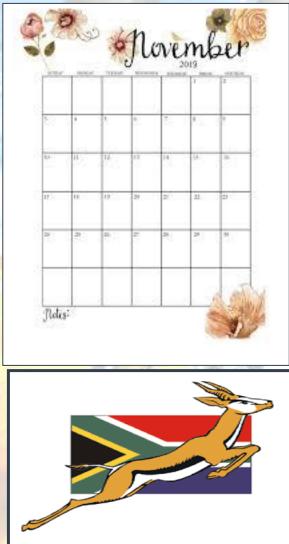
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Newsletter / Nuusbrief: November 2019

UIT DIE VOORSITTER SE PEN / CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Mr President, NDAC Committee and Members

The 42nd Mercury OET Bill & Gamefish Tournament started last week with only two and a half days of fishing. The conditions were tough with some nice gamefish, Eight Marlin and one Sailfish caught for the week.

The next tackle box will be held at the club house early next year and details will be made available soonest by WhatsApp. I urge all members to attend these events for a bit of fun, making new friends and catching up with some old ones.

Well done to our angler of the month, Bouwer Opperman with a nice Yellowfin Tuna weighing in at 29.26Kg caught off Santa Maria Mozambique in September.

Please send your photos and stories to ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za to be published in the monthly newsletter.

To all our members celebrating their birthdays in November. May it be a memorable day and a blessed year.

Good luck to all our members who will be taking part in the 2019 SADSAA Billfish Nationals. I sincerely hope the weather plays along and may there be good catches for the week.

Yours in Angling

Sam Botha

NDAC Chairman

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What If There Were No Sharks?

What would the oceans look like if all the sharks disappeared?

Sharks are magnificent predators that represent an impressive evolutionary success story. They've swum the oceans for more than 400 million years, diversifying over time to inhabit rivers and lakes as well. About 500 known species are alive today, and there are likely even more yet to be discovered.

Sharks can be huge, like the massive whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*); or human-hand-size, like the pocket shark (*Mollisquama parini*). However, it's the **great white** shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) that typically commands the public's imagination. These sharks have a reputation for aggressiveness toward people, shaped by decades of terrifying portrayals in movies. In fact, these fearful pop-culture portraits of great whites are so pervasive that they might lead some people to wonder if the world would be better off with no sharks at all. Sharks make their homes in ecosystems around the world, including shallow mangrove habitats, tropical coral reefs, frigid Arctic waters and the vastness of the open ocean. Regardless of where sharks live or how big they are, all of them are predators and, therefore, are vitally important to the health of their habitats.

Fish-hunting sharks weed out weak and sick individuals, ensuring that the fish population remains healthy and at a size that the habitat's resources can support. These fearsome predators can even help to preserve their ecosystems through their presence alone. For example, tiger sharks (*Galeocerdo cuvier*) that live in seagrass meadows scare away turtles and keep them from overgrazing the vegetation, she explained. Sharks also play a role in regulating oxygen production in the ocean, by feeding on fish that devour oxygen-generating plankton.

Coral reef environments are another good example of sharks' importance for overall biodiversity and ecosystem health. If the sharks disappear, the little fish explode in population, because nothing's eating them. Pretty soon, their food — plankton, microorganisms, little shrimps — all of that is gone, so all the little fish ultimately starve. When that happens, algae and bacteria move into the reef, covering the coral so that it can't photosynthesize. The coral will die, leaving just its skeleton behind, which eventually turns into limestone. Then, in come the animals like starfishes and sea urchins; we call those grazers. So instead of a bunch of different species — sharks, bony fishes, invertebrates and mollusks — you end up with a reef with four to five species in it, tops. That's a dead reef.

Sharks serve another important role in ocean food webs: They are food for marine carnivores. Dead great white sharks that washed up on South African beaches without their livers were thought to have been victims of orca attacks. Even octopuses are known to feed on sharks.

Migrating sharks, such as the gray reef shark (*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*), also provide nourishment for organisms in multiple locations in the ocean, by leaving behind generous helpings of their nitrogen-rich poo. In fact, gray reef shark forays between coastal waters and the deep sea in the Pacific Ocean's Palmyra Atoll bring the reef more than 200 lbs. (95 kilograms) of nutritious nitrogen per day.



A murky future.....

Approximately 25% of all shark, skate and ray species are currently threatened with extinction. Because sharks have few babies and are slow to mature, their numbers aren't replenishing quickly enough to keep up with losses from commercial fishing. In recent decades, some shark populations have declined by up to 90%, reflecting an unsustainable trend of overexploitation in ocean habitats. Many species also face the loss of habitats, with refuge areas such as mangroves being destroyed to accommodate our growing human population, and habitats such as seabed's and reefs being damaged by destructive fishing methods such as trawling.

But sharks may be running out of time. And if they were to disappear, the repercussions on ocean food webs would ultimately affect humans, too. Fisheries may collapse, with artisanal fishers being the likely most affected, and popular tourism destinations which rely on sharks to attract tourists will also suffer greatly.

It's important to understand that as much as our oceans need sharks, so do we!!!



Major consequence if sharks disappear, is that many marine species would face extinction. Marine species would face extinction is because when sharks are not around to consume other predators, those predator populations grow exponentially.

They Keep Ecosystems in Balance

As apex predators, sharks play an important role in the ecosystem by maintaining the species below them in the food chain and serving as an indicator for ocean health. They help remove the weak and the sick as well as keeping the balance with competitors helping to ensure species diversity. Many scientists now believe that great white sharks are intelligent, highly inquisitive creatures. ... Its prey, including seals and dolphins, are very clever animals, and the shark must have enough brains to outsmart them.

Great white sharks are intelligent, highly inquisitive creatures.

Rugby World Cup 2019

The 2019 Rugby World Cup final in Yokohama between the **Springboks** and **England** ended in a dominant **32**-**12** victory for South Africa. As a result, the Springboks are now the **world's No 1 team** according to the latest World Rugby rankings. It was also the Springboks' **third** Webb Ellis Cup triumph after successes in 1995 (at home) and 2007 (in France) to match the All Blacks for titles won.



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South Africa - 369m	England - 2	England - 56%	South Africa - 63
England - 201m	PASSES	ON DEFENCE	England - 94
RUNS	South Africa - 97	TACKLES	PENALTIES CONCEDED
South Africa - 89	England - 153	South Africa - 158	South Africa - 8
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South Africa - 12	England - 12	South Africa - 14	South Africa - 26
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Angler of the Month / Hengelaar van die Maand:

Bouwer Opperman is our Angler of the month with his Yellowfin Tuna of 29kg he caught at Inhaca in Mozambique.

Congratulations Bouwer!!!

Bouwer Opperman is ons Hengelaar van die maand met sy Yellowfin Tuna van 29kg wat hy gevang het by Inhaca in Mosambiek

Yellowfin tuna are torpedo-shaped with dark metallic blue backs, yellow sides, and a silver belly. They have very long anal and dorsal fins and finlets that are bright yellow. Yellowfin can live up to six or seven years. They are highly migratory and are found throughout the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans. They form schools with other tunas like skipjack and bigeye and are also known to associate with dolphins. Yellowfin can breed year-round. Yellowfin are an important commercial tuna species, particularly the raw sashimi market. Although tuna do provide food and livelihoods for people, they are more than just seafood. Tuna are a top predator in the marine food chain, maintaining a balance in the ocean environment.



Tuna is a widely eaten species of fish. However, canned tuna is often the most common source of mercury in the diet. The term tuna encompasses several species of fish, including skipjack, albacore, yellowfin, and bigeye. ... However, tuna is still safe to eat in certain amounts.



Yellowfin Tuna

Any paid-up member of the NDAC is eligible for the "Angler of the month" award which is a R200 gift voucher sponsored by Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...simply send in your pictures to qualify. Winners will be announced in the Newsletter and collect their vouchers from Solly's. All pictures received will be published in the Newsletter under the new "Members photos" section so please send in your images to ndc.angling@n.co.za today!!!

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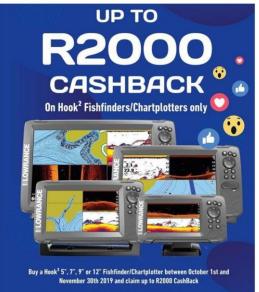
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