



**SOUTH AFRICAN  
DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION  
&  
ALL AFRICAN DEEP SEA ANGLING**



## **Record Categories**

### **General Information:**

SADSAA and ALL African record requirements are totally aligned with the IGFA Rules and Requirements and any changes to the IGFA Rules and Requirements will automatically apply all SADSAA and ALL African record requirements. The IGFA effective date will be used as the SADSAA and ALL African effective date in the event changes or additions are done to the IGFA Rules and Requirements.

SADSAA maintains records for saltwater fish caught from a vessel at sea in All-Tackle, All-Tackle Length, Line Class, Tippet Class and Junior and Smallfry categories. In order to qualify for a record, a catch must be a minimum of 0.453 kilograms (1 pound) in weight and must outweigh the existing record by the required amount or meet the minimum weight requirement for vacant records.

No applications will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or small bodies of water that are stocked with fish for commercial purposes. The Intent of this rule shall prevail and SADSAA retains the right to determine its applicability on a case-by-case basis. The catch must not be at variance with any Laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.

When an additional species of game fish is made eligible for All-Tackle Length, Line Class, Tippet Class, Junior or Smallfry world records, the effective date will be announced by the SADSAA. Fish caught on or after the effective date will be eligible for records. Announcement of an additional species in the World Record Game Fishes book or in other IGFA communications will be considered proper notification in lieu of any other notice.

If an angler submits more than one application for the same record, caught on the same day, only the heaviest or longest of the fish will be accepted.

## **SADSAA Record Applications**

Only anglers affiliated to SADSAA can apply for **SADSAA** All-Tackle, All-Tackle Length, Line Class, Tippet Class and Junior and Smallfry record categories provided the record is available and they meet the requirements set out in the document.

## **All Africa Record Applications**

All anglers that permanently resident in Africa can apply for **All Africa** All-Tackle, All-Tackle Length, Line Class, Tippet Class and Junior and Smallfry record categories provided the record is available and they meet the requirements set out in the document.

SADSAA affiliated anglers can also apply for an All Africa record, provided the record is available and they meet the requirements set out in the document.

## **All-Tackle**

All-Tackle Records are kept for the heaviest fish of a species caught by an angler in any Line Class up to 60 kilograms (130 pounds). ALL-Tackle record claims are considered for all species of fish caught according to the IGFA International Angling Rules.

Applications for All-Tackle species not currently included in the IGFA Line Class and Tippet Class listings must meet the following criteria:

1. The fish must represent a valid species with a recognized scientific name.
2. The fish must be identifiable based on photos and other supporting data presented with the application.
3. The fish must be considered "trophy-sized." A rule of thumb is that the weight must fall within the top half of the maximum reported weight for the species. If no maximum weight is available, it must fall within the top half of the maximum reported Length for the species. Maximum reported weight and Length for species may be found at [www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org) or from other reputable sources.

## **All-Tackle Length**

All-Tackle Length Records are kept for the longest fish of each eligible species caught according to the IGFA International Angling Rules in any Line Class up to 60 kilograms (130 pounds) and released alive.

## **Junior**

Junior Records are kept for the heaviest fish of each eligible species in any Line Class up to 60 kilograms (130 pounds). Junior records are kept for both male and female anglers ages 11-16. All species recognized for Line Class records and Tippet Class records are also recognized for Junior records. All IGFA International Angling Rules apply, with the exception that fish do not have to be weighed on land.

## **Smallfry**

Smallfry Records are kept for the heaviest fish of each eligible species in any Line Class up to 60 kilograms (130 pounds). Smallfry records are kept for both male and female anglers ages 10 and under. All species recognized for Line Class records and Tippet Class records are also recognized for Smallfry records. All IGFA International Angling Rules apply, with the exception that fish do not have to be weighed on land.

## **Line Class**

Line Class world records are kept for each eligible species according to the breaking strength of the first 5 meters (16.5 feet) of line directly preceding the double Line, Leader or hook. This section must be comprised of a single, homogeneous piece of line. For all Line Class records, the weight of the fish must be at least 50% of the of the US Pounds Line Class used to make the catch.

## **Tippet Class**

Tippet Class records are kept for the eligible species according to the breaking strength of the class tippet. For all Tippet Class records, the weight of the fish must be at least 50% of the US Pounds Tippet Class used to make the catch.

Records are kept in the following Line and Tippet classes:

<b>Line Classes</b>			<b>Tippet Classes</b>		
<b>Metric Kilograms</b>	<b>U.S. Pounds</b>	<b>Min Fish Weigh (kg)</b>	<b>Metric Kilograms</b>	<b>U.S. Pounds</b>	<b>Min Fish Weigh (kg)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.91</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.27</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.72</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.54</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6.80</b>			
<b>24</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11.34</b>			
<b>37</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>18.14</b>			
<b>60</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>29.48</b>			

## Line Testing

SADSAA tests all line and tippet samples submitted with record claims using the metric system, which varies slightly from the imperial measurement system. For example, the imperial measurement system equivalent of 4 kilograms is 8.81 pounds. Thus, Line designated by the manufacturer as 8-poundclass Line may test up to 8.81 pounds (4 kilograms) to qualify for a 4-kilogram (8-pound) Line Class record. The imperial measurement system equivalents in pounds for the metric Line Classes are as follows:

<b>Line Classes</b>	
<b>Metric Kilograms</b>	<b>U.S. Pounds</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2.20</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4.40</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>6.61</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>8.81</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>13.22</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>17.63</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>22.04</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>33.06</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>52.91</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>81.57</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>132.27</b>

# Record Catch Regulations

## General Information

1. All protested applications for South African/All African records or disputed existing records will firstly be referred to the SADSAA Action Committee for review. The Action Committee reviewing powers shall involve a limited re- hearing to ensure whether the procedure adopted by the SADSAA Records Officer was formally correct. Any such Action Committee decision may be taken on further review to the SADSAA Council, who may in its sole discretion refuse to consider an application for a review if there are special circumstances to do so, in which event the Action Committee's decision shall be final.. All SADSAA decisions will be based upon the intent of the regulations.
2. Any and all claims and/or disputes regarding the application of the IGFA International Angling Rules shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa. In the event that parties to the claim/dispute are unable to mutually resolve any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, in connection with, or in relation to the IGFA International Angling Rules, such dispute, controversy or claim shall be resolved by arbitration as provided in clause 24 of the SADSAA's Constitution, *mutatis mutandis*.
3. In the event that it shall become necessary for any party to take action of any type whatsoever to enforce the terms of the IGFA International Angling Rules, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all its costs, including legal costs on the attorney and own client scale, costs, and expenses, including all out-of-pocket expenses that are not taxable as costs, incurred in connection with any such action, including any negotiations, mediations, arbitrations, litigation, and appeal.
4. SADSAA will not recognize or approve any Record application where a financial award is offered for obtaining the record.
5. In some instances, a SADSAA officer, a SADSAA representative or a representative from a local SADSAA member club may be asked to re-check information supplied on a record application. Such action is not to be regarded as doubt of the formal affidavit, but rather as corroboration of the evidence indicative of the extreme care with which SADSAA investigates and maintains its records.

## Species Identification

1. Photographs must be submitted by which positive identification of the exact species can be made. Read the photographic requirements at the end of this section. Applications without photographs will not be accepted.
2. If there is the slightest doubt that the fish cannot be properly identified from the photographs and other data submitted, the fish should be examined by an ichthyologist or qualified fishery biologist before a record application is submitted to SADSAA. The scientist's signature, title and qualifications should appear on the record application form or on a separate document confirming the identification of the species.

3. If a scientist is not available, the fish should be retained in a preserved or frozen condition until a qualified authority can verify the species or until notified by SADSAA that the fish no longer needs to be retained.
4. If no decision can be made from the photographs and the angler can provide no further proof of the identification of the species, the record claim will not be considered.

## **Witnesses to Catch**

On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are highly desirable. It is important that the witnesses can attest to the angler's compliance with the IGFA International Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations.

## **Minimum Weight Requirements**

For all Line Class and Tippet Class categories, the catch must weigh at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  as much as the Line Class or Tippet Class. For example, a fish entered for the 6-kilogram (12-pound) Line Class or Tippet Class category must weigh a minimum of 2.72 kilograms (6 pounds).

## **Weights needed to defeat or tie existing record**

1. To replace a record for a fish weighing less than 11.33 kilograms (25 pounds), the replacement must weigh at least 56.69 grams (2 ounces) more than the existing record.
2. To replace a record for a fish weighing 11.33 kilograms (25 pounds) or more, the replacement must weigh at least one half of one percent more than the existing record. For an existing record weighing 45.35 kilograms (100 pounds), the additional weight required to defeat the record would be 226.7 grams (8 ounces).
3. A catch that matches the weight of an existing record or exceeds the weight by less than the amount required to defeat the record will be considered a tie. In the case of a tie claim involving more than two catches, the weight must be compared with the original record (i.e., the first fish caught). No catch weighing less than the original record will be considered.

## **Time Limits on Claims**

With the exception of All-Tackle Records, claims for record fish caught in South Africa. continental waters must be received by SADSAA within 60 days of the date of catch. Claims for record fish caught in other African waters for All Africa Records must be received by SADSAA within 90 days of the date of catch.

## **Weighing Requirements**

1. All fish submitted for record consideration must be weighed on scales that have been certified for accuracy by government agencies or other qualified and accredited organizations within the past 12 months. Disinterested witnesses to the weight should be used whenever possible. If at the time of weighing the fish the scale has not been properly certified within the past twelve months, it must be checked and certified for accuracy as

quickly as possible, and an official report stating the findings of the inspection prior to any adjustment of the scale must be included with the record application.

2. The weight of the sling, platform or rope (if one is used to secure the fish on the scales) must be determined and deducted from the total weight.
3. No estimated weights will be accepted. With the exception of Junior and Smallfry records, fish must be weighed on land.
4. Only weights indicated by the graduations on the scale will be accepted. Visual fractionalizing of these graduations is not allowed. Any weights that fall between two graduations on the scale must be rounded to the lower of the two.
5. SADSAA reserves the right to require any scale to be re-certified for accuracy if there are any indications that the scale might not have weighed correctly.

## **Preparation of Claims**

***To apply for a record, the angler must submit a complete application form, the mandatory length of line and terminal tackle (described below) used to catch the fish, and acceptable photographs of the fish, the rod and reel used to catch the fish, the scale used to weigh the fish, and the angler with the fish.***

### Application Form

A current, official SADSAA or All Africa record application form must be used for record claims.

When making any record claim, the angler must indicate the specified strength of the line or tippet used to catch the fish. In the cases of Line Class and Tippet Class records, this will place the claim in a Line or Tippet Class category (see Line Class and Tippet Class categories). All lines and tippets will be examined by SADSAA to verify the specified strength of the line. If the line or tippet over tests its class, the application will be considered in the next highest class. If the line or tippet under tests into a lower Line or Tippet Class, the application will not be considered for the lower Line Class or Tippet Class. The heaviest Line Class permitted for saltwater records is 60 kilograms (130 pounds). The heaviest Tippet Class permitted for Tippet Class records is 10 kilograms (20 pounds). If the line or tippet over tests these maximum strengths, the claim will be denied.

Extreme care should be exercised in measuring the fish, as the measurements are often important for weight verification and scientific studies. See the measurement diagram on the record application to be sure the fish is measured correctly.

The angler is responsible for obtaining the necessary signatures and correct addresses of the boat captain (where applicable), weighmaster (where applicable) and witnesses on the application. If a SADSAA officer or representative, or an officer or member of an SADSAA club is available, he or she should be asked to witness the claim. The angler must appear in person before a qualified authority to have an application notarized. In locations where notarization is not possible or customary, the signature of a government official, a member of an embassy, legation or consular staff or a SADSAA officer or representative may replace notarization.



Any deliberate falsification of an application will disqualify the applicant for any future Record and any existing records will be nullified.

## **Line or Tippet Sample**

All applications caught on fly fishing tackle must be accompanied by the fly, the entire tippet and the entire leader connected in one piece.

All applications caught on conventional tackle must be accompanied by the entire leader (including the hook(s)), the double line and at least 5 meters (16.5 feet) closest to the double line, leader or hook. All line samples and the leader (if one is used) are to be submitted in one piece. Broken or incomplete line samples must be accompanied by a full explanation. SADSAA reserves the right to reject applications with broken line samples that prevent it from testing the breaking strength and/or verifying the length of the double line and leader. If a lure is used with the leader, the leader should be cut at the eye attachment to the lure. Each line sample must be submitted in a manner that it can be easily unwound without damage to the line. A recommended method is to take a rectangular piece of stiff cardboard and cut notches in two opposite ends. Secure one end of the line to the cardboard and wind the line around the cardboard through the notched areas. Secure the other end, and write your name and the specified strength of the line on the cardboard. Any line sample submitted that is tangled or cannot be easily unwound will not be accepted.

## **Photographic Requirements**

Photographs showing the full length of the fish, the rod and reel used to make the catch, and the scale used to weigh the fish must accompany each record application. A photograph of the angler with the fish is also required.

For species identification, the clearest possible photos should be submitted. This is especially important in the cases of hybrids and fishes that may be confused with similar species. Shark applications should include a photograph of the shark's teeth and of the head and back taken from above in addition to the photographs taken from the side. Whether the shark has or does not have a ridge between the dorsal fins should be clearly evident in this photograph for identification purposes.

For best results, photograph the fish broadside to the camera so that no part of the fish is obscured. The fins should be fully extended and not obscured with the hands in cases where the number of spines and rays need to be counted. When photographing a fish lying on its side, the surface beneath the fish should be smooth and a ruler or marked tape placed beside the fish if possible. Photographs from various angles are most helpful. An additional photograph of the fish on the scale with actual weight visible is also helpful.

It is important that we have clear, publishable photographs of the fish and the angler, including action shots, if available. Original, high resolution digital files are preferred and will assist the SADSAA in publicizing the record catch. SADSAA encourages anglers to release record fish

whenever possible and we prefer to see photos of fish carefully being held horizontally, and not vertically, to prevent harming the fish.

## Conversion Formulas for Weights & Measures

Persons submitting record claims are required to provide the weights and measurements of the fish in the units in which they were taken. The following formulas are provided for your information.

Weights					Measures				
Ounces	X	28.349	=	Grams	Inches	X	25.4	=	Millimeters
Ounces	X	.02835	=	Kilograms	Inches	X	2.54	=	Centimeters
Pounds	X	453.59	=	Grams	Feet	X	30.48	=	Centimeters
Pounds	X	.45359	=	Kilograms	Feet	X	0.3048	=	Meters
Grams	X	.0353	=	Ounces	Millimeters	X	.03937	=	Inches
Grams	X	.002	=	Pounds	Centimeters	X	.3937	=	Inches
Kilograms	X	35.2736	=	Ounces	Centimeters	X	.0328	=	Feet
Kilograms	X	2.2046	=	Pound	Meters	X	39.27	=	Inches