

# TANZANIA NATIONAL PARKS



## SPORT FISHING GUIDELINES



## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

Sport fishing is a unique “catch and release” activity conducted in specified areas of the national parks with water bodies. It is among the exciting recreational activities whereby a visitor will have a chance of catching a remarkable size of fish to challenge the existing park records.

These guidelines are developed so as to ensure this activity is conducted in a sustainable way that will finally enhance the visitors experience and expectations. The activity shall be practiced all year round.

## **2.0 AREA FOR THE ACTIVITY**

- i. As stipulated by GMP and guided by park official.

## **3.0 NUMBER OF BOATS**

A maximum of five (5) boats shall be allowed per day.

## **4.0 PERMIT AND LINCENSE REQUIREMENTS**

- i. The boats for the activity must be registered in Tanzania and must have valid licenses.
- ii. A sport fishing vessel must be certified by the relevant authority.

## **5.0 TYPE OF COMPENCE AND NUMBER OF STAFF REQUIRED**

- i. Boats must be operated by competent boat driver (s) (authorized by SUMMATRA ) who can assist tourists in case of emergency.
- ii. Each boat will be accompanied by armed Park Ranger.

**NB: Water dynamics impedes successful fishing exercise**

## **6.0 Environmental and social consideration issues**

- i. The exercise is “catch and release” and not otherwise –the maximum number of catch per person per trip shall be tree (3).
- ii. Trash in trash out system shall apply
- iii. Smoking is strictly prohibited on board.

## **7.0 SAFETY, SECURITY AND HEALTH CONSIDERATION**

- i. All tourists on board must wear life saving devices/ jackets
- ii. Boats for fishing must have all safety gears: including life jackets, ring buoys, first aid kit and firefighting equipment.
- iii. Each boat must have an armed Park Ranger.
- iv. Specific age allowed for the activity shall be 12 years and above.
- v. Signs and instruction manuals relating to safety issues shall be provided on board.
- vi. Communication devices such as radio calls must be on board.
- vii. All boats must be off the lake at Sunset.

## **8.0 DURATION OF THE ACTIVITY AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VISITORS**

- i. Maximum of four (4) hours for one fishing trip.
- ii. A boat shall have a maximum limit of eight (8) persons including the boat driver and park ranger.
- iii. Operational time shall be from 0600hrs to 1800hrs.

## **9.0 PAYMENT MODALITIES**

- i. Visitors shall pay applicable fee using Government electronic payment gateway (GePG-MoF), online, bank and mobile or any other approved means of payments. Guests/Visitors may reserve and make all the payment online through online TANAPA Portal available on website **[www.tanzaniaparks.go.tz/onlineportal](http://www.tanzaniaparks.go.tz/onlineportal)**.
- ii. Fees for the activity shall be in accordance to TANAPA tariffs as reviewed from time to time.
- iii. Fees once paid are non refundable.

## **10.0 INDEMNITY FORMS**

All visitors must fill and sign indemnity forms before commencement of the activity.

## **11.0 SPORT FISHING OPERATIONS**

- i. Boat driver/ authorized officer may (depending on weather conditions) decide to either reschedule the exercise or stop until when operating environment is conducive.
- ii. Authorized officer shall show specific areas to which sport fishing is to be done within the park boundaries.
- iii. The park shall be provided with information at least 12 hours before commencing the activity.

## **12.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITY**

Regular monitoring shall be carried out by park management to see if the activity complies with the operating guidelines and TANAPA regulations. Park management shall also conduct annual evaluation to assess the impact of the activity and recommend effective mitigation measures.

Review of the guidelines shall be carried out regularly as required.

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