

Fishing Rights Allocation Process (FRAP) 2020

**Preparation for the allocation of the 2020
commercial fishing rights**

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Acronyms

LTRAMP = Long Term Rights Allocation Process (2005)

FRAP = Fishing Rights Allocation Process (2013 and 2015)

FPEs = Fish Processing Establishments

MLRA = Marine Living Resources Act (Act No. 18 of 1998)

CAF = Consultative Advisory Forum

FTC = Fisheries Transformation Council



Background

LTRAMP 2005

- In 2005/2006, long-term commercial fishing rights were allocated in terms of section 18 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act. No 18 of 1998) (MLRA) in 22 commercial fisheries sectors for periods ranging from 8, 10 and 15 years. Of these -:
 - Rights expired in 8 of these fishing sectors on 31st of December 2013 (8 year allocations);
 - Rights expired in 10 sectors at various times during 2015 (10 year allocations);
 - Rights will expire in 4 sectors on or before the 31st of December 2020 (15 year allocations).



Background (Continued)

FRAP 2013

On 30 December 2013, the Department allocated long-term commercial fishing rights in all eight (8) fishing sectors in which rights expired on 31 December 2013. These fishing rights were allocated for a period of 8 years and will therefore expire on or before the 31st of December 2020.

FRAP 2015

The Department has finalised the allocation of fishing right in 9 out of the 10 commercial sectors where rights expired at various times during 2015 (excluding abalone which has not been finalised). These rights were allocated for a period of 15 years and will therefore not form part of the 2020 allocation process. Some appeals are still in progress.



Background (Continued)

Transfer Policy

- On 31 July 2009, the Department gazetted the Transfer Policy through Government Gazette Notice No.: 32449. The Transfer Policy only applied to the transfer of commercial fishing rights, excluding subsistence fishing rights (small-scale), fish processing establishments, mariculture (marine aquaculture) rights or other non-consumptive rights or permits.

Fish Processing Establishments (FPEs)

- During the course of 2016 the Department has also begun to allocate rights to operate Fish Processing Establishments, both land and sea-based (previously these operated under exemption). Potential applicants can apply to operate a FPE facility at any time, and successful applicants are allocated rights for a 15 year period, commencing on the date of approval.



FRAP 2020

- Twelve (12) sectors that are due for allocation in terms of section 18 of the MLRA in 2020. These are:

(FRAP 2013)

1. KZN Prawn Trawl
2. Demersal Shark
3. Tuna-Pole Line
4. Hake Handline
5. Line Fish
6. White Mussels
7. Oysters
8. Squid

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9. Small Pelagics (Pilchard and Anchovy)
 10. Hake Deepsea Trawl
 11. Hake Longline
 12. South Coast Rock Lobster
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FRAP 2020 Sectors

Fishery Sector	Small-scale Species	Stock Status	Current No. of Right Holders
KZN Prawn Trawl	No	Optimal (Deep water prawns) Depleted (Shallow water) prawns	6
Demersal Shark	No	Optimal/ Depleted	9
Tuna Pole	No	Optimal	148
Hake Handline	Yes	Abundant	75
Linefish	Yes	Abundant (Hottentot Seabream) Optimal (Snoek; Yellowtail) Heavily Depleted (Dusky Kob; White Steenbras; Red Steenbras; Seventy-four)	424
White Mussels	Yes	Unknown	25
Oysters	Yes	Unknown	73
Squid	Yes	Optimal	91
Small Pelagic	No	Abundant (Anchovy) Depleted (Pilchards/Sardines)	93
Hake Deepsea Trawl	No	Optimal	50
Hake Longline	No	Optimal	113
South Coast Rock Lobster	No	Optimal	13



Fishing pressure



Heavy
Optimal
Light
Unknown

<p>St Joseph shark Oysters (Southern Cape) Mako sharks Requiem sharks Skates (various)</p>		<p>Smoothhound shark</p>	<p>Elf Harders Soupfin shark Yellowfin tuna (Ind. & Atl.) Bigeye tuna (Atl.)</p>	<p>Abalone Silver kob Dusky kob Red steenbras White steenbras</p>
<p>Cape horse mackerel Oysters (KZN) White mussel</p>	<p>Shallow-water hake</p>	<p>Bigeye tuna (Ind.) Deep-water hake Kingklip Squid Monkfish Snoek Patagonian toothfish Yellowtail Blue shark Carpenter Slinger Deep-water prawn Albacore (Ind. & Atl.) Swordfish (Ind. & Atl.)</p>	<p>Shallow-water prawn Sardine</p>	<p>Southern bluefin tuna (Ind. & Atl.) West Coast rock lobster</p>
<p>Agulhas sole</p>	<p>Anchovy Hottentot seabream Redeye round herring Seaweeds (non-kelp)</p>	<p>Kelp South Coast Rock lobster</p>		
<p>Santer Geelbek</p>				<p>Moratorium Seventy-four</p>

Unknown agriculture, forestry & fisheries Abundant Optimal Depleted Heavily depleted

Stock status



FRAP 2020 PREPARATIONS

- **Establishment of the Consultative Advisory Forum (“CAF”) and Fisheries Transformation Council (“FTC”):** The Minister will shortly, in terms of section 5 and section 29 of the MLRA, establish these 2 bodies.
- **Internal Review Process:** the Department has analysed the lessons learned from the FRAP 2015 process (successes; weaknesses; gaps and areas for improvement).
- **Review of Policies and Application Forms:** the Department will review the current General Policy, the 12 Sector Specific Policies and Application Forms as well as the Transfer Policy and the proposed schedule of fees. These will be put out for public consultation later in 2018.
- **Finalise the FRAP 2020 Roadmap:** by the middle of June 2018.
- **Appointment of the Delegated Authority:** The Minister has appointed the Deputy Director-General: Fisheries Management as the Delegated Authority for 2020.



FRAP 2020 PREPARATIONS (Continued)

- **Public Consultation Process:** Public consultations on the draft policies, application forms and proposed fees are anticipated to commence during the second half of the 2018/2019 financial year and to be finalised during the end 2018/2019 financial year.
- **Appointment of FRAP Project Teams:** The Delegated Authority has appointed in writing the members of the FRAP Project Teams
- **Creation of Capacity:** The Department has appointed FRAP staff on short-term contracts.



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