

Fishing Laws of Guam



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For questions about Guam's fishing laws and regulations, contact the Guam Department of Agriculture's Division of Aquatics & Wildlife Resources at (671)735-3955/6.

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NOT ALLOWED



**DO NOT USE
EXPLOSIVES FOR
FISHING**



**DO NOT
DAMAGE OR
REMOVE CORAL**



**DO NOT USE
CHEMICALS FOR
FISHING**



**DO NOT TAKE
OR SELL
ENDANGERED
MARINE LIFE**



**NO GILL NETS FOR
COMMERCIAL FISHING
MAXIMUM LENGTH 1,000 FEET**



**DO NOT TAKE OR
TOUCH FISH WHILE
SCUBA DIVING**



**DO NOT USE
ELECTRIC SHOCKING
DEVICES FOR
FISHING**



**DO NOT
EXPORT ANY
INVERTEBRATES
FROM GUAM**



**DO NOT
SPEAR OR IMPALE
LOBSTERS OR
CRABS
WHILE CATCHING**



**DO NOT TAKE
LOBSTERS OR
CRABS
CARRYING EGGS**

Fishing at Agana Boat Basin

Angling and talaya are the only approved methods of fishing in the Boat Basin.

(From the basin to 50 feet from the western edge of the Boat Basin channel.)

No more than 3 hooks can be used when angling.

No snagging of fish is allowed.

Cast nets/ talaya are allowed in the channel and mooring areas from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.

No drag net (tekin) can be used within the Boat Basin.

MEASURE BEFORE YOU TAKE

Balate' and La'on



Sea cucumbers and sea urchins can not be sold, traded, bartered or exported.

No more than 100 pieces per person/day can be taken.

No sea cucumbers or sea urchins can be taken from the marine preserves.

Ailing

Commercial Sale & Local Sale

You must have a license to commercially harvest trochus. The season closes if the limit is met. Trochus can not be commercially exported.

Only 10,000 trochus can be taken per year for the whole island. **Trochus for commercial use must have a base diameter of 4 inches or longer.** Trochus can not be harvested commercially from the shore to the outer edge of the fringing reef. No trochus can be taken from the marine preserves.



4" For Commercial Use

Personal Use

Trochus are limited to 50 pieces per person per day. Trochus must be kept whole until cooked or frozen. No Trochus can be taken from the five marine preserves. **Trochus for personal use must have a base diameter of 3 inches or longer.**

No more than 20 trochus caught on Guam can be hand carried off Guam for personal use.



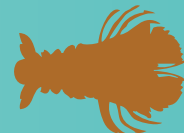
3" For Personal Use

Mahonghang, Papangpang, Panglao

Lobsters and crabs carrying eggs can not be taken.

Spiny lobsters must have a carapace longer than 3.5 inches and may be only taken for personal use.

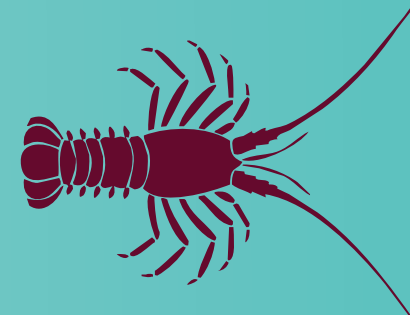
Slipper lobsters and crabs must have a carapace longer than 2 inches and may be only taken for personal use.



2" For Personal Use



2" For Personal Use



3.5" For Personal Use

Lobsters and crabs can not be commercially exported. Do not puncture, spear or impale a lobster or crab when catching it. No lobsters or crabs can be taken from the marine preserves.

Hima (Tridacna Clams)

Giant clams can only be taken for personal use. **Clams must be 7 inches across the valve or longer. One person can take 3 clams, shell included, per day.** Clams must be kept whole until cooked or frozen. Clams, or shells of clams, can not be sold, traded, bartered or exported. No clams can be taken from the marine preserves.



7" For Personal Use

Other marine mollusks

Marine snails, clams, oysters and scallops (not ailing or hima) can only be taken for personal use and can not be sold, traded, bartered or exported.

One person can take 30 pieces, shell included, of marine snails, clams, oysters and scallops per day.

Ornamental shell collectors shall be limited to 10 pieces per species and can have the shell without preserving the animal. Any fragment of shell counts as 1 piece.

The personal harvest of selected dogas (conchs) is allowed but **only 1,000 conchs per day is allowed.**

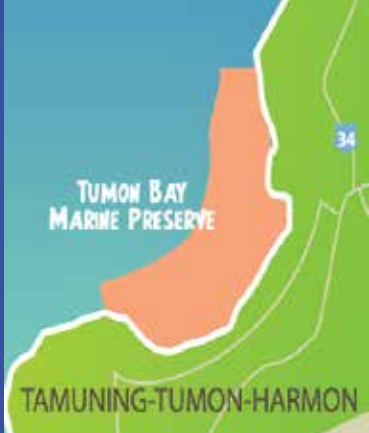
The following species can be harvested: Strombus Fragilis, Strombus Gibberelus and Strombus Luhanes.

No marine snails, clams, oysters and scallops (not ailing or hima) or conchs can be taken from the marine preserves.

Marine snails, clams, oysters and scallops (not ailing or hima) must be kept whole until cooked or frozen.

GUAM'S MARINE PRESERVES

Fishing for rabbit fish, ti'ao 4", i'e' 4", and kichu from shore with hook and line or talaya is allowed. Fishing on the reef margin for kichu and sesyan with talaya is also allowed.



Tumon Bay

No other fishing, harvesting or collecting is allowed.

Trolling is allowed beyond the reef margin for pelagic fish. Bottom fishing is allowed in depths greater than 100ft.

Fishing for seasonal fish (atulai, mañahak 3", achemson, ti'ao 4", and i'e' 4") may be authorized by a special permit.



Piti Bomb Holes

No other fishing, harvesting or collecting is allowed.

Trolling is allowed beyond the reef margin for pelagic fish.

Hook and line fishing from shore are allowed for all types of fish.



Pati Point

No other fishing, harvesting or collecting is allowed.

Trolling is allowed beyond the reef margin for pelagic fish.

Fishing for seasonal fish (atulai, mañahak 3", achemson, ti'ao 4", and i'e' 4") may be authorized by special permit.



Achang Reef Flat

No other fishing, harvesting or collecting is allowed.

Trolling is allowed beyond the reef margin for pelagic fish.

BOUNDARY NOTES: from the west corner or Polaris Point on the finger-like peninsula to the most southerly point on Dry dock Island. All the water and shoreline in the bay to the east of this boundary are within a Marine Preserve. The shoreline inclusion within the Marine Preserve shall exceed the ten (10) meter distance in areas where mangroves exist. The boundary in such areas shall extend to the extreme inland edge of the mangroves.



Sasa Bay

No other fishing, harvesting or collecting is allowed.

- MORE FISH
- HEALTHIER CORAL
- RESPONSIBLE FISHING



The seaward boundaries of the **Marine Preserves** extend to the 600 ft. contour and the inland boundaries of the **Marine Preserves** extend in 10 meters from the mean high tide mark or to the nearest edge of a public right-of-way, which ever comes first. This rule does not include **Sasa Bay Preserve.**