

# **GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS FISHING IN GOA**

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## CHAPTER- I

### INTRODUCTION

Goa situated at the west coast of India, is known the world over for its beautiful beaches. Goa offer great scope for Sport Fishing activity as we have a coastline of 104kms and a continental shelf of 10,000 sq.km. Large numbers of Indian as well as foreign tourists visit the state for Sport Fishing. The demand for sport fishing activity has led to considerable rise in the fleet of sport fishing vessels in the state. Every kind of fishing activities is regulated under the provisions of Goa Marine Fishing Regulation Act and the rules framed there-under. However, there is no detailed legal framework in place governing the operation of Sport fishing vessels and sport fishing activity in the Goa for its long term promotion.

The main objective of this guideline is to create awareness among the ~~pubs~~ on the operational as well as safety aspects which need to be adhered to for safe and hassle free sports / game fishing in the state of Goa.

### **What is Sport Fishing?**

Sport Fishing is also called as “Recreational Fisheries, is fishing for pleasure or competition. It can be contrasted with commercial fishing, which is fishing for profit, or subsistence fishing, which is fishing for survival. Recreational fishing can be defined as fishing of aquatic animals (mainly fish) that do not constitute the individual’s primary resource to meet basic nutritional needs and are not generally sold or otherwise traded on export, domestic or black market (FAO, 2012).



## Objective of Sport fishing

1. Fishing for Recreation
2. fishing for promoting Fishery tourism
3. Generating employment and Revenue without commercial exploitation of fishery resources.
4. Adopting sustainable fishing practice.

The most common form of recreational fishing is done with a rod, reel, line, hooks and any one of a wide range of baits. Other devices commonly referred to as terminal tackle are also used to affect or complement the presentation of the bait to the targeted fish. Some examples of terminal tackle include weights, floats and swivels. Lures are frequently used in place of bait.



**Fishing rod**



**Fishing Reel**



**Fishing tackle**



**Popper**

## CHAPTER II

### Terms and Conditions:

1. The permission to construct/purchase sports fishing vessel shall be restricted to 01 nos. of sports fishing vessels per family.
2. Individual having 15 year domicile in Goa with a valid residence certificate issued by the Competent Authority shall be eligible for registration of Sports fishing vessel.
3. In case of registering the Sports fishing vessel in the name of the Company, all the members of the company shall have domicile in Goa for at least 15 years and shall furnish 15 years Residence certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
3. Horse power of outboard motor/inboard engine of Sport Fishing vessel shall be restricted up to 300 HP
4. Length of Sport Fishing vessel should not be less than 6mts and shall be restricted up to 15mts, shall also have a wheel house/cabin and safe sitting area for crew/passenger. It shall also have a proper space for installation of navigation and communication equipments.
5. Registered Sports fishing vessel shall be operated from 5km off the coast up to 12NM.
6. Shall not be allowed to operate in an inland waters of Goa.
7. The Sports fishing Vessel shall be registered under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
8. Interested applicant shall obtain prior permission from the Department of Fisheries for construction of Sport Fishing vessel.
9. The eligible applicant shall furnish the design plan of the Sports fishing vessel signed by the competent authority along with other documents mentioned in the form.

## CHAPTER III

### Procedure for Registration, Licensing and transfer of Sport Fishing vessel

Register the Sport Fishing Vessel under Merchant shipping Act 1958:

1. Interested applicant shall obtain prior permission from the Department of Fisheries for construction of Sport Fishing vessel on submission of following documents.
  - a) Application Form (**Annexure-I**)
  - b) Authorized Builder Quotation
  - c) Design plan duly signed by the competent authority
  - d) Authorised Invoice/Engine Quotation
  - e) Feasibility report of vessel
  - f) Letter from Bank if loan availed
  - g) Undertaking in prescribed format
  - h) Resident Proof (Aadhar Card)
  - i) 15 years residence certificate issued by the competent authority.
2. The applicant shall submit the following documents to the Authorised Officer for registration of Sport Fishing Vessel:
  - a) An application in form No. I and II under MS Act-1958 to the Authorized Officer.
  - b) All the relevant documents pertaining to purchase/construction of boat and engine in the form of invoice/bill/vouchers/sale deed etc.
  - c) The documentary evidence of all the fishing gears, equipment, accessories and any other materials on board.
  - d) Seaworthiness Certificate issued by the competent authority.

- e) Police Verification Certificate of Crew member of the boat.
  - f) Insurance copy of Sport Fishing Vessel, crew members and passengers (if any).
  - g) Inspection report of Authorized officer along with photograph of vessel and engine.
3. The applicant shall pay the prescribed fees to the Authorized Officer/Fisheries Officer of the concerned jetty for registration Sport fishing vessel.
  4. Real Craft Registration Certificate is to be collected from the concerned Authorized Officer.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **Other Services pertaining to Sports Fishing Vessel**

1. Application form for Change in Engine of Sports Fishing Vessel.
2. Application form for Permission to Transfer (Sell/Gift) the Sports Fishing Vessel.
3. Application form for cancellation of Certificate of Registration of Fishing Vessel.
4. Renewal of fishing Vessel License Certificate.
5. Issue of Duplicate Fishing Vessel Certificate.
6. Issue of Duplicate Vessel Registration Certificate.

## CHAPTER V

### Rules and Regulations:

1. Always keep onboard navigational lights in working condition.
2. Always keep onboard sufficient Life Saving Appliances (LSA), Fire Fighting Appliances (FFA) and Medical First Aid kits for individuals onboard.
3. The Sports fishing vessel shall be compulsorily installed with valid communication equipment's such as VTS/ Satellite based Transponder/VHF.
4. The fishing license shall be renewed every year on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of December every year as per the Goa Marine Fishing Regulation (Six Amendment) Rules, 2021 (Annexure VII).
5. Always carry onboard copy of Registration Certificate of the sports fishing vessel, Fishing License, Copy of QR coded Aadhaar card of the Crew members.
6. The passengers are not allowed to stay at sea onboard of any Sport Fishing Vessel at night after sunset.
7. The passengers onboard should possess any one of the valid identity proofs which includes Election Identity Card, Aadhaar Card, Passport and any other Identity cards issued by the Govt. agency.
8. Allow inspection of the boat, crews and verification of documents of the guest onboard by Authorize officer of Fisheries Department, Coast Guard /Coastal Police and Forest Department.
9. Always inform time of departure and expected time of arrival of sport fishing vessel to the concerned Authorized Officer, prior to sailing.
10. Furnish GPS log/ sailing details immediately on completion of each voyage to the Control Room of Fisheries Department.
11. Landing and berthing will be the responsibility of the applicant, prior permission shall be taken from respective competent authority for landing and berthing place.

## **Safety and Conservation Measures:**

1. Always operate the sport fishing vessel beyond 5kms from the coast.
2. Release the caught fish to the sea prior to gasping situation.
3. Operate sport fishing vessel only during fair weather.
4. Always carry crew & guest as per carrying capacity of the boat.
5. Passengers / tourists should not be permitted to drive/operate sport fishing vessel.
6. The tandel/incharge of the sports fishing vessel shall take the trip pass from the concerned Fisheries Officer/Authorized Officer.
7. The tandel/incharge of the fishing vessel shall maintain a record of the passengers details boarding on sports fishing vessel.
7. Report sighting of any suspicious activity / men while at sea to the coastal Police /Authorized Officer/Coast Guard immediately.
8. Always anchor the vessel in safe anchoring area.
9. Keep record of fish caught and released during each voyage in the prescribed format (Annexure-IV)
10. Catching or collection of all animals covered under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Act 53 of 1972), which includes fish, crustacean, shell fish, sea-cucumber, Sea grasses and Corals (dead or living) is prohibited.
11. Any fish caught which are covered under Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 must be released back to sea immediately as quickly as possible.
12. Report back to the base of operation on completion of the sailing.
13. Abide by all terms and conditions of fishing license as stipulated in Goa Marine Fishing Regulation (sixth amendment) Rules, 2021.

**Format for maintaining data towards the fish caught:**

1.	Name & Registration No. of the fishing vessel	
2.	Date of voyage	
3.	Fishing area	
4.	Gear used	
5.	Name, number and approximate weight of each fish caught	
6.	Time of catch	
7.	Time of release	
8.	Area of release	

**Format for maintaining data towards the voyage:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

1	Names of the passengers	1.
		2.
		3.
		4.
2	Age	
3	Nationality	
4	Identity proof submitted by the passenger	

