

Purpose for this guide

This guide is a tool to **midi**, or measure fish you catch. It provides information to encourage keeping only fish that have had a chance to spawn. This will help to ensure fish for the future.

L50 = the length (L) at which half (50%) of a fish species have had a chance to spawn.

L50 Values are based on: Best available knowledge from - UoG Marine Lab, FishBase & Published Literature

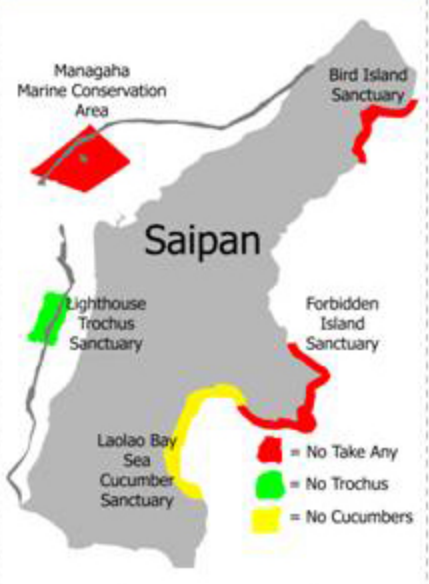
How to use this guide

- Use the photos to identify your fish and measure it
- Consider releasing fish smaller than the listed L50
- Sizes are inches nose to tail

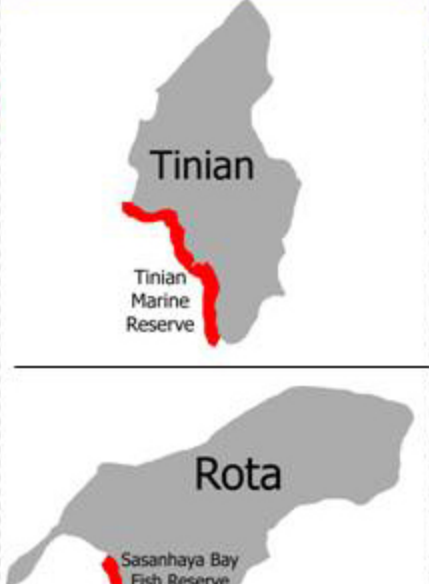
Legend



Saipan MPAs



Tinian & Rota MPAs



Marianas Trench Marine National Monument



Prohibited Methods

- You may not harvest marine resources using any of the following methods:**
- Explosives
 - Cyanide, Bleach, Derris, etc.
 - Electric shocking devices
 - SCUBA or Hookah



Net Restrictions

- Allowed with permit**
- Cast nets (talaya)
 - Scoop or landing net
- Not Allowed**
- Drag net
 - Trap net
 - Gill net
 - Beach seine
 - Surround net



Spiny & Slipper Lobster Regulations

Mahongang, Pa'pangpang / Uur



Carapace Length (CL)

It is illegal to take lobster if:

- It is less than 3" CL
- It is carrying or has been stripped of its eggs
- It has been harvested by any method other than by hand

Moratoria



No Take of Topshell Trochus (*Tectus niloticus*)

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Agency Websites


- CRM - <http://www.crm.gov.mp>
- DEQ - <http://www.deq.gov.mp>
- DFW - <http://www.dfw.gov.mp>

CNMI Helpful Numbers

- Police or Fire Emergency 911
- Coast Guard (671) 355-4821, VHF 16
- Port Authority 237-6500, VHF 12/13
- NAVY Public Affairs (671) 339-2115
- DFW 24hr Hotline 888-4917
- CRM Enforcement 483-2923
- 24hr EMO Hotline 322-9458
- Weather Service (811) 472-0900
- NAVY Divers (671) 339-7143


How to get Involved

- Submit observations to **Biosearch** www.cnmicoralreef.net/biosearch/biosearch.htm
- Volunteer for **Reef Flat Surveys** (670) 664-8300
- Report Violators!** (670) 888-4917



A Measurement Guide for Nearshore Fishes of the CNMI

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MIDI - MEASURE
So we can fish tomorrow

