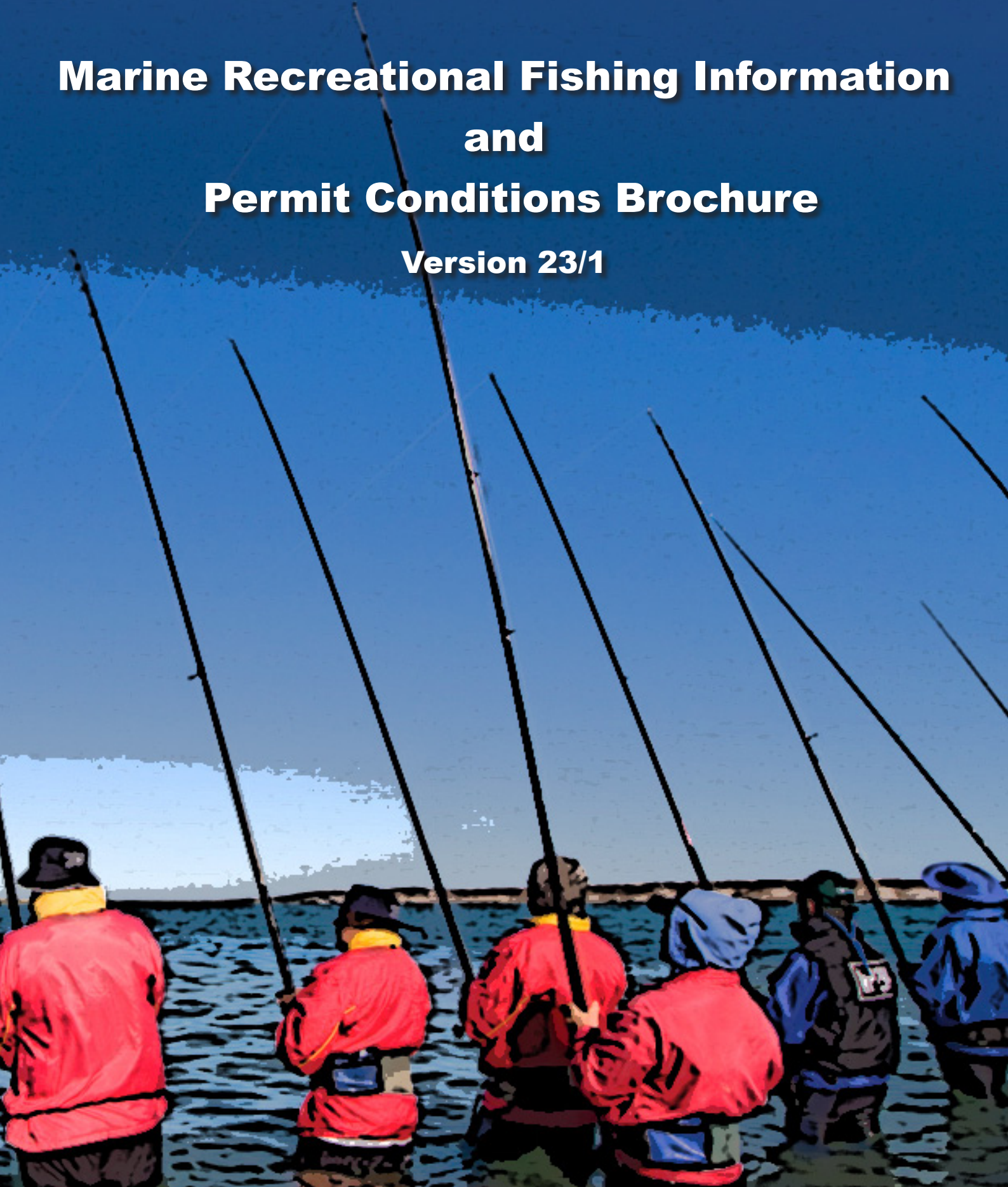


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RECREATIONAL FISHING

General

- (1) A person may obtain a recreational fishing permit online via <https://www.fishing.dffe.gov.za> or 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.
- (5) The holder of a recreational fishing permit, endorsed for cast-netting, is entitled to catch fish listed in **Table 1** with a cast-net, which is a circular net weighted at the circumference for the purpose of casting, not exceeding 6 m in diameter.
- (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 Species List* in **Table 3** for display in an aquarium.
- (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.
- (9) The holder of a recreational fishing permit authorised to fish within a Marine Protected Area must adhere to the conditions of the Management Agency for that specific Marine Protected Area. (For the latest information regarding MPA's, view on the Coastal Viewer: <https://mapservice.environment.gov.za/Coastal%20Viewer/>)
- (10) Additional fee per vessel for recreational fishing from such vessel (only payable by the skipper) or a permit to operate a vessel for recreational fishing activity as defined in the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act 18 of 1998) (MLRA)(vessels such as any canoe, lighter, floating platform, decked boat, carrier vessel, vessel equipped with the inboard or outboard motor or any other craft, whether a surface craft or submarine etc.).
- (11) **Closed Areas**

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 are 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

No person shall, except on the authority of a permit, engage in fishing or collecting any fish within a distance of three nautical miles measured seaward from the highwater mark-

- (i) in the area between, as southern limit, a line (145° true bearing) drawn from Nahoon Point, and as northern limit, a similar line drawn from Gonubie Point;
- (ii) in the area between, as southern limit, a line (145° true bearing) drawn from Christmas Rock, and as northern limit, a similar line drawn from the Gxulu River mouth; and
- (iii) in the area between, as southern limit, a line (145° true bearing) drawn from the mouth of the Nyara River and, as northern limit, a line (139° true bearing) drawn from the mouth of the Great Kei River.

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.

Breede River Estuary

Regulations pertaining to the estuary of the Breede River that lies between the longitudes E20°31' 000 and E20°51'000 as the western and eastern boundaries respectively.

- 1) No person shall catch, or attempt to catch, any Elasmobranchs (sharks) in the Breede Estuary.
 - 2) All incidental catches of Elasmobranchs (sharks) in the Estuary are to be released to the water alive.
 - 3) No person shall fish from a boat or vessel in the Estuary while that boat or vessel is under motorized power.
 - 4) No person shall fish, or attempt to fish, in the Estuary between the hours of 20h30 of any day and 05h00 of the following day.
 - 5) All fishing gear onboard a vessel in the Estuary between the hours of 20h30 of any day and 05h00 of the following day, shall be stowed in such a manner that fishing lines are completely spooled and that fishing hooks are unbaited.
- (12) The use of devices such as drones and radio-controlled bait boats when engaged in recreational fishing to catch fish and sharks, including but not limited to, bait-carrying drones, bait carrying remote-controlled boats, and other remotely operated vehicles is illegal.

Regulations specific to recreational angling

- (13) 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* in **Table 3**.
 - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* in **Table 4** 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* in **Table 4**;
 - (d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* in **Table 4**.
- (14) 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

- (15) 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* in **Table 3**.
 - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* in **Table 4** 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* in **Table 4**.
 - (d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* in **Table 4**.
- (16) 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. Please visit our website for updates or changes (www.dffe.gov.za).

Recreational scuba diving permit conditions

The holder of a recreational SCUBA diving permit shall:

- (1) not remove, unduly disturb or harass any marine organism or habitat, including shells or substrate, marine mammals, seabirds and fish.
- (2) not feed fish, practice chumming, or dump any material, or discharge any biological attractants in the MPA.
- (3) dive in the Table Mountain, Pondoland, Amathole, Aliwal Shoal, Dwesa-Cwebe 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 DEA-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) – 021-783 0234, Pondoland (Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency)– 043-705 4400/063-698 1558, Amathole (Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency) – 043-742 4450, Aliwal Shoal (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife – 031-274 1150), Dwesa-Cwebe (Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency -047-499 7900) and Stilbaai (Cape Nature – 028-754 2234).
- (4) not scuba dive in the Bird Island MPA at all.
- (5) not dive in any MPA where a scuba diving permit is required between 23:00 and 04:00 at all.
- (6) abide by the Diver Code of Conduct (www.environment.gov.za).
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) no SCUBA diving in the Sardinia MPA at all without a permit from DFFE

NB: Permit conditions and allowable scuba diving areas may be subject to change.

Regulations specific to recreational cast-netting

- (17) 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* in **Table 1**.
 - (b) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* in **Table 1** 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* in **Table 1**.
- (18) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for cast-netting shall not fish or attempt to catch fish between sunset and sunrise.

Table 1:

Species that may be caught with a Cast-net. The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted “spp.”), or family, mentioned in **Table 1 (below)** refer to all species in the genus or family, as the case may be. The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for cast-netting shall not use any cast-net with a mesh measuring more than 13 mm or which measures more than 2 m in length or 4 m in diameter.

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	50
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

Regulations specific to marine aquarium fishing

- (18) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for marine aquarium fish shall not catch, disturb, or land:
- (a) any fish listed in **Table 2**;
 - (b) more than five fish per species;
 - (c) more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* in **Table 4** during any one day;
 - (d) any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* in **Table 4**.
 - (e) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* in **Table 4**.
- (19) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for marine aquarium fish must:
- (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.
- (20) For species listed in terms of the Threatened or Protected Marine Species Regulations, holders of recreational fishing permits for marine aquarium purposes may be required to adhere to certain provisions. Please refer to Government Gazette 40875 of 30 May 2017.
- (1) 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:
 - (a) Sardinia MPA
 - (b) Bird Island MPA
 - (c) Gansbaai Harbour to Quoin Point (Ratel River) (extending 1 nautical mile seaward from the high water mark).
 - (d) Dyer Island extending 1 nautical mile from the high water mark
 - (e) 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
 - (f) Robben Island, extending 1 nautical mile from the high water mark.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Please consult the Government Gazette No. 30716 of 1 February 2008, and DFFE Website for more information.

REGULATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF 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.

REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO WEST COAST ROCK LOBSTER (*Jasus lalandii*)

- (1) A person over the age of 12 years may obtain from any authorized office, a recreational fishing permit to engage in fishing, collecting, keeping, controlling, landing or transporting of, or to be in possession of not more than four (4) west coast rock lobster per day during the open fishing season.
- (2) Any person who wants to catch WCRL for own consumption must be in possession of a recreational fishing permit.
- (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 carapace (from back of shell to tip of horn between eyes). There is no maximum size limit
- (5) The permit holder must undertake collection of WCRL personally and may not second another person to perform the fishing. This includes transporting. The permit holder undertaking WCRL recreational fishing activity shall complete the catch statistic form issued together with the recreational permit.
- (6) Recreational permit-holders collecting and landing WCRL may do so only between 08h00 – 16h00. The WCRL must be landed by or before 16h00. No person/s shall fish for WCRL between sunset and sunrise.

- (7) No person/s shall return to the sea any dead WCRL or any part or offal thereof, except on the authority of a permit issued for this purpose.
- (8) Any WCRL, collected or transported shall be kept in a whole state.
- (9) No person shall, except on the authority of a permit, be in possession of or allow any diving equipment of any nature on any fishing vessel or vessel when such fishing vessel or vessel is used for fishing or transporting WCRL.
- (10) WCRL in berry may not be caught and must be returned to the sea immediately.
- (11) No person shall buy, barter, sell, or offer for sale any WCRL which is caught with a recreational permit.
- (12) A maximum of twenty (20) WCRL may be transported per day, on condition that all the persons who caught such are present in the vehicle, vessel or aircraft during transportation, and that such persons are in possession of recreational fishing permits.
- (13) There may only be 20 WCRL in a home/residence at any given time regardless of the number of permit holders that reside there.
- (14) WCRL for own use may only be caught by:
 - (a) using a ring or scoop-net from a boat not licensed to catch rock lobster commercially;
 - (b) using a ring or scoop-net from the sea-shore (with a mesh size more than 90mm stretched (measuring from inside of knot/joint to inside of knot/joint) and a cod-end longer than 1 200mm);
 - (c) diving from the sea-shore without the use of artificial breathing apparatus, other than a snorkel;
 - (d) using a baited line (no hooks) and scoopnet.
- (15) No rock lobster traps or similar gear may be used.
- (16) Recreational fishing days is determined annually by the Minister or the Delegated Authority in terms of section 14 of the MLRA, and is published annually in the Public Notice and/or in the government gazette that will be made available when published on the Department's website (add hyperlink of reference here).
- (17) Closed areas which only apply to the catching of lobster are found in **St Helena Bay, Saldanha Bay and Table Bay**.
- (18) 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.

Regulations specific to East Coast Rock lobster (*Panulirus homarus*)

- (1) Recreational Permits for collecting East Coast Rock Lobster is obtainable from the Post Office, only 8 East Coast Rock Lobster can be collected by a permit holder per day, the permit can be used once in any given day.
- (2) No person is allowed to collect East Coast Rock Lobster during closed season (1st day of November to last day of February in any year. Both dates inclusive)

- (3) No person is allowed to collect East Coast Rock Lobster which is in berry.
- (4) No person shall engage in fishing, collect, disturb or be in possession of any east coast rock lobster of which:
 - (a) the carapace is less than 65 mm in length measured along its mid-dorsal line from the centre of the edge which connects the two enlarged anterior spines to the middle of its posterior edge, or
 - (b) the second segment of the tail, counted from the junction of the tail with the body, is less than 22 mm measured along the mid-dorsal line between its front and rear edges, in the absence of the carapace;
- (5) No person shall:
 - (a) engage in fishing, collecting or disturbing any east coast rock lobster with the use of a vessel; or
 - (b) engage in fishing or collecting east coast rock lobster with a trap other than:
 - a flat circular trap with no sides and of which the diameter does not exceed 30cm; or
 - by means of baited hooks.
- (6) The holder of a recreational east coast rock lobster permit shall not:
 - (a) engage in fishing, collecting, keeping or controlling of not more than eight east coast rock lobster per day; or
 - (b) be in possession of more than eight east coast rock lobster at any one time.

REGULATIONS FOR HARVESTING OF THE 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) No person may buy, barter, sell or offer for sale any fish or invertebrate caught with a recreational aquarium permit.
- (4) The following species may not be caught. **(Table 2)**

REGULATIONS FOR HARVESTING AQUATIC PLANTS

- (1) A person over the age of 12 years may obtain from any authorised office, a recreational fishing permit to engage in harvesting, collecting, keeping, controlling, landing or transporting of, or to be in possession of not more than 10 kilograms (kg) of aquatic plants, subject to the payment of a fee determined by the Minister under section 25 of the Act.
- (2) Bag limit: 10 kg per permit holder per day for own use.
- (3) No person shall:
 - (a) on any one day collect for own use or remove from the sea-shore more than 10 kg aquatic plants, unless he/she is the holder of a commercial permit.
 - (b) purchase or be the holder of more than one recreational fishing permit to engage in harvesting, collecting, keeping, controlling, landing or transport of, or to be in possession of aquatic plants.
 - (c) buy, barter, sell or offer for sale any aquatic plant which is caught with a recreational permit.
- (4) A breach of the provisions of the MLRA, its regulations and or the recreational permit conditions by the permit holder may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings in terms of the MLRA and or criminal proceedings)

Table 2:

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 Palinuridae
Seahorses and pipefish	Family Syngnathidae
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>Charcharodon carcharias</i>
Wreckfish	<i>Polyprion</i> spp.
Hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna</i> spp.
Marine mammals (seals, dolphins and whales)	Class <i>Mammalia</i>

Prohibited Species List

Table 3: 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>

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT CONDITIONS IN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Personal watercraft (PWC) users should only launch from authorised launch sites (in order to operate in MPAs that allow jet skis) 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 and be particularly aware of not disturbing protected fauna and should maintain minimum distances from such fauna.

RECREATIONAL FISHING PERMIT FEES

- (1) Fee payable in respect of an **application** for a permit to undertake recreational fishing: **R7**
- (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 87
East Coast Rock Lobster	R 87
Molluscs, including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants	R 87
Mud Crab R 87	
Marine aquarium fish	R 87
Angling R 69	
Spearfishing R 87	
Use of cast or throw net	R 87
Additional fee per vessel (only payable by the skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable	R 87
Scuba diving in a Marine Protected Area	R 85

- (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 –

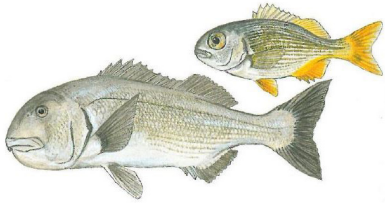
Molluscs including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants	R 50
Mud Crab	R 50
Marine aquarium fish	R 50
Angling	R 45
Spearfishing	R 50
Use of cast or throw net	R 50
Additional per vessel (only payable by skipper) for recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable	R 50
Scuba diving in a marine Protected Area	R 42

RECREATIONAL ANGLING

Species specific regulations applicable to recreational fishers

- (1) The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted "spp."), family or class mentioned in **Table 4** 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 September to 30 November in any year.
- (10) There is a closed season for galjoen (*Dichistius capensis*) from 15 October of one year to the last day of February in the following year, both dates inclusive.
- (11) There is a closed season for red steenbras (*Petrus rupestris*) from 1 September to 30 November in any year.
- (12) The closed season for Chokka squid (*Loligo vulgaris reynaudii*): from 12h00 noon on 19 October to 12h00 noon on 23 November in any year.

Marine and Estuarine Fish of South Africa



White musselcracker
Sparodon durbanensis



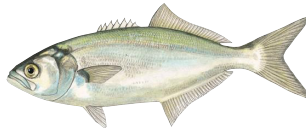
Bronze bream
Pachymetopon grande



Cape stumponose
Rhabdosargus holubi



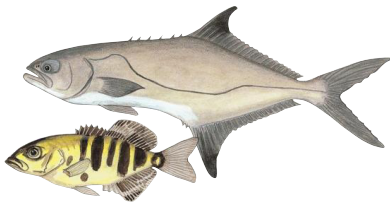
Kob
Argyrosomus japonicus



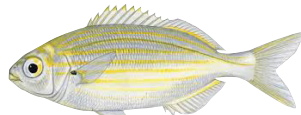
Elf / shad
Pomatrus saltatrix



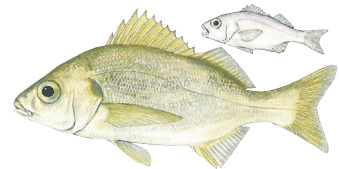
Zebra / wildeperd
Diplodus cervinus



Garrick / leervis
Lichia amia



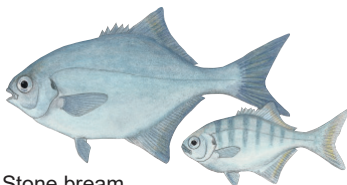
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Sarpa salpa



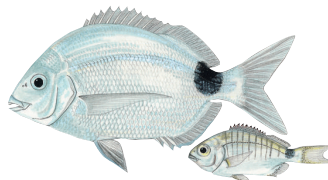
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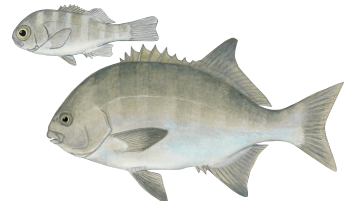
Spotted grunter
Pomadasys commersonnii



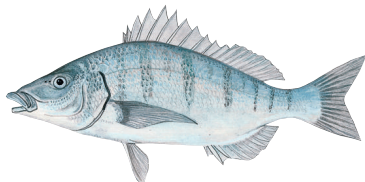
Stone bream
Neoscorpis lithophilus



Blacktail / dassie
Diplodus capensis



Galjoen
Dichistius capensis



White steenbras
Lithognathus lithognathus



Banded galjoen
Dichistius multifasciatus



Southern mullet
Lisa richardsonii



Black musselcracker / poenskop
Cymatoceps nasutus



Barbel / white sea-catfish
Galeichthys feliceps



Catface rockcod
Epinephelus andersoni



Yellowbelly rockcod
Epinephelus marginatus



Barred flagtail
Kuhlia mugil

Table 4: No person (or recreational fisher) may 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 limit of (ten) 10 shall apply (See point 8 on page 7)**

RECREATIONAL ANGLING

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 streenbras	<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 Belonidae	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>	none	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 1 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
Mulletts / harders	Family Mugilidae	none	50
Natal knifejaw (cuckoo bass)	<i>Oplegnathus robinsoni</i>	none	5
Natal stumpnose (yellowfin bream)	<i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i>	25 cm	5
Pinky (piggy)	<i>Pomadasys 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	<i>Petrus rupestris</i>	60 cm	1
Red stumpnose (Miss Lucy)	<i>Chrysoblephus gibbiceps</i>	30 cm	1
River bream (perch)	<i>Acanthopagrus perda</i> spp.	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>Thyrsites atun</i>	60 cm	10
Southern pompano	<i>Trachinotus africanus</i>	none	5
Spotted grunter (tiger)	<i>Pomadasys commersonnii</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 maccoyii</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

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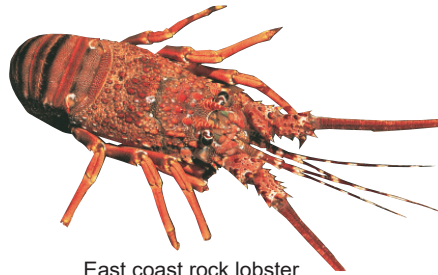
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Choromytilus meridionalis



Brown mussel
Perna perna



Blue mussel
Mytilus galloprovincialis



East coast rock lobster
Panulirus homarus



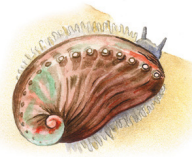
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Donax serra



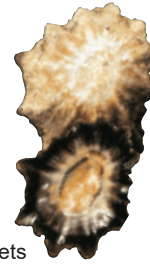
Alikreukel
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Haliotis midae



Siffie / Venus ear
Haliotis spadicea



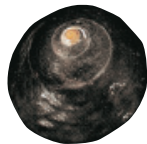
Limpets
Cymbula spp.



Limpets
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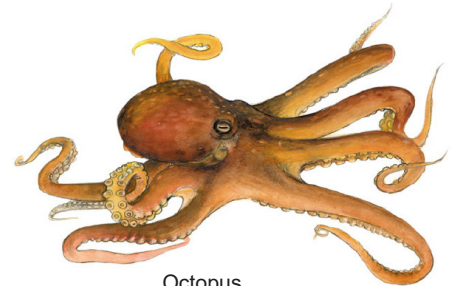
Bloodworm
Arenicola loveni



Pink-lipped winkle
Oxystele sinensis



Rock oysters
Saccostrea margaritacea &
Saccostrea cucullata



Octopus
Octopus vulgaris



Mussel worm
Pseudonereis variegata



Three spot swimming crab
Ovalipes trimaculatus



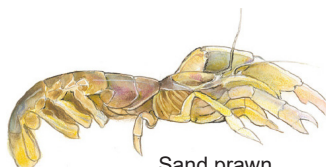
Cape rock crab
Plagusia chabrus



Giant chiton
Dinoplax gigas



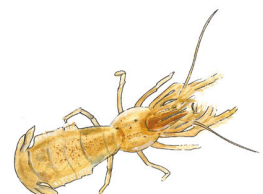
Mud crab
Scylla serrata



Sand prawn
Calinassa kraussi



Pencil bait
Solen capensis



Mudprawn
Upogebia africana



Red bait
Pyura stolonifera

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SHELLFISH AND BAIT ORGANISMS

Table 5: No person shall engage in fishing and collecting shellfish (Classes: Gastropod-sea snails, bivalvia-mussels, clams and scallops, Polyplacophora-chitons and Scaphopoda-tusk shells) between sunset on one day and sunrise on the following day.

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 austroafricana</i>	Crabs & hermit crabs excluding mud crabs and mole crabs		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 austroafricana</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 excluding alikreukel		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>Gunnarea</i>	Any seaworm, including polychaete, wonder shingle, moonshine, coral, pot, pudding, rock, tape & flatworms but excluding bloodworms, mussel worms and Cape reef-worms		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 <i>Loligo</i> & <i>Thysanoteuthis</i>	Squid, chokka		20	Only by rod and/or line

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