

Q: 49 – Title: Could you confirm if there is an opinion of permissibility on crabs as per your Fatwa # 18321?

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Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

We have been notified of a misconception which arouse from Fatwa number 18321 (<http://askimam.org/fatwa/fatwa.php?askid=d04013b28a21924be02997357a7cff54>).

The fatwa should have been worded differently. Although some contemporary scholars opine that a crab is fish and no consideration should be given to science, none of the classical scholars ever classified a crab as fish. There is a consensus amongst traditional scholars and hence, crabs will NOT be permissible according to the Hanafi madhab.

And Allah knows best

Wassalaamu `alaykum

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