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**1950.Mr M N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether, in terms of the allocation of fishing rights to small-scale fishermen, her Department has an indication as b what number of the rights holder (a) are paper quota holders and (b) harvest their own quotas; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

**1950. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIED:**

Small-scale fishing rights are allocated to community-based legal entities in the form of co-operatives. These cooperatives as made up of verified and declared small-scale fishers in teas of the Marine Living Resources Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014). These fishers have met the relevant criteria and proved their historical involvement in fi9hing, as well as deriving a major part of their livelihood from traditional fishing operations. As such, there are no 'Paper Quota Holders' in the Small-scale Fishing Sector.

All fishes that form part of the small-scale fisheries cooperatives are involved in either one of the many fishing operations that include, amongst others, catching, processing and/or marketing of fish.

Regards

**Ms BD CREECY, MP**

**MINISTEROF FORESTRY, FISHERES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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