

**SOUTH AFRICAN NOTICE TO MARINERS
NO 17 OF 2013**

Former Notice No 17/2012 is cancelled.

KWAZULU-NATAL COAST, Shark Nets

1. The Sharks Board presently deploys nets at 38 beaches along the coastline of KwaZulu-Natal, ranging from Richards Bay to Port Edward. See listing below for details.
2. The shark safety gear consists of different types, including shark nets and drumlines and are installed at all protected beaches. Historically these nets comprised of panels of 106 metres in length with a 6.2 metre drop and are referred to as “single nets”. However, it has been found that “double nets” (213.5 metres) and, in some cases “triple nets” (304.8 metres) are more stable in certain areas. Various configurations are used. Single nets are secured by 2 x 35kg anchors (one on each end of the net), double nets by 4 x 35kg anchors (two on each end) and triple nets by 6 x 35kg anchors (three on each end).
3. All nets are manufactured from polyethylene rope and twine and are indicated by a red marker buoy at each end (*See Diagram 1*). The nets are laid approximately 20 metres apart and parallel to the coastline between 200 and 400 metres offshore in approximately 11 to 15 metre water depth.
4. Drumlines consist of a large red buoy and a baited hook, which is anchored and marked by a yellow anchor marker buoy. The drumlines are set adjacent to the shark nets and at the same distance offshore.
5. Vessels passing these beaches are advised to sail at least 1 nautical mile offshore to allow for safe passage.
6. Following is a list of netted beaches from north to south :

NORTH COAST	UPPER SOUTH COAST	LOWER SOUTH COAST
Richards Bay 5 x D, 1 x S, 3 x DL (N of Harbour Entrance)	Isipingo Beach 2 x D	Hibberdene 1 x D, 4 x DL
Zinkwazi 5 x D	Amanzimtoti 9 x D	Umzambe 1 x D, 4 x DL
Blythedale 2 x D	Warner Beach 3 x D	Banana Beach 1 x D, 4 x DL
Salt Rock 3 x D	Winklespruit 2 x D	Sunwich 1 x D, 4 x DL
Thompsons Bay . . . 2 x D	Karridene 2 x D	Southport 1 x D
Ballito Bay/Clark Bay 5 x D	Umgababa 2 x D	Umtentweni 1 x D, 4 x DL
Westbrook 2 x D	Scottburgh 4 x D	St Michael's 1 x D, 4 x DL
Umdloti 2 x D	Park Rynie 2 x D	Uvongo 1 x D, 4 x DL
Umhlanga Rocks . . 6 x D		Margate 3 x D, 12 x DL
		Ramsgate/Skiboat Bay . 2 x D, 4 x DL
		Southbroom 1 x D, 4 x DL
		Umkobi/Marina Beach . 1 x D, 4 x DL
		San Lameer 1 x D, 4 x DL
		Trafalgar 1 x D, 4 x DL
		Glenmore 1 x D, 4 x DL
		Leisure Bay 1 x D, 4 x DL
		T O Strand 1 x D, 4 x DL
		Port Edward 1 x D, 4 x DL
DURBAN		
Durban 17 x T (N of Harbour Entrance)	S = Single	
Ansteys Beach 2 x T	D = Double	
Brighton Beach 1 x T	T = Triple	
	DL = Drumline	

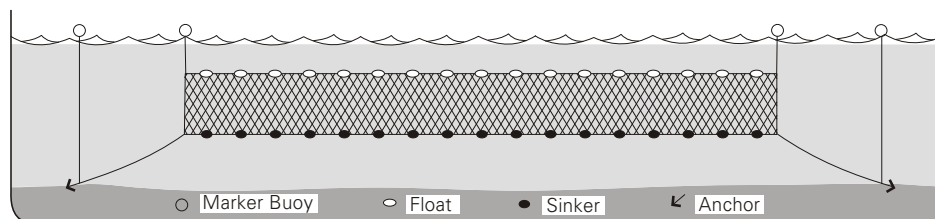


Diagram 1