

Q: 79 – Title: Are Muslims allowed to eat seafood?

Question

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Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-salamu `alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

According to Imam Abu Hanifah (Rahmatullahi Ta'Ala), only live fish from the creatures of the sea can be consumed. Anything else besides live fish from the sea is not permissible. [i]

It is not permissible to eat a fish if it is dead and floating in the sea.[ii]

According to Imam Malik (Rahmatullahi Ta'Ala) it is permissible to eat everything from the except the pig, dog and human.[iii]

According to Imam Shafi (Rahmatullahi Ta'Ala) it is permissible to eat everything from the sea, except the dog and donkey.[iv]

According to Imam Ahmad Bin Hambal (Rahmatullahi Ta'Ala), it permissible to eat the lobster

and the turtle from the sea, but it is not permissible to eat the frogs, snakes and crocodiles. [v]

And Allah knows best.

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- [i] "فمن سمك البحر" - أي سمك البحر المأكول - قال: "فمن سمك البحر المأكول" vol.14, p.329
- [ii] "فمن سمك البحر" - أي سمك البحر المأكول - قال: "فمن سمك البحر المأكول" vol.14, p.329
- [iii] "فمن سمك البحر" - أي سمك البحر المأكول - قال: "فمن سمك البحر المأكول" vol.14, p.329-330
- [iv] "فمن سمك البحر" - أي سمك البحر المأكول - قال: "فمن سمك البحر المأكول" vol.14, p.329-330
- [v] "فمن سمك البحر" - أي سمك البحر المأكول - قال: "فمن سمك البحر المأكول" vol.14, p.329-330