Impacts Of Anglers In The Garden Route National Park

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Recreational angling can impact the environment in a number of different ways. The most obvious is excess removal or overfishing of desirable target species such as the Dusk kob. However, discarded by-catch and pollution such as fishing line and plastic can also have impacts on the healthy functioning of the marine and estuarine ecosystems.

How To Be A Responsible Angler

- Know the fishery regulations and abide by them. Better yet limit your catch don’t catch your limit!
- Practice catch and release.
- Take away everything you brought with you. That includes fishing line, bait boxes, plastic bags and old tackle.
- Encourage your peers to do the same.

By-catch such as catsharks are often left to die on the rocks

Birds such as this heron can easily get entangled in discarded fishing line

Hooks can get caught in the throat and stomach of birds and animals

Bags of angler rubbish from one nights fishing!

Fishing hotspots often become rubbish dumps! Keep them clean!

Rubbish often left behind by anglers include bait boxes, beer bottles and food packages.