

# 3<sup>RD</sup> WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF SEA KAYAK FISHING



19 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2026  
ALBUFEIRA : PORTUGAL



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## 2. Welcome Messages



**President of FIPS-M**  
**- Juan Antonio Barreda -**



*“It is with great pleasure that FIPS-M returns to Portugal for another World Championship of Sea Kayak Fishing – a rapidly growing discipline that brings together technology, skill, respect for the environment and a passion for the sea. Albufeira will provide an outstanding setting to welcome athletes from all continents in a spirit of fair play, competition and shared experience. We wish all participants a truly memorable experience in Portuguese waters.”*



**President of FPPDAM**  
**- Gilberto Marques dos Reis -**



*“It is an honour for Portugal to once again host a World Championship under the authority of FIPS-M, this time dedicated to open-sea kayak fishing. Albufeira offers unique conditions to welcome the world’s best athletes: safety, natural beauty, maritime tradition and a warm, welcoming community. This event also represents an investment in the visibility of the discipline and in the future of sustainable sport fishing.”*



**Mayor of Albufeira**  
**- Rui Cristina -**



*“Albufeira is proud to host this prestigious World Championship of Sea Kayak Fishing, included in the official programme of Albufeira – European City of Sport 2026. This is not only an elite sporting event, but also a celebration of our connection to the sea, our culture and our ability to welcome the world with professionalism and hospitality. The sea is part of our identity, and welcoming athletes from around the world to compete in our waters symbolises what we wish to share with Europe and the world throughout 2026.*

*To all athletes, teams and visitors: welcome to our city. We hope you leave not only with medals, but also with unforgettable memories!”*

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### 3. Event Information

Portugal, through the Portuguese Federation of Deep Sea Sport Fishing (FPPDAM), has the honour of inviting all affiliated national federations to participate in the 3rd FIPS-M World Championship of Sea Kayak Fishing.

The championship will take place from **19 to 25 September 2026** in Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal.

This official FIPS-M World Championship title event will be organised by FPPDAM under the authority and supervision of FIPS-M, in accordance with the current FIPS-M General Rules and FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations.



The competition area, located along the southern coast of Portugal, offers generally stable sea conditions during this period of the year, varied seabed formations and a diverse range of marine species, providing a technically demanding and well-balanced setting for international competition.



The event will be conducted in a catch & release format, fully aligned with FIPS-M principles and marine sustainability standards.

This third edition represents a further step in the structured development of Sea Kayak Fishing within FIPS-M, reflecting the discipline's growing international participation and organisational maturity.



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## 4. Portugal - A Maritime Nation

Located on the westernmost edge of continental Europe, Portugal is one of the oldest nations in Europe, with defined borders since the 12th century. Throughout its history, the country developed a strong and enduring relationship with the Atlantic Ocean — not only as a source of livelihood, but as a gateway to the world.

During the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal led the Age of Discoveries, opening new sea routes to Africa, Asia and South America. Portuguese navigators expanded geographical knowledge and established cultural and commercial connections that shaped global history. The sea became central to the Portuguese identity — a symbol of resilience, exploration and adaptability.



Over the centuries, coastal communities flourished through fishing and maritime trade. Even today, traditional fishing villages coexist with modern marinas,

scientific research centres and international sporting events. The ocean remains a living presence in everyday Portuguese life.



The Algarve region, in southern Portugal, reflects this legacy. Known for its dramatic limestone cliffs, extensive sandy beaches and rich marine biodiversity, it offers exceptional natural conditions for sea kayak fishing. Albufeira, once a small fishing village, has evolved into one of Portugal's most recognised coastal destinations, while maintaining its maritime character.

Portugal combines modern infrastructure, political stability and a long-standing tradition of hospitality. Throughout its history as a maritime nation engaged with the world, the country has developed a culture of openness and adaptability.

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This international outlook remains a defining characteristic of Portuguese society today, reflected in its capacity to host global events with professionalism and ease.



Hosting the 3rd World Championship of Sea Kayak Fishing therefore represents more than the organisation of a sporting event. It stands as a continuation of Portugal's historic bond with the sea — a bond built on knowledge, respect for nature and a spirit of discovery that continues to define the nation today.



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## 5. Detailed Programme (To be confirmed)

### Saturday, 19 September

16:00 - Reception of teams and accompanying persons at the hotel.  
20:00 - Dinner

### Sunday, 20 September

From 08:00 to 10:00 - Breakfast at the hotel  
10:00 - Captain's meeting.  
13:00 - Lunch at the Hotel  
16:00 - Open Ceremony.  
20:00 - Dinner at the Hotel

### Monday, 21 September.

07:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.  
08:00 - Bait distribution.  
08:30 - Departure to starting point.  
09:00 - Start of the 1st day of competition  
13:00 - End of the 1st day of competition.  
14:30 - Lunch at the hotel.  
20:00 - Dinner at the hotel.

### Tuesday, 22 September.

07:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.  
08:00 - Bait distribution.  
08:30 - Departure to starting point.  
09:00 - Start of the 2nd day of competition  
13:00 - End of the 2nd day of competition.  
14:30 - Lunch at the hotel.  
20:00 - Dinner at the hotel.

### Wednesday, 23 September.

07:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.  
08:00 - Bait distribution.  
08:30 - Departure to starting point.  
09:00 - Start of the 3rd day of competition  
13:00 - End of the 3rd day of competition.  
14:30 - Lunch at the hotel.  
20:00 - Dinner at the hotel.

### Thursday, 24 September.

07:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.  
08:00 - Reserve Day.  
20:00 - Closing Ceremony, exhibition of classifications, proclamation of champions and presentation of medals, trophies and distinctions.

### Friday, 25 September.

From 08:00 to 10:00 - Breakfast at the hotel and Farewell to all

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## 6. Logistics Information

### 6.1 - Access & Transport

The official venue of the championship is located in Albufeira, in the Algarve region, southern Portugal.



#### By Air

The nearest international airport is Faro Airport (FAO), located approximately 40 km from Albufeira (around 40 minutes by motorway).

Lisbon Airport (LIS) is located approximately 250 km north of Albufeira (around 2h30 by motorway).

#### By Road

Albufeira is directly accessible via the A22 motorway (Via do Infante), which connects the entire Algarve region.

#### Transfers and Vehicle Rental

Airport transfers and vehicle rental arrangements may be facilitated by the organisation upon prior request.

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## 6.2 - Accommodation

The official accommodation of the championship will be the **Auramar Beach Resort**, located in Albufeira, Algarve.

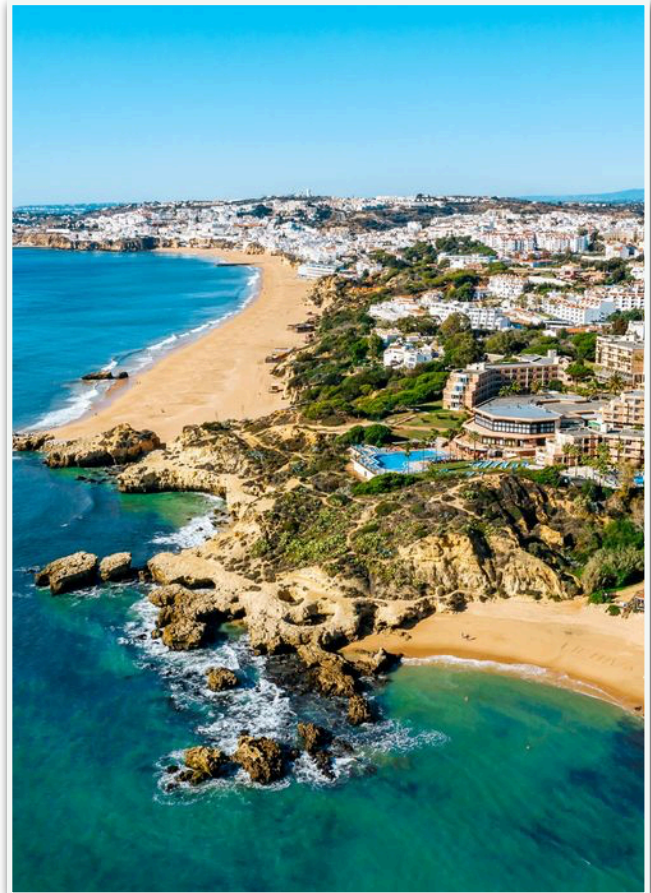
Positioned directly on the seafront cliffs of Albufeira, with uninterrupted views over the southern Portuguese coastline, the hotel offers an oceanfront setting that reflects the maritime identity of the championship. Direct beach access and panoramic sea views provide a calm and inspiring environment for athletes and delegations.

All official meetings and institutional activities, including accreditation procedures, Captain's meetings and organisational briefings, will take place within the hotel facilities. The Opening Ceremony will be held at a separate official venue. There will be a designated area at the hotel for parking cars and kayaks

The hotel combines comfort and functionality, offering full board accommodation during the official competition period, meeting rooms for event operations and appropriate facilities for athlete recovery and preparation.

**Distance to Launch Site (Praia da Baleeira)** - Approx. 4 km - 10 minutes by vehicle.

**Distance to Faro Airport (FAO)** - Approx. 40 km – 35 minutes by motorway.



### Address

Praia dos Aveiros  
8200-377 Albufeira – Portugal

### Coordinates

Latitude: 37.0809° N  
Longitude: 8.2316° W

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## 6.3 - Launch site

The official launch site of the championship will be located at Praia da Baleeira, within the harbour area of the Albufeira's Marina.

This sheltered harbour basin provides controlled and safe access to the sea, ensuring organised launching procedures and operational safety for all competitors.



**Launch Site Coordinates:** Latitude: 37.0833° N / Longitude: 8.2633° W

The official fishing zone will be clearly defined in accordance with FIPS-M regulations. The area will be marked by visible buoys and supported by precise GPS coordinates. Detailed maps and coordinates will be provided to all captains prior to the competition.

The official on-water meeting point location will be communicated during the Captain's meeting.

## 6.4 - General Information

### Safety and Support

In accordance with the FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations, a safety boat will be provided for every 12 participating kayaks and will remain within the designated fishing zone during competition hours.

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All competitors are required to comply strictly with the safety provisions established in the current FIPS-M General Rules and FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations.

The event will be conducted in coordination with the competent maritime authority: The Portuguese Navy.

In case of emergency, the national emergency number in Portugal is **112**.

### **Insurance**

The organiser will provide civil liability insurance covering the official duration of the championship.

All participating federations remain responsible for ensuring that their athletes hold valid personal accident and health insurance.

### **Medical Services**

Emergency medical assistance will be available throughout the competition period.

### **Anti-Doping**

The championship is conducted under the anti-doping regulations recognised by FIPS-M and in accordance with WADA standards. Doping controls may be carried out during the event.

### **National Flags and Anthems**

Each participating federation must provide at least one national flag and submit the official national anthem in digital format prior to the event.

### **Communication**

Official communication channels, emergency procedures and operational instructions will be confirmed during the Captain's meeting.

### **Weather Contingency**

Should weather conditions compromise safety or fairness, the organiser reserves the right to activate the designated Reserve Day in accordance with FIPS-M regulations.

### **Fuel and Supplies**

Fuel stations are available within short driving distance of both the official hotel and the launch site. The hotel has a small grocery store with a good selection of products.

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## 7. Rules and Regulations

The championship will be conducted in strict accordance with the current FIPS-M General Rules and the FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations.

As a catch & release competition, fish will not be retained. The list of species admitted or not admitted for scoring is defined by the organising committee and published in this document.

Portuguese maritime and environmental regulations remain applicable where relevant.

Any operational instructions issued by the organising committee will not contradict the FIPS-M regulations and will be communicated officially during the Captains' Meeting.

### 7.1 - FIPS Rules

All participating federations, team captains and competitors are required to be fully acquainted with the current FIPS-M General Rules and the FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations prior to the event.

The official and updated regulations are available at:

<https://www.fips-m.org/statutes-rules-gb>

In case of interpretation issues, the official FIPS-M version shall prevail.

### 7.2 - Fishing areas

The coastline of Albufeira, where the championship will take place, is characterised by open sea conditions without naturally enclosed bays that could function as alternative sheltered competition areas.

Taking this into account, three fishing zones have been defined and carefully selected to provide optimal competitive conditions while ensuring the highest possible safety standards.

No additional coastal areas within the immediate vicinity allow the competition to be conducted safely under significantly adverse sea conditions. For this reason, a Reserve Day has been included in the official programme to mitigate the risk of cancellation due to unfavourable weather.

The selected fishing zones have also been designed to minimise the distance between the launch ramp and the start of the competition areas, reducing navigation time and limiting unnecessary exposure of athletes.

The competition will take place in three distinct fishing zones, corresponding respectively to each official competition day:

Zone 1 – 1st Competition Day

Zone 2 – 2nd Competition Day

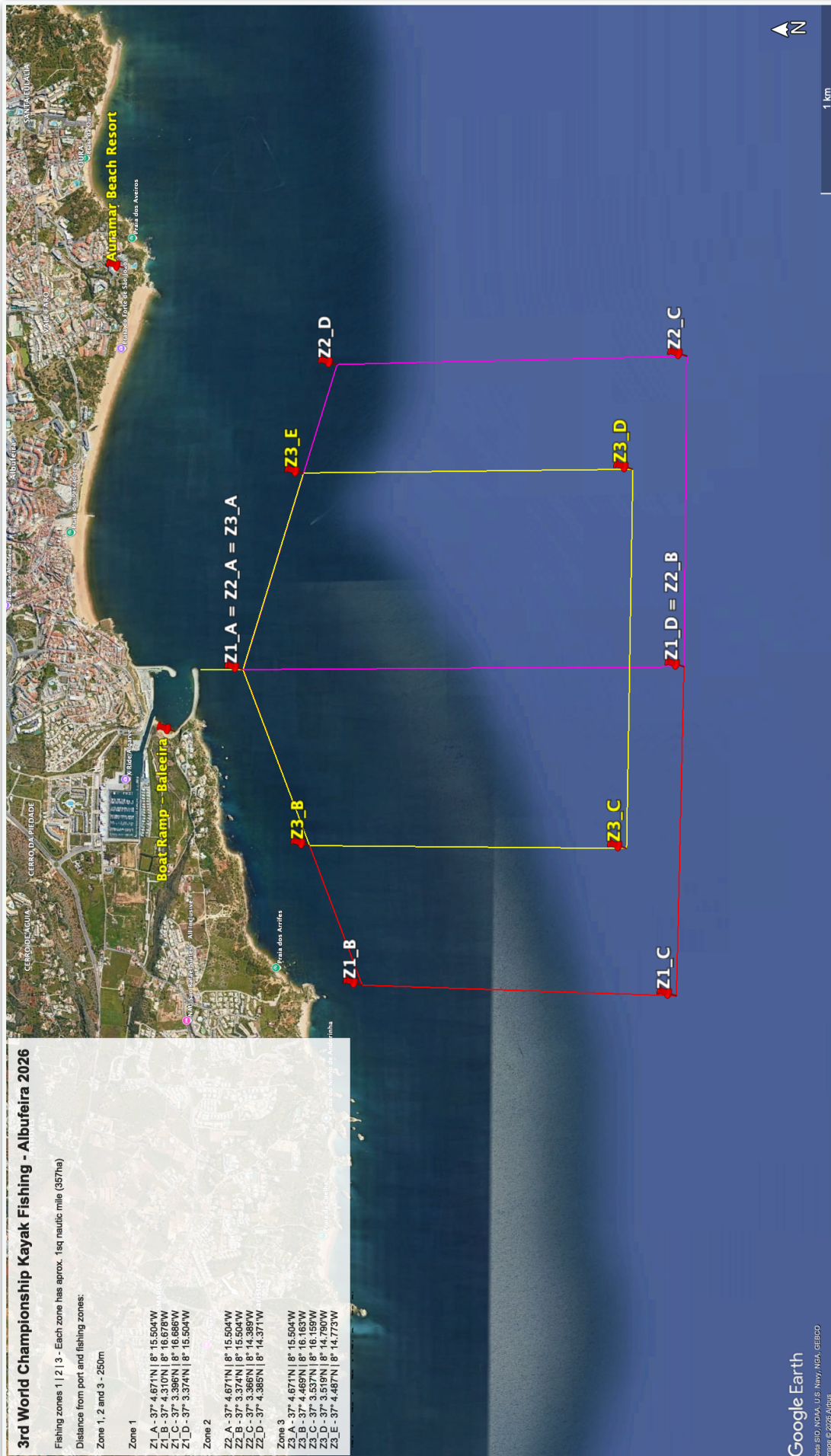
Zone 3 – 3rd Competition Day

Each zone covers approximately 1 square nautical mile ( $\approx$  343 hectares).

Zones 1, 2 and 3 are located approximately 250 metres from the harbour entrance.

The fishing areas will be physically marked by visible buoys and defined by the following GPS coordinates:

Zone 1	Zone 2
Z1_A - 37° 4.671'N   8° 15.504'W	Z2_A - 37° 4.671'N   8° 15.504'W
Z1_B - 37° 4.310'N   8° 16.678'W	Z2_B - 37° 3.374'N   8° 15.504'W
Z1_C - 37° 3.396'N   8° 16.686'W	Z2_C - 37° 3.366'N   8° 14.389'W
Z1_D - 37° 3.374'N   8° 15.504'W	Z2_D - 37° 4.385'N   8° 14.371'W
Zone 3	(ZA_1 = Z2_A = Z3_A   Z1_D = Z2_B)
Z3_A - 37° 4.671'N   8° 15.504'W	
Z3_B - 37° 4.469'N   8° 16.163'W	
Z3_C - 37° 3.537'N   8° 16.159'W	
Z3_D - 37° 3.519'N   8° 14.790'W	
Z3_E - 37° 4.487'N   8° 14.773'W	



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## 7.3 - Species

The kayak fishing discipline allows the use of five different techniques, providing a high level of technical and strategic diversity.

For World Championship classification purposes, two categories of species are defined:

**species admitted for scoring** and **species not admitted for scoring**.

Species not admitted for scoring include, firstly, fish considered dangerous or whose handling on board for measurement and photographic validation may pose a risk to the safety of the athlete or the kayak.




This category also includes species such as horse mackerel, mackerel, bogue and triggerfish, whose abundance, schooling behaviour and ease of capture may create a disproportionate competitive advantage, potentially compromising sporting fairness.

Cuttlefish, squid and needlefish are likewise excluded from scoring due to their biological characteristics, the difficulty of consistent and reliable measurement within a catch-and-release framework, and the need to maintain uniformity and fairness in the scoring system.


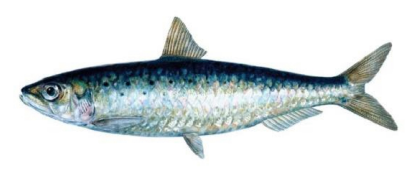
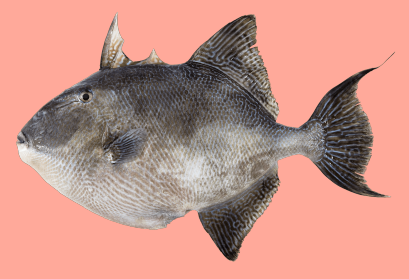



As this is a catch-and-release discipline, no species-specific minimum sizes are established beyond the general minimum length of 18 cm, in accordance with FIPS-M regulations.

### 7.3.1 - Species not admitted for scoring





The following species are not valid for scoring in this championship:

<b>Species not admitted for scoring</b>		
Peixe-Agulha Garfish Aguglia	belone belone	
Boga Bogue Bogue	boops boops	
Carapau Horse mackerel Chinchard	trachurus trachurus	

**Species not admitted for scoring**

<p>Cavala Scomber Vizet</p>	<p>scomber japonicus</p>	
<p>Sardinha Sardine</p>	<p>Sardina pilchardus</p>	
<p>Peixe-porco Trigger fish Baliste</p>	<p>Balistes capriscus</p>	
<p>Peixe-lua Moon fish Poisson lune</p>	<p>mola mola</p>	
<p>Choco Cuttlefish Seiche</p>	<p>Sepia officinalis</p>	
<p>Lula Squid Calmar</p>	<p>Loligo vulgaris</p>	

**Species not admitted for scoring**

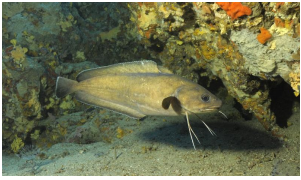
















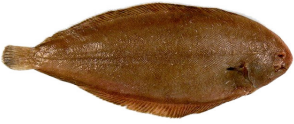


<p>Moreia Moray eel Murène</p>	<p>Muraena helena</p>	
<p>Peixe-aranha Greater Weever Vive</p>	<p>Trachinus draco</p>	
<p>Rascasso Red scorpionfish Rascasse rouge</p>	<p>Scorpaena scrofa</p>	
<p>Ratão Common Stingray Raie Pastenague</p>	<p>Dasyatis pastinaca</p>	

Any other species not included in the “Not Admitted for Scoring” list may be validated by the Jury, provided it complies with FIPS-M regulations and the general scoring criteria.








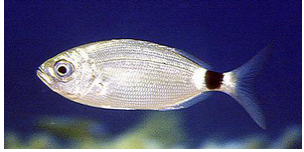


### 7.3.2 - Most common species admitted for scoring

The following table presents the most common species admitted for scoring within the competition area:

Most common species admitted for scoring			
			
Abrótea	Anchova	Andorinha	Badejo
			
Baila	Besugo	Bica	Bodião
			
Ruivo	Capatão	Choupa	Corvina
			
Dourada	Faneca	Ferreira	Garoupa da Pedra
			
Goraz	Linguado	Pargo	Peixe Piça

### Most common species admitted for scoring

			
Pregado	Robalo	Safia	Salema
			
Sargo Veado	Sargo Legitimo	Solha	Viúva

## 7.4 - Baits

Natural bait will be used during the championship and will be supplied exclusively by the organising committee in equal quality and quantity for all competitors, in accordance with FIPS-M regulations.

The natural bait provided per competitor and per competition day will consist of:

- Four (4) boxes of Korean worm (To be confirmed)
- 500 grams of shrimp (To be confirmed)

No other natural bait may be used.

Artificial lures may be used in accordance with the FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations.

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## 7.5 - Suggested Rigs for the Competition

The sea kayak fishing discipline practiced in this World Championship involves the use of five different fishing techniques, each requiring specific and appropriate terminal rigs.

Throughout the competition, athletes may employ the following techniques:

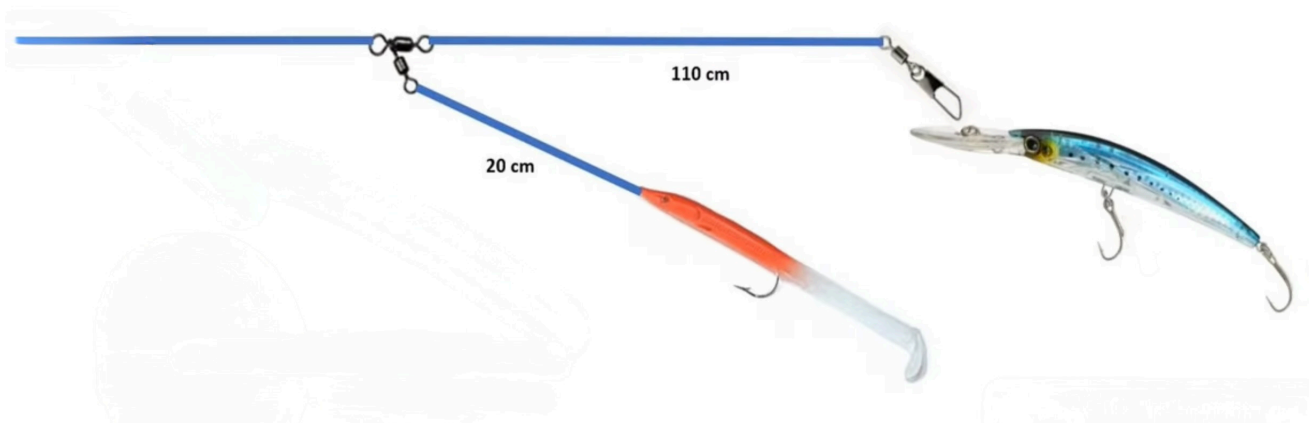
Trolling / Anchored bottom fishing / Spinning / Jigging / Drift fishing

For each of these techniques, athletes must use suitable terminal rigs, adapted to the fishing method, target species and sea conditions, while fully respecting the technical and safety rules defined in the regulations.

Competitors are expected to prepare and carry appropriate final rigs, ensuring efficient, selective and safe fishing practices, consistent with the catch-and-release nature of the discipline.

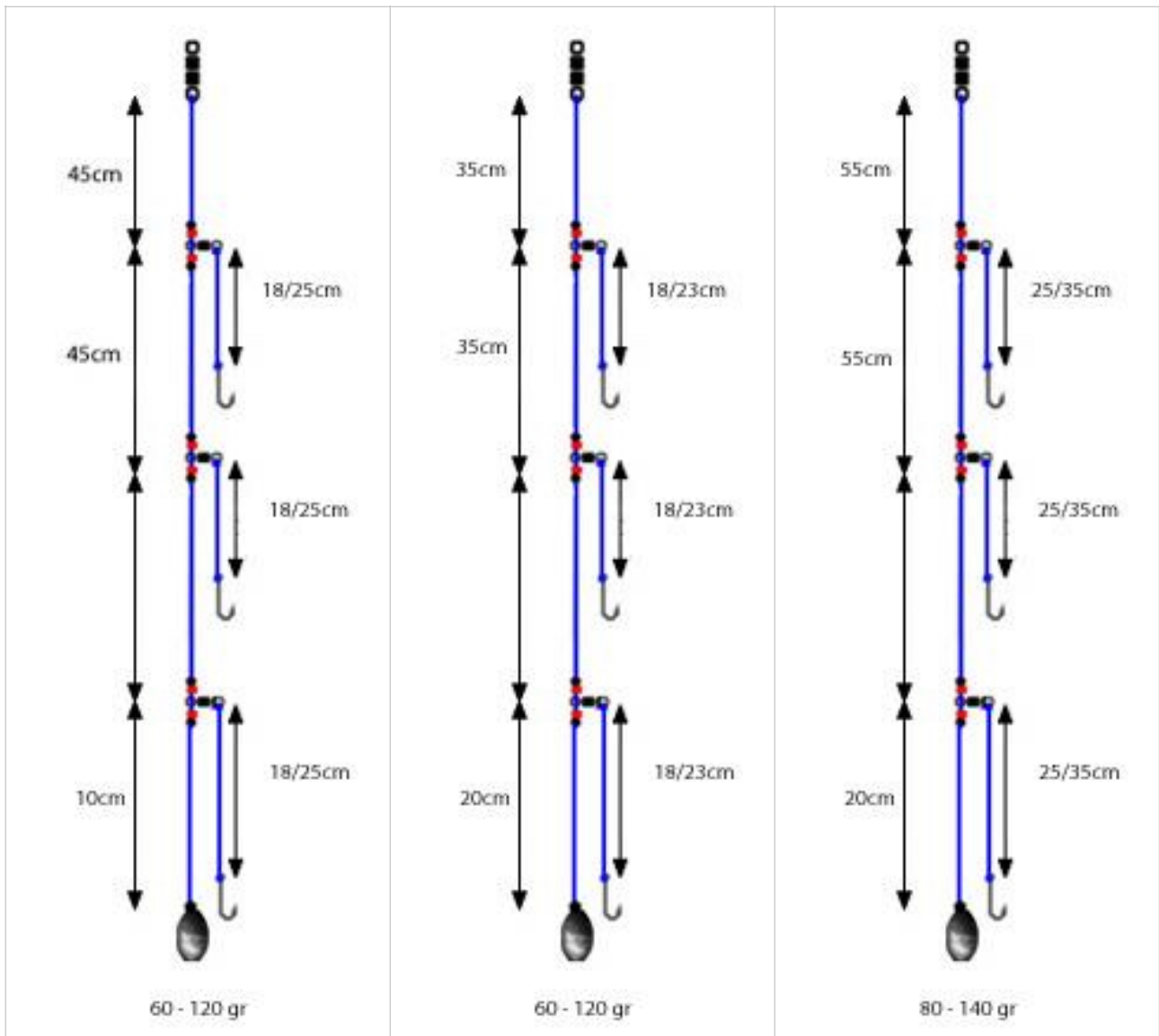
This approach ensures technical consistency, competitive fairness and safety, while allowing athletes the flexibility to adapt their setups to real fishing conditions.

### 7.5.1 - Trolling



(The illustrated rig is provided for guidance only. Competitors may use any rig configuration compliant with FIPS-M regulations.)

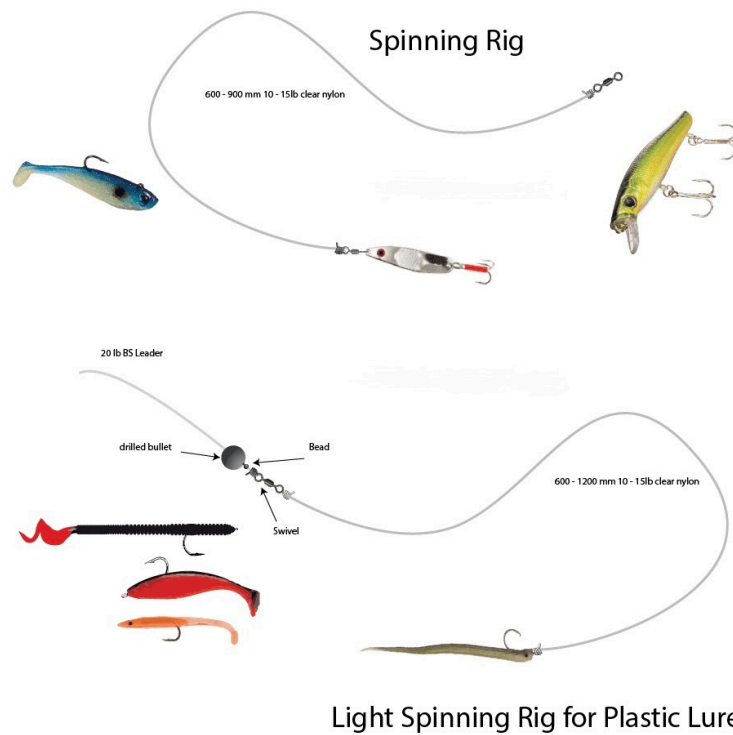
## 7.5.2 - Anchored bottom fishing



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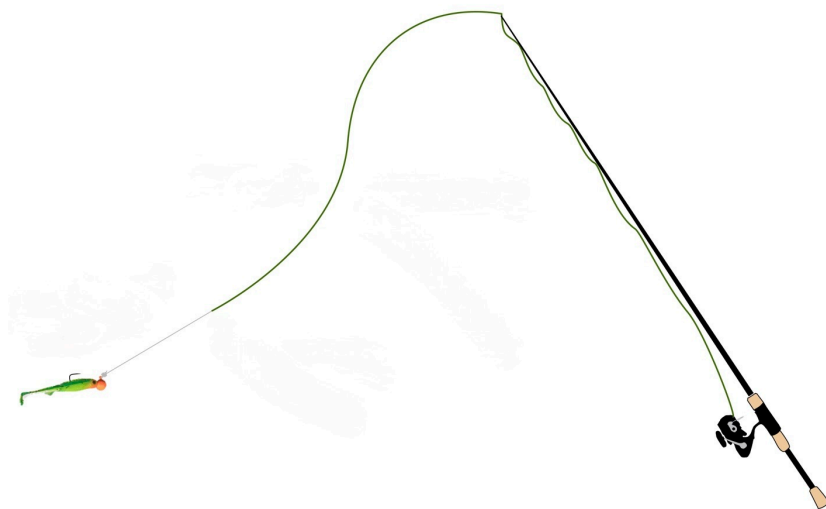
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### 7.5.3 - Spinning



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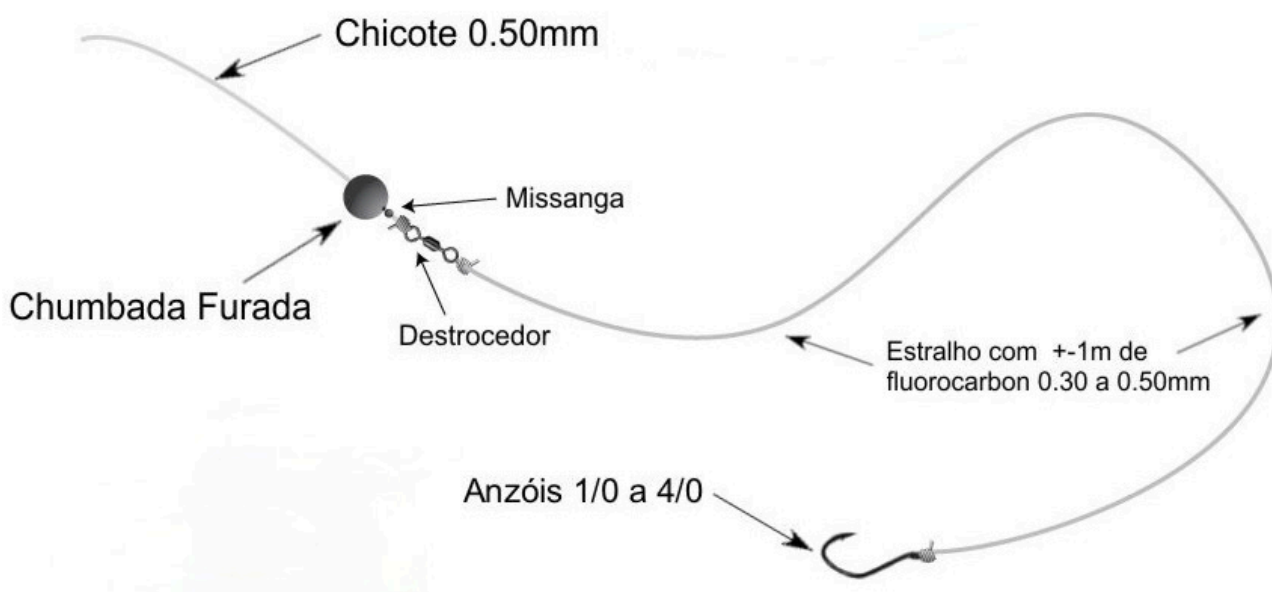
### 7.5.4 - Jigging



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### 7.5.5 - Drift fishing



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### 7.6 - General information

All fish must be measured, photographed and immediately released in accordance with the FIPS-M Kayak Fishing Regulations.

The measuring board must be securely fixed to the kayak to ensure accurate and verifiable photographic validation.

Only photographs submitted in compliance with FIPS-M requirements will be considered valid for scoring.

Kayaks must respect the minimum safety distance defined in the FIPS-M regulations during competition hours.

Time lost due to technical problems, including kayak replacement, shall not be recovered.

The decisions of the Jury are final in matters relating to scoring validation and rule interpretation, in accordance with FIPS-M regulations.

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## 8. Local Attractions

Albufeira is located in the Algarve, the southernmost region of Portugal, historically shaped by the Atlantic and by centuries of maritime activity. The name “Albufeira” derives from the Arabic period (“Al-Buhera”), reflecting the Moorish presence in the region prior to the Christian reconquest in the 13th century.

Originally a small fishing village, Albufeira developed around its harbour and coastal resources. Over the past decades, it has evolved into one of Portugal’s most recognised seaside destinations, while maintaining a strong connection to the sea — a connection that remains central to its identity and to the spirit of this World Championship.

In 2026, Albufeira holds the title of European City of Sport, reinforcing its commitment to hosting international events with high organisational standards, modern infrastructure and a strong connection between sport, community and territory.

Between official competition commitments, delegations may experience a compact yet distinctive blend of coastline, heritage and gastronomy.

### Coastline and Beaches

Albufeira’s coastline is characterised by limestone cliffs, hidden coves and long sandy beaches. Notable beaches include:

**Praia de São Rafael**, known for its rock formations and clear waters.

**Praia da Falésia**, one of the longest beaches in the Algarve, bordered by distinctive red cliffs.





**Praia da Galé**, offering wide open sandy areas and stable sea conditions

The geological formations and coastal morphology of this area create diverse marine habitats, contributing to the richness of local fishing grounds.

### **Coastal Caves and Maritime Landscape**

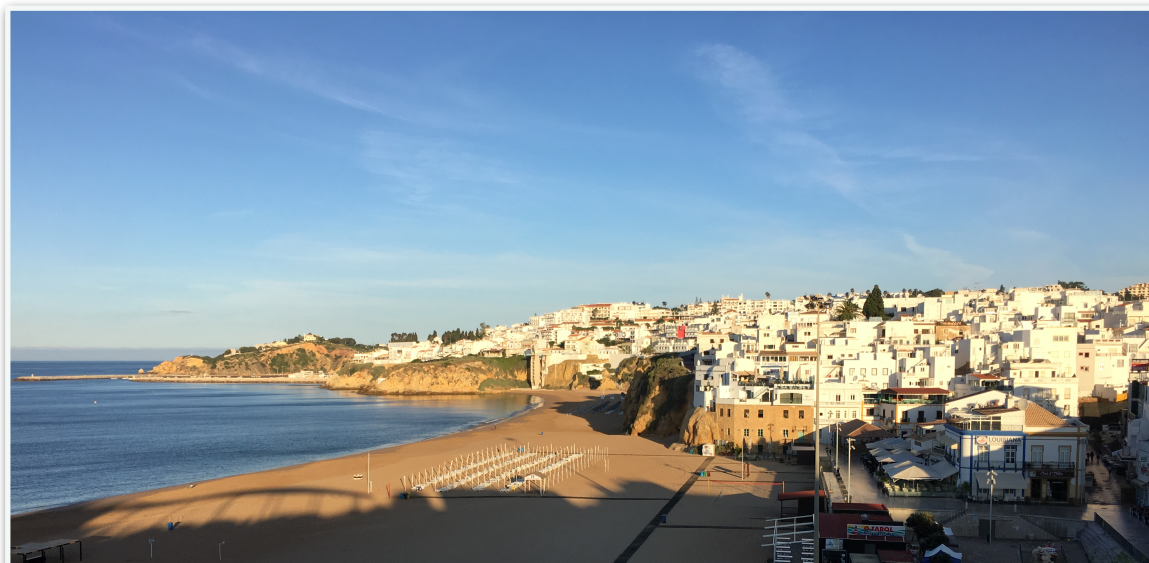
The Algarve coast is internationally recognised for its sea caves and natural arches carved into limestone cliffs.

Boat excursions along the coast allow visitors to explore these formations, including the well-known Benagil cave area, located east of Albufeira. These maritime landscapes illustrate the geological identity of the region and reinforce its long-standing relationship with the ocean.



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## Historic Centre and Cultural Heritage



Albufeira’s historic centre preserves elements of its fishing-village origins, with narrow streets, whitewashed houses and coastal viewpoints overlooking Praia dos Pescadores.

The Municipal Archaeological Museum presents artefacts from different historical periods, including Roman and Islamic occupation, offering insight into the region’s layered past.

### Regional Gastronomy

The Algarve’s cuisine is strongly influenced by the sea. Fresh fish and seafood remain central to local gastronomy.

Typical regional specialities include grilled sardines and “cataplana”, a seafood stew prepared in the traditional copper vessel that gives the dish its name.



This culinary heritage reflects the same maritime tradition that defines the championship environment.

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## 9. Sponsors and Partners

The successful organisation of the 3rd World Championship of Sea Kayak Fishing is made possible through the cooperation of public institutions, strategic partners and private sponsors whose support ensures the highest standards of organisation, safety and international visibility.

### Main Institutional Partners



The **Municipality of Albufeira**: The Município de Albufeira is the local public authority responsible for the administration, development and promotion of the municipality. It plays a central role in supporting tourism, sports and community initiatives, contributing to the sustainable growth and international visibility of Albufeira. As Host City and European City of Sport 2026, provides institutional, logistical and structural support for the championship.



The **IPDJ**, as the national public body responsible for sport and youth policy in Portugal, supports the event within the framework of national sports development and international representation.

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## Authorities and Safety Coordination



**AUTORIDADE  
MARÍTIMA  
NACIONAL**

**Autoridade Marítima Nacional - Capitania do Porto de Portimão - Maritime Authority:** The Autoridade Marítima Nacional is the national entity responsible for maritime safety, search and rescue coordination, navigation oversight and enforcement of maritime regulations in Portuguese waters. It ensures the protection of life at sea, maritime security and the safe use of coastal and maritime areas.

## Official Sponsors



**Galaxy Kayaks:** Galaxy Kayaks, founded in 2007, is a brand specializing in fishing and leisure kayaks, recognized for delivering quality products at competitive prices. The company has expanded across Europe, working closely with the kayak fishing community to develop practical and reliable equipment for all experience levels.



**Auramar Beach Resort:** Auramar Beach Resort is a seaside hotel located directly on Praia dos Aveiros in Albufeira, offering comfortable accommodation and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. The resort provides a wide range of facilities and services designed for leisure and relaxation, including pools, entertainment and direct beach access. Its privileged location combines natural surroundings with convenient proximity to the city centre.

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## Technical Partners



<https://bytefish.pt/>

**ByteFish** - A digital platform supporting modern sport fishing competitions with registration management, catch submission tools and measurement integration.



**Loja TudoPesca** - TudoPesca is a specialised retailer of sport and recreational fishing equipment, with a strong focus on sea fishing disciplines.

As the **official shop of the event**, TudoPesca offers a comprehensive range of solutions for all levels of anglers — from beginners to experienced professionals — supported by a catalogue of over 16,000 products in stock and official partnerships with leading brands such as Shimano and Daiwa.

Shop online with complete confidence and **have your order delivered directly to your hotel**, so your equipment is ready upon arrival. Alternatively, visit our physical store.

<https://www.lojatudopesca.com>

## Media Partners

(To be announced)

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## 10. Contacts and Social Media

### 10.1 - Official Organisation

**Federação Portuguesa de Pesca Desportiva do Alto Mar**

**Av. D. Pedro V, nº7, 2900-546 Setúbal, Portugal**

**Telephone (Head Office):** (+351) 265 591 143

**Official Email:** geral@fppdam.pt

**WhatsApp Only (Event Coordination):** (+351) 918 877 099

**Website (Institutional):** [www.fppdam.pt](http://www.fppdam.pt)

**Bank :** Santander Totta

**Account Number:** PT50 0018 0003 49433980020 48

**SWIFT/BIC:** TOTAPTPL

### 10.2 - Event Communication and Promotion

A dedicated official social media channels for the World Championship will be launched and will serve as the primary platform for event information, updates and documentation on Facebook and Instagram.

All operational, registration and technical matters must be addressed directly to the official email of the Federation.

Instagram: @kayakworlds2026 (to be confirmed)

Facebook: [facebook.com/kayakworlds2026](https://facebook.com/kayakworlds2026) (to be confirmed)

YouTube: [youtube.com/@kayakworlds2026](https://youtube.com/@kayakworlds2026) (to be confirmed)

The social media channels will be officially launched.

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