Fishing in the Tiwi Islands Red Exclusion Zone
Protocols for Permit Holders

These protocols provide guidance for fishers to ensure they respect Tiwi Islander property, privacy, cultural beliefs and practices.

Your permit

You have been issued with a permit by the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) to fish in the Exclusion Zone, marked in red on the map below. Your permit only allows you to fish. If you wish to engage in hunting or sightseeing activities on land, you will need to apply for a relevant permit www.tiwilandcouncil.com. Your application will need TLC approval. You are permitted however, to visit Milikapiti on Melville Island to buy fuel and supplies or to visit the Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association.

Please carry your permit with you at all times. Failure to present a permit when requested by an authorised officer is an offence under the Aboriginal Land Act.

Tiwi Islands Fishing Map
Bag limit
A General Personal Possession Limit of 15 fish applies in the Northern Territory. This is the maximum number of fish a person may have in their possession at any time. Please refer to the Northern Territory Recreational Fishing Controls brochure, *Know your Limits* for numbers of particular fish species.

Photography and filming
It is permitted to take photographs for personal use as a memento of your fishing trip, but you will need to apply for a Media Permit to film or take photographs of the Tiwi Islands for publication or for commercial purposes.

Social media
Social media posts have the potential to cause offence to Tiwi people. Do not upload audio, video or images of people to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or blogs without written consent from the individuals involved.

Protecting the environment
The Tiwi Islands are environmentally sensitive and largely intact. To ensure the ongoing protection of Tiwi coastal areas and waters, you must comply with applicable Northern Territory and Commonwealth laws, and comply with all TLC environmental and quarantine requirements.

Crocodiles
Crocodiles are common on the Tiwi Islands, you must always assume that saltwater crocodiles are present in any waterway. They are expert hunters and well camouflaged. Don’t become complacent; crocodile danger is real and attacks can be fatal. Saltwater crocodiles can attack people in boats and the smaller the boat, the greater the risk.

Marine WildWatch
You can help protect Tiwi coastal and marine environments by watching out for wildlife such as dolphins, marine turtles, dugongs and whales. Call the Marine WildWatch hotline to report sightings and strandings: 1800 453 941.

Notice anything unusual?
Call the Fishwatch Hotline on 1800 891 136 or use the reporting section in the NT Fishing Mate App to report suspected illegal fishing activity. It is important to provide as much detail as you can. You should include as much as possible of the following:

- what happened
- where it happened
- when
- who

If you notice any suspected illegal or criminal immigration, visa, customs and trade activity please notify the NT Police on 131 444. You can also report unusual activity to the Australian Government’s Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The Australian Government takes all reports of suspicious activity seriously and you can choose to remain anonymous.