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(For written reply)

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Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:

Whether she intends to revoke the current research licence that was issued to a certain person (name furnished) for 15 years in view of the specified reasons (details furnished)?

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1. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:

The purpose of the exploratory fishery is to gain scientific knowledge regarding octopus harvesting in various areas in terms of catch and effort data as well as seasonal trends and gear efficiency. The fishery has been operating for 15 years.

It is matter of public record that on Friday, 29 June 2019 the department suspended the exploration fishing for octopus with immediate effect in False Bay. The intention is to allow our scientists to investigate reasons for the entanglements and explore possible mitigation measures. Further decisions on the future of the industry will be made once all facts are before the department.

Regards

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MS B CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

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