

SA stops fishing quotas

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ALL foreign fishing quotas in South African waters have now been revoked. Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr Louis Pienaar, said yesterday.

The only exception was Mozambique because a mutual reciprocal quota agreement was negotiated with that country in 1991, the minister told a parliamentary briefing.

The decision to revoke quotas in waters extending 360km from the

shore follows an announcement by Mr Pienaar in 1991 that the right of countries like Israel, Spain, Japan, the Republic of China and Portugal to fish in South African waters would be phased out over two years.

The step was taken to benefit local fishing interests, the minister said.

Catches by foreign countries of non-quota species like tuna, a migratory species that cannot be protected unilaterally by a single country, were also being limited in South Africa waters.

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