RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCE

In order to carry out recreational fishing in the marine waters of Madeira, the practitioner or vessel must be licenced monthly/annually by the Regional Fisheries Directorate (the invoice-receipt of said licencing is valid as a licence).

(Licences issued for recreational fishing in mainland Portugal are not valid in Madeira.)

PLACES WHERE LICENCING CAN BE OBTAINED

- Via internet – Portal Simplifica

Simplifica.madeira.gov.pt > Culture and Leisure > Playful Fishing License > Request

- Lota do Funchal -Porto do Funchal

Rua Virgílio Teixeira - Funchal - Phone: +351 291 203200

- Direção Regional de Pescas
  (Regional Directorate of Fisheries)

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TYPES OF RECREATIONAL FISHING THAT REQUIRE A LICENCE

- Shore fishing
- Spearfishing
- Recreational boat fishing

* The harvesting of limpets for family purposes in land or sea areas is exempt from any license, (with a limit of 3kg / day /person).

LICENSING ISSUES

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DAILY CATCH LIMITS

Legally established limits on daily catch **according to the modality practised, the number of practitioners and the species caught.**

FISHING MODALITY	SPECIES	CATCH LIMIT
Manual Harvesting	Limpets*	3kg / day / person
	Sea Snails and others	5kg / day / person
Shore fishing	Fish, Cuttlefish, Octopus	10 Kg
The 5 heaviest specimens are not counted (Trophies)		
Spearfishing	Fish, Cuttlefish, Octopus	10 specimens
Maximum 5 per species		

*The harvest of limpets is prohibited between the 1st of November and the 31th of March, which corresponds to the closed season.

FISHING MODALITY	SPECIES	NO. OF PRACTITIONERS	FISHING LIMIT (OVERALL)
Boat Fishing	Squid, Ommastrephidae spp.	1	10 kg
		2	20 kg
		3	30 kg
		4	40 kg
		5 or more	45 kg

FISHING MODALITY	SPECIES	FISHING LIMIT (OVERALL)
All types	Lobsters, Slipper lobster, and Maja squinado (Santola crab)	2 specimens per specie/ day / person

FISHING MODALITY	SPECIES	NO. OF PRACTITIONERS	FISHING LIMIT	NO. OF HEAVIEST SPECIMENS NOT COUNTED (TROPHIES)
Boat Fishing	Fish, Cuttlefish, Octopus	1	10 kg	5
		2	20 kg	10
		3 or more	25 kg	15

LEGALLY REQUIRED MINIMUM SIZES

- In the case of recreational fishing, it is forbidden to retain on board, unload, transport, or store specimens of certain species that do not meet the legally established minimum size.

- The list of minimum sizes of fish, crustaceans and molluscs is set out in Annex II of Ordinance No 484/2016 of 14 November.

According to ICCAT recommendations the legal minimum sizes are:

*Atlantic Blue Marlin (Makaira nigricans) 251 cm;
Atlantic White Marlin (Tetrapturus albidus) 168 cm);

SPECIES WHICH ARE PROHIBITED TO CATCH AND RETAIN FOR THIS TYPE OF FISHING

- The capture or retention of certain specimens in recreational fishing is prohibited.

- The list of species whose capture and retention is prohibited is set out in Annex I of Ordinance No. 484/2016 of 14 November.

The specie Isurus oxyrinchus is prohibited to catch, retain on board, transport or unload.

*In recreational fishing the capture of species prohibited in commercial fishing is not allowed. Check the table that Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services provides (dgrm.mm.gov.pt) > Fisheries > professional Fishing > Species/minimum sizes/Closed Seasons > Table with the summary of prohibited species.

This leaflet does not exempt you from consulting the applicable legislation and its updates, namely:

Decreto Legislativo Regional n. °19/2016/M, de 20 de abril de 2016; Portaria n.° 484/2016, de 14 de novembro; Portaria n.° 384/2019, de 10 de julho; Declaração de retificação n.° 14/2019, de 12 de julho; Portaria n.° 609/2016, de 21 de dezembro; Portaria n.° 40/2016, de 17 de fevereiro; Portaria n.° 151/2022, de 22 de março; Council Regulation (UE) 2022/109, Regulation (UE) 2019/1241; ICCAT BIL 19-05.