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Additional Undersize Crayfish Seized by the SFPA

A follow up inspection was undertaken in Kerry on the 18th May by the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA), following the seizure of 39 undersize crayfish on the 9th May. A further eight keeps were inspected on the 18th May by Sea-Fisheries Protection Officers of the SFPA and two of these were found to contain 47 undersize crayfish, and one oversize lobster. The animals were returned live to the sea.

The SFPA's annual inshore fisheries patrol programme is part of conservation measures to help protect Ireland's valuable shellfish and crustacean fisheries including crab, lobster, crayfish, and whelk.

Further details can be accessed in the press release regarding the seizure of undersized crayfish by the SFPA on the 9th May in the link below:

https://www.sfpa.ie/Portals/0/Press%20Release_Undersize%20Crayfish%20Seized%20by%20the%20SFPA.pdf

If you have any concerns regarding fisheries control, seafood fraud and/ or seafood safety please contact the SFPA through our [Confidential Line channels](#). Call our Confidential Line on 1800 76 76 76. Alternatively, complete our [Confidential Report form](#).

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Further Information

About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries

law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie