### Species specific regulations applicable to recreational fishers

The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted "spp."), family or class mentioned in Table 2 refer to all species in the genus, family or class, as the case may be.

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.

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.

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. No fish may be sold or offered for sale by the holder of a recreational fishing permit.

Special note should be taken of the size, bag & area limitations with regards to kob (Argyrosomus spp.)

There is a closed season for red steenbras Petrus rupestris from 1 October to 30 November in any year

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 (5). There is an overall cumulative daily bag limit of ten (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 (ten)10.

There is a closed season for elf / shad (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) from 1 October to 30 November in any year.

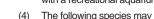
There is a closed season for galjoen (Dichistius capensis) from 15 October to the last day of February in the following year

The closed season for Chokka squid (Loligo vulgaris reynaudii): from 12h00 noon on 19 October to 12h00 noon on 30 November in any year.

Table 2: 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 above)

	SPECIES LIST			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	MINIMUM SIZE/ MASS	BAG LIMITS	
Anchovies	Family Engraulidae	none	none	
Baardman (bellman, tasselfish) Banded galjoen	Umbrina spp. Dichistius multifasciatus	40 cm none	5	
Bank streenbras	Chirodactylus grandis	none	5	
Billfishes (marlin, sailfish)	Family Istiophoridae	none	5	
Blacktail (dassie) Blue hottentot	Diplodus sargus capensis Pachymetopon aeneum	20 cm none	5	
Bronze bream (bluefish)	Pachymetopon grande	30 cm	2	
Cape knifejaw	Oplegnathus conwayi	none	5	
Cape stumpnose	Rhabdosargus holubi	20 cm	5	
Carpenter (silverfish) Catface rockcod	Argyrozona argyrozona Epinephelus andersoni	35 cm 50 cm	5	
Chub mackerel	Scomber japonicus	none	none	
Cutlassfish (walla walla)	Trichiurus lepturus	none	none	
Dageraad Dane	Chrysoblephus cristiceps Porcostoma dentata	40 cm none	5	
Elf (shad)	Pomatomus saltatrix	30 cm	4	
Englishman	Chrysoblephus anglicus	40 cm	1	
Fransmadam (Karel groot oog) Galjoen	Boopsoidea inornata Dichistius capensis	none 35 cm	10	
Garfishes	Family Belonidae	none	none	
Garrick (leervis)	Lichia amia	70 cm	2	
Geelbek (Cape salmon)	Atractoscion aequidens	60 cm	2	
Glassies Hake (stockfish)	Family Ambassidae  Merluccius spp.	none	none 5	
Halfbeaks	Family Hemiramphidae	none	none	
Horse mackerel / maasbanker	Trachurus trachurus capensis	none	none	
Hottentot John Brown	Pachymetopon blochii Gymnocrotaphus curvidens	22 cm	10 5	
Kingfishes	Caranx spp. and Carangoides spp.	none none	5	
Kingklip	Genypterus capensis	none	1	
King mackerel	Scomberomorus commerson	none	10	
Kob caught from a boat at sea [Cape Agulhas to Umtamvuna River]	Argyrosomus spp.	50 cm	5 but may only land or be in	
Kob caught from a boat at sea [The Province of KwaZulu-Natal]	Argyrosomus spp.	40 cm	possession of 1 kob > 110 cm per day	
Kob caught in estuaries & from the shore [East of Cape Agulhas only]	Argyrosomus spp.	60 cm	1	
Kob [West of Cape Agulhas only]	Argyrosomus spp.	50 cm	5	
Large-spot pompano (wave garrick)	Trachinotus botla	none	5	
Leopard cat shark Mullets / harders	Poroderma pantherinum Family Mugilidae	none	50	
Natal knifejaw (cuckoo bass)	Oplegnathus robinsoni	none	5	
Natal stumpnose (yellowfin bream)	Rhabdosargus sarba	25 cm	5	
Pinky (piggy) Poenskop (black steenbras or musselcracker)	Pomadasys olivaceum Cymatoceps nasutus	7.5 cm 50 cm	10	
Queen mackerel	Scomberomorus plurilineatus	none	10	
Ragged tooth shark	Carcharias taurus	none	1	
Red steenbras Red stumpnose (Miss Lucy)	Petrus rupestris Chrysoblephus gibbiceps	60 cm 30 cm	1 1	
River bream (perch)	Acanthopagrus perda spp.	25 cm	5	
River snapper (rock salmon)	Lutjanus argentimaculatus	40 cm	5	
Roman Santer (soldier)	Chrysoblephus laticeps Cheimerius nufar	30 cm 30 cm	2 5	
Sardines (pilchard & red-eye)	Family Clupeidae	none	none	
Sauries	Family Scomberesocidae	none	none	
Scads Scotsman	Decapterus spp. Polysteganus praeorbitalis	none 40 cm	none 1	
Slinger	Chrysoblephus puniceus	25 cm	5	
Snoek (Cape snoek)	Thyrsites atun	60 cm	10	
Southern pompano	Trachinotus africanus	none	5	
Spotted grunter (tiger) Spotted gulley shark	Pomadasys commersonnii Triakis megalopterus	40 cm none	5	
Springer (ten pounder)	Elops machnata	none	5	
Steentjie	Spondyliosoma emarginatum	none	10	
Stonebream Strepie (karanteen)	Neoscorpis lithophilus Sarpa salpa	none 15 cm	5 10	
Striped cat shark	Poroderma africanum	none	1	
Swordfish (broadbill)	Xiphias gladius	25 kg	5	
Squid (Chokka) Tunas (tunny)	Loligo vulgarus reynaudii	none	20	
Albacore / longfin tuna	Thunnus spp. Thunnus alalunga	none	10	
Bigeye tuna	Thunnus obesus	3.2 kg	10	
Bluefin tuna	Thunnus maccoyii	6.4 kg	10	
Yellowfin tuna West coast steenbras	Thunnus albacares Lithognathus aureti	3.2 kg 60 cm	10	
White edged (Captain Fine) rockcod	Epinephelus albomarginatus	40 cm	5	
White musselcracker (brusher, cracker)	Sparodon durbanensis	60 cm	2	
White steenbras (pignose grunter) White stumpnose	Lithognathus lithognathus Rhabdosargus globicebs	60 cm 25 cm	1 10	
Wolfherring	Chirocentrus dorab	none	none	
Yellowbelly rockcod	Epinephelus marginatus	60 cm	1	
Yellowtail Zebra (wildeperd)	Seriola lalandi Diplodus cervinus hottentotus	none 30 cm	10	
Zobia (wildepela)	อายางนนจ บอกงากนจ กางแฮกแบเนจ	30 011	5	

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



**AQUARIUM FISH** 

# Regulations governing the harvesting of aquarium recreational fishers.

- (1) A maximum of ten (10) fish may be harvested per day.
- (2) A maximum of five (5) fish per species, which have been collected, may be held in
- (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.

## 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
- Bag limit: 10 kg per permit holder per day for own use. No person shall:
- (a) on any one day collect for own use or remove from the sea-shore more than 10 kg aguatic 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 (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)

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

Recreational Permits for collecting East Coast Rock Lobster are obtainable from the Post Office, Only eight (8) East Coast Rock Lobster can be collected by a permit holder per day, the permit can be used once in any given day. No person is allowed to collect East Coast Rock Lobster during the closed season (1st day of November to last day of February), no person is allowed to collect East Coast Rock Lobster which is in berry.

No person shall engage in fishing, collect, disturb or be in possession of any east coast rock lobster of which:

- (1) 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,
- (2) the second segment of the tail, counted from the junction of the tail with the body, is less than 22 mm measured along the middorsal line between its front and rear edges, in the absence of
  - (1) 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: (i) a flat circular trap with no sides and of which the diameter does not exceed 30cm; or
  - (ii) by means of baited hooks. (2) The holder of a recreational east coast rock lobster permit
  - (a) engage in fishing, collecting, keeping or controlling more
  - than eight (8) east coast rock lobster per day; or (b) be in possession of more than eight east coast rock lobster at any one time.





The recreational abalone season has been closed until further notice. Please note that this also applies to the Haliotis spadicea (Siffie/Venus

#### PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST

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

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Basking shark	Cetorhinus maximus
Brindle bass	Epinephelus lanceolatus
Coelacanth	Latimeria chalumnae
Great white shark	Carcharodon carcharias
Hammerhead shark	Sphyrna spp.
Natal wrasse	Anchichoerops natalensis
Pipefish & seahorses	Family Syngnathidae
Potato bass	Epinephelus tukula
Sawfishes	Family Pristidae
Seventy-four	Polysteganus undulosus
Whale shark	Rhincodon typus
Wreckfish	Polyprion spp.

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

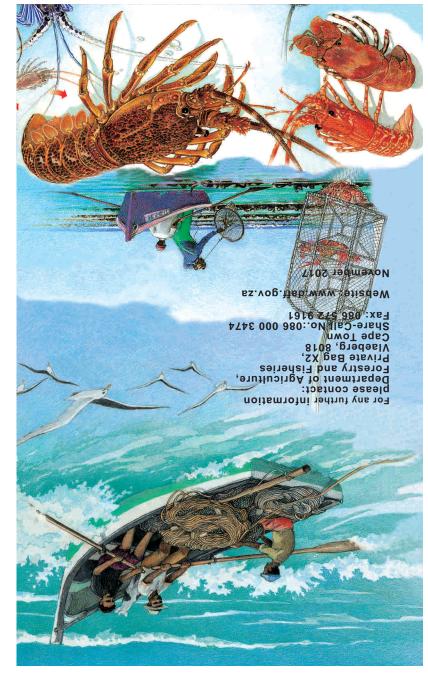
- (1) A person over the age of 12 years may obtain from any authorized office, a recreational fishing permit to engage in fishing, collecting, keeping, controlling, landing or transporting of, or to be possession of not more than four (4) west coast rock lobster per day from 2 December 2017 to 3 December 2017, from 9 December 2017 to 10 December 2017, from 16 December 2017 to 17 December 2017, from 23 December 2017 to 26 December 2017, from 30 December 2017 to 1 January 2018, from 6 January 2018 to 7 January 2018, from 13 January 2018 to 14 January 2018, from 30 March 2018 to 2 April 2018. Fishing will be allowed everyday all dates inclusive as listed above, subject to the payment of the fees determined by the Minister under section 25 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998). No fishing is permitted on any day, not listed in this schedule.
- 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 only.
- Bag limit: Four (4) per permit holder per day for own use.
- 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.
- Recreational permit-holders collecting and landing West Coast rock lobster may do so only between 08h00 16h00. The rock lobsters must be landed by or before 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) No person shall buy or barter any rock lobster from illegal street sellers under any circumstances.
- (11) A maximum of twenty (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. No person shall keep control or be in possession of more than twenty (20) west coast rock lobster at any time – eg. home/residence.
- 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.
- (13) No rock lobster traps or similar gear may be used.
- (14) 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.

# SHELLFISH AND BAIT ORGANISMS

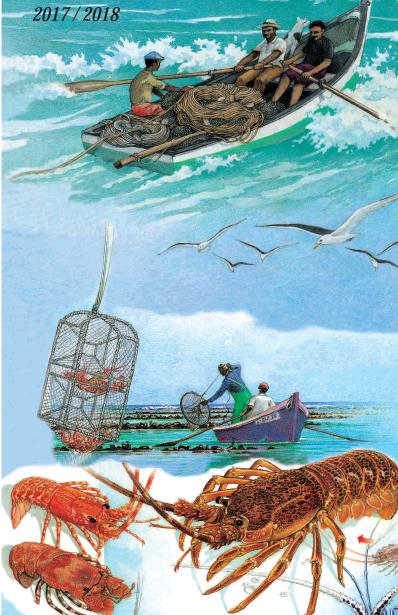
No person shall engage in fishing and collecting shellfish (Classes: Gastropoda-sea snails, Bivalvia-mussels, clams and scallops, Polyplacophora-chitons and Scaphopoda-tusk shells) between sunset on one day and sunrise on the following day Table 5

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SPECIES	COMMON NAME	MINIMUM SIZE	MAXIMUM PER DAY	COLLECTION METHOD
Turbo sarmaticus	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 Arenicola	Bloodworm		5	Only by hand, suction pump and/or wire
All species of the genus Mactra	Clam		8	Only by hand
All species of the sections Brachyura & Anomura excluding Scylla serrata, Hippa adactyla & Emerita austroafricana	Crabs & hermit crabs excluding mud crabs and mole crabs		15	Only by hand, rod and/or line
All species of the genus Sepia	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
Hippa adactyla & Emerita austroafricana	Mole crab		30	By hand or triangular trap
Scylla serrata	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 Littorina, Oxystele & Turbo excluding Turbo sarmaticus	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, 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 Solen	Razor clam, pencil bait		20	Only by hand, suction pump and/or wire
All species of the genus Pyura	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 Aulacomya, Mytilus, Choromytilus and Perna	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 Upogebia	Mud prawn		50	Only by hand, suction pump or inverted tin
All species of the genus Callianassa	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 Pecten	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
Donax serra	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 Loligo & Thysanoteuthis	Squid, chokka		20	Only by rod and/or line

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### MARINE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY Information brochure

This pamphlet summarizes the regulations that apply to recreational fishing in South Africa's marine and estuarine environments and scuba-diving and personal watercraft (PWC) 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 National Government 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 iSimangaliso Wetland Park (previously Greater St Lucia Wetland Park). These can be obtained from the Chief Directorate Environmental Management, Western Cape Nature Conservation Board (CapeNature), Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, South African National Parks (SANParks), the City of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela Metro and iSimangaliso Wetland Park as the

In terms of the above-mentioned 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

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

#### 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 22A of the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act (Act No. 57 of 2003). 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 issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs) 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, as well as Restricted Zones in Marine Protected Areas declared under section 22a of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act. National Parks declared under the Protected Areas Act, can include marine areas and estuaries

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

#### MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

### **West Coast National Park Marine Protected Area**

The MPA is made up of 5 individual MPAs namely the three islands of Malgas Island Jutten Island; Marcus Island; the Langebaan Lagoon and Sixteen Mile Beach. The MPA is zoned into various areas which restrict recreational and commercial activities. Certain zones cater for recreational activities , where users can angle and use their boats in the designated sections of the MPA. The regulations provided a zonation pattern for the lagoon and permitted the catching of linefish from a boat in the Langebaan Lagoon MPA, Sixteen Mile Beach MPA and the three island MPAs, and the recreational catching of West Coast rock lobster in the Sixteen Mile Beach MPA South African National Parks (SANParks) is the management agency (Contact number 042 281 1607)

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

SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 021-783 0234). No personal watercraft (PWCs) 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′I

34°07.567′S; 018°27.568′E

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

34°12.705′S: 018°27.781′I

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′I 34°14.100'S; 018°28.508'I

34°14.100′S: 018°29.300′I

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'I 34°16.549'S: 018°29.000'l

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′I

34°18.393′S; 018°24.258′I 34°16 490'S: 018°22 194'I

34°18.393'S: 018°23.500'I

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

34°03 660′S: 018°20 252′F 34°03.660'S: 018°17.797'I 33°58.757′S: 018°17.797′I

## **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. Personal watercraft (PWCs) are allowed in the MPA but the management authority should be contacted for more information. The City of Cape Town is the management authority (Contact number: 021 417 4928/021 487 2239). DAFF Compliance (Čontact

## 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 personal watercraft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the CapeNature is the management agency (Contact Number: 028 272 9829 (24/7 line). DAFF (Contact number: 021 856 0358).

34°22.450'S: 018°53.765'E 34°21.357′S; 018°56.240′E 34°24 450′S: 018°53 765′F 34°24.450′S; 018°56.240′E

### De Hoop Marine Protected Area

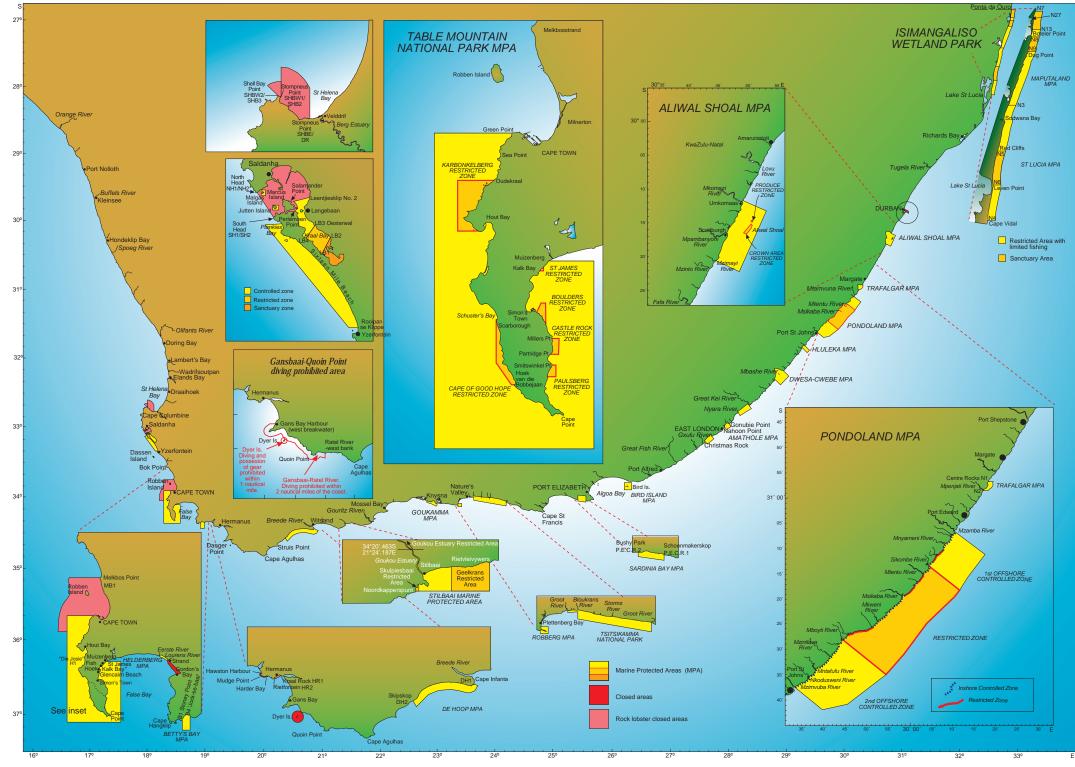
No fishing is allowed between beacon DH1 at Still Bay Point and beacon DH2 between Rys Point and Skipskop, extending three nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. The use of personal watercraft (PWCs) is discouraged. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 028-542 1114/5/7).

## 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 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 personal watercraft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the MPA. CapeNature is the management agency (Contact number: 028-754 2234/082 496 2522). For the DAFF office at Stilbaai harbour (Contact: 028-754 1026).

## 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. The use of personal watercraft (PWCs) is not allowed. 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'F and 023°25 967'F, although shore angling is allowed. Personal watercraft (PWCs) is not allowed. Cape Nature is the management agency (Contact number: 044-533 2185)

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

The MPA is situated along the rocky Indian Ocean shoreline beneath 180m high cliffs and extends three nautical miles sea-wards from the high-water mark. The MPA consists of one (1) Restricted Zone and three (3) Coastal Controlled Zones. Fishing is not allowed in the Restricted Zone. No person may fish, attempt to fish, collect bait or attempt to collect bait in controlled zones unless they are a registered Tsitsikamma angler and are in possession of a valid recreational angling or bait permit respectively. No registered Tsitsikamma angler may access the controlled zones more than 4 days in any calendar month. Fishing may only take place from the shore and only using a rod and reel or handline. No fishing may take place from a vessel in the Marine Protected Area. South African National Parks (SANParks) is the management agency (Contact number

# 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. Personal watercraft (PWCs) are allowed in the MPA but the management authority should be contacted for more information. The Nelson Metropolitan Municipality is the management agency (Contact number: 041-506 1423). DAFF Port Elizabeth office (Contact number: 041-585 4051)

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'F and 026°20.0'E. No personal watercraft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the MPA SANParks is the management agency (Contact number: 042-281 1607/042 233

The MPA consists of three sections namely Gxulu, Gonubie and Kei. No person may fish, or attempt to fish, within the Marine Protected Area from any vessel Fishing gear on a vessel that enters or traverses the Marine Protected Area must be stowed, with all hooks disconnected and un-baited; and such a vesse may not stop or move at less than 5 knots at any time while in the Marine Protected Area, except for purposes of preparing the vessel for re-entering the surf zone opposite the Haga Haga, Kei Mouth or Christmasvale launch sites No spearfisher may use any floatation device to extend swimming range when traversing, diving, fishing or landing fish in a MPA. No person may scuba dive without a permit. Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) is the management agency (Contact number: 043-736 4014/6/087 286 6516).

# **Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area**

The Dwesa-Cwebe MPA extends 6 (six) nautical miles offshore. It was recently re-zoned to three Restricted Zones and three Controlled Zones. No person may fish or attempt to fish in a Controlled Zone of the MPA unless they are i possession of a recreational or small scale fishing permit or authorisation. No person may fish or attempt to fish from a vessel in a Controlled Zone. No fishing is allowed in the Restricted Zone within the MPA. Spearfishing is not allowed No person may scuba dive without a permit. Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency(ECPTA) is the Management Agency (087 286 6534).

## Hluleka Marine Protected Area

No fishing is allowed adjacent to the Hluleka Nature Reserve (in the Nageleni District). extending 6 (six) nautical miles seawards from the high-water mark. No personal watercraft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the MPA. Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) is the management agency (Contact number: 087 285

## Pondoland MPA

The Pondoland MPA extends approximately 10 nautical miles to the 1 000-m isobath. 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 1 000 m isobath. No shore-based fishing is allowed along the following four sections of coast:

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

No fishing is allowed in the Mtentu and Msikaba estuaries. No personal water-craft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the MPA. No person may scuba dive without a permit. The Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA) is the management agency (Contact number: 087 285 7752). The DAFF office in Port St Johns (Contact umber: 047-564 1985)

## **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 1150/6/082 559 2843)

## Aliwal Shoal MPA

the wreck of the Produce. No personal watercraft (PWCs) may be used anywhere in the MPA. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife is the managing agency (Contact number: 039 976 2805/082 559 2843).

# 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 Ngoboselen 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 niles 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. Personal water craft (PWCs) 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

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 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

## Walker Bay Whale Sanctuary Marine Protected Area

In addition to the above MPAs, the Hermanus Walker Bay Whale Sanctuary MPA estricts vessels from entering the area of Walker Bay north and east of the new Harbour at Hermanus from July to November each year. Please refer o section 48A of the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act (Act No 57 of 2033) for restriction on certain activities. For details contact DAFF 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) (14) 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 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.

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.

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.

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

# **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 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

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.

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.

## PROTECTED MARINE SPECIES

In terms of the National Environmental Management:Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004): Threatened or Protected Marine Species Regulations (Government Gazette 40875 of 30 May 2017), the following marine species are protected nationally: Fish (including bass, coelacanth etc.), Whales, Dolphins, Rays, Sharks, Turtles, Seabirds, Seals, Walruses, Seahorses, Pipefish and Corals. Whales cannot be approached within 300 m except by a permitted Boat Based Whale Watching Operator. Seals and Seabirds may not be harrassed or unnecessarily disturbed. For more information on interaction with the protected marine species, contact the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) Branch: Oceans and Coasts or 021 819 2510/2472/2644/2474 and Call Centre number: 0861112468).

# RECREATIONAL FISHING

(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 Capture. 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.

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

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 12 and 13.

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. Specific cast-netting regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 14

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* of **Table 4** for display in an aquarium. Specific marine aquarium regulations are listed below in sub-regulations 16 and 17. 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.

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 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.

#### Regulations specific to recreational angling

(10) 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 **Table 4**,

more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in Species List of Table 2 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; any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the Species List of **Table 2**;

(d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of **Table 2**.

(11) 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

(12) 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 **Table 4**,

more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in Species List of Table 2 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; any fish smaller than, or of a mass less than, the size-limit listed in respect of each species in the Species List of **Table 2**;

(d) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the Species List of Table 2.
 (13) 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.daff.gov.za).

Regulations specific to recreational cast-netting (14) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for cast-netting shall not catch, disturb, land, keep, or control:

any fish not listed in the *Species List* of **Table 1**, more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* of **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 of **Table 1**;
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

(16) The holder of a recreational fishing permit endorsed for marine aquarium fish shall not catch, disturb, or land:

any fish listed in **Table 3**; more than five fish per species;

more fish than the bag-limit listed in respect of each species in *Species List* of **Table 2** 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 **Table 2**; (e) any fish during the closed-season listed in respect of each species in the *Species List* of **Table 2**. 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 keep a log-book indicating all additions to the aquarium (including those bred or hatched in the aquarium) and losses, indicating the species, origin.

(18) For species listed in terms of the Threatened or Protected Marine Species Regulations, holders of recreational fishing permits for marine quarium purposes may be required to adhere to certain provisions. Please refer to Government Gazette 40875 of 30 May 2017

## RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVING PERMIT CONDITIONS

The holder of a recreational SCUBA diving permit shall: adhere to the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No 10 of 2004): Threatened or Protected Marine Species Regulations (Government Gazette 40875 of 30 May 2017) with regards to interacting with protected marine species: 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, 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).

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.environment.gov.za).

note that these conditions will be applicable to any new MPAs that may be declared, re-gazetted or required to have a permit in the future. 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 4.

NB: Permit conditions and allowable scuba diving areas may be subject to change REGULATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILD ABALONE (PROHIBITION ON DIVING AND POSSESSION OF GEAR)

(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: Bird Ísland MPA

Gansbaai Harbour to Quoin Point (Ratel River) (extending 1 nautical mile seaward from the highwater mark). Map attached.

Dyer Island extending 1 nautical mile from the high water mark Vénus 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 300 m radius from it 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 DAFF Website for more information.

## 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 payble in respect of the issuing of an annual permit to undertake recreational fishing of -

Abalone (not available until further notice) R 87 Molluscs, including octopus, squid, worms, other invertebrates and aquatic plants R 87 Mud Crab Marine aquarium fish R 69 Angling R 87 Spearfishing Use of cast or throw ne 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 payble in respect of the issuing of a **short term permit** (only valid for four weeks) to undertake recreational fishing

Molluscs including octopus, squid, worms,

Spearfishing other invertebrates and aquatic plants Use of cast or throw net Mud Crab Additional per vessel (only payable by skipper) for Marine aquarium fish

R 45

 Angling CAST NET

Species that may be caught with a Cast-net. The taxa, i.e. genus (denoted "spp."), or family, mentioned in Table 1 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 only utilize a circular net weighted at the circumference for the purpose of casting and not exceeding six meters in diameter.

recreational fishing from such a vessel where applicable

Scuba diving in a Marine Protected Area

R 50

R 50

R 42

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

