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Dear Small Pelagic Right Holder

Please be advised that the DDG: Fisheries has approved initial small pelagic anchovy and sardine TACs, TABs, and Pools for the 2023 season as follows:

<u>ALLOCATED</u>	
<u>Anchovy TAC:</u>	: 247 000t
Juvenile Pilchard By Catch ≤14cm (associated with anchovy directed catches): Not to be targeted	: 12 500t
<u>ALLOCATED</u>	
<u>Directed Sardine TAC:</u>	: 39 000t
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 14 000t or 35.897% - 10% = 12 600t to be caught west of Cape Agulhas and Maximum of 25 000t or 64.102% - 10% = 22 500t to be caught east of Cape Agulhas 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sardine reserve to be later split and allocated between directed >14 cm sardine TAC west of Cape Agulhas, and the ≤14 cm sardine TAB with directed anchovy fishing 	: 4 000t
<u>Pools and precautionary upper catch limitations (PUCL's)</u>	
<u>Anchovy</u> TAB for sardine-only Right Holders Not to be targeted and applicable when a sardine permit is issued	: 100t (for the full year)
<u>Red Eye :</u> Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits	: 100 000t
Adult Pilchard By Catch ≥14cm (associated with directed Red eye and anchovy fishing): Not to be targeted	: 5 000t
Juvenile Pilchard By Catch ≤14cm (associated with directed SARDINE and Red eye fishing): Not to be targeted	: 1 000t
<u>Horse Mackerel</u> Not to be targeted	: 6 200t (for the full year)
<u>Lantern and Lightfish</u> (Combined) Target species when in possession of issued anchovy or sardine permits	: 25 000t

Additional:

The pelagic industry (through the Chief Area Controller Mr. Tony van Boom – 082 5562 135 and 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.

Kindly email: JdeGoede@dfre.gov.za for enquiries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JdeGoede', written in a cursive style.

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