



Penalties apply

Penalties apply for breaching the rules. It may mean either an infringement notice or for more serious offending you could be charged and brought before the court and/or have your vessel and fishing equipment forfeit.



Akaroa Taiāpure

Amateur Regulations valid from 1 October 2009

Follow the rules – help reduce fishing pressure and encourage recovery of key fish stocks.



Know the boundaries – before you go fishing

Please refer to the maps in this brochure and their corresponding co-ordinates, so you know the clear boundaries of where the rules apply within the Akaroa Taiāpure.

Remember if you are fishing outside of the Akaroa Taiāpure area then the South-east Area Amateur Fishing rules apply.

Set Netting

There is a ban on set netting in Akaroa Harbour to protect endangered Hector's dolphins.

Recreational fishers may use set nets between 1 April and 30 September (both days inclusive) inside a line Green Point to Ohae Point (see MAP 3).

Only a flatfish net is permitted to be used. That means a net:

- No more than 9 meshes deep
- With a monofilament diameter no more than 0.35mm
- With a mesh size no less than 100mm
- That is anchored at each end
- That does not exceed a total length of 60 metres
- That has buoys that are clearly marked with the users name.

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REPORT ILLEGAL FISHING

 **CALL 0800 4 POACHER**
(0800 476 224)

For more information on fishing rules go to www.fish.govt.nz

The main purpose of a taiāpure is to manage, conserve and enhance fisheries resources for present and future generations to use and enjoy.

The Akaroa Taiāpure Management Committee was appointed by the Minister of Fisheries, and includes tangata whenua, the Akaroa community and local organisations.

Chairman of the committee, George Tikao, sums up the way forward: “The vision for the taiāpure is to develop a world-class, community-based fisheries management model that actively enhances a sustainable fishery in Akaroa Harbour.”

A Guide

Taking onboard recommendations made by the committee, this brochure outlines rules specific to the Akaroa Taiāpure.

For more detail on amateur fishing restrictions, contact your nearest Ministry of Fisheries office or check the website www.fish.govt.nz – click on ‘Recreation’ and then the relevant geographical area.

For full details of the legislation, please visit a government bookshop or go to www.legislation.govt.nz

IMPORTANT: This brochure should also be read together with the ‘South-east Area Amateur Fishing Rules’ brochure so you are clear on all the boundaries and rules of the Akaroa Taiāpure and its surrounding areas. (Again, this brochure can be obtained from the Ministry of Fisheries – either the nearest office or online).

FINFISH limits – Akaroa Taiāpure		
Species	Maximum Daily Limit per person	Minimum Fish Length cm
Blue Cod	3	30
Blue Moki	3	40
Butterfish	3	35
Red Cod	3	25
Sea Perch	3	n/a
Trumpeter	3	35
Elephant Fish	5	n/a
Rig	5	n/a
School Shark	5	n/a

NB: The maximum combined daily number of finfish of any species that may be taken or possessed within the Akaroa Taiāpure is 10.

Know the rules

- The above table sets out the maximum daily number of particular species of fish and the combined daily number of finfish that may be taken or possessed within the Akaroa Taiāpure.
- The taking or possessing of seahorses from the Akaroa Taiāpure is prohibited.
- The taking or possessing of shellfish from the Onawe Peninsula area of the Akaroa Taiāpure is prohibited.

Fishing *outside* of the Akaroa Taiāpure

If you want to transport fish caught outside of the Akaroa Taiāpure back through the taiāpure, and the quantities exceed Akaroa Taiāpure maximum allowable daily limits, the onus is on you to provide evidence of the location of where the fish was lawfully taken.

Shellfish limits – Akaroa Taiāpure		
Species	Maximum Daily Limit per person	Minimum Shellfish length mm
Cockle	20	n/a
Catseye	20	n/a
Mussel	50	n/a
Kina	50	n/a
Paua (ordinary)	10	125
Paua (Yellow foot)	10	80
All others combined	50	n/a

NB: The maximum combined daily number of shellfish applies to all species *not* specifically named above and includes all crabs, limpets, periwinkles, whelks, barnacles and freshwater crayfish.

Rock Lobster Limit – Akaroa Taiāpure		
	Maximum Daily Limit per person	Minimum Tail Width 2nd Abdominal Segment Spine tip to Spine tip
Rocklobster	3	Male 54mm Female 60mm

Shellfish

No person shall take any shellfish within the Onawe Peninsula (part of the Akaroa Taiāpure).

Outside of the Onawe Peninsula, but still within the Akaroa Taiāpure, the limits in the table above apply.

