

FISHING

'HOW INAPPROPRIATE TO CALL THIS PLANET EARTH
WHEN IT IS QUITE CLEARLY OCEAN'.

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'IT IS THE SHEER VARIETY OF FISH SPECIES THAT SETS THE WATERS AROUND VAMIZI APART' Vamizi Island is surrounded by deep water and healthy coral reefs which provide a bountiful habitat for a multitude of fish species. More than 50 sport fishing varieties are present and, while some species are migratory, most do not have to venture far to feed and are present in large numbers year round.

The beauty of fishing at Vamizi is also in its remoteness - there are almost no other fishing boats in the area allowing Vamizi fishermen virtually exclusive rights to the waters.

The spectacular drop-offs and underwater pinnacles close to Vamizi are frequently home to large populations of blue water game fish including sailfish, yellowfin tuna, dogtooth tuna, wahoo, dorado, giant trevally and bluefin kingfish - to name just a few.

Fishing disciplines practiced at Vamizi include trolling/ trawling, jigging, live bait, popping, drop shot, bottom fishing and shore-based salt water fly fishing. Shore based fly fishing is permitted outside of the marine sanctuary on a catch and release basis only.

BOATS

A 28 foot Magnum with twin 150hp engines is the queen of the Vamizi fleet and is well designed to ensure a comfortable ride.

FISHING TACKLE

The boats come with strong and reliable blue water fishing tackle. Guests wishing to fly fish must bring their own tackle as this is not provided.

SEASONS

The fishing at Vamizi can be enjoyed year round although some species are more prolific at specific times of the year.

There are two trade winds that prevail along the Mozambique coast: the Kusi (Southern trade wind) blows from April to November and the Kaskazi (Northern trade wind) blows from December through to March. The winds play a big part in the migratory patterns of most pelagic game fish and, as a result, different times of the year are better for certain species (please see overleaf).



SPECIES AND SEASONS

YEAR ROUND FISHING

PEAK MONTHS

NOT AS COMMON NEAR VAMIZI

NOT PRESENT AT VAMIZI

WORLD RECORD

AFRICAN FISHING RECORD

	Weights (lbs)					Month									
	SPECIES	World Record	Vamizi Record	Jan	Feb	March	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
BIG GAME FISH	Sailfish	140	130												
	Shortbill spearfish	110	100												
	Broadbill swordfish	1400	600												
	Black marlin	1500	1000												
	Blue marlin	1300	750												
	Wahoo	150	122												
	Zambezi shark	700	450												
	Mako shark	700	450												
	Yellow-fin tuna	300	180												
	Dog-tooth tuna	260	194												
LESSER GAME FISH	Giant kingfish (Trevally)	175	175												
	Blue fin kingfish	25	25												
	Brassy kingfish	26	28												
	Black tip kingfish	30	22												
	Big eye kingfish	20	18												
	Yellow spot kingfish	48	43												
	Bludger kingfish	22	20												
	Golden kingfish	35	24												
	Threadfin mirrorfish	45	30												
	Indian mirrorfish	25	20												
	King mackerel	100	91												
	Prodigal son	130	90												
	Tropical yellowtail	130	120												
	Dorado	85	70												
	Greater barracuda	80	75												
	Pick-handle barracuda	40	38												
OUTER REEF FISH	Saddle-bar rock-cod	70	55												
	Leopard rock-cod	30	24												
	Malabar rock-cod	25	25												
	Coral rock-cod	20	18												
	Tomato rock-cod	15	12												
	Swallowtail rock-cod	15	12												
	Peacock rock-cod	5	4												
	Green job-fish	30	22												
	Rosy-cheek job-fish	50	50												
	Kawa-kawa	30	20												
	Bonito	40	22												
	Mangrove snapper	40	25												
	Twin-spot snapper	35	30												
	Speckled snapper	30	25												
	Hump-back snapper	12	8												
	Rainbow runner	35	15												
	Needlescale queenfish	10	9												
	African pompano	35	30												
	Long fin pompano	8	5												
	Largespot pompano	8	5												
	Garfish	15	10												
	Milkfish	25	22												
	Bonefish	20	10												