

Ras Nungwi Beach Hotel - Fishing

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Ras Nungwi is situated in close proximity to some of Africa's best deep sea fishing grounds. The waters between Zanzibar and Pemba are home to some excellent game fishing opportunities.

The boats on offer vary according to the time of year, but are all large, twin screw craft, equipped to the highest international safety standards. They also all have the latest technology, with GPS navigational aids, colour echo sounders and fishfinders.

A full set of tackle is provided with Shimano, Fenwick, Harnell or KC rods and Shimano or Penn international reels, spooled with 80 1b, 50 1b and 30 1b mono line. Clients who wish to use their own lighter tackle are welcome, and we are conversant with the IGFA fly-fishing regulations.

Our experienced skippers can instruct novices and talk fishermen through any procedure in the course of reeling in their catch. Tag and release is generally encouraged for all big fish unless it is the fisherman's first ever catch, his biggest to date, or if it is likely to be an East African or All Africa record.

August to November provides really good sport for the big Yellowfin Tuna, one of the strongest fish around. Big Blue Marlin and a number of Striped and Black Marlin are also found, as well as Sailfish. During this season, multiple hook ups are normal, when the ocean can come alive with huge schools of Tuna in pursuit of smaller fish.

During the billfish season, which is from November to March, Striped Marlin are the most prolific, sometimes showing in packs of up to ten. Large Blue and Black Marlin are also quite common during this period.