

# MARINE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

## *Information Brochure* *2009-2010*

This pamphlet summarizes the regulations that apply to recreational fishing in South Africa's marine and estuarine environments and scuba-diving and jetski use in Marine Protected Areas. The information provided here is not complete and may change from time to time. For full details of the Marine Living Resources Act (Act No. 18 of 1998) and regulations promulgated thereunder, contact your local fishery control officer. In terms of this Act, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism is responsible for the management of marine living resources and their environment. Part of this function is delegated to provincial authorities and statutory bodies. Special regulations may govern some estuaries and river mouths, National Parks, and the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park. These can be obtained from the Chief Directorate Environmental Management, Western Cape Nature Conservation Board (CapeNature), Eastern Cape Parks Board, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, South African National Parks (SANParks), and iSimangaliso Wetland Park (previously Greater St Lucia Wetland Park) as the case may be.

In terms of the abovementioned Act, each recreational fisher and certain other user groups must pay for the right to use marine resources by buying a recreational permit/fishing permit. These funds will be used for research, compliance and management.

The natural marine living resources of South Africa, as well as the marine environment, are national assets and the heritage of our people. Help us to look after our marine resources.

### **MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS**

There are several types of areas in the marine and coastal environment where special regulations apply for conservation, fishery management and the promotion of tourism. These include:

**Marine Protected Areas**, declared under Section 43 of the Marine Living Resources Act. In general no fishing (at least in certain zones), construction work, pollution, or any form of disturbance is allowed here unless written permission (which could be in the form of a permit or exemption issued by the Department) has been granted by the Minister.

**Closed Areas**, declared under Section 77 of the Marine Living Resources Act. Fishing is restricted or prohibited entirely in these areas as indicated below.

**National Parks**, declared under the Protected Areas Act, can include marine areas and estuaries. Only the Marine Living Resource Act Regulations that apply in these areas are listed here.

The **iSimangaliso Wetland Park**, declared under the World Heritage Convention Act as the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, is managed by the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority. Fishing in this area is subject to the provisions described here for the St. Lucia and Maputaland Marine Protected Areas.

### **MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

#### **Langebaan Lagoon Marine Protected Area**

Langebaan Lagoon is divided into three zones: Controlled, Restricted and Sanctuary. Recreational fishing and power-boating are only allowed in the northern-most zone, north of a line joining Beacons LB4, in Kraal Bay, and LB3, at Oesterwal. SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 022-772 2144).

#### **Sixteen Mile Beach Marine Protected Area**

No fishing from the shore is allowed in the area between Plankies and Rooipan se Klippe (near Yzerfontein. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 022-772 2144).

#### **Malgas Island, Jutten Island and Marcus Island Marine Protected Areas**

No fishing is allowed along the shores of these islands. No jetskis may be used around the MPA. SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 022-772 2144).

#### **Table Mountain National Park Marine Protected Area**

SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 021-786 5656). No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA.

No fishing is allowed in the following restricted zones:

St James Restricted Zone: between the tidal pool at St James and the tidal pool at Kalk Bay. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°07.123 'S; 018°27.568 'E

34°07.567 'S; 018°27.050 'E

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Boulders Restricted Zone: in the area between the eastern end of Simonstown harbour and Oatlands. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°11.567 'S; 018°26.762 'E  
34°12.705 'S; 018°27.781 'E  
34°10.581 'S; 018°27.196 'E  
34°10.581 'S; 018°27.781 'E

Castle Rock Restricted Zone: between the beacon VB1 at Millers Point and VB2 at Partridge Point, extending approximately one nautical mile seawards. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°15.480 'S; 018°28.344 'E  
34°14.100 'S; 018°28.508 'E  
34°14.100 'S; 018°29.300 'E  
34°15.480 'S; 018°29.300 'E

Paulsberg Restricted Zone: between Smitswinkel Point and Venus Pool, and extending approximately one nautical mile seawards. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°17.744 'S; 018°28.020 'E  
34°16.549 'S; 018°28.464 'E  
34°16.549 'S; 018°29.000 'E  
34°17.744 'S; 018°29.000 'E

Cape of Good Hope Restricted Zone: between Hoek van die Bobbejaan and the fence at Scarborough, and extending approximately one nautical mile seawards. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°12.271 'S; 018°22.194 'E  
34°18.393 'S; 018°24.258 'E  
34°16.490 'S; 018°22.194 'E  
34°18.393 'S; 018°23.500 'E

Karbonkelberg Restricted Zone: between the Sentinal and Hout Bay and Oudekraal, and extending 3.3 nautical miles offshore at the widest point. Exact boundary coordinates are:

34°03.660 'S; 018°20.252 'E  
33°58.757 'S; 018°21.847 'E  
34°03.660 'S; 018°17.797 'E  
33°58.757 'S; 018°17.797 'E

#### **Helderberg Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed between the mouth of the Eerste River and the mouth of the Lourens River in False Bay, extending 500m seawards from the high-water mark. Jet skis are allowed in the MPA but the management authority should be contacted for more information. DEAT Compliance is the management authority (Contact number: 021-856 1482).

#### **Betty's Bay Marine Protected Area**

Only shore angling is allowed between beacon B1 at Stoney Point and beacon B4, to the east of Jock-se-baai, extending approximately two nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact Number: 028-271 5138) together with DEAT (Contact number: 021-856 1482).

34°22.450 'S; 018°53.765 'E  
34°21.357 'S; 018°56.240 'E  
34°24.450 'S; 018°53.765 'E  
34°24.450 'S; 018°56.240 'E

#### **De Hoop Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed between beacon DH1 at Still Bay Point and beacon DH2 between Rys Point and Skipskop, extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 028-542 1114/5).

#### **Stilbaai Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed in the 3 restricted zones of the MPA (Geelkrans, Skulpiesbaai and Goukou Estuarine Restricted Zones). The Geelkrans Restricted Zone includes the eastern part of the Stilbaai MPA, adjacent to the Geelkrans Nature Reserve and Rietvlei vywers, east of the longitude 021°27'.735 E.

The Skulpiesbaai Restricted Zone includes the area bounded by a line running from Noordkapperspunt at position 34°23.963 'S; 021°24.788 'E to position 34°23.963 'S; 021°24.970 'E and to position 34°23.527 'S; 021°24.970 'E and along the high water mark to the point of beginning at Noordkapperspunt.

The Goukou Estuarine Restricted zone includes part of the estuary that lies between position 34°20.463 'S; 021°24.187 'E (approximately 2.3km upstream of the R323 road bridge) and position 34°17.792 'S; 021°18.592 'E (approximately 15km upstream from the mouth). Shellfish and bait organisms or any invertebrate species may only be collected in the controlled zone of the

Goukou estuary downstream of position 34°20.463'S; 021°24.187'E and only along the eastern bank.  
No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 028-754 2234 / 0824962522). For the MCM office at the harbour (Contact: 028-754 1463).

#### **Goukamma Marine Protected Area**

Only shore angling is allowed between Portion 1 of the farm Walker's Point at Buffels Bay and the western boundary of the Goukamma Nature Reserve, extending one nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 044-383 0042).

#### **Robberg Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed in a rectangular area surrounding the Robberg Peninsula between the latitudes 34°04.916'S and 34°07.633'S and the longitudes 023°22.300'E and 023°25.967'E, although shore angling is allowed. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 044-533 2185).

#### **Tsitsikamma National Park (includes the Tsitsikamma Marine Protected Area)**

No fishing is allowed between Groot River at Oubos to Groot River at Nature's Valley, extending three nautical miles sea-wards from the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 042-281 1607).

33°59.0'S; 023°34.561'E  
34°03.6'S; 024°11.665'E  
34°06.600'S; 024°11.665'E  
34°01.817'S; 023°38.857'E  
33°59.317'S; 023°38.857'E  
33°59.500'S; 023°34.561'E

#### **Sardinia Bay Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed between beacon PECR1 near Schoenmakerskop and beacon PECR2 near Bushy Park, extending one nautical mile seawards from the high-water mark. Jet skis are allowed in the MPA but the management authority should be contacted for more information. DEAT Compliance is the management authority. Contact number: 041-585 4051).

#### **Bird Island MPA**

No fishing is allowed around Bird Island in Algoa Bay within a rectangle defined by the latitudes 33°48.0'S and 33°52.5'S and the longitudes 026°14.5'E and 026°20.0'E. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 042-233 8600) together with DEAT (Contact number: 041-585 4051).

#### **Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed between the western bank of the mouth of the Suku River (in the District of Elliotdale) and Human's Rock (in the district of Willowvale), including the tidal portion of the Mbashe River, extending six nautical miles seawards of the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. Eastern Cape Parks is the management agency (Contact number: 043-742 4450 / 047-499 7900).

#### **Hluleka Marine Protected Area**

No fishing is allowed adjacent to the Hluleka Nature Reserve (in the Ngqeleni District), extending six nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. Eastern Cape Parks is the management agency (Contact number: 043-742 4450).

#### **Pondoland MPA**

No offshore fishing is allowed in the area bounded by a line running 128° from the southern head of the Sikombe River, a line running 128° from the northern head of the Mboyti River and the 1000-m isobath. No shore-based fishing is allowed along the following four sections of coast:

1. From 31°10.3S; 030°07.5'E to 31°12.5'S; 030°05.2 'E
2. From 31°15.0S; 030°02.9'E to 31°16.8'S; 030°01.2 'E
3. From 31°17.6S; 030°00.6'E to 31°19.1'S; 029°58.5 'E
4. From 31°25.4S; 029°51.2'E to 31°27.0'S; 029°45.5 'E

No fishing is allowed in the Mntentu and Msikaba estuaries. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. DEAT and the Eastern Cape Parks Board are the management agencies (Contact number: DEAT – 043-722 8176, ECPB – 043-742 4450).

#### **Trafalgar Marine Protected Area**

Only shore angling and fishing for certain pelagic fish is allowed between beacon N1 south of Centre Rocks and beacon N2 opposite the southern boundary of the Mpenjati Resort, extending one nautical mile seawards from the high-water mark. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is the managing agency (Contact number: 031-274 1182 / 1186).

## Aliwal Shoal MPA

No fishing is allowed in the Crown area restricted zone, near Umkomaas, nor around the wreck of the Produce. No jetskis may be used anywhere in the MPA. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is the managing agency (Contact number: 031-274 1182 / 1186, 082 5592840).

## The iSimangaliso Wetland Park (previously Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, which includes St Lucia and Maputaland MPAs)

**St Lucia Marine Protected Area** extends from beacon N3 north of Ngoboseleni Stream to beacon N4 south of Cape Vidal, and extends three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No fishing is allowed in the **Sanctuary Zone** between beacon N5 at Red Cliffs and beacon N6 at Leven Point, extending three nautical miles due east from the high-water mark. In the **Restricted Zones** which lie to the north of beacon N5 at Red Cliffs and to the south of beacon N6 at Leven Point, respectively, shore anglers may catch fish, and skiboat anglers and spearfishers may catch certain species of pelagic fish. Jet skis are allowed in the MPA but the management authority should be contacted for more information.

**Maputaland Marine Protected Area** extends from beacon N7 at the Mozambique border to beacon N3 north of Ngoboseleni Stream, extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark.

No fishing is allowed in the **Sanctuary Zone** between the beacon N8 at Boteler Point and beacon N9 500m south of Dog Point, extending three nautical miles due east from the high-water mark.

No fishing is allowed in the **Sanctuary Zone** between the beacon N7 at the Mozambique border and the beacon N13, extending three nautical miles due east from the high-water mark, except that shore angling is allowed north of beacon N27, which lies 2 km south of the mouth of the Kosi Lakes.

In the **Restricted Zones** between beacon N13 and beacon N8 and between beacon N9 and beacon N3 shore anglers may catch fish, and skiboat anglers and spearfishers may catch certain species of pelagic fish. The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park (now iSimangaliso Wetland Park) is the management agency (Contact number: 035-590 1633).

In addition to the above MPAs, the Hermanus Whale Sanctuary restricts vessels from entering the area of Walker Bay north and east of the new Harbour at Hermanus from July to November each year. For details contact MCM in Hermanus on 028-312 2609.

## CLOSED AREAS

Closed areas which only apply to the catching of lobster are found in **St Helena Bay, Saldanha Bay and Table Bay**. For details see **REGULATIONS FOR FISHING OF WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (*Jasus lalandii*) (13)** in this brochure

### Strand

Only shore angling (and no other type of fishing) is allowed between the mouth of the Lourens River, and the eastern breakwater of the harbour at Gordon's Bay, extending 500 m seawards.

### Mudge Point

Only shore angling and the catching of rock lobster is allowed between the western limit of the Hawston harbour and the eastern limit of the Frans Senekal Reserve, extending 100 m seawards from the high-water mark.

### Onrus River

Only shore angling is allowed inside Harderbaai north of a line drawn between the beacons at Van der Riet Hoek (OR1) and Marine Drive Point (OR2) respectively.

### Hermanus

Only shore angling (and no other type of fishing) is allowed between the beacons at Kraal Rock (HR1), Walker Bay, and Rietfontein (HR2), Hermanus, extending 500 m seawards from the high-water mark.

### Dyer Island

Only shore angling is allowed at Dyer Island, in an area extending two nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark.

### East London

Only fishing from the shore is allowed in the following three areas near East London:

- (i) between Nahoon Point and Gonubie Point, extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark,
- (ii) between Christmas Rock and Gxulu River mouth extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark, and
- (iii) between Nyara River mouth and Great Kei River mouth, extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark.

## Durban

Fishing for invertebrates is not allowed in the area between the line drawn 145° from the south breakwater of Durban Harbour and another line drawn 145° from the mouth of the Umgeni river, extending three nautical miles from the high-water mark.

### RECREATIONAL FISHING

#### General

- (1) A person may obtain a recreational fishing permit from an office authorised by the Minister, subject to the payment of a predetermined fee, to engage in one or more of the following types of recreational fishing: Angling, Spearfishing, Cast-netting and Marine Aquarium Fish. Recreational fishing permits will be endorsed in a manner that indicates which type of fishing or combination of types of fishing the permit holder is entitled to practice.
- (2) A recreational fishing permit entitles the holder to catch fish for own use only and not for the purpose of selling or trading fish.
- (3) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for angling, is entitled to catch fish of the Class Pisces (i.e. bony fish, sharks, rays, skates and chimaeras) only with a rod, reel and line, to which no more than 10 hooks are attached. Specific angling regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 9 and 10.
- (4) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for spearfishing, is entitled to catch fish of the Class Pisces (i.e. bony fish, sharks, rays, skates and chimaeras) with only a speargun. Specific spearfishing regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 11 and 12.
- (5) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for cast-netting, is entitled to catch fish listed in Annexure 4 with a cast-net, which is a circular net weighted at the circumference for the purpose of casting, not exceeding 6 m in diameter. Specific cast-netting regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 13 and 14.
- (6) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for marine aquarium fish, is entitled to catch any fish species not listed in the prohibited list of Annexure 5 for display in an aquarium. Specific marine aquarium regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 15 and 16.
- (7) The skipper of a vessel used for any recreational fishing that may be undertaken from a vessel shall be in possession of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for recreational fishing from a vessel.
- (8) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, shall not use any artificial respiratory equipment, with the exception of a snorkel, except in the case of marine aquarium fishing.

#### Regulations specific to recreational angling

- (9) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for angling shall not catch, disturb, land, keep or control:
  - (a) any fish listed in the *Prohibited Species* list of Annexure 6,
  - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* of Annexure 6 during any one day. Furthermore, there is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten, irrespective of the species caught and provided that this limit does not apply to those species listed here with no bag limit, and to those with a bag limit exceeding ten;
  - (c) any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6;
  - (d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6.
- (10) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for angling may use a gaff for the purpose of landing a fish that has been hooked on a line, but may never use a club, stick spear or speargun.

#### Regulations specific to recreational spearfishing

- (11) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for spearfishing shall not catch, disturb, land, keep, or control:
  - (a) any fish listed in the *Prohibited Species* list of Annexure 6,
  - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* of Annexure 6 during any one day. Furthermore, there is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten, irrespective of the species caught and provided that this limit does not apply to those species listed here with no bag limit, and to those with a bag limit exceeding ten;
  - (c) any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6;
  - (d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6.
- (12) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for spearfishing shall not catch fish or attempt to catch fish in an estuary.

NB: Permit conditions and allowable spearfishing areas may be subject to change in 2008. Please visit our website for updates or changes ([www.mcm-deat.gov.za](http://www.mcm-deat.gov.za) or [www.deat.gov.za](http://www.deat.gov.za)).

#### Regulations specific to recreational cast-netting

- (13) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for cast-netting shall not catch, disturb, land, keep, or control:
  - (a) any fish not listed in the species list of Annexure 4,
  - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in species list of Annexure 4 during any one day;
  - (c) any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the species list of Annexure 4;
- (14) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for cast-netting shall not fish or attempt to catch fish between sunset and sunrise.

#### Regulations specific to marine aquarium fishing

- (15) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for marine aquarium fish shall not catch, disturb, or land:
- any fish listed in Annexure 5;
  - more than five fish per species;
  - more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in species list of Annexure 6 during any one day;
  - any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6;
  - any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of Annexure 6.
- (16) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for marine aquarium fish must:
- immediately transfer all fish caught in terms of this permit to a saltwater aquarium or holding facility of sufficient capacity to sustain the lives of the fish.
  - keep a log-book indicating all additions to the aquarium (including those bred or hatched in the aquarium) and losses, indicating the species, origin, and cause of loss.

#### RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING PERMIT CONDITIONS

The holder of a recreational SCUBA diving permit shall:

- not remove, unduly disturb or harass any marine organism or habitat, including shells or substrate, marine mammals, seabirds and fish.
- not feed fish, practice chumming, or dump any material, or discharge any biological attractants in the MPA.
- dive in the Table Mountain, Pondoland, Aliwal Shoal and Stilbaai MPA during daylight hours only (from half an hour before local sunrise to the time of local sunset), unless as part of a group being taken out by an MCM-authorized business operator. A representative of a registered Diving Club or individuals must notify the managing authority of the MPA to their satisfaction if they intend night diving. (Table Mountain (SANParks) – 021-786 5656, Pondoland (Eastern Cape Parks) – 047-387 0451/043-742 4450, Aliwal Shoal (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife – 0825592848).
- not scuba dive in the Bird Island MPA at all.
- not dive in any MPA where a scuba diving permit is required between 23:00 and 04:00 at all.
- abide by the Diver Code of Conduct ([www.mcm-deat.gov.za](http://www.mcm-deat.gov.za))
- note that these conditions will be applicable to any new MPAs that may be declared, regazetted or required to have a permit in the future. The conditions applicable to scuba-diving in the Stilbaai MPA shall only come into effect on 1 February 2009.
- adhere to the condition that boats taking persons diving in an MPA where a permit is required shall only launch from an authorized launching site, and shall not launch earlier than an hour before local sunrise or return later than an hour after local sunset unless night diving in compliance with condition 3.

NB: Permit conditions and allowable scuba diving areas may be subject to change in 2009. Please visit our website for updates or changes ([www.mcm-deat.gov.za](http://www.mcm-deat.gov.za) or [www.deat.gov.za](http://www.deat.gov.za))

#### REGULATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILD ABALONE (PROHIBITION ON DIVING AND POSSESSION OF GEAR)

- No person shall engage in diving, or be in possession of, or have on board any vessel prohibited gear (goggles, diving masks, snorkels, flippers, artificial breathing apparatus, weight belts or weights, bags used for underwater collection of fish, shucking tools or any implement which could be used for harvesting abalone) in the following areas:
  - Bird Island MPA
  - Gansbaai Harbour to Quoin Point (Ratel River) (extending 1 nautical miles seaward from the high water mark). Map attached.
  - Dyer Island extending 1 nautical mile from the high water mark
  - Venus Pool to Cape Point and from Cape Point to Olifantsbospunt (extending 2 nautical miles seaward from the high water mark) but excludes Bellows Rock and the area within 300m radius from it
  - Robben Island, extending 1 nautical mile from the high water mark.
- Diving or being in possession of prohibited gear within the Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park MPA may only take place within one nautical mile of the high water mark, but excludes diving from or being in possession of prohibited gear on vessels; and may only take place within the access times of the Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park MPA.
- Please consult the Government Gazette No. 30716 of 1 February 2008 for more information.

#### JETSKI CONDITIONS IN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Personal Water Craft (PWC) users should only launch from authorised launch sites and find out what local restrictions may be in place. Users should contact the relevant management agencies to find out the specific regulations pertaining to jet ski use.

**RECREATIONAL FISHING PERMIT FEES (Fees are subject to change from 1st April 2010)**

- (1) Fee payable in respect of an **application** for a permit to undertake recreational fishing: **R6**
- (2) Annual permit: Fee payable in respect of the **issuing** of an annual permit to undertake recreational fishing of -

Abalone (not available until further notice)	R 79
West Coast Rock Lobster	R 79
East Coast Rock Lobster	R 79
Molluscs, including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants	R 79
Mud Crab	R 79
Marine aquarium fish	R 79
Angling	R 62
Spearfishing	R 79
Use of cast or throw net	R 79
Additional fee per vessel (only payable by the skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable	R 79
Scuba diving in a Marine Protected Area	R79

- (3) Short term permit: Fee payable in respect of the issuing of a **short term permit** (only valid for four weeks) to undertake recreational fishing –

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| • Molluscs including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants | R 45 | • Spearfishing   | R 45 |
| • Mud Crab   | R 45 | • Use of cast or throw net   | R 45 |
| • Marine aquarium fish   | R 45 | • Additional per vessel (only payable by skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable | R 45 |
| • Angling  | R 40 | • Scuba diving in a Marine Protected Area  | R 45 |

**Annexure 4**

**CAST NET**

**Species that may be caught with a Cast-net**

The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted "spp."), or family, mentioned in this annexure refer to all species in the genus or family, as the case may be.

SPECIES LIST			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MINIMUM SIZE/ MASS	BAG LIMITS
Anchovies	Family Engraulidae	none	none
Chub mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	none	none
Glassies	Family Ambassidae	none	none
Halfbeaks	Family Hemiramphidae	none	none
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	<i>Trachurus trachurus capensis</i>	none	none
Mulletts / harders	Family Mugilidae	none	50
Pinky (piggy)	<i>Pomadasys olivaceum</i>	7.5 cm	10
Sardines (pilchard & red-eye)	Family Clupeidae	none	none
Sauries	Family Scomberesocidae	none	none
Scads	<i>Decapterus</i> spp.	none	none
Strepie (karanteen)	<i>Sarpa salpa</i>	15 cm	10

## Annexure 6

### RECREATIONAL ANGLING

#### Species specific regulations applicable to recreational fishers

- (1) The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted "spp."), family or class mentioned in this Annexure refer to all species in the genus, family or class, as the case may be.
- (2) The size of the fish shall be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme end of the tail.
- (3) All fish that are landed, except sharks, skates, rays and chimaeras (Class Chondrichthyes), must have head and tail intact such that it can be established whether the fish conforms to the minimum size and / or mass, provided that it may be gutted.
- (4) Any fish caught in contravention of the provisions of the Act or the permit conditions must immediately be returned to the sea with as little injury as possible.
- (5) No fish may be sold or offered for sale by the holder of a recreational fishing permit.
- (6) Special note should be taken of the size, bag & area limitations with regards to kob (*Argyrosomus* spp.)
- (7) Species not mentioned in either of these lists have a bag limit of ten provided that sharks, rays, skates or chimaeras (Class Chondrichthyes) have a bag limit of one and rockcods (Family Serranidae) have a bag limit of five.
- (8) There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of 10, irrespective of the species caught and provided that this limit does not apply to those species listed here with no bag limit, and to those with a bag limit exceeding 10.**
- (9) There is a closed season for elf / shad (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) from 1 October to 30 November in any year.
- (10) There is a closed season for red steenbras (*Petrus rupestris*) from 1 October to 30 November in any year.
- (11) There is a closed season for galjoen (*Dichistius capensis*) from 15 October to the last day of February in the following year.
- (12) There are three closed seasons for Chokka squid (*Loligo vulgaris reynaudii*): from 12h00 on 19 March to 12h00 on 9 April, from 12h00 on 23 July to 12h00 on 13 August and from 12h00 on 19 October to 12h00 on 23 November in any year.

### PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST

No person shall catch, land, be in possession of species listed in the "prohibited species list"

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Basking shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>
Brindle bass	<i>Epinephelus lanceolatus</i>
Coelacanth	<i>Latimeria chalumnae</i>
Great white shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>
Natal wrasse	<i>Anchichoerops natalensis</i>
Pipefish & seahorses	Family Syngnathidae
Potato bass	<i>Epinephelus tukula</i>
Sawfishes	Family Pristidae
Seventy-four	<i>Polysteganus undulosus</i>
Whale shark	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>

No person may (or recreational fisher) on any one day land or be in possession of more than the species-specific bag limits as indicated in this species list". **Except that a maximum accumulative bag of 10 shall apply (See point 8 above)**

#### SPECIES LIST

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MINIMUM SIZE/ MASS	BAG LIMITS
Anchovies	Family Engraulidae	none	none
Baardman (bellman, tasselfish)	<i>Umbrina</i> spp.	40 cm	5
Banded galjoen	<i>Dichistius multifasciatus</i>	none	5
Bank steenbras	<i>Chirodactylus grandis</i>	none	5
Billfishes (marlin, sailfish)	Family Istiophoridae	none	5
Blacktail (dassie)	<i>Diplodus sargus capensis</i>	20 cm	5
Blue hottentot	<i>Pachymetopon aeneum</i>	none	5
Bronze bream (bluefish)	<i>Pachymetopon grande</i>	30 cm	2
Cape knifejaw	<i>Oplegnathus conwayi</i>	none	5
Cape stumpnose	<i>Rhabdosargus holubi</i>	20 cm	5
Carpenter (silverfish)	<i>Argyrozona argyrozona</i>	35 cm	4
Catface rockcod	<i>Epinephelus andersoni</i>	50 cm	5
Chub mackerel	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	none	none
Cutlassfish (walla walla)	<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	none	none
Dageraad	<i>Chrysoblephus cristiceps</i>	40 cm	1
Dane	<i>Porcostoma dentata</i>	none	5
Elf (shad)	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	30 cm	4
Englishman	<i>Chrysoblephus anglicus</i>	40 cm	1
Fransmadam (Karel groot oog)	<i>Boopsoidea inornata</i>	none	10
Galjoen	<i>Dichistius capensis</i>	35 cm	2
Garfishes	Family Belontiidae	none	none
Garrick (leervis)	<i>Lichia amia</i>	70 cm	2
Geelbek (Cape salmon)	<i>Atractoscion aequidens</i>	60 cm	2
Glassies	Family Ambassidae	none	none
Hake (stockfish)	<i>Merluccius</i> spp.	none	5
Halfbeaks	Family Hemiramphidae	none	none
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	<i>Trachurus trachurus capensis</i>	none	none
Hottentot	<i>Pachymetopon blochii</i>	22 cm	10
John Brown	<i>Gymnocrotaphus curvidens</i>	none	5
Kingfishes	<i>Caranx</i> spp. and <i>Carangoides</i> spp.	none	5
Kingklip	<i>Genypterus capensis</i>	non	1
King mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	none	10

Kob caught from a boat at sea [Cape Agulhas to Umtamvuna River]	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.	50 cm	5 but may only land or be in possession of one kob > 110 cm per day.
Kob caught from a boat at sea [The Province of KwaZulu-Natal]	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.	40 cm	
Kob caught in estuaries & from the shore [East of Cape Agulhas only]	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.	60 cm	1
Kob [West of Cape Agulhas only]	<i>Argyrosomus</i> spp.	50 cm	5
Large-spot pompano (wave garrick)	<i>Trachinotus botla</i>	none	5
Leopard cat shark	<i>Poroderma pantherinum</i>	none	1
Mullets / harders	Family Mugilidae	none	50
Natal knifefish (cuckoo bass)	<i>Oplegnathus robinsoni</i>	none	5
Natal stumpnose (yellowfin bream)	<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	25 cm	5
Pinky (piggy)	<i>Pomadasyd olivaceum</i>	7.5 cm	10
Poenskop (black steenbras or musselcracker)	<i>Cymatoceps nasutus</i>	50 cm	1
Queen mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus plurilineatus</i>	none	10
Ragged tooth shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>	none	1
Red steenbras (copper steenbras)	<i>Petrus rupestris</i>	60 cm	1
Red stumpnose (Miss Lucy)	<i>Chrysoblephus gibbiceps</i>	30 cm	1
River bream (perch)	<i>Acanthopagrus berda</i>	25 cm	5
River snapper (rock salmon)	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	40 cm	5
Roman	<i>Chrysoblephus laticeps</i>	30 cm	2
Santer (soldier)	<i>Cheimerius nufar</i>	30 cm	5
Sardines (pilchard & red-eye)	Family Clupeidae	none	none
Sauries	Family Scomberesocidae	none	none
Scads	<i>Decapterus</i> spp.	none	none
Scotsman	<i>Polysteganus praeorbitalis</i>	40 cm	1
Slinger	<i>Chrysoblephus puniceus</i>	25 cm	5
Snoek (Cape snoek)	<i>Thyrstites atun</i>	60 cm	10
Southern pompano	<i>Trachinotus africanus</i>	none	5
Spotted grunter (tiger)	<i>Pomadasyd commersonii</i>	40 cm	5
Spotted gulley shark	<i>Triakis megalopterus</i>	none	1
Springer (ten pounder)	<i>Elops machnata</i>	none	5
Steentjie	<i>Spondyllosoma emarginatum</i>	none	10
Stonebream	<i>Neoscorpis lithophilus</i>	none	5
Strepie (karanteen)	<i>Sarpa salpa</i>	15 cm	10
Striped cat shark	<i>Poroderma africanum</i>	none	1
Swordfish (broadbill)	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	25 kg	5
Squid (Chokka)	<i>Loligo vulgaris reynaudii</i>	none	20
Tunas (tunny)	<i>Thunnus</i> spp.	none	10
Albacore / longfin tuna	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>	none	10
Bigeye tuna	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	3.2 kg	10
Bluefin tuna	<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	6.4 kg	10
Yellowfin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	3.2 kg	10
West coast steenbras	<i>Lithognathus aureti</i>	60 cm	1
White edged (Captain Fine) rockcod	<i>Epinephelus albomarginatus</i>	40 cm	5
White musselcracker (brusher, cracker)	<i>Sparodon durbanensis</i>	60 cm	2
White steenbras (pignose grunter)	<i>Lithognathus lithognathus</i>	60 cm	1
White stumpnose	<i>Rhabdosargus globiceps</i>	25 cm	10
Wolfherring	<i>Chirocentrus dorab</i>	none	none
Yellowbelly rockcod	<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i>	60 cm	1
Yellowtail	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	none	10
Zebra (wildeperd)	<i>Diplodus cervinus hottentotus</i>	30 cm	5

#### REGULATIONS FOR FISHING OF EAST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (*Panulirus homarus*)

- (1) Closed season: 1 November to the last day of February of the following year, both dates inclusive.
- (2) Minimum size: 65 mm - measured in a straight line from the point where the tail meets the body to the notch between the supra-orbital spines (spines above the eyes).
- (3) No person may collect more than eight east coast rock lobster per day.
- (4) No person may be in possession of or transport more than eight east coast rock lobster at any time.
- (5) No person shall engage in fishing, collecting or disturbing east coast rock lobster with the use of a vessel.
- (6) No person shall engage in fishing, collecting or disturbing any East Coast rock lobster with a trap other than:
  - a flat circular trap with no sides and which the diameter does not exceed 30 cm;
  - or
  - by means of baited hooks.

## Annexure 5

### AQUARIUM FISH

#### Regulations governing the harvesting of aquarium recreational fishers.

- (1) A maximum of ten fish may be harvested per day.
- (2) A maximum of five fish per species, which have been collected, may be held in captivity.
- (3) The following species may not be caught.

Common name	Scientific name of species or group
Hard corals	Order <i>Scleractinia</i>
Sea fans	Order <i>Gorgonacea</i>
Sea pens	Order <i>Pennatulacea</i>
Sand dollars	<i>Echinodiscus</i> spp.
Giant clams	<i>Tridacna</i> spp.
Abalone	<i>Haliotis</i> spp.
Rock lobsters	Family <i>Palinuridae</i>
Seahorses and pipefish	Family <i>Syngnathidae</i>
Coelacanth	<i>Latimeria chalumnae</i>
Seventy four	<i>Polysteganus undulosus</i>
Brindle bass	<i>Promicrops lanceolatus</i>
Potato bass	<i>Epinephelus tukula</i>
Natal wrasse	<i>Anchichoerops natalensis</i>
Great white shark	<i>Charcarodon carcharias</i>
Marine mammals (seals, dolphins and whales)	Class <i>Mammalia</i>

#### REGULATIONS FOR FISHING OF WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (*Jasus lalandii*)

- (1) The new season for recreational fishing of west coast rock lobster will open on 15 November 2009 and will close on 15 April 2010. From 15 November 2009 to 31 December 2009 fishing will be allowed every day of the week, but from 1 January 2010 to 15 April 2010 fishing will be restricted to weekends and public holidays only.
- (2) Any person who wants to catch west coast rock lobster for own consumption must be in possession of a recreational rock lobster permit, obtainable at Post Offices.
- (3) Bag limit: Four (4) per permit holder per day for own use.
- (4) Minimum size: 80 mm - measured in a straight line along the middle dorsal line of the carapace, from the centre of the posterior edge of the carapace to the tip of the middle anterior spine.
- (5) Age restriction: Permits will only be issued to persons above the age of 12 years.
- (6) Recreational permit-holders collecting and landing of west coast rock lobster may do so only between 08h00 – 16h00.
- (7) Any west coast rock lobster caught, collected or transported shall be kept in a whole state.
- (8) West coast rock lobster in berry may not be caught and must be returned to the sea immediately.
- (9) No person shall buy, barter, sell, or offer for sale any rock lobster which is caught with a recreational permit.
- (10) A maximum of 20 rock lobsters may be transported per day, on condition that all the persons who caught such rock lobster are present in the vehicle, vessel or aircraft during transportation, and that such persons are in possession of recreational rock lobster permits; keep control or be in possession of more than 20 west coast rock lobster at any time – eg. home/residence.
- (11) Rock lobster for own use may only be caught by:
  - using a ring- or scoop-net from a boat not licensed to catch rock lobster commercially;
  - using a ring- or scoop-net from the sea-shore;
  - diving from the sea-shore without the use of artificial breathing apparatus, other than a snorkel;
  - using a baited line and scoopnet.
- (12) No rock lobster traps or similar gear may be used.
- (13) Closed areas (other than MPAs):

No person shall, in any manner or for any purpose, engage in fishing, collecting or disturbing west coast rock lobster within:

  - (a) The area within 12 nautical miles seaward of the high-water mark between, as northern limit, a line (270° true bearing)

- drawn through a beacon marked MB1 and situated at Melkbos Point, and as southern limit, a line (270° true bearing) drawn from a beacon marked HD1 at "Die Josie" situated near Chapman's Peak south of Hout Bay;
- (b) The entire area within Saldanha Bay east of a straight line drawn through two beacons marked N.H.1 and N.H.2, respectively, and situated on the point known as "North Head", and two beacons marked S.H.1 and S.H.2 respectively situated on the point known as "South Head";
  - (c) The area within six nautical miles seaward of the high-water mark on the coast between, as western limit, a straight line drawn through beacons marked S.H.B.W.1 and S.H.B.2, respectively, and situated on Stompneus Point, and, as eastern limit, a straight line drawn through a beacon marked S.H.B.E and a beacon marked D.R., both situated on the remaining extent of Wilde Varkens Valley A, due south of "Doctor's Reef"; and
  - (d) The area within three nautical miles seaward of the high-water mark between, as western limit, a line (315° true bearing) drawn through two beacons marked S.H.B.W.2 and S.H.B.3, respectively, and situated on Shell Bay Point, and as eastern limit, a straight line drawn through beacons marked S.H.B.W.1 and S.H.B.2, respectively, and situated at Stompneus Point;
  - (e) The area within a distance of 500 m seaward of the high-water mark between, as eastern boundary, a line (180° true bearing) drawn from the beacon marked H.R.1 situated at Kraal Rock in Walker Bay and, as a western boundary, a similar line drawn from the beacon marked H.R.2 situated at Rietfontein, Hermanus.

**ABALONE/PERLEMOEN**  
(*Haliotis* spp.)

The recreational abalone season has been closed until further notice.

Please note that this also applies to the *Haliotis spadicea* (Siffie/Venus ear) species.

**NB:**

In KwaZulu-Natal, the following permits, Drag Net, Hoop Net, Mussel and Oyster are only available at:

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KZN Wildlife

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**SHELLFISH AND BAIT ORGANISMS**

SPECIES	COMMON NAME	MINIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM PER DAY	COLLECTION METHOD
<i>Turbo sarmaticus</i>	Alikreukel	63.5 mm	5	Only by hand
All species of the class Polyplacophora	Chiton / armadillo		6	Only by hand
All species of the genus <i>Arenicola</i>	Bloodworm		5	Only by hand, suction pump and/or wire
All species of the genus <i>Mactra</i>	Clam		8	Only by hand
All species of the sections Brachyura & Anomura excluding <i>Scylla serrata</i> , <i>Hippa adactyla</i> & <i>Emerita australis</i>	Crabs & hermit crabs <u>excluding mud crabs and mole crabs</u>		15	Only by hand, rod and/or line
All species of the genus <i>Sepia</i>	Cuttlefish		2	By hand or line
All species of the family Patellidae	Limpets		15	Only by hand or with an implement with a blade or flat edge not exceeding 12 mm in width
<i>Hippa adactyla</i> & <i>Emerita australis</i>	Mole crab		30	By hand or triangular trap
<i>Scylla serrata</i>	Mud crab	140 mm measured across the broadest part of the carapace (back)	6	Only by hand, rod and/or line. No crab in berry may be kept
All species of the subfamily Octopodinae	Octopus		2	Only by hand, rod and/or line, gaff
All species of the genera <i>Littorina</i> , <i>Oxystele</i> & <i>Turbo</i> excluding <i>Turbo sarmaticus</i>	Periwinkle / topshell/ turbanshell <u>excluding alikreukel</u>		50	Only by hand
All marine species of the phyla Platyhelminthes, Nemertea, Sipunculida and Annelida, but excluding the genera <i>Arenicola</i> , <i>Nereis</i> , <i>Pseudonereis</i> and <i>Gunnereia</i>	Any seaworm, including polychaete, wonder shingle, moonshine, coral, pot, pudding, rock <u>tape &amp; flatworms</u> , but excluding <u>bloodworm, mussel worms and Cape reef-worm</u>		10	Only by hand or suction pump
All species of the genus <i>Solen</i>	Razor clam, pencil bait		20	Only by hand, suction pump and/or wire
All species of the genus <i>Pyura</i>	Red bait		2 kg without the test (shell)	Only by hand or with an implement with a blade or flat edge not exceeding 12 mm in width
All species of the genera <i>Aulacomya</i> , <i>Mytilus</i> , <i>Choromytilus</i> and <i>Perna</i>	Rock, black, brown & ribbed mussels		30	Only by hand or with an implement with a blade or flat edge not exceeding 12 mm in width
All species of the genus <i>Upogebia</i>	Mud prawn		50	Only by hand, suction pump or inverted tin
All species of the genus <i>Callinassa</i>	Sand prawn		50	Only by hand or suction pump
All species of the family Penaeidae	Swimming prawns		50	Only by hand or hand-held scoop net or trap not measuring more than 50 cm X 50 cm
All species of the genus <i>Pecten</i>	Scallop		10	Only by hand
All species of the class Holothuroidea	Sea cucumbers		20	Only by hand
All species of the class Echinoidea excluding the genus <i>Echinodiscus</i>	Sea urchins excluding live pansy shells		20	Only by hand
<i>Donax serra</i>	White mussel / wedge shell	35 mm	50	Only by hand or with an implement with a blade or flat edge not exceeding 12 mm in width
All species of the genera <i>Pinctada</i> , <i>Striostrea</i> , <i>Ostrea</i> & <i>Saccostrea</i>	Oysters		25	Only by hand or with an implement with a blade or flat edge not exceeding 40 mm and not less than 1 m in length
All species of the genera Lolligo & Thysanoteuthis	Squid, chokka		20	Only by rod and/or line

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