



## Consumer's Seafood pocket guide

### Not on the list?

Some foreign and imported species are not yet included on the SASSI list.

### Always ask the following:

What is it? Where is it from? How was it caught?

### FISHMS (brought to you by )

Simply text the name of the fish to the number

**079 499 8795** and you will immediately get a

message telling you whether to tuck in, think

twice or avoid completely!

Visit [www.www.org.za/sassi](http://www.www.org.za/sassi) for more information,

or send an email to [sassi@wwwf.org.za](mailto:sassi@wwwf.org.za)

### KEY TO SYMBOLS

☒ Rare/overfished

☒ Eco-unfriendly fishery

Ⓛ Limited information available

🐟 Specially protected species

### GREEN - BEST CHOICE



SASSI is a collaborative initiative by WWF South Africa and others that aims to improve the conservation status of overexploited seafood species through education and awareness. The Green trust (a partnership between WWF and Nedbank) and Pick n Pay are proud supporters of SASSI.

Anchorovy	☒
Mussels	☒
Octopus	☒
Oysters	☒
(Atlantic pomfret)	☒
Queen mackerel	☒
(Natal snook)	☒
Blue hottentot	☒
Butterfish	☒
Sand soldier (red tjor-tjor)	☒
in KZN	☒
Englishman	☒
Geelbek	☒
(Cape salmon)	☒
post to and brindle	☒
Red steenbras	☒
(Miss Lucy)	☒
Rockcods - all except	☒
Geelbek	☒
King mackerel	☒
Roman (red roman)	☒
Scottsman	☒
Sharks - all except those	☒
on Red list	☒
Skates and rays	☒
Slingers	☒
(wave garlick)	☒
Natal sturgeon	☒
(yellow bream)	☒
Natal wrasse	☒
(zebra wildperd)	☒

### ORANGE - CAUTION

- ☒ The fishery that catches them may cause particularly severe environmental damage and/or has high bycatch.
- 🐟 The life-style (biology) of the species makes it vulnerable to high fishing pressure.

**RED**  
These species are illegal to buy or sell in South Africa. Some are specially protected and others are “no-sale” species, reserved for recreational fishing only (you need a valid recreational permit to catch them, and must adhere to specific regulations).

Abalone - not farmed	☒
Carpenter (silversh)	☒
Fawns - local trawled	☒
musselcracker	☒
Red steenbras (copper	☒
silver)	☒
Dageraad	☒
Erf (shad) - no sale	☒
in KZN	☒
Englishman	☒
Geelbek	☒
(Cape salmon)	☒
post to and brindle	☒
Red steenbras	☒
(Miss Lucy)	☒
Rockcods - all except	☒
Geelbek	☒
King mackerel	☒
Roman (red roman)	☒
Scottsman	☒
Sharks - all except those	☒
on Red list	☒
Skates and rays	☒
Slingers	☒
(wave garlick)	☒
Natal sturgeon	☒
(yellow bream)	☒
Natal wrasse	☒
(zebra wildperd)	☒

### RED - NO SALE

**Consumer's Species List**  
The list tells you about which seafood species are legal and more sustainable choices from **South African** fish populations.  
Each colour has a different meaning:

**GREEN**  
The most sustainable choices from the healthiest and most well managed populations. These species can handle current fishing pressure.

**ORANGE**  
Exercise **caution** when choosing these as there are reasons for concern:

☒ Rare overfishing and cannot sustain current fishing pressure.

Baardman (belman;	☒
Ragged tooth shark	☒
River bream (perch)	☒
River snapper	☒
Blacktail (dassie; kolster)	☒
Sawfishes	☒
Seventy-four	☒
Bronze bream	☒
Cape sturgeon	☒
Southern pompano	☒
Spotted grunter (tiger)	☒
Springer (ten pounder)	☒
Stonebream	☒
Striped cat shark	☒
Knife jaw, Cape and Natal	☒
(Fyama shark)	☒
West coast steenbras	☒
White musselecracker	☒
(brusher; cracker)	☒
Natal sturgeon	☒
(moonry; wave garlick)	☒
Yellow bream	☒
Natal wrasse	☒
(zebra wildperd)	☒