Although persons may be observing a few sea eggs in some locations, harvesting at this time is likely to prevent the increase in the population of the sea eggs to support an open fishery in the future.

Members of the public are encouraged to report any illegal harvesting or selling of sea eggs to the Marine Police Unit or the nearest police station or call the Department of Fisheries at 468-4135 / 468-4143 or 725 1722.

Please be guided accordingly.

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