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The SFPA Publishes Fisheries Information Notice on Fisheries Control Measures for Brown Crab, Spider Crab and Velvet Crab

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) recently published a new Fisheries Information Notice (FIN) titled 'Fisheries Control Measures for Brown Crab, Spider Crab and Velvet Crab for Irish Fishing Vessels within the Irish EEZ'.*

The FIN aims to bring awareness to fishers of their regulatory obligations in respect of Brown Crab, Spider Crab and Velvet Crab, and highlights other key areas including:

- Visual Identification of each species.
- Guidelines on how to correctly measure each species.
- Catch reporting and submission obligations.
- Non-commercial Pot fishing regulations**

The SFPA are committed to supporting compliance with both new and existing legislation and are available to provide guidance. For assistance or further details on the FIN, please contact: sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie

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Note to Editor

Photo Caption

Measuring of a Brown Crab

*The FIN can be accessed on the SFPA website or by clicking on the following link: [Fisheries Information Notice 06-2024 Fisheries Control Measures for Brown Crab, Spider Crab & Velvet Crab for Irish Fishing Vessels within the Irish EEZ](#)

**Non-commercial Pot fishing regulations, full details in [Fisheries Information Notice 08-21 Non-commercial Pot Fishing in Ireland](#)

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