

INSHORE FISHING VESSELS



Inshore fishing vessels can be anything from a traditional canoe, kayak, or even small motor boat.



SEASONAL FISHING

There are a few species of fish in American Samoa that are harvested only in a certain time of year.



Atule

Have you heard ... "It takes a village"? Well, catching the Atule in season does indeed "take a village." Atule come around up to twice a year.

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la'sina are still caught in Manu'a with the traditional enu or fish trap around October to April.*

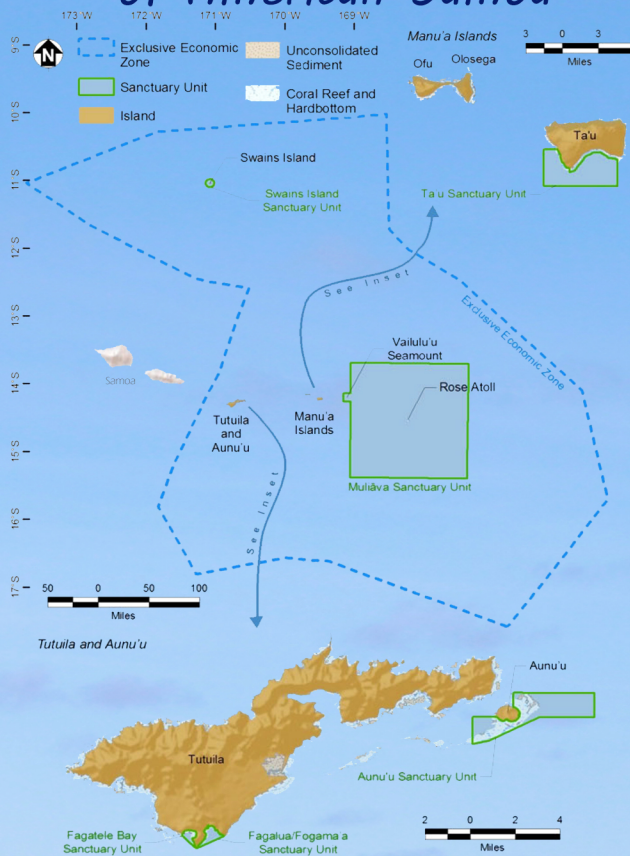


Palolo

The Palolo are seen once a year around October or November.



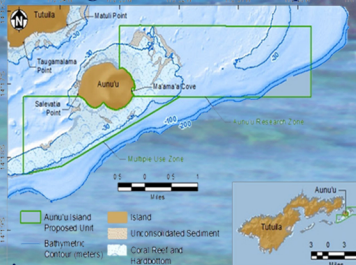
National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa



<http://americansamoa.noaa.gov/about/location.html>

Facts about the Sanctuary

- ~Fagatale Bay Unit: No Fishing Allowed
- ~All units prohibit spear diving with SCUBA and use of various nets, except the Muliava Unit in certain cases.
- ~Aunu'u Unit allows fishing in Zone A with prior notification. However only surface fishing is allowed in Zone B.
- ~Sanctuary Units are managed by NOAA.
- ~More information on Sanctuary regulations at <http://americansamoa.noaa.gov/management/regulations.html>



Know Your Fisheries American Samoa Inshore and Recreational Fishing



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Fishing Methods:



Spear Diving
without SCUBA



Fish Trap



Net



Rod & Reel

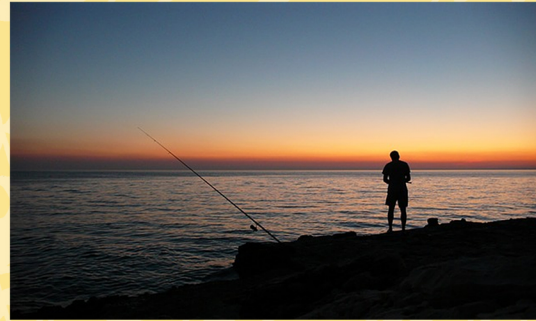
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Fishing Requirements:

Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
Fishing License for Commercial Fishing

There are no catch limitations on
traditional and subsistence fishing with
the exception of endangered or
protected species.



Common Catches:



1. Striated Surgeonfish - poge
2. Lined Surgeonfish - alogo
3. Parrotfish - fuga/laea
4. Soldierfish - malau
5. Camouflage grouper - gatala
6. Blueshape snapper - savane



SPORTS FISHING & CHARTERS



Average

Size: 18-49 ft

Fishing method:

Bottom Fishing, Rod and Reel,
Casting, Trolling, Jigging, Popping

Fishing area: Shore to 200nm

Fishing Requirements:

DMWR register, USCG Compliant, ASG
Business License, Operator's
License, Federal permit if fishing in
Muliava Unit of the National Marine
Sanctuary of American Samoa
<http://www.fpi.noaa.gov/SFD/pdfs/monument-compliance-guide-Apr-2015.pdf>

Target catch:

Marlin, Swordfish, Yellowfin, Bigeye,
Wahoo, MasiMasi, White Tuna,
Sailfish

