

# Fishing Rules

1. Hooks:

The best hooks to use is from a no 3 to a no 8 hook preferably a circle hook, if a J-hook is used please use a corrosive kind take pliers and bend your barbs flat on both hooks for easier release.

2. Only one rod in the water per angler and only one hook per line per rod.

3. Plastic or drop shot is allowed. Best results are achieved by using a 2 ounce lead head with a 7 inch white and yellow minnow.

4. Fish handling:

You are here to enjoy the unique fishing within a restricted conservation area and you are expected to treat the fish with respect, no miss handling of fish will be tolerated. There will be helpers on the beach to assist with releasing the fish correctly.

5. When a fish is caught, please don't drag the fish on its side on the sand be it wet or dry.

6. Please don't put your hands into the fishes gills the fish don't like this.

7. The correct way of handling a fish is to place your rod in a rod stand which we will provide, rod stands will be placed in the surf zone in order to assist the angler in releasing the fish successfully, if the fish is hooked in the mouth area please remove the hook, place you hand under the fishes head and tail and place the fish back into the water deep enough to ensure it does not wash back up onto the beach. If you wish to take a picture of the fish support it in the same manner and ask a friend or staff member to snap a shot.

8. If the fish falls into dry sand please wash the sand off as leaving the sand on it will cause an infection resulting in death.

9. Please don't throw the fish back this is bad manners, soft release it rather
10. If a fish is hooked badly please call one of the guides in order to assist you in this regard. The fish might be hooked to badly and then we will keep it for supper. If the fish is not hooked that badly we will either assist in the release or cut the line for a safe release, as hooks are designed to rust out within a week or so.
11. We will all fish together no one may fish one side on their own as this makes work difficult for the guides.
12. Only size fish that have been hooked badly will be kept for eating.
13. No one under any circumstances is allowed to take any fish and mussels out of the concession area, so don't even ask. This is by Namibian Parks Law and individuals can be legally prosecuted.
14. The white fish tubs are there to assist if a fish is hooked badly.
15. Always do what your guide instructed you to do and if you are unsure ask for assistance?
16. Enjoy, Have fun and enjoy a piece of fishing heaven and help us keep it the way we found it for the next visitors.

**Namab Desert Tours Management**

