

BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

Boat launch site:	Blythedale/Umvoti
Feedback period:	Jan – Dec 2014
Daily launch limit:	15

Launch Site Licence Holder
KwaDukuza Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	3	4	3	4	3				1	1			1
Jetski	53	22	13	36	9	14	3	14	7	3	7	9	190	
Paddlecraft														
Ski-boat	59	41	49	68	47	47	41	31	26	34	30	29	502	
Unspecified	1		1	1					1		2	2	8	

Purpose	Charter fishing													
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. ¹		1										1	
	Commercial fishing	29	24	25	32	30	37	27	25	20	29	25	24	327
	Private fishing	68	38	34	68	27	22	14	14	15	6	10	9	325
	Private pleasure				2								1	3
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing	8		3				1	1		1			14
	Other/ unspecified	11	4	4	7	2	2	2	6	0	1	4	7	50
	Total launches	116	67	66	109	59	61	44	46	35	37	39	41	720

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day ²	3
	Launches/weekday ²	3
	Launches/weekend day ²	4
	% days launched	57%
	No. days limit exceeded	1
	Persons on vessel ²	4
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	5%
		6.91
Popular destination	Q-35	
	46%	

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	56% bottomfish
		35% gamefish
	Diversity	37 spp
	Main catch composition	
	Mackerel	15%
	Santer	13%
	Unsp. rockcod	10%
	Unsp. redfish	9%
	King mackerel	9%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	3.86 fish/outing	

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%	
	Boat name	94%		Destination	53%
	Boat No.	100%		Launch time	99%
	No. persons	94%		Return time	99%
	Vessel type	100%		Targeting	22%
	Outing type	100%		Catch return	41%

Comments	Further decrease (13%) in number of launches compared to 2013. Daily launch limit exceeded on one day. Moderate usage of launch site (used on 57% of available days). Relatively high percentage (15%) of jet-ski launches. Commercial fishing (45%) and private recreational fishing (45%) were the main reasons for launching. Catches dominated by mackerel and bottomfish species. Better identification required of red fish and rockcod species. Relatively good compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.
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