

28 DE MARÇO A 04 DE ABRIL

XXVV BIG GAME - TROLLING SPORS FISHING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP







### 24° CAMPEONATO DO MUNDO B.G.F. - CORRICO

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This BIG GAME - TROLLING SPORTS FISHING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, to be held from 28 March to 04 April in the city of Lobito, is an event with major national and international visibility, making Lobito and the Benguela Province the world capital of BIG GAME fishing. Several nations will be present at the event. The competition will be top-notch, with various names recognised and awarded, making it a sports and tourist attraction alike.

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#### «WE ARE PROUD TO HOST THE BIG GAME SPORTS FISHING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP»

It is with great honour and pleasure that we will be hosting this championship in partnership with everyone involved who, from the very start, demonstrated their true commitment and desire to make this event a reality distinguishing the city of Lobito.

A number of nations will be competing in this XXIV world big game fishing championship to win the title of World Champion.

Given the current backdrop and sporting restrictions to protect the environment and regarding the balance of ecosystems, all species caught will be immediately returned to the water alive. Environmental concerns are on the front line in Lobito as well. This championship will certainly merit the utmost praise and applause from every country involved.

As such, let me wish you an excellent World Championship in Lobito, and the best of luck to all participants.

WELCOME TO LOBITO. WELCOME TO ANGOLA! All the best to everyone.



## LOBITO

Lobito, located 220 nautical miles south of Luanda, is the second most important city in the Benguela Province. It covers 3,648 km², with around 1 million inhabitants. The climate is temperate, with temperatures averaging around 30°C and 60-70% humidity at this time of the year. Since this is the rainy season, rainy weather may occur. The port of Lobito is the country's second cargo port. The Benguela railway, which links Africa's east and west coasts, starts in Lobito.

## **INFRASTRUCTURES**

#### HOTFI

The Restinga Hotel, located on the famous Lobito sandbar, is Lobito's most recent hotel in the Benguela Province. It is built right on the beach with the same name. Inaugurated on 12 November 2011, it has 115 rooms. The hotel is located approximately 1.5 km from the marina, and can be easily reached on foot between these two points.



# **INFRASTRUCTURES**

#### **MARINA**

The boat marina is located on the sandbar, in the Lobito Nautico Club. The marina has two swimming pools, a terrace bar and services available to participants and their guests.







## SCHEDULE

#### ✓ SATURDAY · 28 MARCH

10:00 am - 07:00 pm

Arrival of delegations and registry (possibly in a charter flight organized from Luanda to Lobito; otherwise, the event organization will notify method for purchasing plane tickets).

FREE NIGHT

#### ✓ SUNDAY · 29 MARCH

09:00 am Event management meeting with skippers.

04:00 pm Captains' meeting with event organization.

07:00 pm Parade of teams and public unveiling.

07:30 pm Departure of teams from parade location and public event to opening ceremony Hall.

07:45 pm Opening ceremony (separate schedule).

#### → MONDAY - 30 MARCH

05:00 am Breakfast at hotel.

**06:30** am Departure of boats for training (rates to be agreed between teams and boat owners).

#### → TUESDAY · 31 MARCH

05:00 am Breakfast at hotel.

**05:30** am Distribution of fishing record sheets, wristbands, bait and ice to skippers.

05:30 am Departure to marina.

07:00 am Departure for first day of fishing.

11:30 am General call for fishing information.

04:00 pm End of fishing day and general call for fishing information.

05:30 pm Deadline for arrival at marina.

06:00 pm Light buffet dinner at marina and cultural entertainment.

#### **∠** WEDNESDAY · 1 APRIL

05:00 am Breakfast at hotel.

**05:30** am Distribution of fishing record sheets, wristbands, bait and ice to skippers.

05:30 am Departure to marina.

07:00 am Departure for second day of fishing.

11:30 am General call for fishing information.

**04:00 pm** End of fishing day and general call for fishing information.

05:30 pm Deadline for arrival at marina.

06:00 pm Light buffet dinner at marina and cultural entertainment.

#### **▼ FRIDAY · 2 APRIL**

05:00 am Breakfast at hotel.

**05:30** am Distribution of fishing record sheets, wristbands, bait and ice to skippers.

05:30 am Departure to marina.

07:00 am Departure for third day of fishing.

11:30 am General call for fishing information.

04:00 pm End of fishing day and general call for fishing information.

05:30 pm Deadline for arrival at marina.

06:00 pm Light buffet dinner at marina and cultural entertainment.

#### **≥** SATURDAY · 3 APRIL

Day set aside in case fishing is not possible on one of the previous days. 07:00 pm Closing ceremony (separate schedule).

#### **>** SUNDAY ⋅ 4 APRIL

Departure of delegations.





The rules will be those appearing in the 2014 edition FIPS-M «International Rules», with the following special features:

#### **TEAMS**

Each participating nation may be represented by teams (up to two teams) with a minimum of two and a maximum of four fishermen. Each nation may have only one team captain, two cameramen and a maximum of two backup fishermen who can replace any fisherman from any team of their nation.

On the boats, no one will be allowed on board except for the skipper, the mate, the four fishermen, the team captain, and if requested by the organization FIPS-M officials, event officials and press representatives.

#### **FISHING RULES**

FIPS-M fishing rules shall apply.

Fish must be hooked and played by a single fisherman, without help from others. Other fishermen are only allowed to hold the leader and release the fish.

Fish must be released in the water. Hook removal is recommended, although teams are allowed to cut the leader 30 cm or less from the fish.

Circular, non-offset hooks must be used with natural bait. J hooks are allowed with lures

Once a team hooks a billfish, it must notify the organization via VHF radio (channel 68). All catches, together with location coordinates (latitude and longitude), must be reported via VHF after the fish's release (or loss). The operator will record the time and species.

All catches and releases must be recorded on video. For validation purposes, the organization will provide teams with identification wristbands in different colours for each day of fishing.

All catches must be recorded on a sheet to be provided by the event organization which, at the end of the day, must be submitted to the international jury, duly filled in and signed by the skipper.

After arriving at the marina at the end of the fishing day and submitting the fishing record sheet to the international jury (or their support staff), the team representative must wait to be called to watch videos of the catches. Teams must bring cables and/or memory cards to allow the international jury to watch, confirm and validate whether or not a fish was properly caught and

released. After viewing, the result of the viewing (OK/NO) will be recorded on the record sheet, and the judge and team representative will sign the fishing record sheet (species, time and fisherman).

The departure time to fishing locations will be 7:00 am. At this time, the jury will give the departure, and boats may then leave the marina. Anyone leaving the marina zone prior to authorization from the jury will be disqualified. At 11:30 am, the international jury will give a general call (channel 68) for interim notification of catches made. At 4:00 pm, after declaring the end of the fishing day, it will make a new call for information on total catches for the day.

The maximum number of fishing rods in the water will be five; more than five rods per boat will not be allowed. The maximum line strength will be 130 pounds. The maximum leader length will be 9.14 m, with a total length for the total of leader, double line, and the end of the hook of 12.19 m.

At the end of each day, all of the teams must furnish their tackle to the international jury for inspection. If any team's tackle falls outside of the specifications, or if the inspection is refused, the NATION in question will be disqualified from that day of fishing (no team from this nation will be qualified on that day).

#### **BAIT/LURES AND HOOKS**

Bait/lures may be natural or artificial. Natural bait will be furnished by the event organization (up to 40 units/day per team). Hooks must be 90° circular (non offset), but J hooks are permitted when using artificial bait.

#### **RADIO**

The organization will have a VHF station, channel 68, for communicating all fish on the line, lost, caught, or released. Other communications may be done on channel 69, which will also be available.

Other boats will be allowed to bypass those unable to reach the communication station of the international jury.

#### **PROTESTS**

Any protest must be done in writing, addressed to the international jury, accompanied by  $\leq$ 50.00 (fifty euros).

#### **SCORING**

For the catch and release of a fish to be counted, the video must clearly show the following:

- → The Fisherman wearing the wristband of the day in question;
- → The Species of fish;
- → Any team member touching the leader;
- → The swivel touches the end of the rod;
- → The splice between the main line and leader passes the tip of the rod;

Filming may be interrupted for long fights; however, the part of the film containing the release of the fish, including the above items, must be uninterrupted.

Fish caught and validated by the international team of judges will receive the following scores:

- · Blue Marlin ......25 pontos
- · White Marlin ......10 pontos
- · Sailfish ......9 pontos
- · Spearfish ......5 pontos
- · Wahoo ......5 pontos
- · Tuna ......2 pontos
- · Dorado ......1 pontos
- · Yellow Fin, Big Eye and Albacore will score.

#### **PRI7FS**

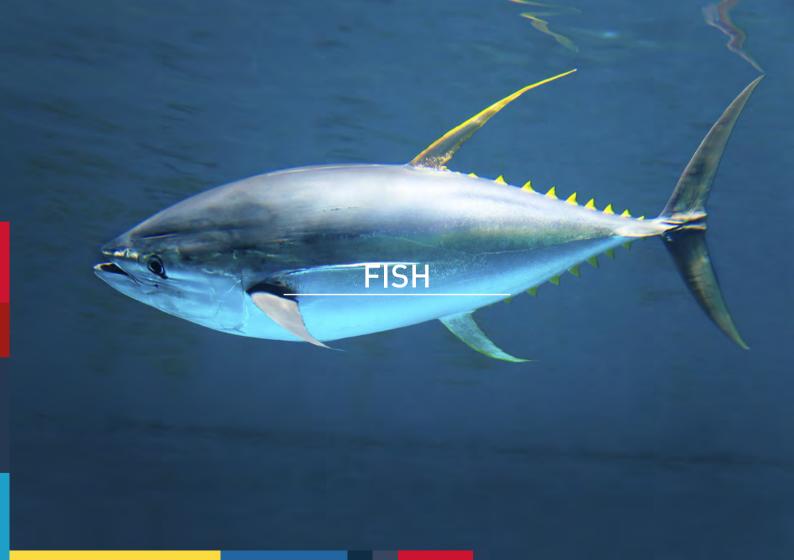
FIPS-M will provide the award medals for the first three nations (five medals per nation).

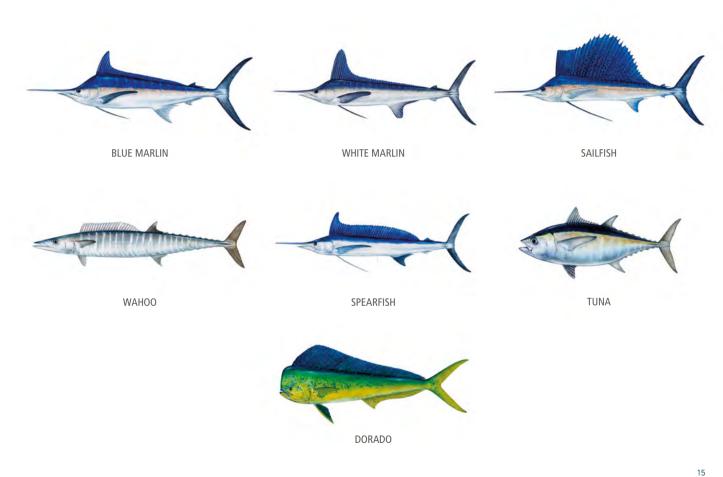
The event organization will furnish and award a trophy for each of the first three nations, one trophy for each of the three best skippers and one award for the fisherman with the highest score on billfish.

#### LOGISTICS

Each morning, the following will be distributed via the skippers to the teams:

- · Bait:
- · Ice for bait and beverages;
- · Packed meal for seven people;
- · Fishing record sheets; and
- · Identification wristbands for the fishing day.









# BOATS AND FISHING TACKLE

#### **BOATS**

Boats are small/medium in size (20 to 40 feet). Since Lobito does not have a charter boat industry, skippers and mates are all amateurs.

#### **FISHING TACKLE**

Teams are recommended to bring their own fishing tackle, since boats may not have the equipment desired or normally used by national teams.



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### **VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH**

It is recommended that you carry an international vaccination certificate for smallpox and yellow fever. Angola has no outbreaks of ebola or cholera. Since you are coming to a tropical zone, you may want to bring and take anti-malaria medications. During the days of the championship, the organization will provide emergency medical assistance.

#### **SAFETY**

The Benguela Province and Lobito, in particular, have low crime rates; however, as in any modern city anywhere in the world, a normal amount of care is advised. During the competition, the fishing area will be controlled by maritime safety of the Angolan authorities.

#### **VISAS**

National federations wishing to participate should immediately notify the names of their team members and e-mail the enrolment form and copies of their passports so that event organisers may request visas from their countries' Angolan consulates. Visas may be issued in the airport, but are difficult to obtain.

# ENROLMENT FORM



#### COSTS

The cost per team (up to four members) is €5,000.00, and includes costs to participate in the opening and closing events, hotel (room and breakfast), on-board picnic, two-way marina/hotel transport costs, bait and boat for the fishing days.

Payments should be made directly to skippers for official training. This cost is variable, but will average around €1,500.00. Information on available boats and their contact information will be available at the competition's website: www.biggameangola2015.com.

#### **ENROLMENT AND FEES**

For each team (up to four members), each federation must pay €5,000.00 (five thousand euros) to the following bank account until 28 February 2015:

- ACCOUNT HOLDER: Federação Angolana de Pesca Desportiva;

- BANK: Banco Angolano de Investimentos;

- ACCOUNT NO.: 32106209.15.002

- IBAN: AO06004000003210620915254;

€116.00 (one hundred and sixteen euros) per day must be paid for each non-fishing guest, including hotel (room and breakfast) only.

### **ENROLMENT FORM FOR COMPETITORS**

FEDERATION		
COUNTRY		
E-MAIL	TELEPHONE	
COMPETITORS [Surname & First Name]		
1.		
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3.		
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Enrolment per team [4 competitors] including accommodations: € 5.000,00		
TOTAL		

### ENROLMENT FORM FOR GUESTS/CAPTAINS AND CAMERAMEN

FEDERATION		
COUNTRY		
E-MAIL	TELEPHONE	
[Surname & First Name]		
1.		
2 ·		
3.		
4 ·		
Enrolment, including accommodations: € 1190,00 per person.		
TOTAL		

# CONTACT INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

#### HOTEL RESTINGA

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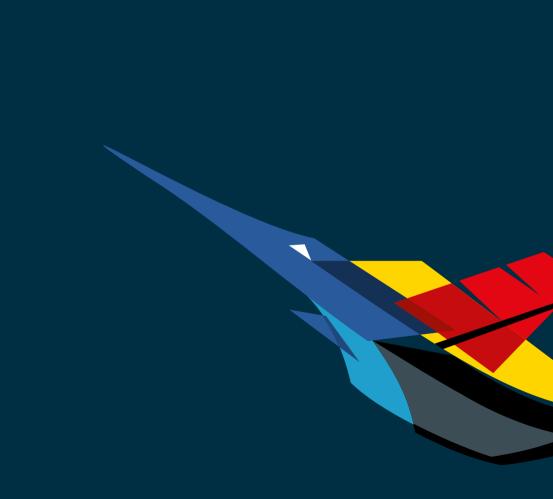
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