

Know your limits and sizes

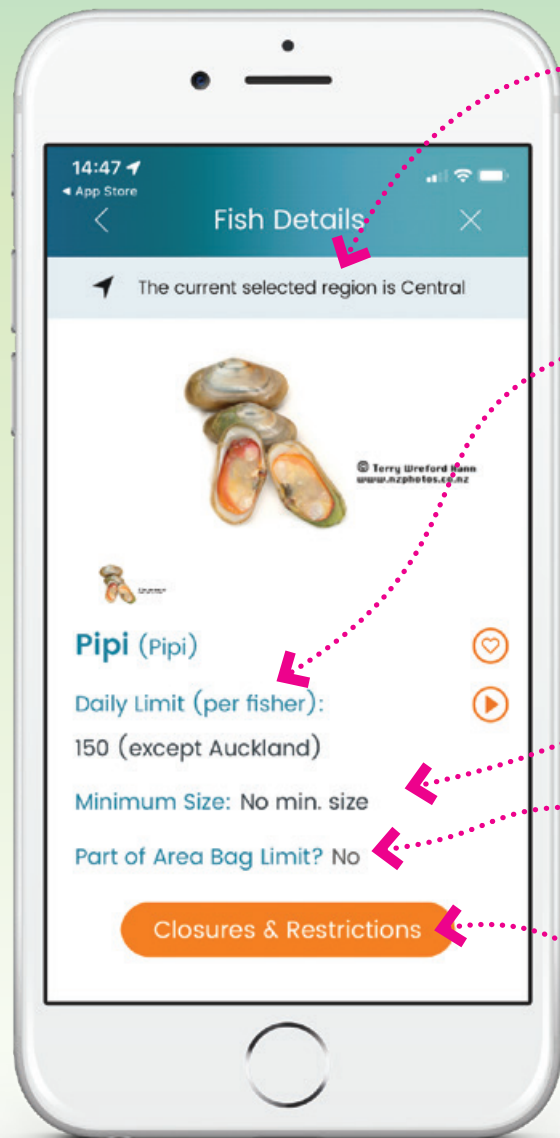


If we care about our shellfish, we need to care about the rules put in place to protect them.

They tell us where we can collect shellfish from and when, how many we can take, and how big they need to be. It's toitū | being sustainable.

Where do I find the up-to-date fishing rules?

There's an app! It's called **NZ Fishing Rules**. It works even if you're somewhere without reception - sweet as!



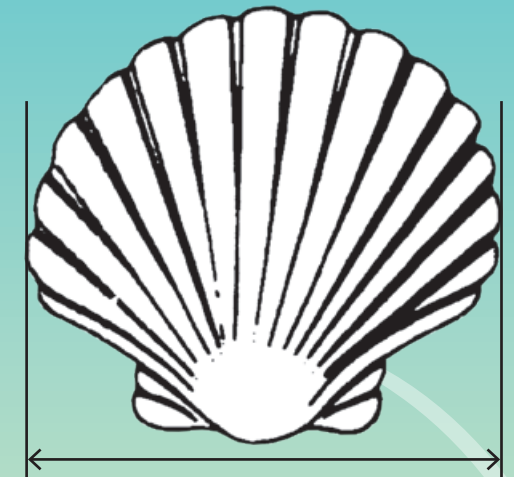
Fishing rules are regional. Make sure you have the right region selected for where you are collecting.

This is the maximum (the most) you can take.

This only applies to fish.

Check here if there are any places or times of year that have special rules, like rāhui (restrictions) put in place by hapū for tāonga species.

How do I measure the shells?



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Some shellfish have minimum size limits. That means they have to be at least that big to be taken.

- For **pāua**, you measure them flat rather than over the curve of the shell.
- With **tīpa/tupa/pure** | scallops, you measure the greatest diameter (width) of their shell.

Why not make your own gauge?

It's another helpful tool!

If the shellfish fits inside your gauge, you know straight away it's too small.

REMEMBER:

If you're not sure, you can always ask a Fisheries Officer. They care about nature like you and are there to help!

We upcycled a lid from a takeaway container to make ours.

TOP TIPS:

- Measure and count shellfish as you collect them. Then you know everything you bring back to the beach is good to go.
- Don't take heaps, only what you actually need.
- Make sure you count what you eat while collecting too.
- Small shellfish need more time to grow. Leave them be.

