

# LICENSING REQUIREMENTS - ARTISANAL FISHERIES

**Artisanal fishing vessels are required to have a license to fish in Liberian waters. There are three categories of artisanal fishing vessel licenses. These are: b>**

- Semi-industrial Canoe (using 25 and above horsepower engines)
- Cassava Fish net Canoe (below 25 horsepower engines)
- Kru Canoe (no engine)

Canoes owners are also required to register their vessels with the Bureau of National Fisheries. Each canoe is assigned a unique registration number. This number must be clearly displayed (carved / painted) on the right front of the vessel

Each time a new canoe is built, it must be registered and given a new number.

## **Guidelines:**

The following are the steps required to license and register an artisanal canoe in Liberia:

- Obtain a copy of the artisanal canoe license application and registration form. Application forms can be obtained free of charge from the NaFAA office.
- Application forms are to be completed and returned to NaFAA for approval.
- Upon approval of the application forms, NaFAA conducts both canoes and fishing gears inspection.
- If fishing gears are in compliance with the new fisheries regulations, applicants are required to pay the required licensing fees (see below) to 'Government of Liberia' (GoL) to Ministry of Finance
- Registration for the canoe requires a payment of LD\$1000 for semi-industrial canoes, or LD\$350 for cassava fish net and artisanal canoes, to the Special Fisheries Account at the Central Bank of Liberia.
- Registration and license documents are then issued upon demonstration of payment receipts at the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority.

## **Canoe Licence Fees:**

### **Semi-Industrial:**

- Fanti and Senegalese Canoes L\$ 7,000.00/yr

### **Artisanal:**

- Cassava Fish Net Canoes L\$ 3,000.00/yr
- Kru Canoes L\$2,000.00/yr