

# Angling in the Netherlands



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## Introduction angling in the Netherlands

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## Angling

- **Worldwide one of the biggest outdoor activities**
- **In the Netherlands all kind of possibilities**

















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## PARTICIPATION

- About 2,000,000 inhabitants fish
- Youth (age under 15) 550,000
- Men 1.100.000
- Women 300,000
- Foreign visitors 150,00
  
- Inland waters 1,500,000
- Sea and coastal waters 650,000

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## WHY PEOPLE CHOOSE FOR ANGLING

- Personal values
- Experience freedom, nature, fish
- Increasing life quality and health
- Catch and release
- Own consumption
- Recreational values
- Relaxation, leisure, nature involvement

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## ECONOMIC VALUE

- 700 million euro
- Bait, feed
- Fishing tackle
- Boats
- Permits
- Books, magazines
- Food and drinks
- Travel costs

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## JOBS

- Over 3,000 full jobs a year
- Angling shops
- Charterships
- Bait farming
- Hotels, campings
- Fish stock management
- Lobbying

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## LICENSES

- Sea-angling: free
- Angling in the inland waters: you need a permit

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## ORGANISATION

- Inlands waters
- Fishing rights belong to the water owner
- Angling clubs hire fishing rights
- To give anglers permission to fish
- According to the fishing law

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## THE ORGANISATION OF THE ANGLERS

- 550,000 affiliated anglers / members
- 1,000 angling clubs
- 9 regional federations
- 1 national organisation Sportvisserij Nederland (45 employees)



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## DUTCH NATIONAL ANGLERS ORGANISATION

### Tasks and targets

- Managing angling, the angling organisation and control
- Increasing angling possibilities
  - More water in permits, exchanging permits, low costs
  - Lobbying for improving
    - Waterquality, water environment, natural fishstocks
    - Laws and rules
- Information /investigation
- Education
- Promotion

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## LOBBYING

- International
  - EU / EAA
- National
  - Government
  - Water authorities
  - Nature protection organisations

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## THEMES FOR LOBBYING

- European Water Frame Directive
- European Bird and Habitat Protection Directive
- Natura 2000
- Animal Welfare
- Quota for commercial fisheries at sea
  
- Discussions about the relation and responsibilities in the field of watermanagement – fishstock management – fisheries management



# VIS TV



## de missie



Vanaf 21 januari elke zondagochtend om 10:00 te zien op **rt(7)**



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# visionair

verstand van vissen

POLITIEK

**Red de  
zalm**

HART VOOR VISSEN

**'Een nieuwe  
organisatie'**

ONDERZOEK

**Op weg naar een  
Europees handboek Vismigratie**

  
Sportvisserij  
Nederland





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## CODES OF CONDUCT FOR ANGLERS

We promote and maintain rules and codes of conduct by

- our permits
- magazines
- television
- youth education
- control actions
- etc.



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## CODES OF CONDUCT FOR ANGLERS

We have rules and codes of conduct about

- how to handle and take care of fish
- catch and release
- how to kill fish when using for own consumption
- not to sell fish
- environment protection
- litter
- keepnets
- the use of lead
- monitoring fish stocks
- etc.

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## ANIMAL WELFARE

- Discussion about physical and emotional impacts on fish
- Ethic discussion
  - Balance between advantages for men and disadvantages for fish
  - How to give body to the theme 'increasing life quality' in stead of calling it 'fishing for fun'

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**For a directive  
it is good to have**

**a global or European  
Code of Practice for Recreational Fisheries**

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**I wish you  
the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission**

**a good meeting  
and a nice stay in Holland and in our office**

**And I am looking forward for your results**

**Thank you**

