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Socio-economic value of Yellowfish use related activities.

Questionnaire: **Fishermen**

Number:	Date:
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Unless otherwise specified, please mark your selection with an X

1. Fishing details

1.1. Are you a:

Fly fisherman	Bank angler	Other - Specify

1.2. How long have you been fishing at the Vaal River?

0 – 1 year	1 – 5 years	5 – 10 years	> 10 years Specify

1.3. How regularly have you been fishing on the Vaal River over the last year?

Everyday	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Every 6 months	Yearly

1.4. If you have been fishing for more than 5 years, has the frequency of your fishing trips

Increased	Decreased	Remained the same

1.4.1. If increased or decrease please specify why: _____

1.5. Do you consider yourself a (please select) angler:

Beginner	Competent	Expert

1.6. What species of fish do you target in the Vaal River?

Largemouth Yellowfish	Smallmouth Yellowfish	Carp	Barber	Other – Please specify

1.7. Do you think the quantity of Yellowfish available for angling in the Vaal River has increased or decreased over the following time frames?

	Increased	Decreased	Specify
2007			
2006			
Last 5 years			
Last 10 years			

1.8. Do you think the quality and size of the Yellowfish caught in the Vaal River has increased or decreased over the following time frames?

	Increased	Decreased	Specify
2007			
2006			
Last 5 years			
Last 10 years			

1.9. Do you think the quality of the Vaal River water has:

	Improved	Deteriorated	Specify
2007			
2006			
Last 5 years			
Last 10 years			

1.10. Do you practice catch and release of Yellowfish in the Vaal River? Yes

No

1.11. If no, how often do you catch for consumption?

Daily	2-5 times a week	Weekly	2-3 times a month	Monthly	Almost never

1.12. Please list the three best angling venues on the Vaal River in order of preference 1) _____

2) _____ 3) _____

2. Costs

2.1. What would you estimate the cost of your fishing tackle (Rod, reel, line, flies, hooks etc) for Yellowfish to be worth?

R0 – R500	R501 – R1000	R1001 –R2000	R2001 – R5000	More than R5000 - Specify

2.2. Value of any other equipment (Boats, outboards, flotation tubes etc) especially used for Yellowfish angling on the Vaal River?

R0 – R500	R501 – R1000	R1001 –R5000	R5001 – R10 000	More than R10 000 - Specify

2.3. How long does an average fishing trip to the Vaal River for Yellowfish last?

1 day	2 – 5 days	6 – 10 day	11 – 20 day	21 – 30 days	More than 30 days - Specify

2.4. What is the most you are willing to pay for accommodation per person, per night, per fishing trip to the Vaal River to catch Yellowfish?

R1 – R50	R51 – R100	R101 –R200	R201 – R300	More than R300 – Specify

2.5. What is the most that you are willing to pay for sustenance per person, per day on a fishing trip to the Vaal to catch Yellowfish?

R0 – R50	R51 – R100	R101 –R200	R201 – R500	R501 – R1000	More than R1001 - Specify

2.6. How many people from your household normally accompany you on a trip to the Vaal River when you specifically go to catch Yellowfish? _____

2.7. What is the furthest that you are willing to travel to go fishing on the Vaal River for Yellowfish?

0 – 50km	51 – 100km	101 – 200km	201 – 300km	More than 300km - Specify

2.8. How often are travelling costs shared with fishing partners?

Every trip	Never	Seldom	Often

2.9. Do you participate in any other Vaal River related activities while on your fishing trip and what is the average costs involved? Please specify below?

	0 – R25	R26 – R50	R51 – R75	R76 – R100	> R101 Specify
Canoeing					
Tubing					
Water Skiing					
Birding					
Other					

2.10. During 2006, how much did you spend on memberships to angling associations?

R0 – R50	R51 – R100	R101 – R150	R151 – R200	More than R200 - Specify

3. Conservation

3.1. Are you aware of any conservation initiatives related to Yellowfish on the Vaal River? Yes No If yes, please name them _____

3.2. Are you involved in any of these conservation initiatives? Yes No

3.3. To what extent do you consider such initiatives to be important?

Very important	Fairly important	Not important

3.4. Who do you think should be responsible for the management of Yellowfish in the Vaal River?

Government	Conservationists	Resource users

4. Personal details (optional):

4.1. Name: _____

4.2. Contact No: _____

4.3. Email: _____

4.4. Area you stay (Required) : _____