

May I bring seafood back to South Africa from Mozambique?



In Mozambique:

You must get the transport permit from the Maritime Office. Some lodges to have permission to issue the permits. Find out from your lodge if they have or where you could get one. The permit however is only to transport the fish in Moz. You must still declare it at the border, and especially on the South African side together with the appropriate permit obtained before your departure from South Africa.

Entering South Africa

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No agricultural and animal products including live animals even for personal consumption are allowed to enter the country (RSA) without a permit. Such goods will be detained if permits are not available.

About importing fish on a recreational basis

To import fish, such as marine fish, on a recreational basis you must apply for a permit from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. You cannot sell the imported fish but you can use it for personal consumption.

You must apply at least two weeks prior to your departure to allow for processing. You cannot import fish on a recreational basis without the import permit. You do not need a permit for bait; however, please ensure that you have in your possession either a recreational bait permit (only the daily bag limit can be transported) or a cash slip for bait purchased.



The following restriction apply:

- You cannot import Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) listed species.
- The permit will only be valid for the duration of the trip to and from the country of destination.
- You cannot import live marine fish.

Note: The recreational import permit excludes freshwater fish. You must apply for a new permit after six months. Failure to adhere to permit conditions may result in the suspension or cancellation of the permit.

What you should do

1. Get the Application to import fish on recreational basis form at the Fisheries Management Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries at the ground floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town.
2. Complete the application form and provide the following information:
 - dates of departure and return to South Africa
 - name of the country to be visited
 - the South African border post that will be used on return to South Africa
 - state how the fish will be imported (frozen/chilled fresh/etc.)
 - a certified copy of your identity document.

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