

Sea fisheries bag limits

Jersey's recreational fishing bag limits help ensure the Island's stocks remain sustainable.

Daily bag limits and minimum landing sizes are based on the best available data and, if appropriate, match UK and French measures, but they are not necessarily the same.

Bag limits apply to individuals who will need permits for some species (see table overleaf for a list of these species).

When fishing from a boat, the bag limit may apply to the vessel and allow up to five people to catch one species up to their limit. For example:

Number of people on board	Number of Bream	Number of Lobster
1	10	5
4	40	5
5	50	5
6	50	5

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Copies of appropriate legislation are available from the States Greffe and gov.je/fisheries

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Recreational Fishing Bag Limits



States of Jersey
Restrictions Placed On Ormer Fishing
Fishing for Ormers may only take place from 1st October until 30th April. During the Ormer season, fishing may only take place on the first day of each new or full moon and the three following days. It is full moon tide for example on 20th April, fishing will cannot take place after 30th April.
It is an offence to possess fresh Ormers or export Ormers at any time other than between 1st October and 30th April and then on the first day of each new or full moon and the five following days. The term "fresh" does not include frozen, stored or otherwise preserved, so that live water fishermen wishing to freeze down ormers to be eaten out of season, may still do so.
For further information on the above restrictions, please contact the
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Telephone 866200

Marine Resources

Minimum sizes and bag limits (fish and cephalopods)

Common name	Per person limit	Vessel limit	Minimum size (cm)
Amber Jack	1	5	-
Atlantic Bonito	1	5	-
Black Bream Gilt-head Bream Red Bream Couche's Bream	10	50*	Black Bream 23 Red Bream 25
Cod Coalfish Haddock Hake Pollack Poor Cod Rockling Ling Whiting	10	50*	Cod 35 Coalfish 35 Haddock 30 Pollack 30 Whiting 27 Ling 63
Conger Eel	2	2	58
Brill Flounder Lemon Sole Plaice Sole Turbot	10	50*	Brill 30 Flounder 25 Lemon 25 Plaice 27 Sole 24 Turbot 30
Gurnard Species	20	20	-
Herring Sardine Anchovy Sandeel Sprat	5KG	5KG	Herring 20 Sardine 11
Mackerel Scad	40	200*	Mackerel 20 Scad 15

*For groups with more than one species, the bag limit comprises wholly of any single species or a combination of species.

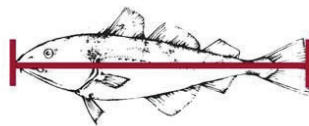
For example: 8 turbot and 2 Brill is the personal limit.

**Specific permits apply to certain species.

Minimum sizes and bag limits continued (fish and cephalopods)

Common name	Per person limit	Vessel limit	Minimum size (cm)
Mullet Species (Including Red Mullet)	20	20*	20 15 (Red Mullet)
Pouting	20	100	-
Blonde Ray Small-eyed Ray Thornback Ray Undulate Ray	5	5*	
Bass	2	10	42
Bull Huss Dogfish Starry Smooth-hound	20	20*	-
Squid/Cuttlefish	10KG	10KG	
Common Octopus	2	2	0.75KG
Wrasse Species	5	5	-

How to measure a fish:



Measured from tip of the snout to end of the tail fin

Fish species with 0 Bag Limit:

Albacore Tuna, Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Tuna, Black Skate, Bluefin Tuna, Blue Shark, Common Skate, Giant Goby, Orange Roughy, Porbeagle Shark, Shad species, Smooth Hammerhead Shark, Spurdog, Tope, White Shark and White Skate.

Minimum sizes and bag limits (other)

Common name	Per person limit	Vessel limit	Minimum size (cm)
Bait Worms	2KG	2KG	
Brown Crab	5	5	15
Common Whelk	5KG	5KG	4.5
European Lobster	5	5	8.8 (until 31/7/25) 8.9 (from 1/8/25 - 31/7/26) 9 (from 1/8/26)
Green Crab	100	100	
Spider Crab	10	50	12
Velvet Crab	40	40	6.5
Limpet Species	100	100	2.5
Ormer	20	100	9
Otter Shell	20	20	
Oyster Species	50	50	-
Scallop	24**		10.2
Common Cockle Dog Cockle Norwegian Cockle Rough Cockle Paloudre Spp. Manilla Clam Praire Surf Clam Razorfish Spp.	150	150*	Common Cockle 3 Paloudre Spp. 4 Surf Clam 2.5 Razorfish 10

Guidance on how to measure:

