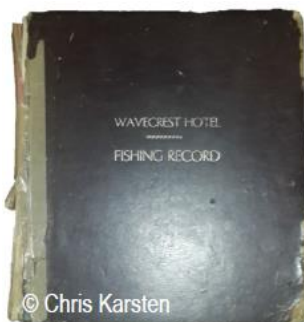# FiSH FOR LiFE NEWSLETTER

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FISHTORY NEWS

Here's an update on how the Fishtory project is progressing from Tan Grant the Fishtory coordinator:

Happy 2017! We hope that everyone had a wonderful festive season (although I'm sure it already feels like a distant memory) and that you had the chance to cast a few lines and scrummage around for some old fishing photos for us! We have had some fantastic entries recently and we're finally getting around to uploading the folders of photos that we have collected thus far, go check them out at fishtory.co.za/archive (and remember to sort by 'Most Recent').

Fishermen and scientists have had a rocky past, but we are seeing more initiatives trying to bridge this gap by promoting their common goal of the long-term sustainability of fishing activities. We'd be interested to hear about other responsible fishing destinations in South Africa, especially if they have kept historical fishing records like Wavecrest has (see picture below). Please do get in touch with us and we will organise to have these pieces of valuable historical data catalogued!

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This Wavecrest fishing register has hundreds of records , the earliest of which date back to 1957, from proud fishermen who have taken the time to diligently record their catches, and still record their catches in it today! The important details include: Date, name of fisherman, fish species, weight, hook size, bait, location, time, weather and water Temperature.
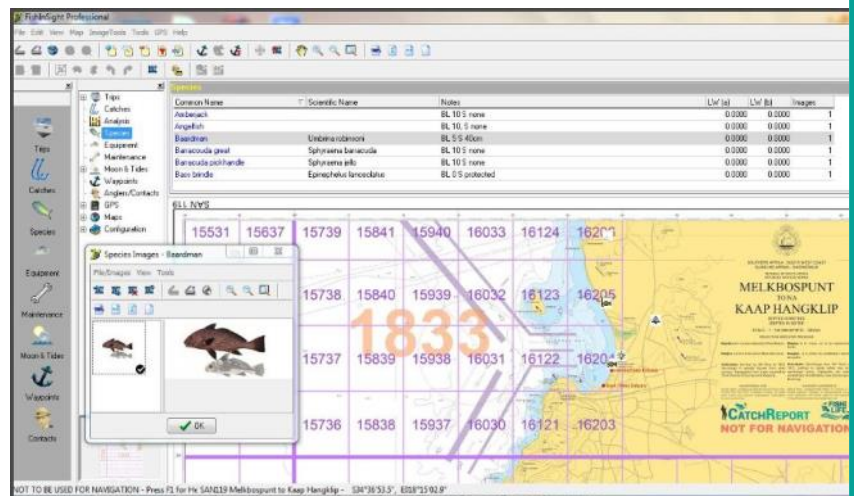
CATCHREPORT extras

CatchReport if not just a portal where you can log your catches! It has several more exciting features which are described below. These are all available on the CatchReport webpage here.

Fish catalogue: is freely available to registered *CatchReport* users and provides you with information on 400 local species with pictures, common names, scientific names, Smith Numbers, and up-to-date recreational angling regulation bag limits, minimum size and a weight/length calculator for over 250 commonly caught species

FishInSight: exclusively available in South Africa to approved *CatchReport* users.

FishInSight Fishing Log software is the most advanced and innovative fishing log of its type on the market that is linked to the South African national *CatchReport* database. Together with the powerful and flexible trip/catch logging functions, FishInSight includes complete Sun/Moon, Almanac and Tide tables specific to your nominated location which are valid till the year 2037. Furthermore, when conducting worldwide searches the times are auto-corrected for relevant time zones and incorporate daylight savings where applicable.

Competition Data Logger

The Competition Data Logger is a designed specifically for recreational angling clubs to easily collect and manage their competition data and to efficiently process scoring of results in real-time. The relevant catch and effort data will also automatically be submitted to the CatchReport database. The data logger can be used to collect all current and archive data from competitions which transfers into spreadsheets which uploads to the *CatchReport* database. These spreadsheets can then be kept for club records. As an added benefit, the competition data logger includes the species catalogue mentioned above integrated into the program.