

SPEARFISHING

- It is strictly forbidden to spearfishing practitioner sell directly or indirectly or through intermediaries, the fishery product.
- The activity is forbidden at less than 300 meters from sites normally used as bathing areas.
- The number of fish species to hunt is limited to 5/man/day. Concerning lobster, and crabs, the limit is 2/man/day
- The capture of limpets is limited to 3 kg/man/day.
- The capture of dusky grouper is forbidden (*Epinephelus marginatus*).
- It is also forbidden:
 - Exercise spearfishing without a license;
 - The use of weapons of compressed gases;
 - The transport of the weapon loaded out of water (in shooting conditions).
- In all areas of special protection of Desertas Islands it is not allowed the spearfishing practice (art. 5 of Dec. Reg. Law. 14/90/M, of 23 may, as amended by Dec. Reg. Law 9 / 95 / M).
- In the whole area of the Nature Reserve of Rocha do Navio it is not allowed the spearfishing practice (Dec. Reg. Law 11/97/M art. 4).
- In the Partial Nature Reserve of Garajau it is not allowed the spearfishing practice (Dec. Reg. Law 23/86/M).
- It is not allowed the spearfishing practice at night time, between sunset and sunrise (Decree Law 246/2000 of 29 september).
- It is prohibited to catch shellfish/limpets, in the period of reproduction, between the 1st of December and the 28th of February for all island and coastal areas of the archipelago of Madeira (Regional Ordinance 5/2009, 22 January).