

Summary of the regulations in the decree dated 23 September 1999 on the creation of the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio

<div>PG</div> General perimeter			
<div>zone de PR</div> Reinforced protection zone			
<div>zone de NP</div> No-take zone			
	<div>PG</div>	<div>PR</div>	<div>NP</div>
Go line fishing	<div>✓</div>	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>✗</div>
Go drag fishing	<div>✓</div>	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>✗</div>
Go rod and reel fishing	<div>✓</div>	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>✗</div>
Go underwater fishing	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Transport a harpoon gun	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>Ⓡ</div>
Use two bow nets or racks maximum	<div>✓</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Go trawl line fishing	<div>✓</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Have diving and underwater fishing equipment on board	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Take sea urchins	<div>Ⓡ</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Take protected species	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>	<div>✗</div>
Respect regulations!	<div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div>	<div>✓</div>
<div>✓</div> Authorised	<div>Ⓡ</div> Regulated	<div>✗</div> Prohibited	



General regulations

Marine recreational fishing is authorised in France on a purely recreational basis.

Whatever the type of marine recreational fishing (on foot, on the shore, underwater or on board a boat), 24 species must from now on be marked by ablation on the lower part of the caudal fin. These include sea bass, royal sea-bream, capon, bonito, sea bream, bluespotted seabream, yellow tuna or white seabream.



On board boats, the following equipment is authorised: rigged lines as long as all the lines used for fishing are equipped with a maximum of 12 hooks (1 lure being equivalent to 1 hook), two trawl lines each with 30 hooks maximum, two bow nets or racks, an eel fork, a scoop, a grapple and 3 electric line-transfer machines or winches with a maximum power of 800 watts each.

Having scuba diving respiratory equipment and underwater fishing equipment on board at the same time is prohibited.

In Corsica and the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio, the removal of sea urchins is limited to 3 dozen per fisherman and per day. The authorized sea urchin fishing period is defined by prefectural decree (information available from the nature reserve).

Contacts

Where should you make your declaration?

Offices are run by commissioned and sworn agents of the natural reserve so that you can complete your declaration.

Information and opening times on (0)6 21 01 55 83 or the website at www.rnbb.fr

Where should you get your permit?

A named fishing permit in the areas subject to authorisation can be issued by the Direction Interrégionale de la Mer Méditerranée en Corse, as long as you have previously made your declaration to the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio.

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Marine recreational fishing
Natural Reserve
of the Strait of
Bonifacio
2014 regulations



Covering nearly 80 000 mainly marine hectares, the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio was created on 23 September 1999 by ministerial decree.

In addition to national regulations, marine recreational fishing is regulated there by decree dated 23 September 1999 and by prefectural decrees.

Within the nature reserve:

- marine recreational fishing is subject to declaration and limited to 5kg per day and per fisherman;
- underwater fishing is limited to 8 fish per day and per fisherman.

In the reinforced protection zones:

- marine recreational fishing is limited to use of a handline, dragging or throwing from a boat or the shore (except on the islands and small islands), except for three zones where it prohibited and is subjected to personal authorisation;
- underwater fishing is prohibited.

In the no-take zones, any form of fishing is prohibited.

To see which regulations apply to the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio, visit www.rnbb.fr



Under prefectural decree no. 2014127-0003 dated 7 May 2014, marine recreational fishing in the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio is subject to declaration.

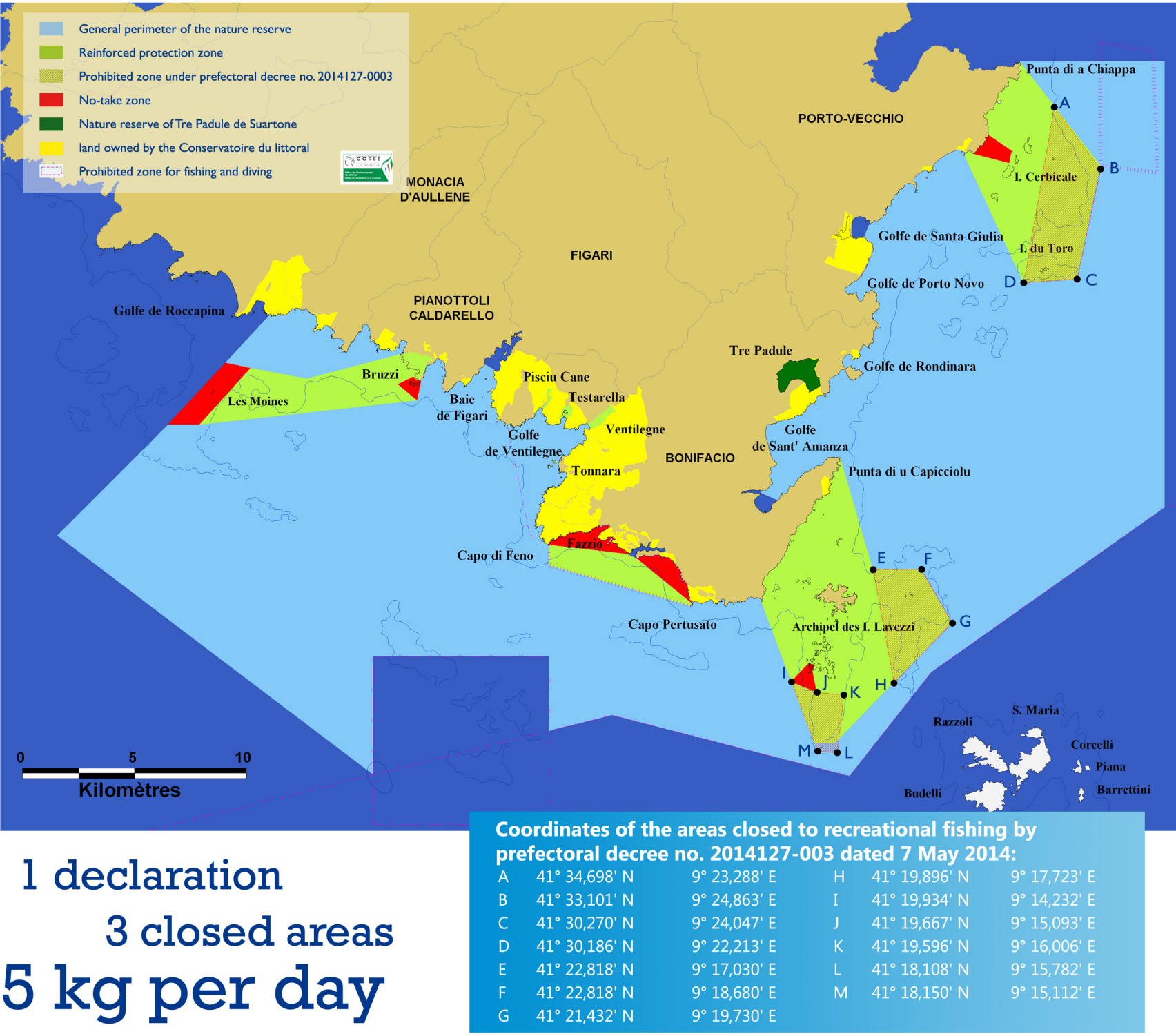
This will result in the issuing of an individual annual certificate by the nature reserve’s agents and must be available for inspection.

Marine recreational fishing is prohibited in zones ABCD, EFGH and IJKLM. For scientific research purposes, an annual personal authorisation can however be delivered on a case-by-case basis by the Corsican prefect, subject to having first made a fishing declaration to the nature reserve.

Within the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio, except for the specific scheme applicable to underwater fishing, a total catch of 5 kilograms is authorised per fisherman and per day.

Where a fish is caught which weighs more than 5 kg, the fisherman shall not be entitled to take away another catch on the same day.

The limitation does not apply to squid, conger eels, moray and sarang.



1 declaration

3 closed areas

5 kg per day

Underwater fishing

For people aged 16 years or older and holding a civil liability insurance certificate or a scuba diving licence for the current year.

In the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio, underwater fishing is subject to declaration and authorised solely within the general perimeter. It is strictly prohibited in the reinforced protection and no-take zones.

It can only be carried out using a harpoon gun (the use of any other weapon such as underwater or surface scooters, nets, lines, lamps, etc.) between sunrise and sunset.

The number of fish caught is limited to 8 per fisherman and per day, regardless of species.

Catching the species listed below is subjected to a minimum size:

- common sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax*): 30 cm;
- capon (*Scorpanea scrofa*): 30 cm;
- conger eel (*Conger conger*): 60 cm;
- royal sea-bream (*Sparus aurata*): 23 cm;
- sand steenbras (*Lithognathus mormyrus*): 20 cm;
- forkbeard (*Phycis blennoids*): 30 cm;
- red mullet (*Mullus* spp.): 15 cm ;
- white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*): 23 cm;
- soles (*Solea* spp.): 24 cm.

Underwater fishermen are not permitted to approach within 150 metres of ships or trawlers whose presence is signalled by visible beacons.

Protected species



Catching or keeping any specimen of giant patella (*Patella ferruginea*), large mother-of-pearl (*Pina nobilis*), ham mussel (*Pina pernula*), common piddock (*Litholophaga lithophaga*) or Mediterranean slipper lobster (*Scyllarides latus*) is strictly prohibited.

Recreational fishing in any form of four species of groupers (brown, grey, royal and Brazilian groupers) and underwater fishing of the wreckfish are strictly prohibited.

Recreational fishing in any form of the brown meagre (*Sciaena umbra*) is prohibited. Collecting red coral is prohibited. Catching any shellfish while underwater fishing is strictly prohibited in the Natural Reserve of the Strait of Bonifacio.

In the sea waters around Corsica, recreational fishing of european lobster, red and pink lobsters, spider crab, seahorse and porcelain is prohibited (prefectural decree n°2014177-0001 dated 26 june 2014).

Failure to follow marine recreational fishing legislation is subject to a fine of 22 500 euros maximum and may result in the seizure of the equipment and materials used to commit the offence.