

FISHING REGULATIONS IN VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Fishing is prohibited between 8:00am and 5:00pm at the NPS Red Hook dock, Cruz Bay Finger Pier, and bulkhead.

Fishing within Boat Exclusion areas is prohibited.

The taking or possession of Nassau Grouper (*Epinephelus straiatus*) and Goliath Grouper (*Epinephelus Itajara*) within NPS or Territorial waters is prohibited year round.

February 1st through April 30th, it is prohibited to possess of red, black, yellowedge, yellowfin, and tiger groupers in NPS or Territorial waters.

April 1st through June 30th, it is prohibited to possess mutton and lane snappers in NPS or Territorial waters.

October 1st through December 31st, it is prohibited to possess black, blackfin, vermillion, and silk snappers in NPS or Territorial waters.

Tarpon and bonefish fishing are restricted to catch and release with hook and line only.

Spear fishing is prohibited. Spear fishing equipment must be broken down for transit through NPS waters.

Fishing from moorings (except for the yellow fishing moorings off Cabritte Point by permit) and fishing within mooring fields is prohibited.

All commercial fishing is prohibited, including day charters.

Fish traps must be of a traditional West Indian design, possess a biodegradable door, and be tagged and registered in accordance with the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) policy. DPNR may be contacted at 340-774-3320 ext 5106 for further information.

The use of soldier/hermit crabs and undersized, or out of season, whelks for bait is prohibited.

There may be no damage to natural resources such as striking coral, walking on sea grass, or damage to mangroves.

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	Open Season	Limit	Size
CONCH	Nov 1 – May 31	Two (2) per person per day landed in shell	9” long or 3/8” lip, and landed in the shell
WHELK	Oct 1 – March 31	One (1) gallon per person per day landed in the shell	2 7/16” or larger in diameter and landed in the shell
CARIBBEAN SPINY LOBSTER	All Year	Two (2) per person per day, taken by hand or snare only.	Carapace must be at least 3.5” Females with eggs must be returned to the water undamaged

FISHING REGULATIONS IN CORAL REEF NATIONAL MONUMENT

Fishing within the monument (see map on reverse) is by permit only. Permits must be present at the time of the activity and must be presented to NPS officials upon request. Permits are valid for Three (3) years from the date of issue unless otherwise noted.

Permits may be applied for at the National Park Service offices in Cruz Bay, or by writing the park at:

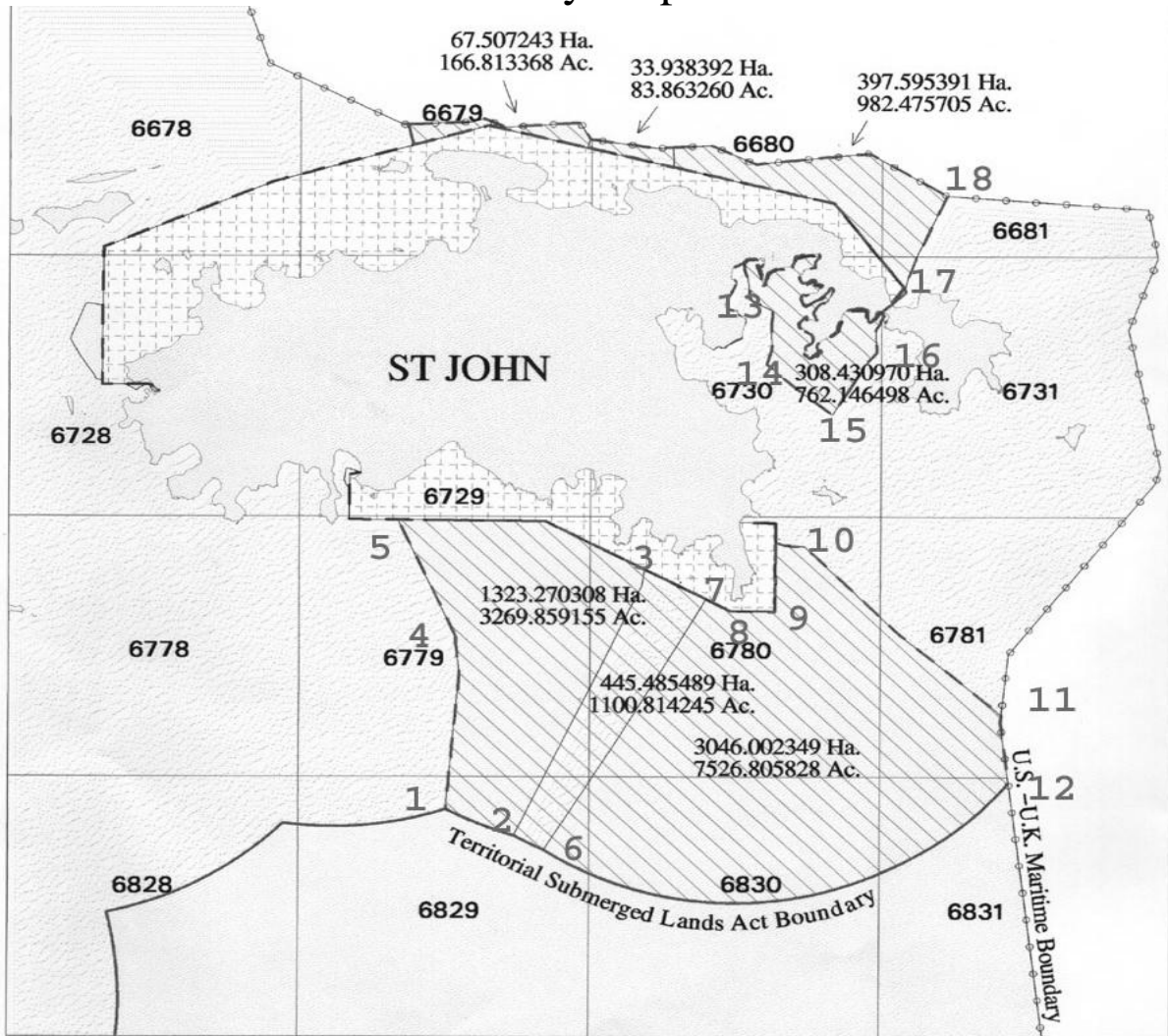
Virgin Islands National Park
Attn: Special Use Permits
1300 Cruz Bay Creek
St. John, VI 00830

Application for a permit does not alone convey permitted status. Failure to comply terms of a permit may result in the permit being revoked.

Fishing By Permit in Coral Reef National Monument

	Gear	Limit	Location
Bait Fish	Only cast nets may be used with a minimum square mesh size of ¼ inch (1/2 inch stretched)	Three (3) gallons per person per day	Hurricane Hole only. Fish may not be taken within ten (10) feet of mangrove prop roots. Anchoring is prohibited.
Blue Runner (Hardnose)	Only hand lines may be used. Chumming is permitted with a mixture of baitfish and sand.		South side of Saint John between Rams Head and Cabritte Horn Points. Yellow moorings are provided. Anchoring is prohibited.

VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK & CORAL REEF NATIONAL MONUMENT Boundary Map



V.I. Territorial Submerged Lands
 Virgin Islands National Park
 Federal Submerged Lands
 Coral Reef National Monument

Monument Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Monument Point	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)
1	18°15.799	64°44.870	10	18°18.474	64°41.540
2	18°15.532	64°44.219	11	18°16.790	64°39.678
3	18°18.178	64°43.044	12	18°16.097	64°39.579
4	18°17.504	64°44.808	13	18°20.772	64°41.877
5	18°18.692	64°45.340	14	18°20.287	64°41.916
6	18°15.413	64°43.947	15	18°19.762	64°41.292
7	18°17.899	64°42.451	16	18°20.386	64°40.876
8	18°17.781	64°42.243	17	18°21.070	64°40.629
9	18°17.791	64°41.808	18	18°21.961	64°40.242