

BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

Boat launch site: Cape Vidal

Feedback period: Jan – Dec 2014

Daily launch limit: 40

Management Authority
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	18	33	16	24	11	6	8	12	2	4	19	32	185
Jetski	32	35	30	53	9	3	7	5	11	3	81	61	330	
Paddlecraft	15	34	6	25	18	17	1	7	14		33	34	204	
Ski-boat	234	306	258	222	81	28	26	34	20	60	205	457	1931	
Unspecified	7	34	12	13	6			4	3	3	27	12	121	
Purpose	Charter fishing			2	11	1				1				15
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. ¹													
	Commercial fishing													
	Private fishing	261	374	268	246	93	33	18	21	30	56	272	499	2171
	Private pleasure											2	2	4
	Private scuba			1			2							3
	Private spearfishing	26	25	19	15	16	8	12	39	8	6	27	16	217
	Other/ unspecified	19	43	32	65	15	11	12	2	11	8	64	79	361
Total launches	306	442	322	337	125	54	42	62	50	70	365	596	2771	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day ²	10
	Launches/weekday ²	9
	Launches/weekend day ²	11
	% days launched	79%
	No. days limit exceeded	2
	Persons on vessel ²	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) ²	5.98
	Popular destination	AF-20 73%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	92% gamefish 4% baitfish
	Diversity	34 spp.
	Main catch composition	
	King mackerel	29%
	Dorado	21%
	Unsp. tuna	14%
	Yellowfin tuna	9%
	Queen mackerel	7%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	0.92 fish/outing	

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	87%	Destination	75%
	Boat No.	99%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	18%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	36%

Comments An 8% increase in number of launches compared to 2013. High usage level (used on 79% of days in 2014) but with a notable decrease in number of launches between June-October. Daily launch limit exceeded on two days. Private recreational fishing (78%) was the main purpose for launching. Catch composition was dominated by king mackerel and dorado while yellowfin tuna catches declined. Good completion of register fields except targeting and catch returns.