

# Dar-ul-Ifta

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

نحمده و نصلى على رسوله الكريم

*Praise is due to Allah who guided us to the righteous path, And Durood o Salaam upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad "peace be upon him" and his Family and Companions.*

About Seafood there are different points of views between Ulamaa-e-Mujtahideen (The four great Imam) which are as following:

### 1. Viewpoint of Imam Maalik, Imam Shaafi'ee, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal.

They said that all types of sea animals are considered as Halal and are lawful for consumption. They based this point of view from Quraan and Hadith which are as following:

#### Proof from Quraan:

احل لكم صيد البحر وطعامه متاعا لكم وللسياارة

*Lawful to you is the game of the sea (fishing) and its eating for the benefit of you and the travelers.*

*(Surah Maa'ida Verset 96)*

In the above verse it is clear that all the sea animals are lawful (Halal) and it is proven from the word of "Swaid-ul-Bahri wa Twa'aamuhu".

#### Proof from Hadith:

The Holy Prophet "Sallallahu alaihi wasallam" said, هو الطهور ماءه الحل ميتته

*The sea/river is pure and its dead thing is lawful (Halal).*

*(Jami Tirmizi Vol 1 Page 21) (Ibne Maaja Page 233)*

### 2. Viewpoint of Imam-e-Aazam Abu Hanifa نور الله مرقدہ

In all types of sea animals only fish is lawful (Halal) and the rest are unlawful. The proofs from Quraan and Hadith are:

i. Allah Almighty Said: حرمت عليكم الميتة

*You are forbidden (to eat) the dead.*

*(Surah Maa'ida Verset 3)*

Without differentiating between land animals and sea animals, the meat of all dead animals are prohibited (Haraam) except two dead animals.

1. Fish
2. Locust

Fish and Locust have been exempted by the Holy Prophet “sallallahu alaihi wasallam” that two types of dead meat have been made lawful for our consumption, the two dead meats are fish and locust. (Ibne Maajah)

ii. Allah Almighty Said: وَيَحْرِمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ  
*They are forbidden (to eat) the evil (and bad). (Surah A'raaf Verset 157)*

Saahib ul Hidaaya Hadhrat Allama Burhaan-ud-deen Abul Hasan Ali bin Abi Bakr Hanafi Al Farghani Al Marghinaani explained that ماسوى السمك خبيث in sea or river every thing is evil except fish. Moreover, The Holy Prophet “Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam” has forbade us to consume every thing which is evil and bad. (Hidaaya Aakhirain, Page 442)

### **Refutation of the Majority**

The signification of Swaid-ul-Bahr “صيدالبحر” and Maytah “ميتته” are only fish, not the others due to the broad rule of “Aam Makhsous A'n-il-Ba'dh”(عام مخصوص عن البعض) which means the rule of a common word but it specifies partly to a particular meaning.

After the details, the answers of your questions are as follows:

- i. Only fish can be eaten from sea food.
- ii. The other sea food is prohibited because Allah the Almighty and His beloved Prophet have forbade us to consume except the fish.
- iii. Definitely it is a sin if someone consumes all kind of seafood except fish.

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