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## Newsletter / Nuusbrief: May Mei 2020

### UIT DIE VOORSITTER SE PEN / CHAIRMANS REPORT:

I trust everyone is still healthy and safe in these trying and tough times. In the past months difficult decisions were made by committees with the uncertainty of when the restrictions will be lifted for us to go fishing again. SADSAA cancelled all Inter-Provincial and National Tournaments for 2020, Mpumalanga had to cancel the All Inlands and the 43rd Mercury OET Bill & Gamefish Tournaments as well as the 23rd Caltex MRA Inhaca Challenge which has been moved to May 2021.

We had a historic moment on May 3rd when we as a Committee had our first virtual meeting via Zoom and will continue to do so until such a time that the ban on gatherings is lifted.

Well done to our Angler of the month Francois Du Plessis AKA Duppie with Great Catches during the 2020 Onderberg species bonanza.

Congratulations to all our members who are celebrating their birthdays in May. I hope it is a memorable day and a blessed year.

For those of you who are still stuck at home and those fortunate enough to be back at work, good luck for the months to come where nothing is certain, please keep healthy and safe.

Yours in Angling

Sam Botha

NDAC Chairman

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**STAY HOME**  
**STAY SAFE**  
**SAVE LIVES**

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- Their Birth Month Flower is the Lily.
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## Angler of the Month / Hengelaar van die Maand:

**Francois du Plessis aka Duppie** is our Angler of the month with some fish caught in Mozambique.

Congratulations Duppie!!!

**Francois du Plessis aka Duppie** is ons Hengelaar van die maand met paar mooi vise wat hy gevang het by in Mosambiek.

Baie geluk Duppie!!!



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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 [ndac.angling@n.co.za](mailto:ndac.angling@n.co.za) today!!!

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## Recreational, Sports Fishers Want Restrictions Eased!!!!

Recreational fishers and the retail and wholesale sectors supporting this vast industry, are frustrated they cannot fish. Many of them are members of heavyweight fishing associations who are currently lobbying government to ease restrictions during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Recreational fishing is not allowed under Level 4 lockdown regulations. This is due to come into effect on 1 May. It includes launching boats and any recreational fishing, spear fishing or any other watersport activity. The South African Consolidated Recreational Angling Association (SACRAA) says there are businesses and jobs at stake. It claims that recreational fishers are misunderstood – that this sector is not just about recreational or competitive fishing.

Recreational fishing is according to government documentation *“the catching of fish, and the collection of other marine species for personal consumption (not for commercial purposes) on the coast and in the oceans of South Africa.”*

The recreational and sports fishing community has long complained that it is not taken seriously enough. In fact, it contributes about R36 billion to the economy and employs more than 90000 people. The details of this emerged from an economic impact study of the angling sport and industry. The universities of Cape Town, Rhodes, North West, and other parties worked together to complete this. The jobs are not just fishing related. There are many small and micro-businesses that feed into the industry whether they are just selling bait, tackle and other gear, boats, food, accommodation, etc. On the other hand, perhaps the lockdown is buying time for fish stocks to recover. Some people have sharply rebutted this sentiment. There is doubt a four-month lockdown will not be long enough for stocks to recover especially if you look at all the Chinese fish trawlers:

### **Six Chinese fishing trawlers fined after illegally entering SA waters!!!**

The trawlers were detected off the east coast of South Africa as early as 3 April 2020, after being ordered out of Namibian and Mozambican water by authorities. According to the department, the Sarah Baartman fishery patrol vessel “intercepted the vessels off the Western Cape coast and ordered them to the outer anchorage of the Port of Cape Town”.

*Following the interception of the vessels on 7 April, the Chinese Embassy submitted a Diplomatic Note requesting permission for the vessels to shelter in Cape Town from adverse weather conditions.*

### **Why are there Chinese trawlers plundering our coastline? What are the people of South Africa getting out of it?”**

## Commercial Fishermen Struggle to Survive in The Face of Coronavirus...

**Steenberg's Cove, South Africa** - Weeks before the first case of the new coronavirus was confirmed in South Africa, the fishermen at Steenberg's Cove had already felt the devastating effects of the outbreak.

A small fishing village in St Helena Bay, on the West Coast of South Africa, Steenberg's Cove is located some 150km (93 miles) from Cape Town.

Amid long-standing economic woes that stretch back decades, the members of the community in recent years have largely depended on small-scale fishing for their livelihoods, especially the four-month-long West Coast rock lobster (WCRL) harvesting season running from mid-November to mid-March.

However, the amount of WCRL allocated to the small-scale fishermen in the village decreases each year, falling to 64kg (141 pounds) in the current season from 86kg (190 pounds) in the year before, and resulting in a drop in income of more than \$400.

According to Shamera Daniels, of the West Coast Rock Lobster Association, China imported 95 percent of South Africa's WCRL in the 2018-19 season.

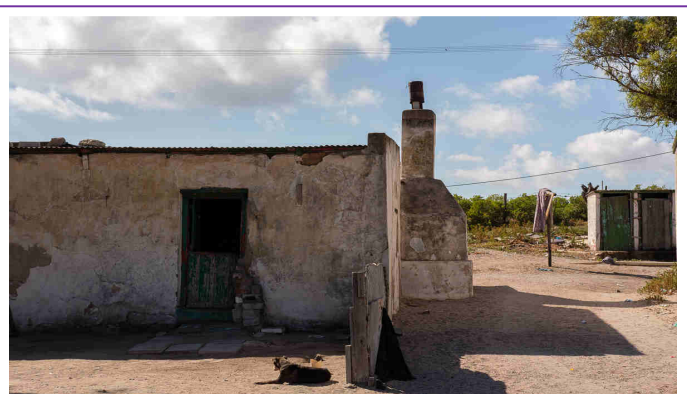
But this year, as the coronavirus outbreak in China forced the shutdown of markets across the country, the small-scale fishermen at Steenberg's Cove were instructed by South African authorities to stop harvesting WCRL.

The members of the community found themselves without any income for more than two months. In order to feed their families, many defied the order and continued fishing at night for a fraction of the price they would otherwise be able to get.

To mitigate the effects of the crisis, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries then decided to extend the harvesting season for an additional three months. Yet, it remains unclear whether prices will bounce back and whether fishermen will be able to recover their lost income.



Women from Steenberg's Cove and nearby towns fix trawling nets at Alnet, in the Sandy Point Harbour, a few kilometres from Steenberg's Cove.



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## Covid Hope

We are experiencing a moment unlike any that a person living today has ever witnessed. I have read about The Great Plague of the bible, American Polio epidemic, Spanish Flue, AIDS pandemic, and epidemic: 1981-present day, H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic: 2009-2010, West African Ebola epidemic: 2014-2016 and now Covid 19. I never thought in my lifetime I would witness this much devastation and be a part of a lockdown in South Africa. Like many of you, I've been gripped by anxiety and sometimes outright fear, worrying about the safety of my friends, family, and colleagues. And I have watched in disbelief as people in China, Iran, Italy, the US, and beyond have fallen victim to this new virus. I have witnessed firsthand my career fall apart as one tour of the other gets cancelled with the tourism and hospitality industry being hit very hard by this natural disaster.

With the rapid spread of COVID-19, we are seeing radical changes being taken on a global scale. People are closing businesses. Schools are closed and there is a global travel ban. People are staying home and turning their lives upside down to protect themselves and their families. It is absolutely amazing to see people from every level of government and every walk of life working together to restrain this virus.

At the same time, I know that the global halt we're witnessing means that many workers and families are facing hardship and uncertainty, and our hearts goes out to all of you who are struggling right now — either because they can't work, or because they have no choice but to work, even with the risks. The challenge that lies ahead is for government to step in and support those most in need, and to make choices that protect people while they address the fundamental shifts happening in our economy.

Still, there is something about the scale of the response that gives me hope, because we know that we will need everyone to fight this virus. And right now, we are seeing that unprecedented mobilization on a global scale is possible. That people are able and willing to undertake challenging and fundamental shifts head on and help each other when they are moved to do so.

We are also seeing a beautiful outpouring of kindness and generosity. Neighbours helping neighbours, strangers helping the most vulnerable in our communities. It is exactly this kind of caring connection that will bring us through the crisis unfolding today, and through these next challenging years.

I am super proud to be a South African and to witness the majority part of our nations stand together and respect our president decisions and leadership. I believe that we as a nation will get through this and like a phoenix we will rize through the ashes and devastation that Covid 19 will leave behind and we will rise, we will rise like a skyscraper as one.

Keep yourself and your families safe.

Kind regards

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