



**Organizational Office Sport Fishing World Games 2019**  
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**28th World Championship Big Game Fishing (Trolling)**  
**SODWANA BAY**



**PERIOD OF THE EVENT**

From Saturday, February the 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 (arrival of participating Nations)  
 To Saturday, February the 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 (departure of participating Nations)

**WELCOME TO SODWANA BAY**

Welcome to Sodwana Bay National Park, Zululand, a very unique place and the mecca of bill fishing in South Africa. Visitors need to be reminded that Sodwana Bay is approximately 190km (Richards Bay) from the nearest big city in a fairly remote part of Africa.

Whilst you will be allocated the best available comfortable accommodation and we have employed experienced chefs to prepare your meals, the accommodation is not a “hotel”. Teams will meet at a communal venue for meals and there is no “room service. (Tea/coffee/ drinks.) Rooms will, however, be cleaned and serviced daily.

Whilst cellular telephone communication is available, internet connection is unreliable and there is no free WIFI at the lodge. Remember you are in “the bush” and enjoy the experience.)

Regards

**Dick Pratt**  
 Tournament Director



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## COMPETITION VENUE

Sodwana Bay National Park lies in the cultural heartland of Kwa Zulu Natal's far North Coast and is globally renowned for its bio diversity, both on land and below the ocean's surface.

You will discover kilometres of pristine unspoilt coastline which has been left unchanged from the fast-paced modern world with the sounds of bird and frog calls drowning out the sound of phone calls.

If you really want to get away from it all, Sodwana Bay is the perfect spot.

The spectacular coral reefs are amongst the southernmost tropical coral reefs in the world and the shallowest sighting of a living "fossil", the coelacanth was filmed and documented in the off-shore canyons.



The healthy coral reefs are home to over a thousand species of fish, invertebrates and coral and are situated in a national marine protected area, between Jesser Point in the south to Nine Mile Beach up north in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa's first UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Sodwana reef system may be a fraction the size of the Great Barrier Reef, but it is estimated to contain more than 2/3rds the amount of fish species. - 1200 in Sodwana as opposed to 1500. The coastline is largely undisturbed and natural migrations still occur with sightings of whale sharks, ragged tooth sharks, nesting turtles, whales, mantas and dolphin being reported at different times throughout the year.



While on land, Lake Sibaya which is South Africa's largest natural freshwater lake is situated 20km north of Jesser Point. On the surface, Lake Sibaya is a Ramsar site with a high bird count including the rare Pel's Fishing-owl, Cormorants, Kingfishers, Storks and the majestic Fish Eagle with its evocative call. The only population of the orchid *Vanilla roscheri* occurs near the lake, while another orchid, *Oecevelades decaryanum* was collected at the Lake for the first time in the country.

There are also resident populations of hippopotamus, crocodiles and the largest population of the freshwater goby - *Silhouetta sibayi*. Sodwana was named in the 19th century after the English Royal Navy landed at Jesser Point which was named after an English Officer.

Reportedly the landing party asked a group of Zulu women on the beach as to where they were, the Zulu women not understanding the foreign language thought they were asking if there was anyone else on the beach and they replied that they were alone. "Si" being the plural we and "odwa" being the term for alone or on its own. Sodwana Bay has developed relatively slowly in terms of global commercializing,



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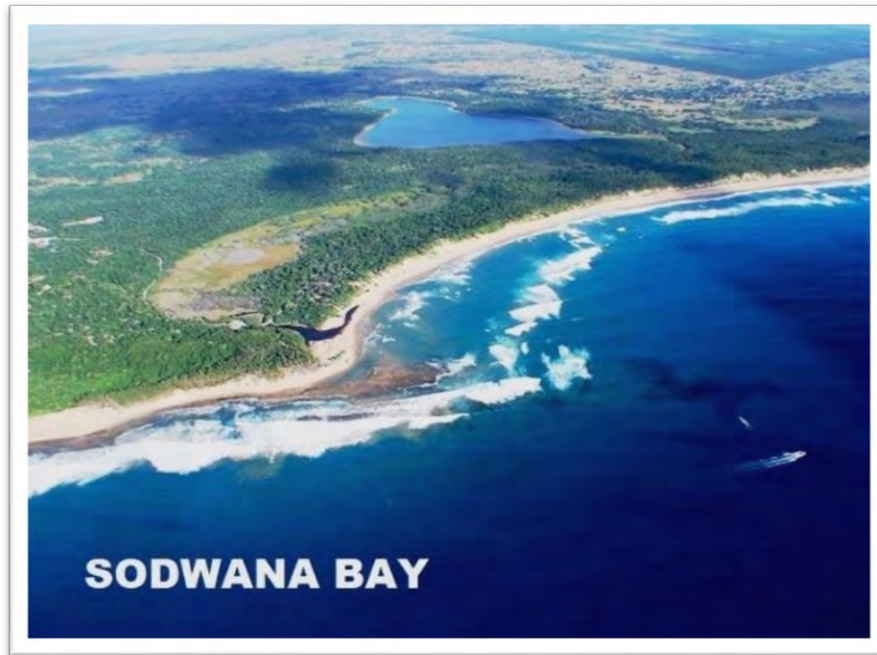
Increasing popularity with large numbers of South African fishermen and scuba divers in the late eighties and early nineties, saw the paving of the last 90 km stretch from Hluhluwe to Mbazwana which has made Sodwana accessible to all. Residents also offer numerous activities and services - including restaurants, scuba diving, guided tours, fishing charters and lots more.



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## WHERE WE ARE AND HOW TO JOIN US



How to join us at Sodwana:

### By flight:

Arriving at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, you need to arrange a connecting flight to the King Shaka International Airport close to Durban.

### By car:

After arriving at King Shaka International Airport close to Durban, follow the N2 North Motorway towards St Lucia. Turn right on the R22 towards Sodwana Bay.

During the event, in the proximity of the town, many directional marks will be put on the access roads to indicate the competition venue.

## **VERY IMPORTANT NOTES**

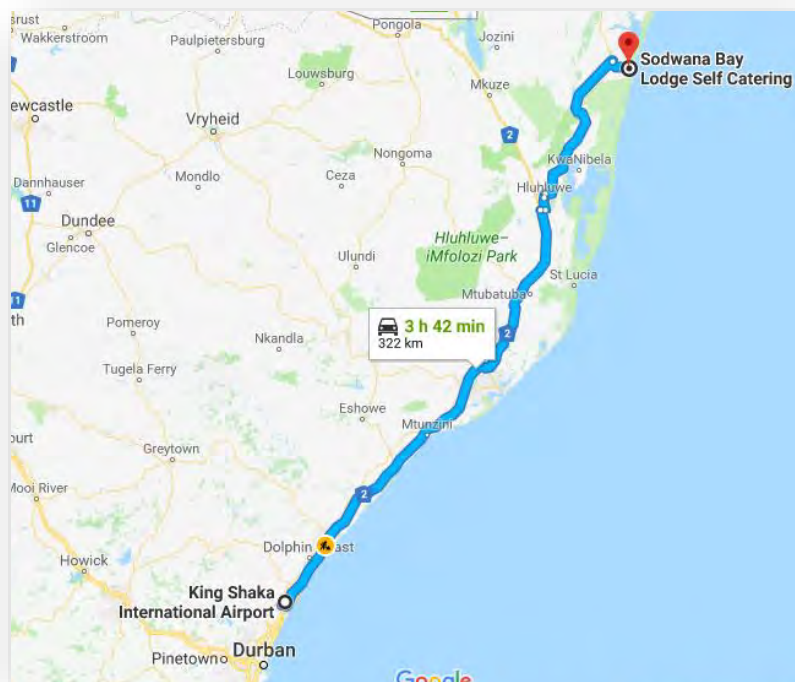
- *It is recommended that participants travel from their home countries to arrive at OR Tambo International airport, Johannesburg on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, book into their hotel/s for the nights of February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> Attend the Opening function of the World Angling Games on Saturday, and depart February 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday morning after early breakfast) 6 am for Durban.*
- *Participants which will arrive first in Johannesburg on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, will have to pay the hotel accommodation for on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. The organizer will refund one night's accommodation fee of €29 (R 450,00) of Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 for these participants only.*
- *Team managers must communicate prior to the Championship with Big Game Local Organizer Secretary – Hymie Steyn via tel. 0027 21 9762714 or email. [hymie\\_sadsaa@absamail.co.za](mailto:hymie_sadsaa@absamail.co.za) to prevent double payment for accommodation for February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.*

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Teams must arrive in Durban not later than 11 am. From Durban, airport teams will be transported by bus to Sodwana Bay-370 km- 4 hours journey. On Sunday 17th February 2019, the return journey by bus to Durban will leave at 7 am from the Sodwana Lodge.

Arrival time Durban airport approximately 3 pm. For those participants who reserved a direct flight home from Durban may then check-in and enjoy the flight with happy memories. Other participants, departing from Johannesburg, may take a flight to Johannesburg and home.



## ACCREDITATION OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

Once arrived in South Africa, all delegations shall report to the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee which will be situated at the OR Tambo International Air Port, Johannesburg on 8th & 9th (until 08h30) of February 2019.

## CONTACTS

For general information concerning the registration, please visit the official website or contact the Organizing Committee. For specific information concerning the Big Game Fishing Championship and local logistics, please contact the Big Game Local Organizer Secretary – Hymie Steyn via tel. 0027 21 9762714 or email. [hymie\\_sadsaa@absamail.co.za](mailto:hymie_sadsaa@absamail.co.za)

## REGISTRATION FEE FOR DELEGATIONS

Registration fee Per 3 Man Team	€ 4,500.00
(Per competitor)	€ 1500)

***The full package includes everything from Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (dinner) – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Breakfast) in Sodwana Bay.***

Per Companion/Guest/Manager/Delegate: Full board € 520 on condition that all meals are taken in the Marquee. The cost of closing gala tickets for each accompanying person. Is included.

The registration fee includes 3 opening ceremony tickets, closing gala tickets, fishing cards, insurances and possible gadgets the Organization might distribute.

## BOATS

For the official training and during the competition, the organizer will supply boats boarding maximum 3 competitors, team captain plus the skipper and mate who will also be the Judge.

Boats with the South African team will also have a Judge from a different nationality.

Boat length ranges from 7.50 m to 12 m and cruise speed is of average 18 knots

## REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT

The Organizing Committee shall receive the registration form completely filled in on the website [www.fishingworldgames2019.co.za](http://www.fishingworldgames2019.co.za) together with the proof of payment of the registration fee via bank transfer.

The team **registration** for teams participating must be done by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 on the official website of the World Fishing Games 2019.

The deadline for the **first payment** (deposit of 50% of the full amount) is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, to the account held in the name of SASACC World Games 2019.

The deadline for **final payment** (balance) is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019, to the account held in the name of SASACC World Games 2019.

Name of the Bank: Standard Bank

Account No. 221284702

Branch Code: 018505

SWIFT/BIC: SBZA ZA JJ

All the payments made must be **free (Nett)** of commission and exchange charges.

All the other information on the event will be provided on the official website of the World Games.

**EACH NATION MUST BRING THEIR OWN FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

## OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

All the Nations are to go to the gathering point of the opening ceremony at the Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton City, Johannesburg. A street parade will start at 10:30 am to the Sandton Convention Centre.

The opening ceremony of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sport Fishing World Championships will take place in Johannesburg, on Saturday, February the 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, at 11:00 am, at the Sandton Convention Centre.

It is strongly recommended that the Nations' Teams must arrange accommodation in the recommended hotels in the area close to OR Tambo International Airport or Sandton City. This will make the travelling to the Opening Ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 easy for the members.

After completion of the Opening Ceremony, the Nations' Teams can depart to Vereeniging.

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## PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY & CLOSING GALA DINNER

The gala dinner will take place at 08:30 pm, on Friday February the 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Marquee.

### PROGRAM

**Note.** The Championship starts at Sodwana Bay (Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019) and those who want to attend the Opening Ceremony must make own arrangements for travel from Sodwana to Durban, flight to Johannesburg and hotel accommodation for one night on their own. For those participants who stay in Sodwana Bay from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Sodwana Lodge (full board) is included in the participation fee.

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Optional visit to the Lion Safari Park, upon registration on the official website

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

10h30 - 14h30                      Opening ceremony of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sport Fishing World Championships at Sandton Convention Centre.

**Note.** It is optional to attend the Opening Ceremony of the team arrives before 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Sodwana.

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

06h00                                Departure from Johannesburg to Durban  
11h00                                Departure of bus from Durban Airport to Sodwana  
15h00                                Registration in Marquee  
18h00                                Boat draws in Marquee & Captain's meeting. The boat drawn for the first day of the Championships will be the boat used for the practice/training day  
Starting

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

05h30                                Distribution breakfast bags and baits  
06h00                                Departure of boats  
06h30                                Starting of training  
16h00                                Deadline for arriving at the Sodwana Bay  
20h00                                Dinner

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

05h30                                Distribution breakfast bags  
06h00                                Departure of boats  
06h30                                Starting of the 1<sup>st</sup> competition leg  
14h30                                Ending of the 1<sup>st</sup> competition leg  
16h00                                Deadline for arriving at the Sodwana Bay and ranking lists control  
19h30                                Happy hour and publication of provisory ranking list  
20h00                                Dinner

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

05h30	Distribution breakfast bags
06h00	Departure of boats
06h30	Starting of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> competition leg
14h30	Ending of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> competition leg
16h00	Deadline for arriving at the Sodwana Bay and ranking lists control
19h30	Happy hour and publication of provisory ranking list
20h00	Dinner

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

05h30	Distribution breakfast bags
06h00	Departure of boats
06h30	Starting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> competition leg
14h30	Ending of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> competition leg
16h00	Deadline for arriving at the Sodwana Bay and ranking lists control
19h30	Happy hour and publication of definitive ranking list
20h00	Dinner

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (reserve day)

20h30	Closing ceremony and prize giving & Gala dinner
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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Departure of teams

06h00	Breakfast
07h00	Bus Departure

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. For those attending the Opening Ceremony: On Sunday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 teams must arrive in Durban not later than 10 am, From Johannesburg, they will travel by bus to Sodwana Bay (4 hours).
2. They will return from Sodwana Bay on Saturday morning, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 by bus after early breakfast (6 am) and then return home.
3. Breakfasts and meals will be served in the Marquee

### WEATHER

The **weather in February in Sodwana Bay** is wet (with 117mm of precipitation over 14 days). It should be noted an improvement from the previous month since in January it receives an average of 183mm of rainfall over 18 days. The climate is quite comfortable in this location this month. Temperatures are up to 30°C. On average, the recorded minimum temperature is 26°C. Thus, the mean temperature average in February in Sodwana Bay is 28°C. On average, in Sodwana Bay, the days in February last 13:01 hours. The sun rises at 05:33 and sets at 18:34. With a **good climate**, this month is recommended to come to South Africa.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SUNTAN OINTMENT AND THREE-PRONG ELECTRICAL PLUG.**



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## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Although most of the population is peace loving one needs to maintain awareness levels and practice security measures as one would do elsewhere in the world.

## VALUE ADDED TAX

15% tax is included in most purchased goods and services.

## DIALLING CODE

For international calls into South Africa dial 0027 +area code+ number-leaving off the first digit.  
Example: 021 976 2714 becomes 0027 21 976 2714

## TOURNAMENT RULES

**NOTE:** THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION OR CHANGES OF RULES AT THE TEAM CAPTAINS' MEETING

1. **FIPS-M Big Game rules will apply.** No change will be accepted. Not at the captain meeting nor before or during the competition.
2. **Baits & Lures:** Artificial baits may be used.
3. **Meal Hours:** Breakfast is served at the Marquee from 4.30. All anglers will be provided with daily boat packs to be collected after breakfast. Cold drinks, beer etc. for the day may be purchased from the Marquee at breakfast time.
4. **Fishing Hours:** Launch time will be 6.am. Lines in after Official start signal. Lines up 3 pm  
Target species and points system as per the schedule displayed in this program.
5. **Minimum sizes:** The minimum size of a fish will be 750 mm.
6. **Boats:** Boats will be allocated on a rotational basis by a draw and no team will fish more than once from the same boat during the Tournament
7. **The standard of Boats:** Boats will on average be between 7m and 12m and fully equipped as required by the S.A. Department of Transport, S.A. Deep Sea Angling Association and FIPS-M.
8. **Skippers:** All boats will have a skipper and mate on board. The mate will act as judge.
9. **Rule Application:** All anglers are expected to respect the "Lines In", Lines Out" and closing times.
10. **Tackle Control:** Anglers must be prepared to submit tackle and lines for control purposes on request from the Tournament Director. Teams must consist of three (3) anglers plus the boat skipper and mate.
11. **Reserve:** The name of any reserve angler must be submitted to the Tournament Director on the evening before the next fishing day provided there was sufficient evidence that he is replacing a sick/injured angler.
12. **Angling licenses:** The organizers will obtain valid angling licenses for all participants.
13. **"Lines Up":** At "Lines Up" all rods must be removed from trolling boards or rod holders and stored inside the boat out of the view of passing boats. The standard practice of "Fish On" and "Lines up" must be followed. All other lines to be removed from the water and rods stowed in the event of a "Fish On" after "Lines Up"
14. **Jury:** The international Jury has the right to disqualify any capture following the examination and measurement of tackle and equipment used on the boat.

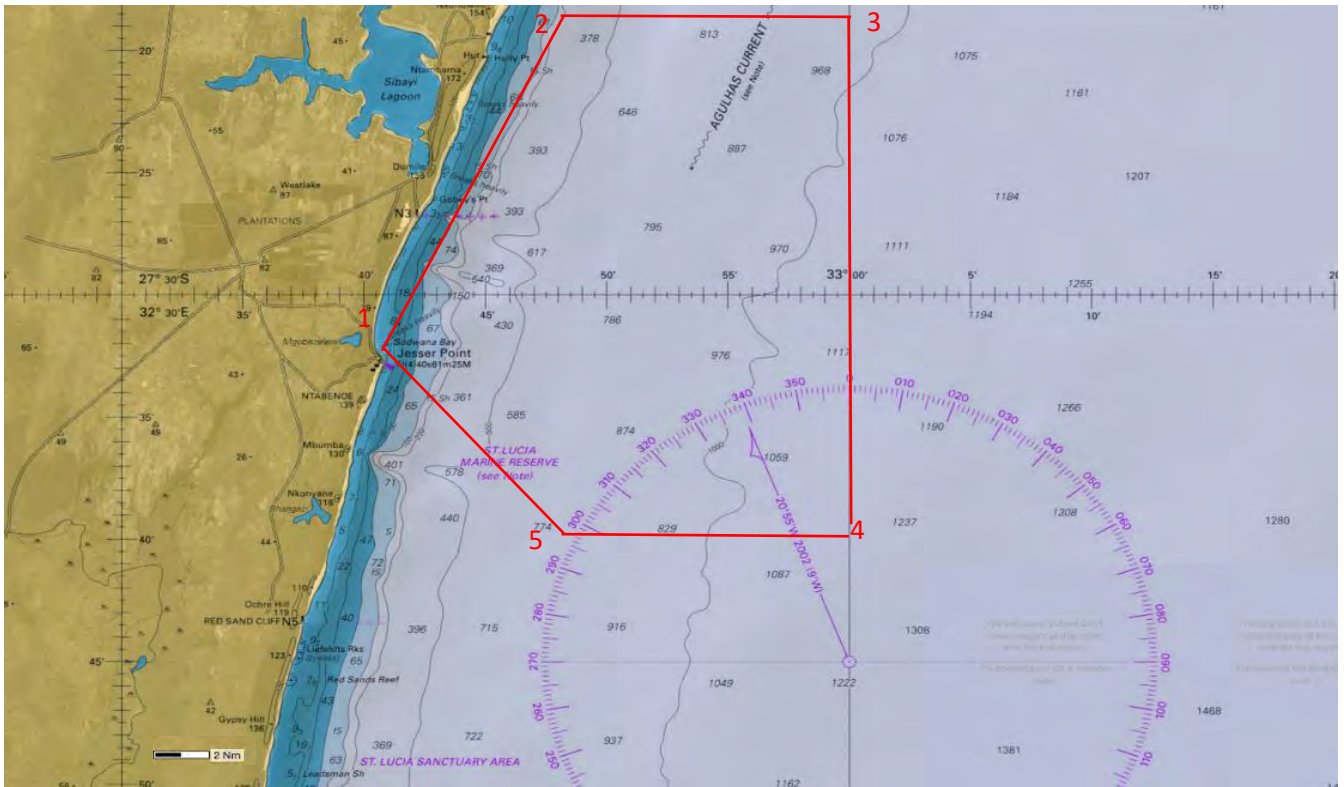
15. **Protests:** Any protest concerning the validity of the catch must be filled in writing, signed by the team and hand-delivered with the sum of € 100.00 (ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR RAND) to any member of the International Jury (who will be elected at the team captain's meeting) within one hour after the scales have closed. Protest Application forms will be available at the Weigh-in Station. The decision of the International Jury will be final.



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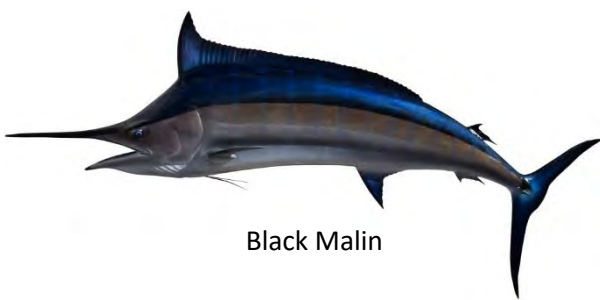
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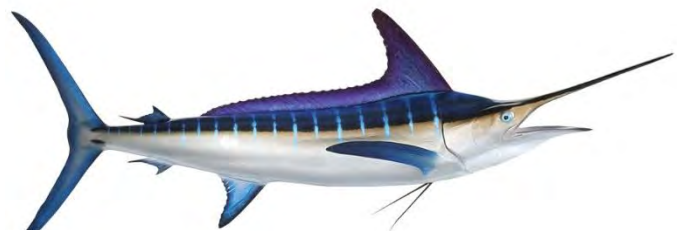
### Fishing Area

- POINT 1 27°32'20.38" S 32°48'00.00" E
- POINT 2 27°22'01.29" S 32°48'02.05" E
- POINT 3 27°22'01.29" S 33°00'00.00" E
- POINT 4 27°40'01.59" S 33°00'00.00" E
- POINT 5 27°04'00.00" S 33°00'00.00" E

## FISH SPECIES



Black Marlin



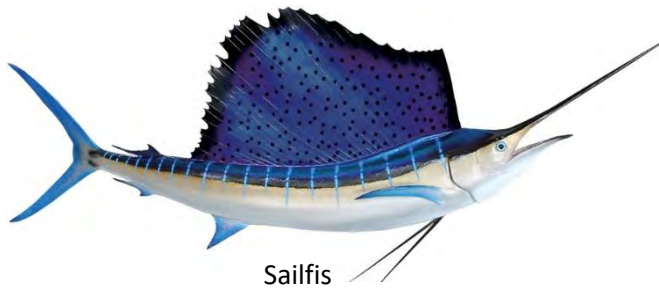
Striped Marlin



Blue Marlin

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Sailfis



Wahoo



Yellowfin Tuna

### **QUALIFYING FISH SPECIE & POINTS SCORING**

BLACK- & BLUE MARLIN	50 POINTS
STRIPED MARLIN	30 POINTS
SAILFISH	20 POINTS
GAMEFISH	5 POINTS

### **QUALIFYING GAME FISH**

All Tuna Species, Wahoo, Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Stripped Marlin and Sailfish.

The minimum length for a gamefish to count will be 750mm from the nose to the fork of the tail.

In this regard, each boat will be issued with a floatable measuring stick (rod), attached to a rope which can be used to establish if the fish meets the minimum requirement. If the fish length is in doubt, the measuring stick is placed in the water next to the fish and the judge will determine if the fish may count.



## T-SHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS SIZE GUIDE

ASOS brand sizes are designed to fit to the following body measurements:  
Some brands may vary from these measurements, but you can still use them as a guide.

Size	To fit Chest Size	
	Inches	CM
XXXS	30-32	76-81
XXS	32-34	81-86
XS	34-36	86-91
S	36-38	91-96
M	38-40	96-101
L	40-42	101-106
XL	42-44	106-111
XXL	44-46	111-116
XXXL	46-48	116-121

Lengths of ASOS T-shirt & polo shirts will vary from style to style, however the average length of a size M top measures 27.5 inches / 70cm down Centre back from collar to hem.

### For teams who wish to arrive early and charter boats for training sessions.

The charter fee per boat per day is R6000 per day.

The contact for boat reservations is Mr. L. Labuschagne

E-Mail: [bmagic@mweb.co.za](mailto:bmagic@mweb.co.za)

For accommodation reservations at the Sodwana Lodge, contact the Lodge at [sodwanabay@mweb.co.za](mailto:sodwanabay@mweb.co.za)

Car hire from Durban airport, refer to World Games website and complete form for Europcars. It is essential that the reservation is made via this form otherwise no special rates will be available.

Any team requiring assistance/information is welcome to contact me at [hymie\\_sadsaa@absamail.co.za](mailto:hymie_sadsaa@absamail.co.za)

Please note underscore between "hymie' and "sadsaa" (hymie\_sadsaa)

# FIPS-M BIG GAME CHAMPIONSHIPS - SOUTH AFRICA

## SHIRT ORDER FORM

Team's Contact Address.....

Country.....

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PASSPORT NO	SHIRT SIZE

Please e-mail this form to the following e-mail address: [hymie\\_sadsaa@absamail.co.za](mailto:hymie_sadsaa@absamail.co.za)

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