



## SCHRODA DAM RULES & REGULATIONS

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### **1. SAN PARKS**

- 1.1. Entrance through Mapungubwe Main Gate. You will be required to show your Schroda Guest Ticket at reception. Gate times: Sept till March 6H00-18H30; April till Aug 6H30-18H00.
- 1.2. SAN Parks have been informed of your visit and any SAN Parks representative may be entitled to check your membership card or Schroda Visit Permit to verify your identity and presence within the Park and policing according to all SAN Parks rules and regulations.
- 1.3. You are not permitted to use any road other than the road from Mapungubwe Gate directly to the fishing site. All other roads belong to Mapungubwe National Park and are out of bounds unless you are in possession of a SAN Parks entrance ticket.
- 1.4. You will be entering a National Park and must adhere to all the rules of the Park. Please familiarize yourself with these rules which will include:
  - Speed limit – 40KM/H
  - No hooting or loud noise
  - Prescribed exit times, etc.
- 1.5. Be aware at all times for elephants, lions and other dangerous animals in the area.

### **2. SCHRODA DAM**

- 2.1. Ensure the access cable to the fishing site and Lapa is closed and locked after entering and exiting. Please don't drop the lock in the sand.
- 2.2. The main use of the shaded area at the launch area is to provide shade for visitors who wish to relax next to the dam. It's not parking areas.
- 2.3. Bring your own food & drinks. Include lots of water to avoid dehydration.
- 2.4. Fires to be made only on the provided braais.
  - Bring your own fire wood. No wood is allowed to be taken from the surrounding bush.
  - Ensure all fires are properly extinguished after use.
- 2.4. No Littering (Bring your own black bag and dispose it when you get home).
- 2.5. This includes fishing line, bottle tops, cigarette butts etc. Abide by the conservation community rule "leave only footprints".
- 2.6. No Swimming. There are crocodiles and Bilharzia in the water.
- 2.7. Camping (sleeping over) is strictly not permitted on Schroda Dam premises.

### 3. BOATS

- 3.1. Only a boat with a valid Certificate of Fitness (COF) and a Skipper with Skippers License/Certificate as per Legal Requirements are allowed on the dam.
- 3.2. Any boat smaller than 3m and with an engine capacity of less than 5Hp are not allowed on the dam. (This includes canoes, jet skis, etc.)
- 3.3. Boat carrying capacity may not be exceeded.
- 3.4. You will not be permitted on the water unless you have the necessary safety equipment on the boat. (E.g. Life jackets for each person, paddle or bass/troller motor and fire extinguisher.)

### 4. FISHING

- 4.1. All Tiger Fish caught must be released quickly within 2 minutes of capture.  
(Tiger Fish are very sensitive)
  - Take as much information as possible e.g. weight, length, fish condition. Record the area it was caught as well as water temperature and weather conditions. Please report info back to committee member, especially when Tagged fish was caught.
  - Do not touch / put your fingers into gills. Make sure your hands are wet before handling the fish.
- 4.2. No more of ten (10) Bream (Kurpers) per angler in the size range of 400g-1kg may be taken home. This is to insure our breeding Kurpers are protected.
- 4.3. No tagging of fish without the VCS committee's permission.  
Illegal fishing at the dam without the necessary authorization will lead to your membership being revoked.

### 5. BOOKINGS

- 5.1. Bookings to visit Schroda dam or Lapa must be made at least two days in advance through the society's secretary (only on weekdays):
  - Elsabé Potgieter:  
(015 575 2299) [vcs@debeersgroup.com](mailto:vcs@debeersgroup.com)
- 5.2. Any ordinary or honorary member may be accompanied by two non-members. Non-members may only accompany a VCS member twice in a period of a year whereafter he/she will be required to apply for VCS membership.
  - Should a member wish to be accompanied by *another two non-members*, he shall submit a special request in writing to the responsible Fishing Committee Member at least two days before the visit for approval granting access to such guests.
  - Should a member wish to be accompanied by *more than four non-members*, he shall submit a special request in writing to the Society's Chairman for approval granting access to such guests.
- 5.3. Please adhere to the following booking procedure.  
Supply the following details:
  - Name & surname + I.D no.
  - Name & surname of dependent members + I.D no.
  - Name & surname + I.D no. of all non-members
  - Date of planned visit
  - Vehicle reg. no.
  - Boat trailer reg. no.
  - Boat COF no.
  - Purpose of visit (Site viewing, angling, boating)
  - Dam Key collection (Musina or Mine Security)

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Include the following documents:

- Copy of your Skipper's license
- Copy of boat's COF
- Indemnity forms for all non-members

5.4. Fishing fee to be paid in advance via direct transfer/deposit into bank account only.

R20 per VCS Member per day.

R50 per non-VCS Member per day.

Children under 12 years are free.

Bank details:

Bank : First National Bank

Branch : Musina

Branch no. : 260249

Account no. : 53000017509

Reference : Name & Surname

(Fax or e-mail proof of payment to the VCS secretary)

Once information and payment has been received, the Visit Permit will be issued to the VCS main member who should print and keep two copies.

5.5. The dam key may be collected one day before day of visit at either the Mine or Musina Security reception. You will be required to show your Schroda Guest Ticket on collection.

The key must be returned within one working day after the visit. A fee of R20 per day will be charged for late return of keys.

Do not use lubricant on the lock or damage it in any way possible. If you experience difficulty in opening the lock, contact one of the VCS Fishing committee members.

The VCS committee will be entitled to at any time conduct spot checks on the activities at the dam.

Enjoy the fishing and outdoors in a responsible manner.

Tight lines.

Gavin Anderson

**VCS CHAIRMAN**