



# environment, forestry & fisheries

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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the aDDG: Fisheries has approved the initial small pelagic TAC for the 2021 season. Current approvals is now as follows:

## ALLOCATED

**INITIAL Anchovy TAC:** : 252 000t

Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with anchovy directed catches): : 6 000t  
Not to be targeted

## ALLOCATED

**INITIAL Directed Sardine TAC:** : 8 500t (100% EAST of Cape Agulhas ONLY)  
**(NIL Directed Sardine TAC west of Cape Agulhas)**

\* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with sardine directed catches) : NIL  
Not to be targeted

## Pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's)

**Anchovy** TAB for sardine-only Right Holders : 500t  
Not to be targeted and applicable when a sardine permit is issued

### **Red Eye :**

Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits : 100 000t

\*\*Adult Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with directed Red eye and anchovy fishing): : 1 500t  
Not to be targeted

\* Juvenile Sardine by-catch allowance (associated with directed SARDINE and Red eye fishing) : 250t  
Not to be targeted

**Horse Mackerel** : 8 762t  
Not to be targeted

**Lantern and Lightfish** (Combined) : 50 000t  
Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits

\* Juvenile – smaller and equal (≤) than 14cm total length

\*\* Adult – bigger (>) than 14cm total length

Additional:

- 1) The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Tony van Boom – 082 5562 135 and [TonyV@luckystar.co.za](mailto:TonyV@luckystar.co.za)) should continue to take appropriate steps to attempt to keep the sardine by-catch as low as possible by avoiding areas where a relatively high proportion of sardine is found mixed with anchovy schools. Also, refer to permit conditions related to horse/chub mackerel management and the necessary communication procedures via the Chief Area Controller.
- 2) RH's must confirm 2020 catches before final permits will be issued. 2020 TACs exceeding (should there be any) will be deducted as per permit conditions after verification with the Right Holder.
- 3) Island closures (covered in permit conditions):
  - a. St Croix Island - Closed 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.
  - b. Dassen Island - Closed 15 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 and 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021
  - c. Robben Island - Closed 15 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
- 4) Exemptions as per COVID-19 are applicable as per relevant Departmental communique and media statements.
- 5) Any adult sardine caught as a by-catch with directed round herring operations in which the proportion of adult sardine is > 50%, will be deducted from the Exemption Right Holder directed sardine TAC as per sardine categorization in the exemption permit conditions – regardless if caught East or West of Agulhas.

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Yours sincerely



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