

# PROCLAMATIONS PROHIBITING FISHING FOR PEARL-OYSTER SHELL OR BECHE-DE-MER.

Particulars of these proclamations (which were made under Ordinances repealed by the *Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Bêche-de-mer Ordinance, 1911-1934*, and continued in force by Section 3(4) of that Ordinance) are set out in the Table below, and the proclamations are printed immediately after the Table:—

**TABLE.**

Date on which proclamation made.	Date on which published in British N.G. Govt. Gaz. or Papua Govt. Gaz.	Type of fishing prohibited.	Area to which prohibition applies.	Page on which printed.
23.6.1903 <sup>(a)</sup>	4.7.1903	Collection or obtaining by means of dredging of pearl-oyster shell known as 'Lapi'	Vicinity of Kiriwina Id., Id. of Kaileuna, and Muwo Id.	1979
26.5.1910 <sup>(b)</sup>	26.5.1910	(1) Fishing for Pearl Shell  (2) Fishing for Bêche-de-mer	Waters of the Trobriand group as defined in Schedule A of the Proclamation  Waters of the Trobriand group as defined in Schedule B of the Proclamation	1980

(a) Made pursuant to Section 11 of "*The Pearl Shell and Beche-de-mer Fishery Ordinance of 1894*" and continued in force by Section 3(4) of the *Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Beche-de-mer Ordinance, 1911-1934*.

(b) Ordinance under which made not specified, but, *semble*, the proclamation was continued in force by Section 3(4) of the *Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Beche-de-mer Ordinance, 1911-1934*.

## TEXT OF PROCLAMATIONS.

[Proclamation dated 23rd June, 1903, and published in British N.G. Govt. Gaz. of 4th July, 1903.]

### PROCLAMATION.

By CHRISTOPHER STANSFELD ROBINSON, Esquire, Chief Judicial Officer and Acting Administrator of the Possession of British New Guinea.

[L.S.]

CHRIS. STANSFELD ROBINSON.

WHEREAS by Section 11 of an Ordinance of the Possession of British New Guinea, No. 4 of 1894, entitled "*The Pearl Shell and*

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*Bêche-de-mer Fishery Ordinance of 1894,*<sup>(1)</sup> it is enacted that the Administrator in Council may, by Proclamation, prohibit for a time specified therein the collecting or obtaining of pearl-oyster shell of any variety from any port, bank, channel, reef, or cluster of reefs. Now, I, CHRISTOPHER STANSFELD ROBINSON, the Acting Administrator aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Possession, and in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Ordinance, and of all other powers enabling in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare that the collecting or obtaining by means of dredging of pearl-oyster shell of the variety or species called and known as "Lapi" from any port, bank, channel, reef, or cluster of reefs, or any portion of a port, bank, channel, reef, or cluster of reefs, East of a line drawn from the Western point of Kiriwina Island, between Lobua and Kavatari, opposite to the Island of Kaileuna and the Western point of Muwo Island, is hereby prohibited until such time as the prohibition hereby made be by competent authority withdrawn.<sup>(2)</sup>

Any person who shall collect or obtain any pearl-oyster shell in contravention of the prohibition hereby made will be liable, on conviction, to the penalties by Section 11 of the said Ordinance<sup>(1)</sup> provided.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Possession this twenty-third day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

By Command,

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Government Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

**[Proclamation dated 26th May, 1910, and published in Papua  
Govt. Gaz. of 26th May, 1910.]**

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency JOHN HUBERT PLUNKETT MURRAY, Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua.

[L.S.]

J. H. P. MURRAY.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation dated the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and six, it is proclaimed and declared that Fishing for Pearl Shell or Bêche-de-mer in the waters of the Trobriand group is prohibited for a term of five years.

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seven, the boundaries of

(1) See now Section 34 of the *Pearl, Pearl-Shell and Bêche-de-mer Ordinance, 1911-1934.*

(2) No instrument withdrawing this prohibition has been published in *Papua Govt. Gaz.*

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the said waters of the Trobriand group within which the said Fishing for Pearl Shell or Bêche-de-mer is prohibited are defined and declared.

And whereas it is now deemed expedient to cancel and revoke the said Proclamations of the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and six, and the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seven and make provision in lieu thereof.

Now, therefore, I, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Territory, do hereby cancel and revoke the said Proclamations accordingly, and I do further proclaim and declare that Fishing for Pearl Shell within the boundaries of the waters of the Trobriand group, which are set forth and defined in Schedule A hereto is, and shall be prohibited.

And I do furthermore proclaim and declare that Fishing for Bêche-de-mer within the boundaries of the waters of the Trobriand group, which are set forth and defined in Schedule B hereto is, and shall be prohibited until this my Proclamation is revoked or amended.<sup>(3)</sup>

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory of Papua, at Port Moresby, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and in the First year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. M. CAMPBELL,  
Government Secretary.

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SCHEDULE A.

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES.

Commencing at the intersection of the one hundred and fifty-first Meridian of East Longitude with the ninth Parallel of South Latitude and thence bounded on the South by the ninth Parallel of South Latitude bearing West, distant twenty-five miles; bounded thence on the West by a line bearing North, distant fifty miles; bounded thence on the North by a line bearing East, distant forty-one miles; bounded thence on the East by a line bearing South, distant fifty miles to the ninth Parallel of South Latitude; bounded thence again on the South by the ninth Parallel of South Latitude bearing West, distant sixteen miles to the point of commencement.

SCHEDULE B.

Commencing from the most South-Westerly point of Kaileuna Island, thence bounded on the North by the Southern shore of Kaileuna Island to Point Mamada, thence in a straight line to a point on Kiriwina Island, called Kadalawa, thence on the North-East, East, and South-East by the shores of Kiriwina Island to Susua Point, thence on the South by a straight line from Susua Point to the most Southern point of Muwo Island, thence by the South-Western shores of Muwo Island to the most Westerly point of that Island, and thence on the West by a straight line from the Westerly point of Muwo Island to Dukuboi Point on Kaileuna Island being the point of commencement.

(3) No instrument revoking or amending this Proclamation has been published in Papua Govt. Gaz.

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