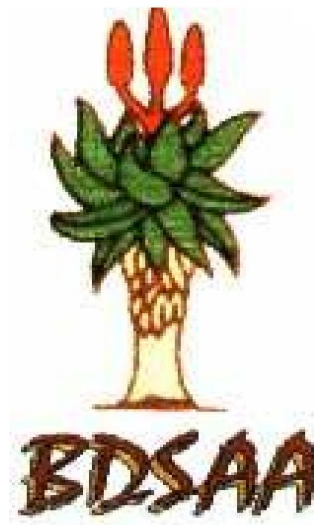


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CONSTITUTION
of
THE BORDER SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION

1. NAME HEADQUARTERS, ADDRESS AND FINANCIAL YEAR

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be:
THE BORDER DEEP SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION
(hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)
- 1.2 The headquarters and postal address of the Association shall be situated as, shall be decided from time to time in General Meeting.
- 1.3 The financial year of the Association shall expire on the 31 March of each year.

2. UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY AND LEGAL POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 2.1 The Association is liable only for its own debts and any assistance granted to any person or body whether corporate or unincorporate, shall not render it liable for the debts of such a person or body.
- 2.2 The liability of the members of the Association shall not be unlimited and the members shall not be liable for the debts of the Association, of whatsoever nature and howsoever incurred, save only to the extent of any unpaid membership subscription and any other debt incurred directly with the Association.
- 2.3 The Association may only sue or be sued in the name of its President in any Court of law in the Republic of South Africa having competent jurisdiction in respect of the headquarters of the Association as it may be fixed from time to time pursuant to the provisions of Clause 1.2 above, and all legal processes, notices and the like shall be regarded as properly served on the Association if served personally upon the President, or his duly authorized agent in writing, it being recorded that neither of these persons shall be regarded in any manner as being personally liable for the debts of the Association.
- 2.4 The Association binds itself to ensure that membership of the individual members thereof shall be available to all people irrespective of gender, race, color or creed.
- 2.5 The Association is founded on the following beliefs:
 - 2.5.1 That offshore and inshore fish is any defined species of marine fish held in high esteem and sought-after because of its fighting and sporting characteristics when caught on rod and reel from all craft.
 - 2.5.2 That offshore and inshore fish species, their related food and their respective habitats are economic, social, recreational, and aesthetic assets which must be maintained, wisely used and perpetuated.
 - 2.5.3 That the sport of offshore and inshore angling is an important recreational and social activity which must be encouraged and promoted and that the public must be educated to pursue it in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservational practices in accordance with the angling rules and regulations of the International Game Fish Association (hereinafter referred to as “IGFA”) and/or other internationally and locally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Executive as herein described in Clause 5.1
 - 2.5.4 That the sport of offshore and inshore angling is a deliberate and intentional act of angling for offshore fish species in accordance with internationally accepted ethics, rules, and regulations according to the most sporting methods and in the spirit of angling.
 - 2.5.5 That the spirit of the sport of offshore and inshore angling is that the skill of the angler is pitted against the instinct, strength, and behavior of the offshore fish species in such a way that the fish stands a reasonable chance.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall include:

- 3.1 To be and to function as the autonomous governing body of the sport of amateur offshore and inshore angling from all craft in the Province of Border.
- 3.2 To promote, control, and foster the sport of offshore and inshore angling in conformity with the national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other internationally and locally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Executive as herein described in Clause 5.1.
- 3.3 To keep accurate catch records of offshore angling in conformity with national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other internationally accepted rules and regulations as may be directed by the Executive as herein described in Clause 5.1
- 3.4 To evolve guidelines of angling rules made to regulate the holding of tournaments and the keeping of tournament records.
- 3.5 To organize Internationals, Nationals, Inter-provincial, and Inter-club offshore angling tournaments at venues approved by the Association from time to time.
- 3.6 To approve Inter-club and open competitions and to maintain a record of catches of individual anglers of the members in these competitions. BDSAA do not have to approve club internal competitions.
- 3.7 To select qualified anglers to represent the Province of Border or the Association in Interprovincial, National and other offshore and inshore angling tournaments.
- 3.8 To promote competence in the handling of craft, including the laying down of a set of rules to govern the operation of craft and all the requirements of safety according to SAMSA and the law, which members of the Association shall be obliged to observe.
- 3.9 To liaise and co-operate with all levels of government and other concerned and interested bodies for the protection and/or conservation of marine fish, their habitats and their food source and/or of sport fishing grounds.
- 3.10 To maintain the Association as a non-political and non-racial body abiding by the laws of the land, and to preserve its amateur status and that of its members.
- 3.11 To design, adopt, register and award colors, badges or uniforms as required or stipulated from time to time.
- 3.12 To use the revenue and property of the Association from whatever source derived to further the interests and objectives of the Association and for such other purposes as the Association may deem necessary or desirable.
- 3.13 To purchase, improve, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any movable and immovable property and rights or privileges whatsoever which may be deemed necessary, suitable or convenient for the implementation of the objects of the Association and to sell, let or hire, or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the assets of the Association for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Association may from time to time deem fit.
- 3.14 To open and operate banking and savings accounts and any other investment account that may be deemed necessary or required by the Association without any limitation.
- 3.15 To raise funds for the purpose, philosophy and objects of the Association as enunciated herein and if deemed necessary, borrow money upon the security of the fixed assets and investments of the Association upon such terms and conditions as may be necessary or advisable in the circumstances.
- 3.16 To establish a budget for a tournament fund for funding National, Inter-provincial tournaments and/or the teams participating therein.
- 3.17 To engage the services of such people, companies or concerns upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient to give effect to the objectives of the Association.
- 3.18 To refrain from carrying on any business that has any acquisition or gain by individual members of the Association, apart from COF books issued to club surveyors, subjected to stipulated charges from time to time and also the holding of skippers courses by the BDSAA approved skippers academy.
- 3.19 To affiliate with the South African Deep Sea Angling Association (SADSAA) and any other National or International body that may be deemed relevant or beneficial from time to time to the interests and/or objectives of the Association.

- 3.20 To maintain a comprehensive register of individual member clubs of the Association and to update such register from time to time and at least before each Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 3.21 To encourage compliance by the members with all requirements which may be stipulated from time to time regarding the rendering of catch returns.
- 3.22 To undertake and/or support, where relevant or necessary, scientific, economic research and studies to determine the economic and scientific impact of the sport of offshore and inshore angling on the economy, environment and reserves of fish, at the discretion of the Association.
- 3.23 To promote harmonious interaction in tournaments and otherwise of craft owned or operated by the individual anglers of member clubs.
- 3.24 To uphold the Code of Conduct of the Association (BDSAA), (SADSAA), and the South African Sport Anglers and Casting Confederation (SASACC).
- 3.25 To adhere to the Environmental Policy of the Association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Members of the Association shall for all purposes arising out of this Constitution be called 'Member Clubs'. The Member Clubs shall be the properly constituted Deep Sea Angling Clubs.
- 4.2 A Member Club shall:
 - 4.2.1 Have an ordinary membership of a minimum of twenty fully paying members.
 - 4.2.2 Operate a minimum of three registered and active craft.
 - 4.2.3 Be in good financial standing with the Association.
 - 4.2.4 Have and retain a written constitution which contains, inter alia, the following provisions:
 - 4.2.4.1 That its affairs are managed by a committee which is elected annually from its ranks by its members.
 - 4.2.4.2 That it obliges itself to affiliate to the Association and that it unequivocally subscribes to and undertakes to abide by the Association's constitution and its regulations and decisions which may be in force and applicable from time to time.
 - 4.2.4.3 That it shall furnish its members annually with a financial statement reflecting fully its assets and liabilities and its income and expenditure for the preceding financial year.
- 4.3 A founder Member Club whose constitution does not comply with Clause 4.2.4 above, or in any way conflicts with this constitution, shall be obliged to make the necessary amendments to its constitution to effect compliance and all Founder Member Clubs shall furnish the Association with a copy, certified as correct by the Chairman.
- 4.4 Any prospective Member Club applying for membership of the Association shall do so in writing and shall submit the following documents and information with its application:
 - 4.4.1 A copy of its constitution certified as correct by the Chairman.
 - 4.4.2 A list of members entitled to vote together with their addresses and identity numbers.
 - 4.4.3 A list of the names of craft owners and their identity numbers, craft names and registration numbers, if registered.
 - 4.4.4 The names and addresses of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 4.4.5 The desired craft registration prefix letters and two alternatives.
 - 4.4.6 Proof of payment to cover the Application Fees, and the Annual Subscriptions and levies due to the Association and the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.
- 4.5 Applications for membership shall be considered by the Executive at its next ordinary meeting after receiving a report by the association secretary as to whether the application complies with the provisions of Clauses 4.2 and 4.4 above, and of any other information which may be relevant to the granting or refusal of the application.
- 4.6 All Member Clubs shall provide and update the information stipulated in Clauses 4.4.2, 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 above, in writing to the Secretary of the Association not later than the last day of February each year, and such information shall be incorporated by the Association in a Register which shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Association.

- 4.7 Each Member Club shall advise the Secretary of the Association in writing of all changes in the appointment of office bearers of such Member Club within 30 days of such a change occurring.
- 4.8 A Member Club which has amended its' Constitution in any way, shall, within 30 days of the date on which such amendment was approved, submit a certified copy thereof to the Secretary of the Association.
- 4.9 Member clubs to ensure that important or relevant information as received from, or passed on from, the Association, is forwarded to all affiliated members of the Member club.
- 4.10 In the event of a Member club wishing to resign from the Association, they shall advise the Association in writing of its intention to do so by giving thirty days' notice. A resigning member club shall not be exempt from monies owing to the Association. A resigning Member club shall forfeit all past contributions and have no claim to any of the Associations funds.

5. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 5.1 The Executive committee (Hereinafter referred to as "Executive")
 - 5.1.1 The Executive shall comprise the Office bearers as defined in Clause 5.1.5 below.
 - 5.1.2 The Executive shall administer and manage the affairs of the Association.
 - 5.1.3 The Executive shall meet as is deemed necessary.
 - 5.1.4 The Executive, save for the President, who shall hold office for 3 consecutive years, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at which time the nomination of Office bearers from each Member Club shall be recorded, provided that no nomination shall be capable of being recorded unless it shall have been received by the Secretary of the Association in writing not less than 14 days prior to the Meeting. All nominations shall be individual anglers in good standing with the Member Club nominating them as well as the Association.
 - 5.1.5 The Office bearers of the Association shall be:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Tournaments Officer
 - Safety Officer
 - Environmental Officer
 - Development Officer
 - Pro officer
 - Records Officer
 - Convener of selectors

5.1.5.1 The President shall:

- 5.1.5.1.1 Preside as Chairman at all Executive, Annual General and General Meetings. At Executive meetings, the President shall have a deliberative vote and a casting vote. At Annual General, General, and Special General Meetings, the President shall have no vote save that he shall have a casting vote.
- 5.1.5.1.2 Present a written report to the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.1.5.1.3 May sit on the SADSAA and SASACC Executive council if elected on.
- 5.1.5.1.4 Conduct, institute or defend legal proceedings on behalf of the Association, subject to ratification of the Executive.
- 5.1.5.1.5 Be empowered to make all announcements, press releases and other communications with the press media and other bodies and organizations on behalf of the Association.

- 5.1.5.1.6 Conduct, institute or defend legal proceedings on behalf of the Association and be empowered to take evidence on commission of an urgent nature, subject to ratification of the BDSAA Executive.
- 5.1.5.1.7 Not serve in such capacity for longer than 3 years consecutively unless unopposed.
- 5.1.5.1.8 Accept fiduciary responsibility with the Vice President and the treasurer of the Association.

5.1.5.2 The Vice-President shall:

- 5.1.5.2.1 In the absence of the President, preside alternatively as the Chairman of all Executive Committee, Annual General and General Meetings and shall then assume the functions of the president as defined in 5.1.5.1. above.
- 5.1.5.2.2 When attending meetings referred to in Clause 5.1.5.1.1 above, shall have the same voting powers as are granted to the President.
- 5.1.5.2.3 When attending Executive meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.
- 5.1.5.2.4 Shall accept fiduciary responsibility with the president and the Treasurer of the Association.

5.1.5.3 The Secretary shall:

- 5.1.5.3.1 Keep minutes of the proceedings of all Executive, Annual General and General Meetings and send copies thereof to all Executive within 14 days of such meetings or as soon as is possible and shall send copies of minutes of all Annual General and General meetings to all Member Clubs together with the notice convening the next General Meeting within 14 days or as soon as is possible of such meetings.
- 5.1.5.3.2 Keep and maintain all secretarial and administrative records as may be necessary and as determined by the Executive from time to time.
- 5.1.5.3.3 Maintain the register referred to in Clause 4.6.
- 5.1.5.3.4 When attending Executive Committee meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.
- 5.1.5.3.5 Forward all relevant information as received from SADSAA to all Member clubs.
- 5.1.5.3.6 Attend to all relevant secretarial matters of the Association as required.
- 5.1.5.3.7 May be a paid position if approved by member clubs at a General meeting.

5.1.5.4 The Treasurer shall:

- 5.1.5.4.1 Be responsible for the collection of, and due and proper administration of all monies and funds of the Association.
- 5.1.5.4.2 Give effect to and be guardian of an approved budget.
- 5.1.5.4.3 Be responsible for the maintenance and updating of books of accounts and other documents of the Association, including those relating to all investments of the Association of whatever nature.
- 5.1.5.4.4 Prepare Statements and Accounts which shall be submitted, and a compilation of financials compiled by a qualified auditing firm in accordance with sound accounting practice, copies whereof shall be circulated by the Secretary to all Member Clubs no less than fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting for ratification at such Annual General Meeting.
- 5.1.5.4.5 Deposit all monies belonging to and received by the Association in the Banking Account nominated by the Executive from time to time for the credit of the Association.

- 5.1.5.4.6 When attending Executive meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.
- 5.1.5.4.7 Ensure that all payments made by the Association or electronically approved, are made signed on behalf of the Association by any two of three authorized signatories, President, Vice President or Treasurer.
- 5.1.5.4.8 Ensure that all the assets (including trophies) of the Association are properly insured in accordance with the directives of the Executive.
- 5.1.5.4.9 Keep proper books of account reflecting all transactions of the Association.
- 5.1.5.4.10 May be a paid position if the Member clubs deem so.
- 5.1.5.4.11 Shall accept fiduciary responsibility with the President and Vice President of the Association.
- 5.1.5.4.12 Shall attend to all financial matters of the Association.
- 5.1.5.4.13 The treasurer shall hold such amounts of petty cash as authorized by the Executive from time to time.

5.1.5.5 Tournament Officer

The functions and responsibilities of the Tournament Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.5.5.1 Shall annually compile a Tournament Calendar for submission to and approval by the Executive. No Nationals, inter provincials, inter clubs shall be held by any Member Club unless included in such Tournament Calendar or by special dispensation in writing thereafter by the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.5.5.2 Shall ensure that Member Clubs furnish the Association with detailed results of Nationals, Inter Provincials and Inter club tournaments organized and held by them.
- 5.1.5.5.3 Shall always endeavor to promote tournament sponsorship as well as national and international participation.
- 5.1.5.5.4 Shall liaise with the local tournament organizing committee of Member Clubs when requested by them.
- 5.1.5.5.5 Shall convene a committee for the purpose of organizing and hosting any Inter provincial, National or International tournament, for which Border has been allocated as a venue, by the South African Deep Sea Angling Association.
- 5.1.5.5.6 Liaise with the Environmental Officer as to the recreational limitations.
- 5.1.5.5.7 Compile scoring systems and tournament rules and regulations as per guidance from SADSAA and specify fish species eligible specific to National and Inter-Provincial tournaments.
- 5.1.5.5.8 Shall ensure that all results of International, National, and Interprovincial tournaments be ratified and submitted to SADSAA Secretary and SADSSAA PRO after each day of competition.
- 5.1.5.5.9 Shall ensure that any affiliated club wishing to host a SADSAA tournament, must submit a tender document to the Member clubs for consideration.
- 5.1.5.5.10 Shall always be governed by the SADSAA Tournament rules.
- 5.1.5.5.11 Shall at the AGM table written reports of activities during the preceding year.
- 5.1.5.5.12 When attending Executive meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.

5.1.5.6 Safety Officer

The duties and responsibilities of the Safety Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.5.6.1 Act on behalf and for the association with regards to all safety related matters.
- 5.1.5.6.2 Arrange upgrade and refresher courses with regard to any SAMSA or SADSAA safety requirements.

- 5.1.5.6.3 Conduct mandatory audits on all SAMSA and SADSAA registered safety officers in the Association.
- 5.1.5.6.4 Ensure that the issuing and recording of skipper's tickets are captured correctly and passed on to the Association.
- 5.1.5.6.5 Ensure that the surveying and passing of all craft by the Associations safety officers meet the requirements and comply with the law.
- 5.1.5.6.6 Shall at the Annual General Meeting, table written reports of his activities during the preceding year.
- 5.1.5.6.7 Liaise with the association's secretary regarding all data capturing of safety related matters.
- 5.1.5.6.8 Set and revise, when necessary, the standard charges relating to the duties of the safety portfolio as laid down by SAMSA and SADSAA.
- 5.1.5.6.9 Meet with the safety officers of the respective Member clubs at least once a year.
- 5.1.5.6.10 Identify the need for Safety Officers and examiners to the Clubs as laid down by the authorities.
- 5.1.5.6.11 Motivate the need for additional examiners and safety officers for the clubs as and when required.
- 5.1.5.6.12 Motivate to have any safety officer removed from the Associations data base and stripped of their title if he or she is found to be incompetent and not following the rules pertaining to safety as per SAMSA and SADSAA, in collaboration with the relevant club.
- 5.1.5.6.13 Shall submit reports at General meetings.
- 5.1.5.6.14 When attending Executive Committee Meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.
- 5.1.5.6.15 Attend to all safety related issues within the Association.
- 5.1.5.6.16 Consult with and carry out any safety instructions to Member clubs as required by SADSAA safety officers or SAMSA.

5.1.5.7 Environmental Officer

The duties and responsibilities of the Environmental Officer will include the following:

- 5.1.5.7.1 Represent the Association on any bodies set up to manage fisheries, conserve fish habitat and act against pollution.
- 5.1.5.7.2 Drafting recommendations for the betterment of the resources of anglers for consideration of the Executive from time to time.
- 5.1.5.7.3 Liaison with other relevant bodies, with the government, SADSAA, SAMLMA, ORI and other research institutes, through the correct channels of communication.
- 5.1.5.7.4 Act on behalf of the Association on all environmental affairs including negotiations with all government departments as agreed by Member clubs.
- 5.1.5.7.5 Represent the Association at all committee meetings regarding environmental affairs and resource management.
- 5.1.5.7.6 Ensure that all that new environmental legislation is forwarded to all member clubs as and when received from such relevant bodies.
- 5.1.5.7. Act on behalf of the Association on any environmental matters deemed necessary from time to time.
- 5.1.5.7.8 Represent the Association on any bodies set up to manage resources and the environment.
- 5.1.5.7.9 Liaise with, and make recommendations to, bodies pertaining to the management of the resources.
- 5.1.5.7.10 when attending Executive meetings, have a vote. When attending the General Meetings shall have no vote.
- 5.1.5.7.11 Liaise, follow and abide by the SADSAA Environmental plan and directive.

5.1.5.7.12 Ensure the correct channels of communications are adhered to when dealing with any organization, outside of the Association.

5.1.5.7.13 Shall submit reports at General meetings.

5.1.5.8 Development Officer

The Development Officer shall:

5.1.5.8.1 Be responsible for the implementation of a development program on behalf of BDSAA and make application for and administer the Development funds budgeted for and approved by member clubs at the AGM.

5.1.5.8.2 Submit a summary of all development programs hosted during the year to the BDSAA Annual general meeting.

5.1.5.8.3 Collect and collate all details of the development programs organized and run by the BDSAA Member clubs and submit the same to the appropriate authorities.

5.1.5.8.4 Liaise with other bodies to coordinate a development strategy and to assist in the implementation thereof.

5.1.5.8.5 Liaise, follow and abide by the SADSAA development plan.

5.1.5.8.6 When attending Executive committee meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General Meetings, shall have no vote.

5.1.5.8.7 Shall submit reports at General meetings.

5.1.5.8.8. Shall keep a register of all affiliated BDSAA juniors and assist the selection committee when requiring junior nominations for tournaments.

5.1.5.9 PRO (Public Relations Officer)

The duties and responsibilities of the PRO will include the following:

5.1.5.9.1 Work under the direction and guidelines of SADSAA.

5.1.5.9.2 Be responsible for media releases under direct instruction of the President.

5.1.5.9.3 Liaise with all appropriate bodies and promote the interests of the Association.

5.1.5.9.4 Liaise with and ensure that any sponsors of the Associations, requirements are adhered to.

5.1.5.9.5 Maintain and regularly update all the Associations social media sites.

5.1.5.9.6 When attending Executive meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General meetings, shall have no vote.

5.1.5.9.7 Shall submit reports at General meetings.

5.1.5.10 RECORDS OFFICER

The duties and responsibilities of the records officer will include the following:

5.1.5.10.1 Be responsible for all trophies and maintain a trophy register.

5.1.5.10.2 Ratify record catches and maintain a library of ratified record catches.

5.1.5.10.3 Distribute the library to Member clubs from time to time.

5.1.5.10.4 Issue certificates of meritorious and record catches.

5.1.5.10.5 When attending Executive meetings, shall have a vote. When attending General meetings, shall have no vote.

5.1.5.10.6 Shall submit reports at General meetings.

5.1.5.11 CONVENOR OF SELECTORS

The duties of the conveyor of selectors shall include the following:

5.1.5.11.1 Shall call a meeting with all selectors when required to do so, no less than one week before a tournament entry closing date.

5.1.5.11.2 Shall execute the selection process as per the SADSAA selection criteria.

5.1.5.11.3 Convene the selection meeting and record the outcome of the meeting.

5.1.5.11.4 The tournament team selections and anglers contact details must be conveyed to the President who will notify the successful anglers of their selection.

5.1.5.11.5 The Convener will inform unsuccessful anglers and the reasons for their non selection.

5.1.5.11.6 When attending Executive meetings shall have a vote. When attending General meetings, shall have no vote.

5.1.5.11.7 Shall submit reports at General meetings.

5.2 MEMBER CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

5.2.1 Each Member club shall be entitled to be represented at General committee meetings.

5.2.2 The Member club shall be represented as follows, up to 100 fully paid members, one representative, plus an alternative, only one of whom shall have a vote. For each completed 50 members thereafter, one additional representative who shall have a vote. No Member club may have more than 5 Representatives.

5.2.3 Representatives and alternates are to attend BDSAA General meetings.

5.2.4 Representatives are to report back to their respective Member clubs on proceedings at General meetings.

5.2.5 Member club representatives are entitled to vote on all matters at a General meeting as per 5.2.2 above, including voting of Office bearers at the AGM.

5.3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BDSAA EXECUTIVE

The BDSAA Executive shall, in addition to any other powers and/or authority granted to it under this constitution, have the power and authority to perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 5.3.1 To safeguard, uphold and protect the beliefs and Constitution of the Association and to carry out the objectives of the Association and to ensure compliance with any rules or by-laws promulgated hereunder.
- 5.3.2 To manage and control the affairs of the Association and to deal with all matters as it deems fit and expedient.
- 5.3.3 To delegate in writing to a member or subcommittee, such as its powers and obligations as it deems necessary and /or expedient from time to time.
- 5.3.4 To convene meetings.
- 5.3.5 To deal with the affiliations and membership of the Association.
- 5.3.6 To engage for any purpose whatsoever the services of such persons, companies, and concerns upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient.
- 5.3.7 Accept amend and ratify the tournament calendar submitted by the respective tournament officers, which after ratification shall be binding for the ensuing year upon both the Association and all Member clubs.
- 5.3.8 To accept, amend, ratify and approve or reject recommendations from all portfolio holders pertaining to their portfolio's including acting positions.
- 5.3.9 To ratify and confirm actions and decisions as well as recommendations taken by any member or other subcommittee of the Association.
- 5.3.10 To lease or hire or purchase movable or immovable property in the name of the Association where it shall appear to be in the best interest of the Association and upon such terms as it may deem expedient.
- 5.3.11 To use its best endeavors to resolve in whatever fashion it considers expedient, any disagreement or dispute between the BDSAA Executive, and the Representatives or Member clubs relating to any matter, provided that such resolution may take place only at a Special Meeting convened for such purposes.
- 5.3.12 To receive and consider and deal with in any manner deemed expedient, a proposed change in the Rules referred to in article 4.3
- 5.3.13 To formulate and approve by-laws, and any amendments thereto.
- 5.3.14 To determine and recommend all membership and capitation fees, and such other levies and subscriptions as it may consider appropriate to be paid by Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Members to Annual General Meeting for approval.

- 5.3.15 To amend the Constitution of the Association in accordance with Article 12.
- 5.3.16 May from time to time co-opt to assist in its deliberations about any matter or matters arising in connection with the affairs of the Association, any person whether a member of the Association. Such a person shall be entitled to participate in meetings and have the rights of a committee member as the Executive may prescribe but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 5.3.17 That the Executive may delegate any of its powers to sub committees consisting of such members of the Association as it deems fit. Any subcommittee shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, to conform to any directions, conduct its proceedings in such a manner it may itself determine.

5.4 SPECIAL POWERS OF THE BDSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Without in any way derogating from the general powers of the Executive committee, the following powers shall be exercisable by the Executive:

- 5.4.1 The power to appoint an independent chairperson to discipline any Member Club, or any individual angler of such Member Club which or who as the case may be, has in its opinion, been guilty of any misconduct warranting such action, which power shall include the right to suspend for such time as it deems fit such Member Club or individual angler or to cancel temporarily or permanently the membership of such Member Club or individual angler.
- 5.4.2 To deal in whatever fashion it considers necessary, including the withdrawal of association or provincial colors, with any Member Club or individual angler who in its sole discretion it considers has not conformed strictly with the philosophy, objectives and rules of the Association or has conducted himself or herself in a manner which the Executive considers to be detrimental to or not in the best interest of the Association.
- 5.4.3 To exercise the powers granted to it in 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 above subject to the holding of a Disciplinary Hearing prior to any action being taken, the date and place and method of the hearing being as determined by the President from time to time.
- 5.4.4 To ratify and confirm actions and decisions as well as recommendations taken by any other Committees of the Association.
- 5.4.5 To appoint any eligible person to fill any vacancy which may occur on the Executive and such person shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

5.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 5.5.1 The Selection Committee shall comprise of 4 experienced anglers who have competed and represented the Association either in National or International events. Three selectors constitute a quorum. The selection committee representatives shall be duly elected at the AGM.
- 5.5.2 The Selection Committee shall elect a Convenor to act as Chairperson of the Committee at their first meeting after the Association AGM.
- 5.5.3 Any selector serving on the committee mentioned in Clause 5.5.1 who has nominated themselves or if any of their relatives has nominated, must recuse themselves from all deliberations of the meetings when that team is selected.
- 5.5.4 The duties and responsibilities of the Selection Committee will include the following:
 - 5.5.4.1 Compilation of a nomination form, to form part of the byelaws of this Constitution after approval by the Executive.
 - 5.5.4.2 The selection of Border, Barbarian teams, shall be strictly on merit, considering the fishing record and ability of the nominated angler, his/her character and conduct to ensure that he/she will be a worthy representative of BDSAA, and his/her contribution to the sport of deep-sea angling.

- 5.5.4.3 The members of the Selection Committee shall not divulge any names of members selected or any names nominated for selection or any content of deliberation at the Selection Committee Meetings.
- 5.5.4.4 The team(s) will be announced by the President of the Association immediately after the information has been furnished by the Convenor of the Selection Committee.
- 9.5.4.5 The Selection Committee shall at its sole discretion have the right to refrain from selecting a team, if in its opinion the quality of the nomination received, or one or more of them, is not of a sufficiently high standard.
- 9.5.4.6 Acceptance, ratification and submitting nominations to SADSAA from time to time, when these nominations are called for.

6. SUSPENSION AND DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A member of the BDSAA Executive committee shall cease to hold office as such:

- 6.1 Upon receipt by the BDSAA Executive of his/her resignation in writing.
- 6.2 Upon the sequestration or surrender of his/her estate as insolvent.
- 6.3 Upon his/her absence without notification from three consecutive meetings of the BDSAA Executive.
- 6.4 If the Member in question is an Affiliated Member:
 - 6.4.1 terminates their membership of the Affiliated Club for any reason.
 - 6.4.2 For such period as their membership of the Affiliated club is suspended for any reason.

7. MEETINGS OF THE BDSAA EXECUTIVE

General Provisions

The following general provisions shall apply to all meetings of the BDSAA Executive unless expressly stipulated to the contrary in clauses 8., 9. Or 10.

- 7.1 Meetings shall be held on such dates as the BDSAA EXECUTIVE may decide.
- 7.2 Not less than fourteen days before any meeting is held, the Secretary shall forward to each Office Bearers, a notice giving the date and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted thereat.
- 7.3 The secretary shall, not less than seven days before any meeting, email a copy of the agenda to Office Bearers.
- 7.4 Any Office Bearers, forwarding to the Secretary a notice in writing of its intention to bring any subject or motion stated in such communication before any meeting for discussion or decision, shall be entitled to have such notice circulated to all Office Bearers, and to bring the subject or motion before the meeting, subject to the proviso that such notice reaches the Secretary not less than seven calendar days before the meeting.
- 7.5 At all meetings of the BDSAA Executive, five Office bearers shall form a quorum. In the event of a quorum not being present at any such meeting, the same shall stand adjourned to the same day, at the same time the following week. If, at such an adjourned meeting, a quorum is still not present, those Office bearers present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
- 7.6 No business other than that specified in the notice convening the meeting, or a notice in terms of Article 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 shall be discussed at the meeting of the Association.
- 7.7 At all meetings of the BDSAA Executive, the President shall preside as chairperson. In his absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both, a chairperson elected by the meeting shall preside, and shall confine the proceedings to the objects of the meeting.
- 7.8 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to any of the members, or the non-receipt of such notice, shall not invalidate any resolution passed at any such meeting.

- 7.9 All office bearers at an Executive committee meeting will have a single vote and the chairman will have a casting vote, in the event of a tie.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 General Meetings of the Association shall take place monthly or as decided by the Executive committee from time to time.
- 8.2 A meeting schedule will be sent out by the Association secretary within 7 (seven days after the AGM to all Member clubs and Executive.
- 8.3 All Member clubs will be given the opportunity to host such a meeting on a rotational basis.
- 8.4 Meeting dates can be altered, cancelled or postponed, for whatever reason deemed necessary by the Executive.
- 8.5 Member clubs are entitled to be represented at General meetings and have voting powers as described in 5.2. Only member clubs who are duly registered, do not have any outstanding fees, and are in good standing with the Association are entitled to vote.
- 8.6 The President shall preside at all meetings and in the absence, the Vice chairman shall preside. In the absence of both, the meeting shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall not have a vote, save for a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 8.7 The Executive (Office bearers) shall have no vote.
- 8.8 A quorum for any General meeting shall be four Member clubs with a minimum of four Member club representatives.
- 8.9 In the event of a quorum not being attained, such a meeting shall stand adjourned for seven days at the same time and place and such persons that then attend shall be deemed to form a quorum.
- 8.10 All decisions made at a General meeting, except where otherwise provided, shall be made by way of a show of hands, unless three of those present and entitled to vote demand that a secret ballot should be taken, then the vote shall be way of a secret ballot. The vote of the majority shall be binding. In the event of a tie, the chairperson will have the casting vote.
- 8.11 The Association secretary or substitute shall keep minutes, which shall be a proper record of all proceedings and discussions at such meetings and such minutes shall be available at every meeting.
- 8.12 All individual anglers of Member Clubs shall have the right to attend General Meetings and shall have the right of observer status only, and only accredited delegates or their duly nominated alternates, shall have the right to propose or second any motion and to vote.
- 8.13 At each General Meeting, the minutes of the previous General Meeting shall be read, proposed and seconded after any recommended changes have been made.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 All Annual general meetings of the Association shall be convened by notice in writing by the Association secretary, given not less than twenty-one days prior to the meeting. Notice shall be sent to all Member clubs. Such notice of the meeting shall set forth the items to be discussed at such a meeting.
- 9.2 This meeting shall take place before the end of May each year.

- 9.3 Member clubs are entitled to be represented at the Annual General meetings and have voting powers as described in 5.2. Only member clubs who are duly registered, do not have any outstanding fees, and are in good standing with the Association are entitled to vote.
- 9.4 The President shall preside at all meetings and in the absence, the Vice chairman shall preside. In the absence of both, the meeting shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall not have a vote, save for a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 9.5 The following Office Bearers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting to form the BDSAA executive:
 President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Tournaments Officer
 Records Officer
 Safety Officer
 Selection committee
 Environmental Officer
 Development officer
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- 9.6 The Office Bearers shall initially hold office from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
- 9.7 All nominations by Member Clubs for the positions referred to in Clause 9.5 above shall be in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Association not less than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.10 Member clubs are entitled to be represented at General meetings and have voting powers as described in 5.2. Only member clubs who are duly registered, do not have any outstanding fees, and are in good standing with the Association are entitled to vote.
- 9.11 Save that the President shall have a casting vote as provided in Clause 9.4 hereof, the Member club representatives at Annual General Meetings shall constitute the total voting power at such meetings.
- 9.12 The vote of the majority shall in all cases bind the minority.
- 9.13 Voting for the positions of Office bearers shall be by way of secret ballot. Voting for all other matters shall be by way of show of hands unless at least 3 of those present and entitled to vote, require a secret ballot, in which event the vote shall be by way of a secret ballot.
- 9.14 No Member club representative may speak or vote at any meeting in the event of the Member Club he/she represents being under suspension.
- 9.15 The President shall at the AGM furnish a full report of the activities of the Association since the previous AGM.
- 9.16 No person may be a member of the Executive, if he/she is a member of another provincial controlling body.

10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 10.1 The Executive may, whenever it deems fit and the secretary shall on written requisitions of at least two Member clubs, forthwith call for a Special General Meeting. Such written requisitions shall set forth fully the objects of the meeting. Fourteen days' notice in

writing to Member clubs shall be of such Special General meeting. A unanimous decision of ALL Member clubs of the Association may condone a shorter notice period for a Special General Meeting.

- 10.2 The Member club representatives, shall constitute the total voting power of such a Special General Meeting and except where there is an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

11. MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

- 11.1 Every Member Club and Affiliated Member should make itself conversant with and shall *ipso facto* be bound by these provisions of this Constitution and any by-laws in force from time to time.
- 11.2 The membership of any Member Club or Affiliated Member who or which:
 - 11.2.1 departs from any of the provisions of this Constitution, or any resolution adopted by the BDSAA Executive, or any by-law, and remains so in breach 21 days after the dispatch of written notice calling upon the member to remedy the same;
 - 11.2.1.1 Is convicted of a criminal offence in terms of any Act, Ordinance or Regulation governing marine angling.
 - 11.2.1.2 Fails to pay timeously, any capitation fees or any other amounts due to the Association or is in breach of any by-law or any of the provisions of this Constitution.
 - 11.2.1.3 Is, or has been guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the BDSAA Executive renders the Member Club or Affiliated Member unworthy of membership of the Association: may by resolution of the BDSAA Executive be cancelled, or suspended on such terms and conditions and for such period as the BDSAA Executive may determine, or may, in addition, be fined a sum of money, the maximum amount of which shall be determined by the BDSAA Executive from time to time, or may have any of the privileges he or it is entitled to by virtue of his or its membership removed or suspended for such period as may be determined by the BDSAA Executive Council.
- 11.3 Notice of such suspension, fine or expulsion shall be forwarded by the BDSAA Executive within seven working days to the member, and such member desiring to appeal to the BDSAA Executive against its decision shall within fourteen days of such notice, request, in writing, the Secretary to call a Special Meeting of the BDSAA Executive, and the Secretary shall convene such meeting to be held within thirty days of receipt of such request.
- 11.4 Any Member club or Affiliated Member (as the case may be) shall be entitled to attend and address the Special Meeting of the BDSAA Executive at which the appeal is to be reconsidered, and to make written submissions in support of the same but shall not be entitled to legal representation. At such meeting the previous decision of the BDSAA Executive shall be deemed to be rescinded and a further vote shall be taken in respect of the application.
- 11.5 Should a penalised Member club or Affiliated Member fail to appeal as provided, he or it shall have no further right of appeal, and should he or it fail to appeal; or should his or its suspension, fine or expulsion be confirmed, the Secretary shall forthwith notify such decision to every member of the Association and notice of such decision may also be sent to other interested persons or bodies, or published, at the discretion of the BDSAA Executive.
- 11.6 In the event of the suspension or expulsion of any member he/she shall have no claim against the Association or any of its members in any respect thereof.
- 11.7 It is recorded that, in the event of an affiliated member acting in material non-compliance of this constitution, its rules and or resolutions or despite his continued non-compliance thereof or failing to comply with an instruction by the Executive, calling upon such members to do so within 7 days of written notice to do so, may be subjected to a disciplinary process.
- 11.8 The Executive by majority decision, and in their sole discretion, without having to comply with the written notice in paragraph 11.7 above, shall have the authority to suspend an affiliate member without

a formal disciplinary enquiry, pending finalization of the disciplinary process. The aforesaid decision shall not be appealable.

- 11.9 The Executive Committee shall, appoint an independent chairperson.
 - 11.9.1 The Executive Committee, and in their sole discretion decided whether it should be assisted by a representative from the Member club which the affiliated member is affiliated to, and / or any Office Bearer, and / or any other suitable qualified persons for hearing within 90 days or,
 - 13.9.2 The BDSAA Representative Members at the next BDSAA meeting provided that in neither instance, it being an internal process, legal representation shall not be allowed at the disciplinary hearing.
- 11.10 The said appointed chairperson after hearing evidence and arguments for an / or against the charges, shall have the power to find him / her guilty or not guilty of the charges, and determine such punishment, including but not limited to the uplifting or enforcing of such suspension, the expulsion of such Affiliated Members for a period, termination of membership, or any other punishment it deems fit, and their decision, save and except of termination of membership (which shall be appealable to an Arbitrator), shall be final. At the disciplinary hearing, such an Affiliated Member, shall be afforded a fair opportunity to represent his / her evidence and argument.
- 11.11 Any Affiliated Member has the right to appeal only against the decision of the Representative Committee to the BDSAA Executive, and such aggrieved member shall exercise the right to his appeal by giving 30 days written notice to the Secretary, which appeal shall be heard at the next full BDSAA Executive meeting, unless the Executive deems it appropriate in its sole discretion, to be heard at another time,
- 11.12 Should an aggrieved Affiliated Member fail to appeal as provided in paragraph 11.11 above, he / she shall have no further right to appeal and should the disciplinary committee's finding and punishment be upheld, the Secretary shall forthwith notify such decision to the aggrieved member, his / her Member Club and it may also be sent to other interested persons or bodies, or published at the discretion of the BDSAA Executive.
- 11.13 In the event of the suspension or expulsion of any member, he / she shall have no claim against the Association or any of its members in respect thereof.

12. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

No alteration, amendment, addition or deletion to this Constitution shall be made except at a Special General Meeting called specifically for that purpose. 30 Days' notice shall be given to all Member Clubs and Office Bearers of the Association together with full details and motivation of any proposed amendment. No such alteration or amendment shall be adopted unless 2/3rds of all those present and entitled to vote at such a meeting shall vote for its adoption.

13. SUBSCRIPTIONS, FEES AND LEVIES

- 13.1 Amounts payable by each Member Club shall be as follows:
 - 13.1.1 Membership application fee as determined by the Executive from time to time.
 - 13.1.2 Annual Subscriptions (Affiliation and Capitation) as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.2 In addition to the subscriptions payable by each member club, each Member Club shall collect on behalf of the Association, from each of its ordinary members, such levy as determined at General Meeting from time to time, together with the levy which is required to be paid by the Association to the South African Deep Sea Angling Association, provided that an ordinary member of a Member Club who is an ordinary member of one or more other Member Clubs, shall be obliged to pay one levy only through the Member Club nominated by him, in respect of the levy due to the Association.
- 13.3 It shall be the responsibility of each Member Club to collect all funds and pay all monies due for the forthcoming year to the Association by the end of February each year.

- 13.4 Any Member Club which fails to pay the monies due by it in terms of this Clause to the Association, within a period of 2 (two) months from due date, shall automatically be suspended from membership of the Association.

14. AMATEUR STATUS

The amateur status as defined by the SADSAA and SASACC shall be binding on the Association and Member Clubs thereof.

15. INTERPRETATION

Should any doubt arise as to the interpretation of any of the Constitution Articles, Rules and Regulations or Contest and Angling Rules of the Association, the interpretation placed thereon by the Executive shall be final and binding.

16. ARBITRATION

- 16.1 Any dispute between the Association and a members or Member club that can't be resolved must be reported to SADSAA for intervention and assistance. (other than a dispute in respect of which urgent relief may be obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction), which may arise with regard to:

16.1.1 The application, interpretation, implementation or enforcement of this Constitution, or;

16.1.2 Whether any part thereof is void or voidable, or;

16.1.3 Any dispute between the members of the Association *inter se*, or between any member of the Association and the Executive, or between any members of the Association and the National Sports Council, shall be referred to the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa ("AFSA") for resolution through mediation and expedited arbitration in terms of the prevailing Rules and Procedures for the Resolution of Disputes in Sport. The Parties record that in the event of arbitration there shall be no right of appeal as provided for in article 22 of the aforesaid rules, and that such resolution shall be final and binding upon the parties.

- 16.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Constitution or stipulated by the Arbitration Foundation, the Arbitration will be held with a view to achieving an expeditious result. Furthermore, the arbitration will be conducted in camera, the parties and the participants in the arbitration being obliged to maintain the utmost confidentiality with regard to all matters relating thereto or arising therefrom, save as otherwise expressly and peremptorily required by law.

17. INDEMNITY

Office Bearers of the Association Officers shall be indemnified by the Association against all liabilities incurred by them in the execution of their duties, save for those acts of omission or commission where personal liability attaches in law.

18. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Association being wound up or dissolved, the Member Clubs in General Meeting shall appoint liquidators and may give directions as to the method of winding up the distribution of assets, provided that the assets remaining after the satisfaction of liabilities shall only be given or transferred to a company, Society or Association with objects similar to the objects of this Association.

19. CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Every Affiliate member and club shall abide by the code of ethics and conduct below:

19.1 CONSTITUTION

19.1.1 Every member is bound by the constitution of the BDSAA

19.1.2 Any amendments to the constitution will be binding

19.2 CONDUCT

19.2.1 No member shall conduct himself/herself in any manner whatsoever to bring the Association into disrepute.

19.2.2 Members must be cognizant of the fact that they are representatives of BDSAA at all official functions, tournaments and other competitions as well as unofficial club outings and any other fishing trips where boats bear BDSAA numbers, or on any occasion when they may be associated with BDSAA

19.3 THE LAW

19.3.1 Members are bound by the laws of the land

19.3.2 Clubs shall abide by the law and the constitution and may be disciplined as member bodies

19.4 CONSERVATION

19.4.1 BDSAA members are bound to use the resource wisely on a long-term sustainable basis

19.4.2 The sport must be pursued in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservational practices in accordance with the angling rules and regulations of IGFA and/or other nationally or internationally accepted rules and regulations, this is not applicable to club internal tournaments.

19.4.3 BDSAA agrees to undertake and/or support, where relevant or necessary, scientific and economic research and studies to determine the economic and scientific impact of the sport of offshore and inshore angling (i.e. all fish caught at sea) on the economy, environment and reserves of fish.

19.4.4 BDSAA is committed to keep accurate catch (not weight) records of fish caught at sea in conformity with national and international practices and the international rules and regulations laid down from time to time by IGFA and/or other nationally or internationally accepted rules and regulations

19.5 GENERAL

19.5.1 BDSAA members are bound to help their fellow members in all kinds of emergencies.

19.5.2 BDSAA members should help their fellow members in all matters pertaining to angling and the promotion and betterment of the sport

20. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Every Affiliate member and club shall accept and uphold the Environmental Policy below:

23.1 BDSAA is bound by SADSAA's Environmental Policy

23.2 BDSAA is committed to stewardship of the resource on which it impacts.

23.3 BDSAA believes in sustainable utilization of the resource and the maintenance of robust fish populations and related habitats.

23.4 BDSAA is committed to actively support research into the resource and to support the findings and regulations emanating from it

23.5 BDSAA believes in and abides by a code of ethics as per point 19. In this document.

23.6 BDSAA abides by the law, will proceed through proper channels to amend offending legislation and is prepared to discipline its members who do not comply

23.7 BDSAA pledges its collective expertise to the betterment of the marine ecosystem, its control and the laws pertaining to it

23.8 BDSAA undertakes to stay abreast of current resource management techniques and ensure that all its members are well informed

23.9 BDSAA is committed to protect the environment in which it operates, both on land and at sea

23.10 BDSAA recognizes the right of access of others to the resource provided that they have the same responsible attitude towards it

21. BOUNDARIES OF THE PROVINCE

Boundaries of the province shall be laid down by SADSAA.

22. USE OF THE ASSOCIATION NAME

The use of the name of the Association by any member or person whatsoever, in any manner, which is in any way unpleasant or contentious, is strictly prohibited and if found so by the Executive, could lead to disciplinary action.

23. COLOURS AND BADGES

The Association shall, design, adopt, register and issue any badges or uniform as required from time to time.

24. ALL OTHER MATTERS

It is recorded that any other matter not specifically provided for in this Constitution, nothing whatever excepted, shall be resolved by the Executive at a special meeting convened for that purpose.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

President

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Vice President

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Secretary

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Treasurer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Tournaments Officer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Safety Officer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Environmental Officer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Development Officer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Public Relations Officer

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Records Officer

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Convenor Of Selectors

Date: _____