## LOCAL FISHING GUIDE – EXMOUTH



SPECIES	BEST TIMES	RECOMMENDED BAIT/LURE	TACKLE WORLD TIP
Spanish Mackerel		Hardbody diving lures such as Strada HD Tracka 160 lures, Bolt Mystique deep diving lures and Halco's Laser Pro lures.	Troll a spread of 2-5 hardbody lures with a mixture of deep and shallower running options at a speed of 5-9knots around reef edges, shoals and bait aggregations. Shallow running lures are best at dawn and dusk, while deep lures are better during the day.
Mangrove Jack		Mulie, hardy head or small shads	Mainly found in the warmer months. Ask us which areas work best at what time of year.
Giant Trevally		Large poppers with barbless hooks.	We get these 12 months of the year from the shore and boats. Call in to ask us what is happening while you are here.
Whiting		Prawns and small poppers or soft plastics	Fish the high tide along the beaches in the gulf all year round. In winter they love the early morning when it is high tide.
Spangled Emperor		Whole squid and fresh local mullet from in-store for bait. A good berley trail enhances your chances. Soft plastic lures such as Squidy Fish Slick Rigs and Berkley Gulp Jerk Shads.	Utilising suitable spinning or overhead tackle, cast lightly weighted baits or soft plastic lures over shallow, broken reefy ground. To minimise lost fish due to bust offs use a tough, clear leader material such as 30-50Lb Instinct XTS Plus.
Red Emperor		Use large, hole and cut baits such as fresh local in-store mullet and squid.	Look for gently-sloping ground in waters ranging from 30-80m deep along the western side of the cape and Muiron Islands.
Coral trout		Use large, hole and cut baits such as fresh in- store mullet and squid. Soft plastics work well on these species too.	Look for shallow reefy country such as that within Exmouth Gulf. Keep your bait as lightly weighted and close to the bottom as possible.
Sailfish		Skipping or swimming baits such as garfish and small skirted lures such as the Bonze or the Moldcraft range.	Troll baits rigged on circle hooks using Dubro clips from in-store on spin gear to reduce the chance of the fish spitting the hook and increase the chances of fish survival rate of hooked fish. If using lures run a spread of 3-5 lures at speeds between 6 & 9knots. Focus on the shallow water grounds



		such as Exmouth gulf or west of Tantabiddi boat ramp. Call in and ask us where they are biting.
Marlin (Black, blue and striped)	Skipping or swimming baits such as large garfish, mullet, queenfish and mackerel or skirted lures such as those made by Bonze, Moldcraft or Black Bart.	Troll baits and lures around the offshore canyon areas and the ledge west of the Murion Islands. Call in to see us and ask where the water temp changes are or where the latest billfish have been caught. We get five species of billfish 12months of the year including black, blue, striped marlin, broadbill, sailfish and short billed spear fish. Fishing grounds are close to shore and easily accessible for small and large craft.