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## PREAMBLE

*KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) has a large marine recreational and commercial boating industry that includes line-fishing, scuba diving and other activities. Many of the vessels used in this industry are relatively small craft (less than 10 m in length) and are capable of being launched directly through the surf from specially demarcated beach launch sites. Control over these sites is vested in the provincial government in terms of Government Gazette No. 37761 of 27 June 2014 – Management of Public Launch Sites in the Coastal Zone Regulations in terms of Section 83 (1)(d)(i) and (o) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008). This control includes, inter alia, the maintenance of a daily launch register. Stakeholders in these launch sites include KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Oceanographic Research Institute, Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, KZN Sharks Board, South African Maritime Safety Authority, National Sea Rescue Institute, Transnet National Ports Authority, iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, and, launch site licence holders (mainly municipalities), launch site operators (mainly ski-boat clubs) and boat users themselves. Collaboration between the various stakeholders in KZN has resulted in the development of a Boat Launch Site Monitoring System (BLSMS) that generates unique and comprehensive launch statistics and information about associated activities. This innovative system is a province-wide monitoring initiative for launch sites and is an example of unique, mutually beneficial cooperation between different stakeholders towards the common goal of improved management of small craft launch sites in KZN. Good participation by most launch site users has ensured the continued success of the project to date. This report presents all stakeholders with an overview of project progress during 2022 in the interests of maintaining good cooperation.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- In addition to 22 currently listed boat launch sites, 16 other launch sites within the jurisdiction of Transnet National Ports Authority (i.e., Richards Bay and Durban Harbours), the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority and Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife, participated in the BLSMS during 2022.
- A total of 38 869 individual marine launch records were received and captured for 2022.
- Ski-boats were the most common type of vessel used for launching (65.8% of launches).
- The highest number of launches were recorded during mid-summer (December and January), whilst the lowest number of launches were recorded during the windy months (August and September).
- Sodwana Bay (18.3%), Durban Harbour and Vetch's Beach (17.5%), Richards Bay Harbour (13.9%), Shelly Beach (7.5%), Cape Vidal (7.0%), Umkomaas (6.9%) and St Lucia (6.8%) were the launch sites with the highest number of recorded launches.
- Recreational line-fishing (49.7% of recorded launches), charter scuba diving (17.7%), charter fishing (8.7%) and traditional commercial line-fishing (3.6%) were the most common reasons for launching in 2022.
- 22 launch sites were used infrequently (<50% of available days) and 10 sites were regularly utilised (>70% of available days).
- In most participating registered launch sites, daily usage levels were generally well below the respective official daily launch limits stipulated, except for special events such as fishing competitions.
- Average provincial launch frequencies varied from 94 launches per day on weekdays to 138 launches per day on weekend days.
- Usage of boat launch sites was overwhelmingly a daytime activity with less than 2.8% of recorded outings occurring at night.
- A total of 52 427 fish from 112 different species was recorded caught by recreational and charter fishers (line-fishing and spearfishing). Slinger (22%), cuda/king mackerel (10%), santer/soldier (9%), tuna species (8%), rockcod species (7%), kob species (6%) and dorado (4%) and were the most reported fish by number (note that commercial fishers are not required to complete the catch return part of the launch register).
- The level of compliance in terms of the completion of the launch register fields during 2022 was generally good, although completion of the targeting and catch return fields was still poor.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Access to the offshore marine resources of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) has traditionally been facilitated by using off-road vehicles to launch small vessels into the sea, a procedure which can have an impact on the coastal and marine environment. In 2002, regulations were promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) to limit the use of off-road vehicles in the coastal zone (Government Gazette No. 22960). Simultaneously, the launching of vessels from designated beach launch sites was also placed under stricter control with the obligatory licensing of these launch sites. In June 2014 regulations for the management of public launch sites in the coastal zone were promulgated (Government Gazette No. 37761) in terms of Section 83 (1)(d)(i) and (o) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008). In terms of these regulations, all marine and coastal public launch sites in South Africa (excluding those inside the boundaries of a protected area or within an operational harbour area that has already been physically modified from its original natural state) must be registered and listed in the Provincial Gazette. Twenty-five public launch sites were finally gazetted in KZN in May 2021 (Provincial Gazette No. 2285).

Historically, management of launch sites in KZN was based on safety and logistic considerations with little or no consideration for environmental factors (Town & Regional Planning Commission 1988). The new regulations place greater emphasis on the environment, a task that was delegated to the Coastal and Biodiversity Management Unit (CBMU) of the provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) in 2003. Through extensive stakeholder participation, this licensing initiative introduced a mandatory launch and catch register system as a condition of the Environmental Authorisation issued for each successfully licensed small craft launch site. This development presented an opportunity for the province's coastal zone managers to obtain useful information on the usage of launch sites and to further the ecological understanding of the use of offshore marine resources accessed through boat launching. The diverse activities of small craft in the coastal zone of KZN represent an important socio-economic and natural resource asset that requires careful management through monitoring, assessment and protection.

The primary purpose of this report is to provide feedback to all stakeholders on the progress and relevant results of the Boat Launch Site Monitoring System (BLSMS) during 2022. The report only presents data on marine launches (including launches made in estuaries and harbours with the intention of travelling to sea) and it does not provide a comprehensive comparison with data from previous years as inter-annual trends are the subject of a separate publication (see Mann *et al.* 2015). Readers should note that the BLSMS is a multi-stakeholder project relying on the cooperation of the EDTEA, the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI), boat launch site licence holders and their delegated operators, as well as launch site users. As of the 1 August 2016, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW) staff (except within coastal and marine protected areas) were withdrawn from the coast and replaced by Fisheries Control Officers (FCOs) from the Fisheries Branch of the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). DFFE FCOs are primarily responsible for the implementation of the Marine Living Resources Act (Act No. 18 of 1998) and its associated fisheries regulations, and have not been involved in the implementation of the BLSMS since their deployment in the province.

## 2. PROGRESS

### 2.1 Distribution of registers

A total of 100 register books, each book allowing for the capture of 800 launches, were printed by ORI in November 2022. Distribution and collection of boat launch register data from participating boat launch sites is undertaken by ORI technical staff on a quarterly basis (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec), and is assisted by EKZNW staff within coastal protected areas.

### 2.2 Receipt of launch data

A total of 45 809 individual boat launches was recorded during 2022. Of these, 38 869 individual marine launch records were captured onto the BLSMS database. The remaining 6 940 were estuarine outings, where vessels did not go to sea. While estuarine boat launch data are also captured onto the BLSMS database, these data are not presented in this report. A separate analysis of estuary boat launch data has recently been published (see Mann *et al.* 2022a).

### 2.3 Data capture

Capture of data onto the BLSMS database was undertaken by three data capture technicians based at ORI during 2022/23. The large amounts of data that need to be captured and validated, as well as the delay in collection and submission of the launch records to ORI, results in a time lag of 6-9 months before analysis and reporting can be completed.

## 2.4 Analysis of 2022 data – overall trends

The analyses of 2022 launch records are based on data extracted from the BLSMS database on the 15 October 2023. Any 2022 launch records received by ORI after this date have been omitted from the report. Furthermore, the report does not include launches that indicated an estuary or remaining within a harbour as the launch-specific destination (i.e., estuarine outings) but does include offshore-destined outings that originated from estuaries and harbours (i.e., launch into estuary/harbour and proceed to sea via the mouth). Every effort was made to collect all completed boat launch data along the entire KZN coast. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, some of these data are misplaced from time to time. For example, no launch data were received from Mabibi, Chain Rocks (Amanzimtoti) and Mtwalume launch sites during 2022.

A total of 38 869 individual marine launch records from 38 different launch sites was received and captured onto the BLSMS database for 2022 (Table 1). This is an 18% decrease from the 47 504 launches recorded in 2021. The reason for the lower number of launches recorded in 2022 is uncertain but is likely to be linked to the tough economic situation and high fuel price. The most heavily used launch sites in 2022 were Sodwana Bay (18.3%), Durban Harbour and Vetch's Beach (17.5%), Richards Bay Harbour (13.9%), Shelly Beach (7.5%), Cape Vidal (7.0%), Umkomaas (6.9%) and St Lucia (6.8%). Vessel types used for launching included ski-boats (65.8%), inflatable vessels (23.8%), jet-skis (4.8%), paddle-craft (0.2%) and unspecified vessel type (5.3%) (Table 1).

Launching effort (in terms of the total number of launches recorded) was not evenly distributed throughout all months of the year during 2022 (Table 2). The highest number of launches were recorded during the summer holidays in December (13.2%) and January (12.3%), while the lowest number were recorded during August (5.9%) and September (5.3%), which are the windiest months of the year (Table 2).

The voluntary participation in the BLSMS of launch sites within the jurisdiction of Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA), the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority and EKZNW continued during 2022. Almost all the boat launch sites under these respective authorities are now actively supporting the BLSMS, resulting in the system providing province-wide coverage of small craft launching activities along the KZN coast. As paddle-craft (also known as fishing-skis), do not have to be launched at licensed launch sites (except within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park), outings by these vessels are greatly under-reported in the BLSMS (Mann et al. 2012). Paddle-craft are also generally not considered as part of the daily launch limit specified for licensed KZN boat launch sites as a vehicle and trailer do not have to be driven on to the beach to launch these craft.

Line-fishing and spearfishing (from all boat-based sectors) remained the dominant activity (64.4% of recorded launches) reported by launch site users in 2022 (Tables 1 & 3), followed by scuba diving (18.7%). More specifically, private recreational line-fishing (49.7% of launches) was the most specified activity, followed by charter scuba diving (17.7%), charter line-fishing (8.7%) and traditional commercial line-fishing (3.6%) (Table 3).

More than half (52.7%) of the launches recorded in 2022 were undertaken for private purposes (Tables 1 & 3), followed by charter (29.0%) and commercial fishing launches (3.6%). However, as charter activities are also of a commercial nature (i.e., charter fishing, charter scuba diving and charter whale watching, etc.), commercial motivation can be regarded as the reason for at least 32.6% of the boat launches recorded along the KZN coast during 2022.

**Table 1.** Inventory of 2022 data captured onto the BLSMS database showing the total number of launches recorded and the percentage contribution by vessel type (inflatables, paddle-craft, jet-skis, ski-boats) and by launching purpose (private fishing, charter scuba diving, etc.). Launch sites are listed in alphabetical order by name.

Launch site	Total	Vessel type (%)					Purpose of launch (%)											
		Inflatable	Paddle-craft	Jet-ski	Ski-boat	Unspecified	Charter Fishing	Charter Pleasure	Charter SCUBA	Charter Shark Diving	Charter Whale Watching	Commercial Fishing	Launching Practice	Private Fishing	Private Pleasure	Private SCUBA	Private Spearfishing	Other
Amatikulu	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bazley/Ifafa	4	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Cape Vidal <sup>2</sup>	2727	5.2	0.7	11.7	80.1	2.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.4	0.2	0.0	7.8	16.2
Durban harbour - Bluff Yacht <sup>1</sup>	229	2.2	0.0	1.7	81.7	14.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	38.4
Durban harbour – Bobbies <sup>1</sup>	312	1.6	0.0	0.0	93.3	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	49.7
Durban harbour – Fynnlands <sup>1</sup>	422	1.9	0.0	0.2	87.7	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	82.2	0.2	1.2	0.0	16.1
Durban harbour – Neptune <sup>1</sup>	208	0.5	0.0	0.0	88.5	11.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.1
Durban harbour - Point Yacht <sup>1</sup>	304	3.6	0.0	0.0	87.8	8.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.9	0.7	0.0	0.3	19.1
Durban harbour – Pompano <sup>1</sup>	71	0.0	0.0	1.4	91.5	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.4
Durban harbour - Public Slipway <sup>1</sup>	414	3.9	0.0	0.0	84.8	11.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	47.6
Durban harbour - Rod & Reel <sup>1</sup>	864	3.7	0.0	0.0	89.7	6.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	83.9	0.3	0.0	0.1	14.4
Durban Vetch's Beach <sup>1</sup>	3968	11.2	0.0	7.7	76.6	4.4	1.3	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	69.3	0.6	0.0	5.1	21.1
Glenmore	129	7.0	0.0	7.8	85.3	0.0	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.5	0.0	58.9	0.8	0.0	0.8	2.3
Granny's Pool/Umhlanga	332	10.2	0.0	28.0	58.4	3.3	18.1	5.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.4
Hibberdene	527	4.2	0.0	1.7	92.2	1.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.5	0.2	69.4	0.2	0.0	6.5	3.6
Injambili/Pumula	114	5.3	0.0	5.3	88.6	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	7.9
Mapelane <sup>2</sup>	141	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6
Pennington	245	4.1	0.4	4.5	88.2	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3	0.8	0.0	3.3	12.7
Port Edward	611	30.3	0.0	6.1	63.2	0.5	0.8	23.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	19.8	0.0	46.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	7.4
Ramsgate	481	3.3	0.0	11.0	82.5	3.1	5.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	33.5	0.0	49.3	6.2	0.0	0.2	5.0
Reunion/Isipingo	3	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Richards Bay Meerensee <sup>1</sup>	2636	1.0	0.0	0.3	92.8	5.9	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.1	66.6	0.2	0.0	0.6	22.3
Richards Bay Ski-boat Club <sup>1</sup>	2775	1.7	0.8	0.9	87.7	8.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	21.6
Rocky Bay/Park Rynie	1212	30.5	0.0	1.4	67.0	1.1	22.5	1.6	11.8	12.9	0.0	16.2	0.1	16.0	0.3	0.0	8.0	10.6
Salmon Bay/Ballito	930	15.1	0.0	32.4	41.9	10.6	8.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.1	1.2	64.7	0.6	0.0	0.3	12.3
Scottburgh	719	90.8	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.1	0.0	6.8	80.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	6.8	0.1	0.0	5.0	0.8
Sodwana Bay <sup>2</sup>	7121	64.2	0.0	0.9	31.6	3.3	3.9	0.2	60.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	25.5	0.1	0.1	0.7	8.2
Sonny Evans/Shelly Beach	2913	18.4	0.0	2.0	75.4	4.2	37.5	9.0	8.2	0.0	0.0	7.7	3.1	24.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	9.2
St Lucia <sup>2</sup>	2641	1.2	0.0	5.0	81.2	12.5	35.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	45.4	0.1	0.0	1.5	9.3
Thukela River Mouth	90	0.0	0.0	13.3	83.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	73.3	4.4	0.0	0.0	14.4
Umdloti	173	11.0	0.0	18.5	39.9	30.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.6	0.0	0.6	52.0	16.2
Umhali/Tinley Manor	612	4.7	6.5	0.8	81.5	6.4	9.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	0.0	49.8	0.2	0.0	3.4	15.4
Umkomaas (four launch sites)	2678	66.0	0.0	3.9	28.2	2.0	0.5	0.8	57.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	27.0	0.4	0.3	3.3	9.6
Umlalazi/Mtunzini <sup>3</sup>	636	13.8	0.0	10.8	56.6	18.7	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.5	73.9	3.8	0.0	0.3	18.7
Umvoti/Blythdale	358	0.6	0.0	21.2	76.8	1.7	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	36.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	8.1
Warner Beach	554	1.3	0.0	4.7	92.8	1.3	22.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	72.2	0.2	0.0	2.0	2.9
Westbrook	171	4.7	0.0	31.6	59.1	4.7	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.3	2.3	0.0	10.5	9.9
Zinkwazi	535	2.1	0.4	7.5	83.7	6.4	2.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	0.0	73.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	11.2

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**Table 2.** Overall and per-site monthly number of launches received and captured for 2022. Launch sites are listed in alphabetical order by name.

Launch site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Amatikulu	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bazley/lfafa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Cape Vidal <sup>2</sup>	368	295	434	196	101	63	69	62	66	113	403	559	2729
Durban harbour - Bluff Yacht <sup>1</sup>	35	27	26	13	19	25	20	11	6	16	14	17	229
Durban harbour – Bobbies <sup>1</sup>	38	40	29	19	26	21	24	24	31	22	21	17	312
Durban harbour – Fynnlands <sup>1</sup>	68	44	49	33	40	47	26	12	27	24	21	31	422
Durban harbour – Neptune <sup>1</sup>	38	17	28	9	15	31	12	8	11	9	10	20	208
Durban harbour - Point Yacht <sup>1</sup>	0	0	31	26	31	28	26	21	28	32	37	44	
Durban harbour – Pompano <sup>1</sup>	17	15	8	1	1	4	7	3	5	5	3	2	71
Durban harbour - Public Slipway <sup>1</sup>	86	58	63	41	45	19	7	4	36	21	22	13	415
Durban harbour - Rod & Reel Club <sup>1</sup>	100	73	81	38	52	77	78	96	56	71	64	79	865
Durban Vetch's Beach <sup>1</sup>	576	422	490	280	248	252	315	237	222	211	286	429	3968
Glenmore Beach	16	2	5	7	12	17	17	14	9	7	6	17	129
Granny's Pool/Umhlanga	44	27	46	29	23	11	24	22	8	30	24	44	332
Hibberdene	54	53	51	23	42	99	30	23	28	32	41	52	528
Injambili/Pumula	4	12	20	7	7	19	8	8	12	5	8	4	114
Mapelane <sup>2</sup>	32	0	46	4	0	0	3	2	0	32	22	0	141
Pennington	35	24	42	12	16	14	31	2	6	2	11	50	245
Port Edward	71	38	70	37	83	61	62	40	39	51	44	15	611
Ramsgate	45	22	37	39	36	65	46	33	44	25	29	60	481
Reunion/Isipingo	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Richards Bay Meerensee <sup>1</sup>	308	217	262	140	205	248	216	110	112	140	186	493	2637
Richards Bay Ski-boat Club <sup>1</sup>	397	268	326	147	296	179	276	158	121	107	98	402	2775
Rocky Bay/Park Rynie	25	114	149	60	106	104	107	96	70	92	114	175	1212
Salmon Bay/Ballito	84	129	87	106	101	92	85	60	32	38	49	67	930
Scottburgh	97	51	83	36	29	36	74	57	43	62	53	99	720
Sodwana Bay <sup>2</sup>	787	625	937	559	579	218	292	481	430	501	742	970	7121
Sonny Evans/Shelly Beach	424	204	3	214	170	337	299	182	158	206	163	554	2914
St Lucia <sup>2</sup>	275	179	267	286	115	198	251	146	142	216	232	336	2643
Thukela River Mouth	7	8	5	3	18	13	10	5	5	5	5	6	90
Umdloti	33	17	29	7	4	7	18	20	7	6	11	14	173
Umhlangi/Tinley Manor	99	76	84	43	47	33	29	30	19	26	50	76	612
Umkomaas (includes four launch sites)	300	239	323	213	180	107	197	221	167	201	227	305	2680
Umlalazi/Mtunzini <sup>3</sup>	102	64	69	71	76	50	50	24	20	20	16	74	636
Umvoti River/Blythdale	43	42	50	17	28	40	23	14	24	23	25	30	359
Warner Beach	62	24	45	25	52	68	39	60	41	41	63	34	554
Westbrook	64	25	34	15	5	11	10	6	0	0	1	0	171
Zinkwazi	51	89	99	18	33	62	67	23	17	18	25	34	536
<b>Total</b>	<b>4789</b>	<b>3540</b>	<b>4408</b>	<b>2774</b>	<b>2841</b>	<b>2660</b>	<b>2848</b>	<b>2315</b>	<b>2042</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>3126</b>	<b>5124</b>	<b>38869</b>

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**Table 3.** The most recorded outing purposes for 2022. Data from all participating KZN launch sites.

Purpose of launch	No. of launches	Proportion (%)
Charter fishing	3364	8.7%
Charter pleasure trip	632	1.6%
Charter SCUBA diving	6896	17.7%
Charter shark diving	156	0.4%
Charter whale watching	234	0.6%
Commercial fishing	1388	3.6%
Launching practice	153	0.4%
Private fishing	19324	49.7%
Private pleasure trip	173	0.4%
Private SCUBA diving	29	0.1%
Private spearfishing	962	2.5%
Other/unspecified	5552	14.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38869</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

On a provincial basis, an average of 107 launches per day (week and weekend days combined) were recorded. During weekdays, there were an average of 94 launches per day, while weekend days experienced much greater launching effort with an average of 138 launches per day.

Usage of specific launch sites ranged from 1% to 95% of the available 365 days in 2022, averaging 46% of days. More than half of the launch sites (22 of the 38 sites) were used on less than 50% of days in 2022, with only 10 sites being used regularly (on >70% of available days). The sites that recorded highest usage levels (in terms of days when launching took place) included St Lucia (93%), Umkomaas (92%), Sodwana (90%), Richards Bay Ski-boat Club (85%) and Vetch's Beach in Durban (85%). Readers are reminded that these levels of usage do not consider bad weather days (i.e., days when environmental conditions prevented launching such as strong winds, big swell, etc.). If these days were considered and excluded as potential launching days, then relative launch site usage levels would be considerably higher.

Of the 22 participating launch sites outside the jurisdiction of the TNPA, EKZNW and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, only three sites exceeded their daily launch limit (DLL) on at least one day in 2022. However, the frequency of exceeding the DLL was very low and occurred on less than two days at these sites namely Salmon Bay/Ballito (DLL exceeded on 2 days), Umhlanga/Granny's Pool (DLL exceeded on 1 day) and Scottburgh (DLL exceeded on 1 day). Readers are reminded that the BLSMS does not provide a true reflection of actual adherence levels to daily launch limits for the following reasons:

- Multiple launches (e.g., a charter scuba vessel making several launches during the same day, etc.) are recorded as individual, separate launches in the BLSMS (in order to reflect actual effort levels for research purposes). However, in terms of DLLs, such multiple launches are considered as a single launch.<sup>1</sup>
- Under-reporting of launches is not accounted for in the BLSMS. As such, recorded launches may represent less than the actual launch effort levels at some launch sites.<sup>2</sup> The BLSMS may therefore not always present an accurate indication of actual usage levels at all sites (Maggs et al. 2012).
- The BLSMS does not account for daily launch limit exemptions such as those granted for specific ski-boat fishing competitions.<sup>3</sup>

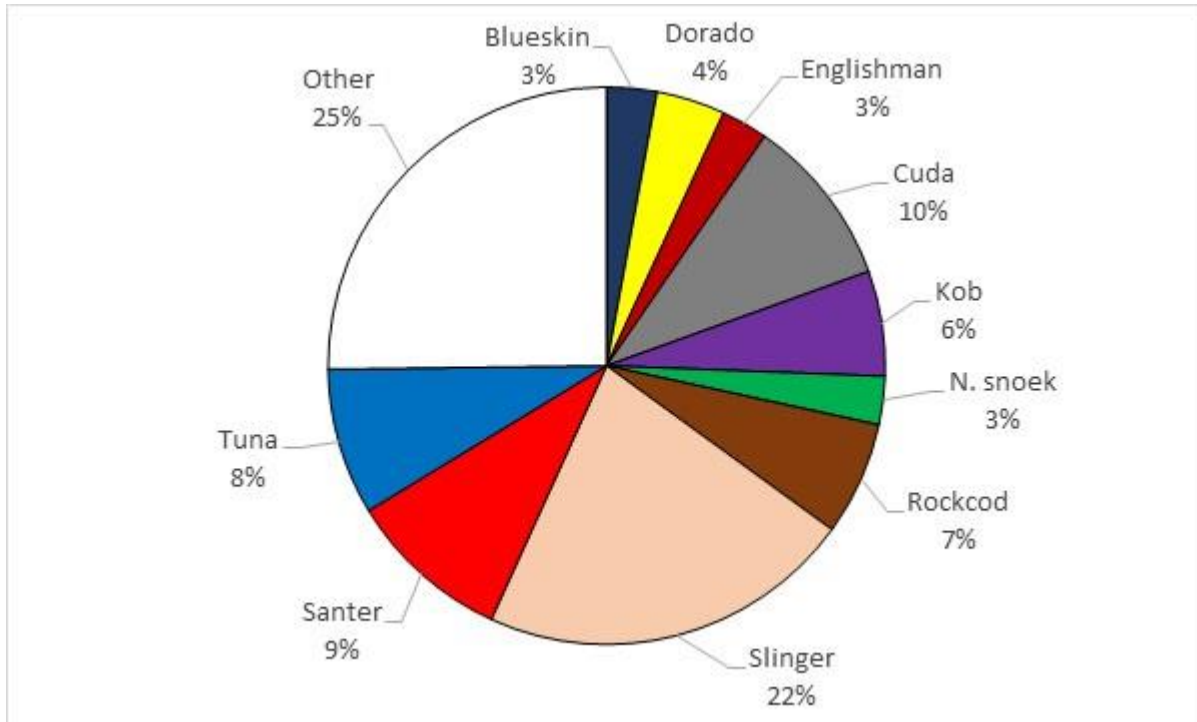
Consequently, BLSMS data cannot be used for compliance purposes in terms of daily launch limit violations.

<sup>1</sup> Skippers are encouraged to obtain clarity from their respective Boat Launch Site Operators on what officially constitutes a "launch", but DLLs are set based on a vehicle, trailer and vessel entering the coastal zone for the purpose of launching.

<sup>2</sup> Assessments conducted by ORI comparing BLSMS data from six boat launch sites with independent observer-based trailer count data revealed that launches recorded in the BLSMS register are generally not substantially underestimated (see Maggs et al. 2012).

<sup>3</sup> Exemptions to exceed daily launch limits on special occasions (e.g., fishing competitions) are issued by the Coastal and Biodiversity Management Unit of the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

A total of 52 427 fish from 112 species was recorded caught during 23 650 non-commercial fishing outings (i.e., private recreational fishing, charter fishing and spearfishing). From these outings, only 30% of boat skippers took the time to report their catches (note that if no catch was taken this should still be recorded as such in the launch site register by indicating “none” or “zero” in the catch return). This was similar to that recorded in 2021 (Table 4) and this relatively poor level of compliance results in inaccurate estimates of catch rates where total number of fish caught is simply divided by the total number of boats reported to be fishing (see site-specific feedbacks). The most caught fish by number were slinger (22%), cuda/king mackerel (10%), santer/soldier (9%), tuna species (8%), rockcod species (7%), kob species (6%) and dorado (4%) (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Species composition by number of the top line-fish species recorded in recreational catches on the BLSMS register in KwaZulu-Natal during 2022.

Gamefish (targeted in 48% of outing hours) and bottomfish (targeted in 42% of outing hours) were by far the most popular targets for non-commercial line-fishers, with baitfish being targeted during 8% of outing hours. Billfish and sharks were only targeted in approximately 1.1% and 0.5% of recreational fishing outing hours, respectively. There was still very poor compliance regarding completion of the targeting field in the launch registers (i.e., only 12% of anglers filled it in – see Table 4).

**2.5 Analysis of 2022 data – site specific trends**

Readers are reminded that the above-mentioned demographics of launch site usage show high site-specificity. Readers are therefore encouraged to consult the individual launch site feedbacks for site-specific details (see pages 12-49). During 2022 no launch data were received from Island Rock (site closed), Mabibi, Durban Commercial Mooring, Wilson’s Wharf, KZN Light Tackle Boat Club, Chain Rocks and Mtwalume launch sites.

**2.6 Biases associated with BLSMS data**

It is imperative that readers realise the inherent biases associated with monitoring initiatives such as the BLSMS, and the potential implications for the interpretation of data. For detailed information on the typical biases found in BLSMS data and the potential effects thereof, it is recommended that readers consult the 2004 BLSMS Annual Report (Pradervand *et al.* 2005). The major biases listed include *unknown coverage* (i.e., not all launches are recorded in the register) and *prestige bias* (i.e., successful anglers are more likely to complete the catch return section of the register than unsuccessful anglers thereby exaggerating catch rate estimates). Readers should be aware of such biases prior to making any inferences from the data or the results and trends presented in this report.

**3. LAUNCH SITE COMPLIANCE**

**3.1 Compliance with register completion**

The level of compliance in the completion of the register fields by users in 2022 was similar to that recorded in 2021 (Table 4). The generally high levels of field-specific compliance was not only a result of the continued

responsible input from boat skippers, but also due to the ability of the ORI data capturers who, when possible, completed register fields omitted by skippers (providing enough data existed to enable informed choices to be made in this regard). For example, destinations given by name instead of the grid map co-ordinates were converted (e.g., Aliwal Shoal → K-46), omitted vessel types (ski-boat, inflatable, etc.) were assigned based on previous fully completed launch records for those specific vessels, etc. However, the completion of “targeting of effort” and “catch return” fields in the register remained very poor (Table 4).

**Table 4.** Annual percentage compliance with various fields in the launch register by all participating KZN launch sites during the period 2010–2022 (fields arranged in order of appearance in the register).

Register field	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Boat name*	83.0	83.0	86.0	86.2	88.5	90.6	91.7	92.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Boat number*	99.6	99.8	99.6	99.4	99.0	98.4	98.4	98.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number of persons	96.0	96.0	97.0	97.0	97.0	96.8	96.8	95.3	96.5	97.0	97.2	97.2	97.3
Vessel type	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	96.4	96.0	95.7	95.9	94.7	96.0	95.9	95.4	94.7
Type of outing	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.6	99.2	89.4	73.6	89.4	97.5	98.7	98.1
Purpose	99.6	99.8	99.9	99.9	86.3	87.9	88.0	86.4	83.9	86.5	87.4	87.6	87.7
Destination	73.0	73.0	71.0	70.1	67.6	67.6	65.2	62.8	62.6	61.8	61.1	59.8	58.4
Launch time	97.0	98.0	98.0	97.5	97.0	97.2	97.7	96.4	96.2	96.4	96.0	96.0	96.0
Return time	91.0	95.0	95.0	95.7	94.2	94.7	95.1	93.2	92.9	93.3	92.3	92.6	93.0
Targeting of effort**	15.0	15.0	19.0	19.3	17.7	16.1	14.9	16.7	16.8	16.9	15.8	15.4	12.0
Catch return**	30.0	31.0	34.0	34.1	32.1	32.9	31.6	32.1	31.0	33.4	32.4	32.1	29.6

\* Excluding jet-skis and paddle-craft

\*\* Expressed in terms of non-commercial line-fishing and spearfishing outings only

### 3.2 Compliance with management conditions

Periodically, during launch site visits undertaken by ORI technical staff to collect launch register data, photographs are taken to enable general monitoring of each launch site’s compliance with their respective environmental management conditions. This information is forwarded to EDTEA to assess compliance for licensing purposes. It is important to note that launching and beaching of vessels at open surf launch sites after dusk and before dawn is strictly prohibited for safety reasons.

## 4. BLSMS OUTPUT

No requests were received for BLSMS data during the period 01 January – 31 December 2022. However, the system continued to be used for both management decision-making and research purposes. A comprehensive BLSMS Annual Report (2021 data analysis) was produced in November 2022, and electronic copies of the report were distributed to all stakeholders. Furthermore, a detailed report was compiled on estuarine boat launches in five major estuaries and harbours in KZN (see Mann et al. 2022a).

### 4.1 2022 Publications featuring the KZN BLSMS

#### Unpublished reports

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#### Book chapters

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## 5. EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEM

Progress of the BLSMS has yet again been reasonably good. Distribution and collection of launch register data by ORI technical staff progressed well and no serious problems were encountered. No launch data were

received from six launch sites during 2022, two of which are registered launch sites (i.e., Chain Rocks and Mtwalume) where completion of a boat launch register is mandatory. These are both small, low use launch sites where receipt of launch data is dependent on the site operators bringing the data through to ORI. Except for poor reporting of targeting and catch returns (see Section 3 on compliance), most stakeholders fulfilled their respective functions during the reporting period, and the system once again generated a substantial quantity of data which has improved the knowledge base available to users, coastal zone managers and decision-makers in KZN. Ultimately, the BLSMS has led to the improved management of launch sites in KZN and is a model which could potentially be rolled out in other coastal provinces of South Africa and further afield.

## 6. ACTIVITIES OF THE BOAT LAUNCH SITE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (BLSTC)

The KZN BLSTC is comprised of members from EDTEA, ORI, EKZNW, KZNSB, SAMSA, NSRI and DFFE. Although no formal BLSTC meetings were held during 2022, the committee was requested to comment on applications for special events such as fishing competitions applied for by various launch site operators and/or ski-boat clubs. A new registered launch site at Spillers Wharf on the uMzimkhulu River in Port Shepstone became operational in early 2023 and launches from this site will be reported on from next year (2024).

## 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Sodwana Bay

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 100

**Management Authority**  
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	508	500	496	431	278	164	206	446	369	353	197	626	4574
Jet-ski	6	12	13	6	2	4	3			4	5	10	65	
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	253	101	389	107	287	32	67	33	49	130	520	280	2248	
Unspecified	20	12	39	15	12	18	16	2	12	14	20	54	234	
Purpose	Charter fishing	20	16	30	20	34	7	12	7	13	14	45	60	278
	Charter pleasure		2									2	10	14
	Charter scuba	479	487	479	404	254	155	194	428	357	338	179	584	4338
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>							1	4	1	2			8
	Commercial fishing				2	1			2				3	8
	Private fishing	218	91	279	93	255	20	35	19	33	98	473	205	1819
	Private pleasure	4	2						1	2		1		10
	Private scuba			2		3	1			1			2	9
	Private spearfishing	5	1	4	1	1	14	15	3	1	6	0	1	52
	Other/ unspecified	61	26	143	39	31	21	35	17	22	43	42	105	585
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>7121</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	22
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	22
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	94
	% days launched	90%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	6
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	3.7
Popular destination	AH-13	
	46%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	89% gamefish	
		6% billfish	
	Diversity	16 Species	
	Cuda / King mackerel	65	40.6%
	Unspecified tuna	23	14.3%
	Dorado	14	8.7%
	Unspecified fish	9	5.6%
	Longfin Yellowtail	8	5%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	0.07 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	94%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	39%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	94%
	No. persons	95%	Return time	91%
	Vessel type	97%	Targeting	8%
	Outing type	99%	Catch return	7%

**Comments** Sodwana launch site was again extremely busy during 2022. Very high level of site usage (used on 90% of days in 2022). Charter scuba diving was the main activity (61% of launches), followed by private recreational fishing (26%). Good catches of cuda/king mackerel continued during 2022. Good completion of register fields except targeting and catch returns which continued to be very poorly reported. Launch register needs to be made available before and after working hours at the launch site.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

<b>Boat launch site:</b>	Cape Vidal
<b>Feedback period:</b>	Jan – Dec 2022
<b>Daily launch limit:</b>	40

<b>Management Authority</b>
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		24	24	15	11	5	3	10	1	4	5	17	24
Jet-ski		39	36	45	14	15	18	11	4	7	26	54	50	319
Paddle-craft		4		5	4	1					1	1	3	19
Ski-boat		284	228	360	164	76	42	48	56	51	78	320	478	2185
Unspecified		17	7	9	3	4			1	4	3	11	4	63
Purpose														
Charter fishing		2		2	11	5		1	1		4	2	5	33
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba			1											1
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing		293	230	346	131	67	44	39	38	27	89	302	424	2030
Private pleasure		1						1				1	2	5
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing		17	25	21	15	18	13	21	19	22	11	13	19	214
Other/ unspecified		55	39	65	39	11	6	7	4	17	9	85	109	446
Total launches		368	295	434	196	101	63	69	62	66	113	403	559	2729

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

<b>General results</b>	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	9
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	9
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	91
	% days launched	83%
	No. days limit exceeded	3
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.1
	Popular destination	AF-20 40%

2. In terms of averages

<b>Recreational catch returns</b>	Targeting	91% gamefish		
		5% baitfish		
	Diversity	17 species		
		Cuda / King mackerel	1011	67.6%
		Dorado	170	11.3%
		Unspecified tuna	119	7.9%
		Unspecified fish	31	2%
		Eastern little tuna	30	2%
		<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>		
	0.64 fish/outing			

<b>Entries completed</b>	Date	100%	Outing purpose	84%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	44%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	98%	Targeting	10%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	21%

<b>Comments</b>	<p>High site usage (used on 83% of days in 2022). Low number of launches during winter from June to October due to weather and lack of gamefish. Private recreational fishing (74%) was the main reason for launching. Catch composition was dominated by cuda/king mackerel and dorado. Good completion of register fields except targeting and catch returns which should be improved.</p>
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# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** St Lucia

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**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	7	1	7		1	4	6			3		4	33	
Jet-ski	15	6	13	8	11	12	18			3	13	13	20	132	
Paddle-craft	1													1	
Ski-boat	203	137	212	254	91	160	211	136	138	177	178	248	2145		
Unspecified	49	35	35	24	12	22	16	10	1	23	41	64	332		
Purpose	Charter fishing	106	77	110	76	53	61	81	72	64	64	75	105	944	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>						6	31	43	44	56	30		210	
	Commercial fishing	1												1	
	Private fishing	133	84	132	152	44	106	114	22	23	80	106	202	1198	
	Private pleasure	1							1				1	3	
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing	12	3	1	5	6	4	2		1	4		1	39	
	Other/ unspecified	22	15	24	53	12	21	23	8	10	12	21	27	248	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>2643</b>		

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

<b>General results</b>	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	8
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	7
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	97
	% days launched	93%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	4
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.7
Popular destination	AD-23	
	1%	

2. In terms of averages

<b>Recreational catch returns</b>	<b>Targeting</b>	96% gamefish		
		2% baitfish		
	<b>Diversity</b>	24 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Cuda / King mackerel	2366	40.6%	
	Unspecified tuna	1827	31.4%	
	Queen mackerel	466	8%	
	Dorado	447	7.6%	
	Skipjack tuna	140	2.4%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
2.61 fish/outing				

<b>Entries completed</b>	<b>Date</b>	100%	<b>Outing purpose</b>	91%
	<b>Boat name</b>	100%	<b>Destination</b>	18%
	<b>Boat No.</b>	100%	<b>Launch time</b>	86%
	<b>No. persons</b>	90%	<b>Return time</b>	80%
	<b>Vessel type</b>	87%	<b>Targeting</b>	18%
	<b>Outing type</b>	100%	<b>Catch return</b>	56%

**Comments** Launch numbers increased substantially in 2022 due to the open mouth and safer launching. Very high site usage (site used on 93% of days in 2022). Private recreational fishing (45%) and charter fishing (36%) were the main activities specified. Catch composition was dominated by good catches of cuda/king mackerel and unspecified tuna species. Reasonable completion of the launch register but continued poor compliance with the destination and targeting fields.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Maphelane

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**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													
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		31		46	4			3	2		31	22		139
Unspecified		1									1			2

Purpose														
	Charter fishing													
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing		31		38	4			3			29	21		126
Private pleasure														
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing														
Other/ unspecified		1		8					2		3	1		15
<b>Total launches</b>		32	0	46	4	0	0	3	2	0	32	22	0	141

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	20
	% days launched	12%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.8
	Popular destination	AD-24 45%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	74% gamefish		
		26% baitfish		
	Diversity	10 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Cuda / King mackerel	27	27.8%	
	Yellowfin tuna	23	23.7%	
	Unspecified tuna	16	16.4%	
	Dorado	8	8.2%	
	Wahoo	8	8.2%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
0.59 fish/outing				

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	89%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	43%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	94%
	Vessel type	99%	Targeting	6%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	26%

**Comments**  
Low site usage (site only used on 12% of days in 2022). Private recreational fishing (89%) was the main reason for launching. Catch composition was dominated by good catches of cuda/king mackerel and yellowfin tuna. Reasonable completion of the launch register but poor compliance with the targeting and catch return fields.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Meerensee SBC

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Richards Bay

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total	
	Inflatable			2	6	1		8	1	1				8	27
Jet-ski		1	1	1					1	1			2	7	
Paddle-craft															
Ski-boat		292	202	238	132	188	226	202	105	100	130	176	456	2447	
Unspecified		15	12	17	7	17	14	13	3	11	10	10	27	156	
Purpose	Charter fishing		16	9	16	14	12	10	14	12	8	6	5	27	149
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing		11	8	8	9	13	13	10	7	9	11	13	10	122
	Private fishing		222	133	178	85	141	172	139	68	66	90	124	337	1755
	Private pleasure			1	1		1				1			1	5
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing		1	1	3	1		2	3	1			1	2	15
	Other/ unspecified		58	65	56	31	38	51	50	22	28	33	43	116	591
<b>Total launches</b>		<b>308</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>2637</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	9
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	8
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	82
	% days launched	77%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	5%
	Proportion night beachings	6%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	7.3
Popular destination	Y-29	
	44%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	30% gamefish	
		63% bottomfish	
	Diversity	41 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	336	38.9%
	Santer	95	11%
	Unspecified rockcod	64	7.4%
	Queen mackerel	57	6.6%
	Unspecified kob	37	4.2%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	0.44 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	78%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	3%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	96%
	Vessel type	94%	Targeting	4%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	6%

**Comments** High level of site usage (used on 77% of days during 2022). Private recreational fishing was the main activity specified (67%). Reasonable catches of slinger, santer and rockcod reported. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except destination, targeting and catch returns which continued to be very poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Richards Bay Ski-boat Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority – Richards Bay

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	7	1	3	2	6	1	11	5	3		4	4	47
Jet-ski	4				1			2	2	2	1	14	26	
Paddle-craft	2		2			2	2	5	3	5		2	23	
Ski-boat	366	261	308	139	273	159	221	119	90	77	73	349	2435	
Unspecified	18	6	13	6	16	17	42	27	23	23	20	33	244	
Purpose	Charter fishing	9	8	8	3	13	7	16	4	2	3	2	5	80
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba								1					1
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing		1											1
	Private fishing	297	219	260	110	224	125	193	106	81	73	64	328	2080
	Private pleasure			2		1			1		2		5	11
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing	1			1	1								3
	Other/ unspecified	90	40	56	33	57	47	67	46	38	29	32	64	599
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>2775</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	9
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	7
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	77
	% days launched	85%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	2%
	Proportion night beachings	4%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	10.3
	Popular destination	AB-27 35%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	70% bottomfish	
		26% gamefish	
	Diversity	64 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	2806	36.8%
	Santer	904	11.8%
	Unspecified rockcod	619	8.1%
	Unspecified kob	566	7.4%
	Queen mackerel	287	3.7%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	3.47 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	78%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	5%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	91%	Targeting	17%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	35%

**Comments** High level of site usage (used on 85% of days during 2022). Private recreational fishing remained the main reason for launching (75% of launches). Catch composition was dominated by bottom fish such as slinger, santer and rockcod species. Reasonable compliance with completion of most register fields except destination, targeting and catch return fields which were poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Umlalazi/Mtunzini

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 30 (offshore)

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	17	4	4	7	13	11	10	1	2	4	3	12	88
Jet-ski	7	11	3	2	6	5	8	5	4	4	1	13	69	
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	52	36	53	53	47	27	21	10	8	10	9	34	360	
Unspecified	26	13	9	9	10	7	11	8	6	2	3	15	119	

Purpose														Total
	Charter fishing			1					1		1	1		4
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing	2			4	2		1				1		10	
Private fishing	73	47	52	49	52	35	40	22	18	13	12	57	470	
Private pleasure	2	4	6	4	4	3	1						24	
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing	1				1								2	
Other/ unspecified	24	13	10	14	17	12	7	2	1	6	3	13	122	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>636</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	4
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	63
	% days launched	47%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.9
	Popular destination	U-31 28%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	52% bottomfish	
		46% gamefish	
	Diversity	31 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified kob	604	29.2%
	Slinger	492	23.8%
	Cuda / King mackerel	342	16.5%
	Santer	88	4.2%
	Unspecified redfish	85	4.1%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	4.21 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	81%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	54%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	93%
	Vessel type	81%	Targeting	14%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	45%

**Comments** Moderate level of site usage (used on 47% of days in 2022). Private recreational fishing (74%) was the main reason given for launching. Catch composition was dominated by bottomfish species such as unspecified kob and slinger but good catches of cuda/king mackerel were reported. Poor compliance with targeting and catch return fields. This launch site occurs within the Thukela MPA.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Amatikulu mouth

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Mandeni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable													
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat							2							2
Unspecified							1							1
Purpose	Charter fishing													
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing						1							1
	Private fishing						2							2
	Private pleasure													
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing													
	Other/ unspecified													
	<b>Total launches</b>						3							3

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results		
Launches/ day <sup>2</sup>		3
Launches/ weekday <sup>2</sup>		0
Launches/ weekend day <sup>2</sup>		1
% days launched		0%
No. days limit exceeded		0
Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>		4
Proportion night launches		0%
Proportion night beachings		0%
Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>		10.3
Popular destination		0%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	100% bottomfish	
	Diversity	4 species	
	<b>Main catch composition</b>		
	Slinger	4	33.3%
	Unspecified redfish	2	16.6%
	Unspecified rockcod	4	33.3%
	Poenskop	2	16.6%
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>		
	6 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	100%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	100%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	100%
	Vessel type	67%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	100%

Comments	This launch site still officially remains closed although 3 launches were recorded during 2022. This launch site occurs within the Thukela MPA.
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# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Thukela mouth

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Mandeni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable													
Jet-ski						8	3	1						12
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		7	8	5	3	7	10	9	5	5	5	5	6	75
Unspecified						3								3

Purpose	Charter fishing													3	3
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing									2	1		1		4
	Private fishing	7	8	5	3	7	9	9	5	3	3	5	2		66
	Private pleasure					2	1	1							4
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing														
	Other/ unspecified						9	3				1			13
	<b>Total launches</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>90</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/ day <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/ weekday <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/ weekend day <sup>2</sup>	24
	% days launched	19%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	7.6

Popular destination	S-33
	75%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	94% bottomfish	
		6% gamefish	
	Diversity	15 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified kob	512	42.3%
	Slinger	311	25.7%
	Unspecified rockcod	175	14.4%
	Unspecified grunter	106	8.7%
	Santer	42	3.4%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
17.49 fish/outing			

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	86%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	20%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	96%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	98%
	Vessel type	97%	Targeting	46%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	86%

**Comments** Low level of site use with launching only occurring on 19% of available days during 2022. Private recreational fishing (73%) was the main reason for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish species, especially unspecified kob species. Poor fish identification but generally good compliance with completion of all launch register fields except destination. This launch site occurs within the Thukela MPA.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Zinkwazi

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
KwaDukuza Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable			3	2			1	1		1		1	2
Jet-ski			28	3	3	1					3		2	40
Paddle-craft					2									2
Ski-boat		43	55	91	11	30	47	66	23	16	14	23	29	448
Unspecified		8	3	3	2	2	14				1	1	1	35
Purpose	Charter fishing	5		3	1								5	14
	Charter pleasure												1	1
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing	2		12	5	3	2	12	5	10	2	9	2	64
	Private fishing	38	75	79	8	27	41	51	17	6	12	14	24	392
	Private pleasure						1							1
	Private scuba												1	1
	Private spearfishing			1					1					2
	Other/ unspecified	6	14	4	4	3	18	4		1	4	2	1	61
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>536</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

<b>General results</b>	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	48
	% days launched	45%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beaching	1%
	Duration of outing (hours)	5.8
Popular destination	R-34	
	47%	

2. In terms of averages

<b>Recreational catch returns</b>	<b>Targeting</b>	50% gamefish		
		46% bottomfish		
	<b>Diversity</b>	38 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Unspecified kob	542	26.3%	
	Slinger	355	17.2%	
	Queen mackerel	235	11.4%	
	Unspecified rockcod	199	9.6%	
	Santer	173	8.4%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
5.02 fish/outing				

<b>Entries completed</b>	<b>Date</b>	100%	<b>Outing purpose</b>	89%
	<b>Boat name</b>	100%	<b>Destination</b>	31%
	<b>Boat No.</b>	100%	<b>Launch time</b>	95%
	<b>No. persons</b>	97%	<b>Return time</b>	92%
	<b>Vessel type</b>	93%	<b>Targeting</b>	24%
	<b>Outing type</b>	100%	<b>Catch return</b>	65%

**Comments** Low launching effort in September and October. Moderate use of launch site being used on 45% of available days in 2022. Private recreational fishing (73%) and commercial fishing (12%) were the main reasons for launching. Catches were dominated by bottom fish species such as unspecified kob and slinger, but good catches of queen mackerel were reported. Reasonable compliance with completion of most register fields except destination and targeting. This launch site occurs within the Thukela MPA.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Blythedale/Umvoti

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
KwaDukuza Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 15

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total	
	Inflatable			1	1										2
Jet-ski		14	18	15	5	3	2	1				2	16	76	
Paddle-craft															
Ski-boat		29	22	34	11	22	38	22	13	24	23	23	14	275	
Unspecified			1		1	3			1					6	
Purpose	Charter fishing	4	3	3	2	1	5	3	1	5	4	4	2	37	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing	13	11	19	6	18	18	14	12	14	13	14	9	161	
	Private fishing	25	23	22	6	7	13	4		4	5	3	17	129	
	Private pleasure												1	1	
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing							1							1
	Other/ unspecified	1	5	6	3	2	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	30	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>359</b>		

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	40
	% days launched	39%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	4
	Proportion night launches	1%
	Proportion night beachings	12%
	Duration of outing (hours)	7.3
Popular destination	R-35	
	43%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	42% bottomfish	
		41% baitfish	
	Diversity	30 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Santer	204	20.5%
	Unspecified rockcod	182	18.2%
	Unspecified kob	167	16.7%
	Slinger	113	11.3%
	Natal seacatfish	90	9%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	5.96 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	92%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	6%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	98%	Targeting	11%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	59%

**Comments** Moderate to low usage of launch site (used on 39% of available days during 2022). Commercial fishing (45%) and private recreational fishing (36%) were the main reasons for launching. Catches were dominated by bottomfish species, especially santer/soldier. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination and targeting. This launch site occurs within the Thukela MPA.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Tinley Manor/Umhlali

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
KwaDukuza Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 30

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	1		4	1	4		1	1	2		3	12	29
Jet-ski	3			1		1							5	
Paddle-craft	7	5	14	5			2			1	4	2	40	
Ski-boat	78	64	60	34	42	31	25	29	17	23	42	54	499	
Unspecified	10	7	6	2	1	1	1			2	1	8	39	
Purpose	Charter fishing	17	5	3	3	2	1	1	3		1	5	19	60
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing	17	16	14	7	18	12	10	7	5	7	10	8	131
	Private fishing	48	33	45	26	21	20	14	17	11	18	27	25	305
	Private pleasure											1		1
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing	3	7	7	1							1	2	21
	Other/ unspecified	14	15	15	6	6		4	3	3		6	22	94
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>612</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	64
	% days launched	51%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	2%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.6
Popular destination	P-36	
	22%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	63% gamefish		
		30% bottomfish		
	Diversity	35 species		
	Main catch composition			
	Unspecified rockcod	214	16.6%	
	Santer	211	16.4%	
	Dorado	146	11.3%	
	Slinger	128	9.9%	
	Unspecified redfish	116	9%	
	Catch rate (retained fish)			
3.31 fish/outing				

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	86%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	59%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	92%
	Vessel type	94%	Targeting	17%
	Outing type	98%	Catch return	55%

**Comments**  
Moderate use of launch site (used on 51% of days). Private recreational fishing (50%) and commercial fishing (21%) were the main reasons for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species, but good catches of dorado reported. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Salmon Bay/Ballito

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
KwaDukuza Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	15	23	3	6	18	12	29	16	2	6		10	140
Jet-ski	40	61	28	30	27	21	14	12	10	11	28	19	301	
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	21	31	44	62	47	45	32	26	17	17	14	34	390	
Unspecified	8	14	12	8	9	14	10	6	3	4	7	4	99	
Purpose	Charter fishing	2		12	15	7	5	4	6	4	6	3	10	74
	Charter pleasure	15	14		4	16	7	20	10	1	6		10	103
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>		3		1	2	3	7						16
	Commercial fishing			1										1
	Private fishing	53	88	56	79	69	69	41	32	20	19	40	36	602
	Private pleasure	1					1		1	3				6
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing		2	1										3
	Other/ unspecified	13	22	17	7	7	7	13	11	4	7	6	11	125
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>930</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	5
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	4
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	60
	% days launched	53%
	No. days limit exceeded	2
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.1
	Popular destination	P-37 8%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	54% gamefish	
		29% bottomfish	
	Diversity	40 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Santer	212	13.5%
	Unspecified redfish	168	10.7%
	Slinger	165	10.5%
	Unspecified rockcod	163	10.4%
	Dorado	124	7.9%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	2.29 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	88%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	78%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	96%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	89%	Targeting	16%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	47%

**Comments** High percentage (32%) of jet-ski launches. Moderate launching effort (used on 53% of days). Launch limit exceeded on two days. Private recreational fishing (65%) was the main reason for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species, especially santer/soldier. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Westbrook

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	4	1				1	1		1				
Jet-ski	21	9	11	2	1	8	1	1						54
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	37	13	23	11	3	2	9	3						101
Unspecified	3	2		2				1						8
Purpose	Charter fishing	4		4	2									10
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing													
	Private fishing	51	15	25	6	5	6	10	4					122
	Private pleasure													
	Private scuba						4							4
	Private spearfishing	4	6	4	4									18
	Other/ unspecified	6	4	1	3		1		2					17
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>171</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	24
	% days launched	19%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	2%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	3.9
Popular destination	Q-38	
	30%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	56% gamefish		
		19% baitfish		
	Diversity	18 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Dorado	82	30.8%	
	Cuda / King mackerel	40	15%	
	Queen mackerel	37	13.9%	
	Unspecified rockcod	26	9.7%	
	Squaretail kob	17	6.3%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
1.77 fish/outing				

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	91%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	57%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	95%	Return time	87%
	Vessel type	95%	Targeting	20%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	40%

**Comments** No launch data received from September to December 2022. Low use of launch site (used on 19% of days). Private recreational fishing (71%) was the main purpose for launching. Good catches of dorado and cuda/king mackerel reported. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Umdloti

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 10

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	2	7	4				1	2	1	1			1
Jet-ski	5	1	2	1			6	9	2	3		1	2	32
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	15	4	14	1	4			5	11	2		3	10	69
Unspecified	11	5	9	5				2	6	1	6	7	1	53

Purpose														Total
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
Charter fishing														
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba	1													1
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing	12	5	6			4	9	6	5		1	5		53
Private pleasure														
Private scuba			1											1
Private spearfishing	15	7	22	4	4		3	13	1	6	7	8		90
Other/ unspecified	5	5		3		3	6	1	1		3	1		28
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>173</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	27
	% days launched	26%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	1
	Proportion night launches	5%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	3.4
	Popular destination	O-38 31%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	84% gamefish	
		16% bottomfish	
	Diversity	22 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Queen mackerel	104	52.2%
	Cuda / King mackerel	48	24.1%
	Unspecified kingfish	8	4%
	Yellow-spotted kingfish	4	2%
	Barracuda	4	2%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	1.35 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	84%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	49%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	96%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	86%
	Vessel type	69%	Targeting	6%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	33%

**Comments**  
Low site usage (used on 26% of days). Spearfishing (52%) and recreational line-fishing (31%) and were the main reasons for launching. Catch composition dominated by gamefish including queen and king mackerel. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Umhlanga/Granny's Pool

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 12

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	7	1	6	3	3	2	1	5		2		4	34
Jet-ski	11	5	11	8	12	4	7	4	4	4	6	13	8	93
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	26	20	28	17	8	5	13	13	3	20	11	30	194	
Unspecified		1	1	1			3		1	2		2	11	

Purpose	Charter fishing	7	5	8	7	3	2	7	2		3	1	15	60
	Charter pleasure	3		3	2		2		4		2		2	18
	Charter scuba	1												1
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing							1						1
	Private fishing	15	5	14	7	8	1	3	8	4	15	9	9	98
	Private pleasure													
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing													
	Other/ unspecified	18	17	21	13	12	6	13	8	4	10	14	18	154
	<b>Total launches</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>332</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	59
	% days launched	35%
	No. days limit exceeded	1
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	1%
	Proportion night beachings	5%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	-74.7
	Popular destination	N-39
	9%	

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	60% gamefish		
		40% bottomfish		
	Diversity	17 species		
	Main catch composition			
	Dorado	76	32.4%	
	Cuda / King mackerel	33	14.1%	
	Santer	30	12.8%	
	Dusky kob	26	11.1%	
	Queen mackerel	18	7.6%	
	Catch rate (retained fish)			
	1.46 fish/outing			

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	89%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	89%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	95%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	97%	Targeting	6%
	Outing type	59%	Catch return	37%

**Comments** Relatively low launch effort (site used on 35% of days). Launch limit exceeded on one day. Private recreational fishing (30%) and charter fishing (18%) were the main reasons for launching. Good catches of dorado and cuda/king mackerel reported. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Vetch's Pier, Durban

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**  
Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	72	53	43	32	24	30	38	24	18	26	39	46	445
Jet-ski	52	34	34	20	18	8	34	16	12	13	29	37	307	
Paddle-craft		1											1	
Ski-boat	417	311	394	214	201	203	230	190	186	163	208	323	3040	
Unspecified	35	23	19	14	5	11	13	7	6	9	10	23	175	

Purpose	Charter fishing	4	11	3	2		3	1	5	6	1	4	10	50
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba	10	7	9	4	5	2	2	3		3		3	48
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing		1	1	1		3	2	8	8	7	4	2	37
	Private fishing	378	258	354	183	185	192	241	158	149	140	207	305	2750
	Private pleasure	5		3		2	1	3		1	2	2	5	24
	Private scuba	1												1
	Private spearfishing	35	47	29	14	8	11	8	16	7	10	9	10	204
	Other/ unspecified	143	98	91	76	48	40	58	47	51	48	60	94	854
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>3968</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	13
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	10
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	91
	% days launched	85%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	4%
	Proportion night beachings	4%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.8
Popular destination		N-41
		0.5%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	58% gamefish		
		22% bottomfish		
	Diversity	58 species		
	Main catch composition			
	Dorado	418	18.9%	
	Santer	290	13.1%	
	Cuda / King mackerel	262	11.8%	
	Queen mackerel	196	8.8%	
	Unspecified redfish	116	5.2%	
	Catch rate (retained fish)			
0.73 fish/outing				

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	79%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	78%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	96%	Targeting	7%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	20%

**Comments**  
High site usage (used on 85% of days) throughout the year. Ski-boats were the main type of vessel used for launching (77%) and private recreational fishing (69%) was the main activity specified. Good catches of dorado, santer/soldier and cuda/king mackerel reported. Reasonable compliance with launch register fields except targeting and catch returns which continued to be poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Rod 'n Reel Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		5	5	1	1		4	7	6		2	1	
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		86	65	76	36	48	65	63	83	56	65	58	74	775
Unspecified		9	3	4	1	4	8	8	7		4	5	5	58

Purpose	Charter fishing								2	1				3	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing														
	Private fishing		87	64	70	30	47	56	59	78	47	64	53	70	725
	Private pleasure							1			2				3
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing								1						1
	Other/ unspecified		13	9	11	8	5	20	18	16	6	7	11	9	133
	<b>Total launches</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>865</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	4
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	76
	% days launched	60%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	6%
	Proportion night beachings	16%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.9
	Popular destination	N-41 1.5%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	63% bottomfish	
		21% gamefish	
	Diversity	37 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified redfish	365	23.9%
	Santer	209	13.7%
	Unspecified rockcod	151	9.9%
	Cuda / King mackerel	131	8.6%
	Geelbek	131	8.6%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	1.97 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	86%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	94%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	93%	Targeting	10%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	45%

**Comments** Moderate level of site usage (used on 60% of days). Relatively high proportion of night outings. Private recreational fishing (84%) was the main reason given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species but with poor species identification. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

<b>Boat launch site:</b>	Point Yacht Club
<b>Feedback period:</b>	Jan – Dec 2022
<b>Daily launch limit:</b>	Not stipulated

Jurisdiction
Transnet National Ports Authority – Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable				2	2	1	1		1	2	1		1
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat				27	23	28	25	25	16	21	27	35	40	267
Unspecified				2	1	2	2	1	4	5	4	2	3	26
Purpose	Charter fishing					1							2	3
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing				23	19	21	24	19	16	23	26	31	38	240
Private pleasure					1						1			2
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing						1								1
Other/ unspecified				8	6	8	4	7	5	5	5	6	4	58
<b>Total launches</b>		0	0	31	26	31	28	26	21	28	32	37	44	304

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results		
Launches/day <sup>2</sup>		2
Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>		2
Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>		53
% days launched		35%
No. days limit exceeded		N/A
Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>		2
Proportion night launches		5%
Proportion night beachings		13%
Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>		6.1
Popular destination		N-41
		10%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns		
Targeting		67% bottomfish
		22% gamefish
Diversity		21 species
	Main catch composition	
	Geelbek	62 41.3%
	Dorado	19 12.6%
	Unspecified kob	15 10%
	Santer	10 6.6%
	Unspecified redfish	6 4%
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	0.61 fish/outing	

Entries completed				
	Date	100%	Outing purpose	81%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	83%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	96%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	94%
	Vessel type	91%	Targeting	10%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	16%

Comments
Low level of site usage (used on 35% of days) with no launches recorded in January and February. Relatively high proportion of night outings. Private recreational fishing (79%) was the main reason given for launching. Good catches of geelbek reported. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns, which were poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Public slipway

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**  
Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total	
	Inflatable		3	1	1	2	4	1			2		1	1	16
Jet-ski															
Paddle-craft															
Ski-boat		74	51	55	34	38	14	3	3	30	17	20	12	351	
Unspecified		9	6	7	5	3	4	4	1	4	4	1		48	
Purpose	Charter fishing					1							1	2	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing														
	Private fishing		32	35	29	33	29	15	3	2	18	6	7	5	214
	Private pleasure				1										1
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing														
	Other/ unspecified		54	23	33	8	15	4	4	2	18	15	15	7	198
<b>Total launches</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>415</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	53
	% days launched	40%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	7%
	Proportion night beachings	8%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.1
Popular destination		N-39
		0.9%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	100% gamefish		
	Diversity	10 species		
	Main catch composition			
	Unspecified redfish	45	38.1%	
	Unspecified rockcod	27	22.8%	
	Cuda / King mackerel	23	19.4%	
	Unspecified fish	6	5%	
	Queen mackerel	6	5%	
	Catch rate (retained fish)			
	0.55 fish/outing			

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	78%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	93%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	96%	Return time	94%
	Vessel type	88%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	63%	Catch return	9%

**Comments**  
Moderate to low level of site usage (used on 40% of days). Relatively high percentage of night launches. Private recreational fishing (52%) was the main reason given for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish but with poor fish identification. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns, which were poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Neptune Angling Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**  
Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total	
	Inflatable				1										1
Jet-ski															
Paddle-craft															
Ski-boat		33	15	26	9	14	29	11	8	8	8	6	17	184	
Unspecified		5	2	1		1	2	1		3	1	4	3	23	
Purpose	Charter fishing			2	1	1	3							7	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing														
	Private fishing		5	4	22	8	12	24	10	8	8	7	4	14	126
	Private pleasure														
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing														
	Other/ unspecified		33	13	4		2	4	2		3	2	6	6	75
<b>Total launches</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>208</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	37
	% days launched	32%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	19%
	Proportion night beachings	15%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.7
	Popular destination	N-40 68%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	Unknown		
	Diversity	5 species		
	Main catch composition			
	Santer	12	54.5%	
	Unspecified rockcod	4	18.1%	
	Englishman	4	18.1%	
	Unspecified tuna	1	4.5%	
	Poenskop	1	4.5%	
	Catch rate (retained fish)			
	0.17 fish/outing			

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	83%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	88%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	89%
	Vessel type	89%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	79%	Catch return	2%

**Comments**  
Moderate to low level of launching effort (site used on 32% of days). Private recreational fishing was the main activity specified (61%). Relatively high proportion of night launches. Catches were dominated by bottomfish species. Reasonable completion of the launch register fields except targeting and catch returns, which continued to be very poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Bluff Yacht Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	1							3					1
Jet-ski	1	1	1				1							4
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	24	26	19	13	16	22	14	10	6	15	12	10	187	
Unspecified	9		6		3	2	3	1		1	2	6	33	

Purpose	Charter fishing													
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing													
	Private fishing	17	10	19	11	13	18	12	8	3	8	9	7	135
	Private pleasure	4								1		1		6
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing													
	Other/ unspecified	14	17	7	2	6	7	8	3	2	8	4	10	88
	Total launches	35	27	26	13	19	25	20	11	6	16	14	17	229

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	46
	% days launched	33%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	7%
	Proportion night beachings	15%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.1
	Popular destination	M-42 89.5%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	100% bottomfish	
	Diversity	9 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified rockcod	26	23.6%
	Slinger	26	23.6%
	Santer	22	20%
	Unspecified kingfish	12	10.9%
	Englishman	8	7.2%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	0.81 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	74%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	87%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	90%
	No. persons	90%	Return time	83%
	Vessel type	86%	Targeting	1%
	Outing type	71%	Catch return	10%

**Comments** Relatively low usage of site (used on only 33% of days). Relatively high proportion of night launches. Private recreational fishing (59%) was the main reason specified for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns, which continued to be very poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Bobbies Angling Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		1	1			1	1			1			
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		34	38	28	19	24	20	22	23	29	19	20	15	291
Unspecified		3	1	1		1		2	1	1	3	1	2	16

Purpose	Charter fishing														
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing														
	Private fishing		27	28	17	13	10	15	8	6	10	8	8	6	156
	Private pleasure						1								1
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing														
	Other/ unspecified		11	12	12	6	15	6	16	18	21	14	13	11	155
	Total launches		38	40	29	19	26	21	24	24	31	22	21	17	312

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	54
	% days launched	42%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	8%
	Proportion night beachings	27%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.8
	Popular destination	N-41 5.4%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	Unknown	
	Diversity	19 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified kob	87	25.9%
	Unspecified redfish	58	17.3%
	Santer	31	9.2%
	Slinger	23	6.8%
	Unspecified rockcod	22	6.5%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	2.09 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	94%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	87%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	94%
	No. persons	96%	Return time	91%
	Vessel type	95%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	51%	Catch return	41%

**Comments** Moderate to low usage of site (used on 42% of days). High proportion of night launches. Private recreational fishing (50%) was the main reason for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish but with poor species identification. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Fynnlands Angling Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**  
Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		1	2				1		1		1		2
Jet-ski									1					1
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		64	34	46	31	36	46	24	8	19	19	17	26	370
Unspecified		3	8	3	2	4		2	2	8	4	4	3	43

Purpose														Total
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
Charter fishing														
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing					1									1
Private fishing	58	32	40	27	37	44	23	9	19	18	16	24	347	
Private pleasure												1	1	
Private scuba	1	2				1		1					5	
Private spearfishing														
Other/ unspecified	9	10	9	5	3	2	3	2	8	6	5	6	68	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>422</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	63
	% days launched	41%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	5%
	Proportion night beachings	9%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.9
	Popular destination	L-43 6.8%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	61% bottomfish	
		27% baitfish	
	Diversity	21 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Santer	59	21.7%
	Unspecified redfish	31	11.4%
	Squaretail kob	26	9.5%
	Mackerel	25	9.2%
	Blueskin / Trawl soldier	25	9.2%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
0.78 fish/outing			

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	84%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	56%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	100%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	90%	Targeting	4%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	12%

**Comments**  
Moderate to low usage of site (used on 41% of days). Relatively high proportion of night launches. Private recreational fishing (82%) was the main reason for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish species. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except targeting and catch returns, which were very poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Pompano Angling Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** Not stipulated

**Jurisdiction**

Transnet National Ports Authority  
– Durban Harbour

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable													
Jet-ski								1						1
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	14	15	8	1	1	3	6	3	4	5	3	2	65	
Unspecified	3					1			1				5	

Purpose	Charter fishing													
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing													
	Private fishing	5	7	5	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	26
	Private pleasure													
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing													
	Other/ unspecified	12	8	3	0	1	4	4	1	5	3	3	1	45
	Total launches	17	15	8	1	1	4	7	3	5	5	3	2	71

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	25
	% days launched	14%
	No. days limit exceeded	N/A
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	8%
	Proportion night beachings	7%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.1
	Popular destination	N-41 9.8%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	Unknown	
	Diversity	4 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Unspecified tuna	2	33.3%
	Unspecified fish	2	33.3%
	Unspecified rockcod	1	16.6%
	Cuda / King mackerel	1	16.6%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	0.23 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

<b>Entries completed</b>	Date	100%	<b>Outing purpose</b>	86%	
	Boat name	100%		<b>Destination</b>	90%
	Boat No.	100%		<b>Launch time</b>	99%
	No. persons	99%		<b>Return time</b>	97%
	Vessel type	93%		<b>Targeting</b>	0%
	Outing type	41%		<b>Catch return</b>	15%

**Comments** Very low site usage (used on only 14% of days). Relatively high percentage of night launches. Private recreational fishing (37%) was the main reason specified for launching. Poor reporting of fish catches. Reasonable completion of launch register fields except outing type, targeting and catch returns.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Reunion/Isipingo

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 15

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable													
Jet-ski		1					1							2
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		1												1
Unspecified														

Purpose														
	Charter fishing													
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing		2												2
Private pleasure							1							1
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing														
Other/ unspecified														
<b>Total launches</b>		2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	0
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	2
	% days launched	1%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	1
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.5
	Popular destination	M-42 100%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	Unknown	
	Diversity	1 species	
	<b>Main catch composition</b>		
	Unspecified fish	9	100%
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>		
	4.5 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	100%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	0%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	100%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	33%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	100%

**Comments**  
Reported launching effort continued to be very low at this launch site (only used on 1% of days) and only three launches were recorded during 2022.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Warner Beach

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 25

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable				1	1	1			2			2	
Jet-ski		6	4	5		3	1	3					4	26
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		55	20	38	24	47	66	35	58	41	39	61	30	514
Unspecified		1		1		1	1	1			2			7
Purpose	Charter fishing	12	3	7	7	6	16	17	12	15	5	13	13	126
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing													
	Private fishing	47	20	35	17	42	50	21	44	23	35	45	21	400
	Private pleasure			1										1
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing	1	1	1	1				3	3		1		11
	Other/ unspecified	2		1		4	2	1	1		1	4		16
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>554</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

<b>General results</b>	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	63
	% days launched	57%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	24%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.9
	Popular destination	L-43 79%

2. In terms of averages

<b>Recreational catch returns</b>	<b>Targeting</b>	53% bottomfish	
		31% baitfish	
	<b>Diversity</b>	45 species	
	<b>Main catch composition</b>		
	Unspecified redfish	985	20.8%
	Santer	839	17.7%
	Slinger	664	14%
	Geelbek	478	10.1%
	Englishman	236	5%
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>		
8.73 fish/outing			

<b>Entries completed</b>	<b>Date</b>	100%	<b>Outing purpose</b>	97%
	<b>Boat name</b>	100%	<b>Destination</b>	9%
	<b>Boat No.</b>	100%	<b>Launch time</b>	98%
	<b>No. persons</b>	98%	<b>Return time</b>	94%
	<b>Vessel type</b>	99%	<b>Targeting</b>	26%
	<b>Outing type</b>	100%	<b>Catch return</b>	79%

**Comments** Moderate level of site usage (used on 57% of days). Relatively high number of boats beaching at night. Private recreational fishing (72%) was the main reason given for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish species but better identification of redfish required. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination and targeting.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Umkomaas (all sites)

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
eThekweni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 50

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	160	162	187	125	119	53	131	141	115	156	184	234	1767
Jet-ski	17	4	21	8	6	9	7	12	2	2	5	11	104	
Paddle-craft			1										1	
Ski-boat	110	71	107	75	53	41	55	64	47	42	33	57	755	
Unspecified	13	2	7	5	2	4	4	4	3	1	5	3	53	

Purpose		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Charter fishing	1	2	5	1			1	1		1		1	1
Charter pleasure	1	3		3	2	1	2	4		2		4	4	22
Charter scuba	125	131	177	109	104	47	118	116	102	138	165	211	1543	
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing	105	64	117	87	55	45	35	50	44	37	28	57	724	
Private pleasure	3	2					2	1			2		10	
Private scuba	1	1	1		4						1	1	9	
Private spearfishing	15	6	4	2	7	4	17	12	6	5	9	2	89	
Other/ unspecified	49	30	19	11	8	10	22	37	15	18	22	29	270	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2680</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	8
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	7
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	98
	% days launched	92%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel	5
	Proportion night launches	1%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.7
	Popular destination	J-46 82%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	90% gamefish	
		10% baitfish	
	Diversity	14 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Cuda / King mackerel	86	32.4%
	Dorado	55	20.7%
	Unspecified tuna	41	15.4%
	Queen mackerel	34	12.8%
	Eastern little tuna	15	5.6%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
0.31 fish/outing			

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	92%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	8%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	97%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	98%	Targeting	3%
	Outing type	99%	Catch return	12%

**Comments** A large percentage of the launches were made by inflatable vessels (66%). Very high level of site usage (site used on 92% of days). Charter scuba diving (54%) and private recreational fishing (27%) were the main reasons for launching. Catches comprised mainly gamefish species as required by the Aliwal Shoal MPA regulations. Good completion of launch register fields except destination, targeting and catch returns which continued to be poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Scottburgh

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
uMdoni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2021

**Daily launch limit:** 12

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	91	41	69	31	24	35	74	54	41	61	44	88	653
Jet-ski														
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	4	10	14	5	5	1	0	3	2	1	9	11	65	
Unspecified	2												2	

Purpose															Total
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D			
Charter fishing															
Charter pleasure	14	1	5	1			10	2	1	2			13	49	
Charter scuba	74	38	58	26	20	34	63	52	38	59	41	73	576		
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>															
Commercial fishing		2												2	
Private fishing	3	7	10	3	4	1				1	10	10	49		
Private pleasure			1											1	
Private scuba															
Private spearfishing	4	1	9	6	5	1	1	3	2		1	3	36		
Other/ unspecified	2	2							2		1		7		
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>720</b>		

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	94
	% days launched	74%
	No. days limit exceeded	1
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	10
	Proportion night launches	1%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	2.7
Popular destination	J-46	
	53%	

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	100% gamefish	
	Diversity	14 species	
	<b>Main catch composition</b>		
	Cuda / King mackerel	40	40.4%
	Unspecified tuna	12	12.1%
	Greater yellowtail	11	11.1%
	Unspecified fish	8	8%
	Rainbow runner	5	5%
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>		
	1.12 fish/outing		

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	99%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	3%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	98%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	42%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	51%

**Comments** Moderate to high level of site usage (used on 74% of days). Launch limit exceeded on one day. Mainly inflatable vessels used to launch at this site (91%). Charter scuba diving (80%) was the main reason given for launching. Mainly gamefish recorded caught at this site, as required by the Aliwal Shoal MPA regulations. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Rocky Bay

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
uMdoni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 30

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	5	31	42	21	30	24	32	40	23	29	33	60	370
Jet-ski	1		3		1	7		2	1			2	17	
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	19	81	103	39	72	72	74	53	46	62	81	110	812	
Unspecified		2	1		3	1	1	1		1		3	13	

Purpose		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Charter fishing	5	24	39	13	18	23	36	10	6	22	20	57	273
Charter pleasure		2	1	1	1	1	1		3	2	2	5	19	
Charter scuba	1	9	21	12	12	5	10	16	5	10	12	30	143	
Charter shark diving	3	10	11	7	16	13	17	19	11	14	18	17	156	
Commercial fishing	6	17	16	13	18	23	15	20	13	20	19	16	196	
Private fishing	6	23	26	8	18	13	19	19	7	4	25	26	194	
Private pleasure		1	1						1	1			4	
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing	2	15	15	2	10	10	3	3	12	4	10	11	97	
Other/ unspecified	2	13	19	4	13	16	6	9	12	15	8	13	130	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1212</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	5
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	4
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	78
	% days launched	72%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	4
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outings (hours)	6.3
	Popular destination	J-46 60%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	69% bottomfish	
		24% gamefish	
	Diversity	54 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	2457	36.5%
	Santer	1057	15.7%
	Blueskin / Trawl soldier	1054	15.6%
	Unspecified emperor	231	3.4%
	Redeye / Roundherring	230	3.4%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
11.75 fish/outing			

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	90%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	13%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	99%
	No. persons	97%	Return time	98%
	Vessel type	99%	Targeting	27%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	67%

**Comments**  
High level of site usage (used on 72% of days). Charter fishing (23%), commercial fishing (16%) and private recreational fishing (16%) were the main reasons given for launching. Bottomfish species such as slinger, santer and trawl soldier dominated catches. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination and targeting. This launch site is within the Aliwal Shoal MPA.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Pennington

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
uMdoni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 15

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable			1	1				6		1	1		
Jet-ski		1		6		1	2						1	11
Paddle-craft													1	1
Ski-boat		31	23	34	12	15	11	25	2	5	1	11	46	216
Unspecified		3		1			1						2	7

Purpose														
	Charter fishing													
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing	29	21	34	10	12	12	27	2	5	2	6	44	204	
Private pleasure	1					1							2	
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing		1			2		1		1		3		8	
Other/ unspecified	5	2	8	2	2	1	3				2	6	31	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>245</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	45
	% days launched	26%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Person on vessel	2
	Proportion night launches	2%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.8
	Popular destination	J-47 69%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	60% gamefish		
		23% baitfish		
	Diversity	24 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Cuda / King mackerel	60	20%	
	Unspecified redfish	60	20%	
	Unspecified fish	22	7.3%	
	Blueskin / Trawl soldier	20	6.6%	
	Santer	19	6.3%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
1.33 fish/outing				

2. In terms of averages

<b>Entries completed</b>	Date	100%	Outing purpose	87%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	20%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	93%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	91%
	Vessel type	97%	Targeting	15%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	40%

**Comments** Low level of site usage (used on 26% of days). Private recreational fishing (83%) was the main reason given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species, but reasonable catches of cuda/king mackerel were reported. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination and targeting.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Bazley/Mac Nicol's

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
uMdoni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 5

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable													
Jet-ski	2												2	4
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat														
Unspecified														

Purpose	Charter fishing														
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing														
	Private fishing	1											2	3	
	Private pleasure														
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing														
	Other/ unspecified	1													1
	<b>Total launches</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	1
	% days launched	1%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Person on vessel	1
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.1
	Popular destination	1-48 50%

2. In terms of averages

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	Unknown
	Diversity	Unknown
	Main catch composition	
	Catch rate (retained fish)	
	0.0 fish/outing	

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	75%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	0%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	100%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	100%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	0%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	0%

**Comments** Very low launching effort throughout the year with site only used on 1% of days and only 4 launches recorded.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Hibberdene

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 25

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total	
	Inflatable		4	3	3			4	1	1	2		3	1	22
Jet-ski						2	6				1			9	
Paddle-craft															
Ski-boat		47	49	47	23	39	86	27	22	26	31	38	51	486	
Unspecified		3	1	1		1	3	2						11	
Purpose	Charter fishing	1								2				3	
	Charter pleasure														
	Charter scuba														
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
	Commercial fishing			7	16	7	9	22	8	10	4	10	7	3	103
	Private fishing	46	34	33	16	29	63	21	9	17	21	31	46	366	
	Private pleasure						1							1	
	Private scuba														
	Private spearfishing	6	9	2		1	2	1	4	2	1	3	3	34	
	Other/ unspecified	1	3			3	11			3				21	
<b>Total launches</b>		54	53	51	23	42	99	30	23	28	32	41	52	528	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

<b>General results</b>	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	47
	% days launched	46%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours)	2.5
	Popular destination	H-49 70%

2. In terms of averages

<b>Recreational catch returns</b>	Targeting	60% bottomfish		
		32% gamefish		
	Diversity	61 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Slinger	490	23%	
	Santer	290	13.6%	
	Unspecified tuna	162	7.6%	
	Rosy jobfish	131	6.1%	
	Unspecified fish	111	5.2%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
5.13 fish/outing				

<b>Entries completed</b>	Date	100%	Outing purpose	97%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	26%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	98%	Targeting	55%
	Outing type	99%	Catch return	60%

**Comments** Moderate level of site usage (used on 46% of days). Private recreational fishing (69%) and commercial fishing (20%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish, with good catches of slinger and santer reported. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Injambili/Pumula

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Injambili Ski-boat Club

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 6

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable						1	2	2				1	
Jet-ski							5			1				6
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		4	11	20	7	6	12	6	8	11	5	7	4	101
Unspecified			1											1

Purpose														Total
	Charter fishing							1						
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba														
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing														
Private fishing		4	12	18	7	6	14	8	8	12	5	7	2	103
Private pleasure							1							1
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing														
Other/ unspecified				2		1	3					1	2	9
<b>Total launches</b>		4	12	20	7	7	19	8	8	12	5	8	4	114

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	23
	% days launched	19%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	2
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.8
	Popular destination	H-50 90%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	56% bottomfish		
		36% gamefish		
	Diversity	32 species		
	<b>Main catch composition</b>			
	Slinger	304	26.9%	
	Santer	265	23.4%	
	Yellowfin tuna	94	8.3%	
	Englishman	72	6.3%	
	Unspecified tuna	61	5.4%	
	<b>Catch rate (retained fish)</b>			
9.81 fish/outing				

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	93%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	5%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	97%	Return time	99%
	Vessel type	99%	Targeting	34%
	Outing type	98%	Catch return	93%

**Comments**  
Low level of site usage (used on 19% of days). Private recreational fishing (90%) was the main reason given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species, with good catches of slinger and santer reported. Continued good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination and targeting.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Shelly Beach/Sonny Evans

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 100

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	62	25	1	42	27	43	62	35	21	51	43	123	535
Jet-ski	10	2		3		14	4	7	3	2	4	10	59	
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	328	169	2	156	136	268	222	133	129	145	108	401	2197	
Unspecified	24	8		13	7	12	11	7	5	8	8	20	123	

Purpose		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Charter fishing	157	87		84	71	94	111	64	63	84	61	216	1092
Charter pleasure	35	14	1	17	12	15	36	18	10	28	4	73	263	
Charter scuba	19	9		22	11	24	23	14	10	24	38	44	238	
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing	24	18		14	24	28	21	19	17	17	22	20	224	
Private fishing	140	40	2	36	29	124	74	42	38	17	21	151	714	
Private pleasure					1			2	1		1	1	6	
Private scuba										1			1	
Private spearfishing	2			1		2	1	2	1	3	1	3	16	
Other/ unspecified	47	36		40	22	50	33	21	18	32	15	46	360	
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>2914</b>	

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	10
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	9
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	80
	% days launched	78%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	5
	Proportion of night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	5.1
	Popular destination	G-53 49%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	61% bottomfish 33% gamefish	
	Diversity	41 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	1039	45.2%
	Englishman	367	15.9%
	Scotsman	157	6.8%
	Unspecified tuna	141	6.1%
	White-edged rockcod	124	5.4%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	1.24 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	91%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	12%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	95%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	88%
	Vessel type	96%	Targeting	5%
	Outing type	99%	Catch return	7%

**Comments** High level of site usage (used on 78% of days) but only three launches recorded in March 2022. Charter fishing (37%), private recreational fishing (25%), Charter pleasure trips (9%) and charter scuba diving (8%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species, especially slinger and Englishman. Reasonable compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination, targeting and catch returns which continued to be very poorly completed.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Ramsgate

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 20

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	4		2		1		2						7
Jet-ski	11	1	1	3	4	7	10		1	4	2	9		53
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	29	21	33	36	30	56	32	32	42	19	26	41		397
Unspecified	1		1		1	2	2	1	1	2	1	3		15

Purpose		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Charter fishing	1		4	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	5	
Charter pleasure														
Charter scuba			2											2
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing	9	10	17	23	19	33	9	9	9	9	9	5		161
Private fishing	32	12	12	14	15	28	34	11	18	8	13	40		237
Private pleasure						1	1	9	11	2	4	2		30
Private scuba														
Private spearfishing										1				1
Other/ unspecified	3		2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3			8	24
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>481</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	49
	% days launched	50%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	4.7
	Popular destination	E-53 79%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	77% bottomfish	
		21% gamefish	
	Diversity	28 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	1351	52.2%
	Englishman	210	8.1%
	Scotsman	209	8%
	Unspecified emperor	179	6.9%
	Unspecified rockcod	154	5.9%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
9.75 fish/outing			

2. In terms of averages

<b>Entries completed</b>	Date	100%	Outing purpose	96%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	17%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	100%	Return time	96%
	Vessel type	97%	Targeting	49%
	Outing type	99%	Catch return	73%

**Comments**  
Moderate level of site usage (used on 50% of days). Private recreational fishing (49%) and commercial fishing (33%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish species with good catches of slinger, Englishman and Scotsman reported. Continued good compliance with completion of launch register fields except destination.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Glenmore

**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 10

**Launch Site Licence Holder**  
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable	2						2	1			1		3
Jet-ski	3				1		1	2					3	10
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat	11	2	5	6	12	16	13	13	9	6	6	11	110	
Unspecified														

Purpose	Charter fishing									1		2	7	10
	Charter pleasure													
	Charter scuba													
	Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>													
	Commercial fishing				5	9	10	3	4	4	3			38
	Private fishing	14	2	5	2	3	7	13	9	4	4	4	9	76
	Private pleasure							1						1
	Private scuba													
	Private spearfishing								1					1
	Other/ unspecified	2											1	3
	<b>Total launches</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>129</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	1
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	2
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	26
	% days launched	24%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	3
	Proportion night launches	1%
	Proportion night beachings	1%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.1
	Popular destination	D-55 19%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	94% bottomfish	
		4% baitfish	
	Diversity	15 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	391	52.3%
	Scotsman	101	13.5%
	Unspecified emperor	69	9.2%
	Unspecified rockcod	62	8.2%
	Englishman	50	6.6%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
8.54 fish/outing			

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	98%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	80%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	98%
	No. persons	99%	Return time	95%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	37%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	74%

**Comments** Low level of site usage (used on 24% of days). Private recreational fishing (59%) and commercial fishing (29%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catch composition dominated by bottomfish with good catches of slinger and Scotsman reported. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting.

# BOAT LAUNCH SITE FEEDBACK

**Boat launch site:** Port Edward

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**Feedback period:** Jan – Dec 2022

**Daily launch limit:** 30

Vessel	No. of launches	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
	Inflatable		12	17	20	14	18	23	21	12	13	21	12	2
Jet-ski		6	5	8	2	6	3	3	1	2	1			37
Paddle-craft														
Ski-boat		53	16	42	21	58	35	36	27	24	29	32	13	386
Unspecified						1		2						3

Purpose														Total
	Charter fishing			1	1								1	2
Charter pleasure	5	12	18	12	15	16	15	9	11	19	11			143
Charter scuba		1		1			2							4
Charter whale/dol. <sup>1</sup>														
Commercial fishing	8	8	12	10	14	11	8	13	8	15	12	2		121
Private fishing	48	11	33	12	49	28	31	16	17	13	17	11		286
Private pleasure	1		1											2
Private scuba	2													2
Private spearfishing									1	2				3
Other/ unspecified	7	6	5	1	5	6	6	2	2	2	3			45
<b>Total launches</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>611</b>

1. Charter whale/dolphin viewing

General results	Launches/day <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekday <sup>2</sup>	3
	Launches/weekend day <sup>2</sup>	51
	% days launched	51%
	No. days limit exceeded	0
	Persons on vessel <sup>2</sup>	5
	Proportion night launches	0%
	Proportion night beachings	0%
	Duration of outing (hours) <sup>2</sup>	6.3
	Popular destination	D-55 5.5%

Recreational catch returns	Targeting	69% bottomfish 20% baitfish	
	Diversity	29 species	
	Main catch composition		
	Slinger	182	23.7%
	Scotsman	163	21.2%
	Poenskop	72	9.3%
	Cape yellowtail	41	5.3%
	Geelbek	40	5.2%
	Catch rate (retained fish)		
	2.4 fish/outing		

2. In terms of averages

Entries completed	Date	100%	Outing purpose	93%
	Boat name	100%	Destination	89%
	Boat No.	100%	Launch time	97%
	No. persons	98%	Return time	97%
	Vessel type	100%	Targeting	19%
	Outing type	100%	Catch return	47%

**Comments**  
Moderate level of site usage (used on 51% of days). Private recreational fishing (47%), charter pleasure trips (23%) and commercial fishing (20%) were the main reasons given for launching. Catches dominated by bottomfish species with good catches of slinger and Scotsman reported. Good compliance with completion of launch register fields except targeting.