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PRESS RELEASE


Applications for Recreational Fishing of Bluefin Tuna (BFT)

The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture would like to inform the general public that applications will be open for those interested to participate in the recreational fishing of bluefin tuna, during the forthcoming season. The bluefin tuna recreational season will be open from 16 June 2020 to 14 October 2020 or until exhaustion of the relevant quota allocated.

To participate in the recreational fishing of bluefin tuna, applicants shall have a vessel licensed for recreational fishing, under national provisions.

BFT Recreational Applications will be available on mobile App which will be available from **27th April 2020 to 15th May 2020**.

The Mobile App may be downloaded from Google Play Store or Apple Store by following these steps:

- search for Malta Fisheries & Aquaculture;
- select the fish symbol  ;
- Install the Application;
- Open the Application;
- Select the “Fishing Licence Renewals” option;
- Select the “Recreational BFT Authorisation”
- Fill in all the details requested, and press “Submit”.
- At this stage the applicant will receive an e-mail confirming that the licence form has been submitted.
- Once the application is accepted, the applicant may proceed to effect payment of the €20 administrative fee by using the same app. Step by step instructions for payment will be provided in the confirmation e-mail.

Late applications will not be considered. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture on telephone 22926888/6800 or by email on infofisheries.mafa@gov.mt