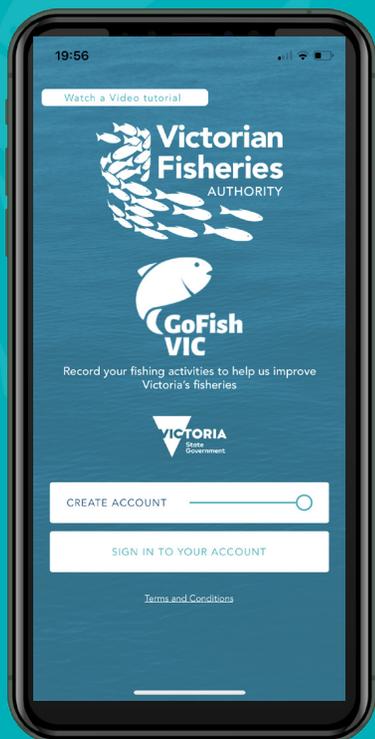


GoFishVIC

Lobster Reporting

Quick Reference User Guide



Healthy fisheries.

Better fishing.



GETTING STARTED – Setting up an account and logging in

- 1. Download the GoFishVIC App** from the Apple App Store or Google Play (OR go to <https://gofishvic.vic.gov.au/user> to create an account via your web browser).

**WiFi or mobile data connection is needed for set-up.*

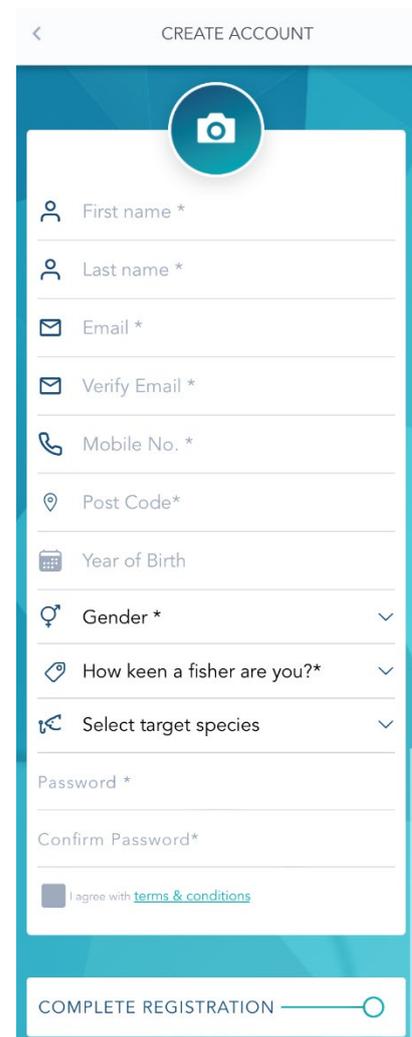
- 2. Create account**

- 3. Complete your profile** and fill in your details:

- tell us how keen a fisher you are
- what species you target (All species, Rock Lobster only or Other Species). Selecting 'Rock Lobster only' will streamline the reporting process by providing App functionality relating only to lobster reporting. Select 'All species' to provide information on all the species that you catch
- don't forget to click on the camera logo and add a photo of yourself!
- create password at least 6 characters in length

Click the box for "I agree with terms & conditions" and COMPLETE REGISTRATION.

- 4. Confirm your account** via the [Click here](#) email verification link from the Victorian Fisheries Authority sent to your chosen email address (if you don't receive a verification email from the Victorian Fisheries Authority, try checking your junk folder or logging in using the account settings you used when creating your account. Email us for support at gofishvic_feedback@vfa.vic.gov.au).



REGISTER FOR SEASON & CITIZEN SCIENCE

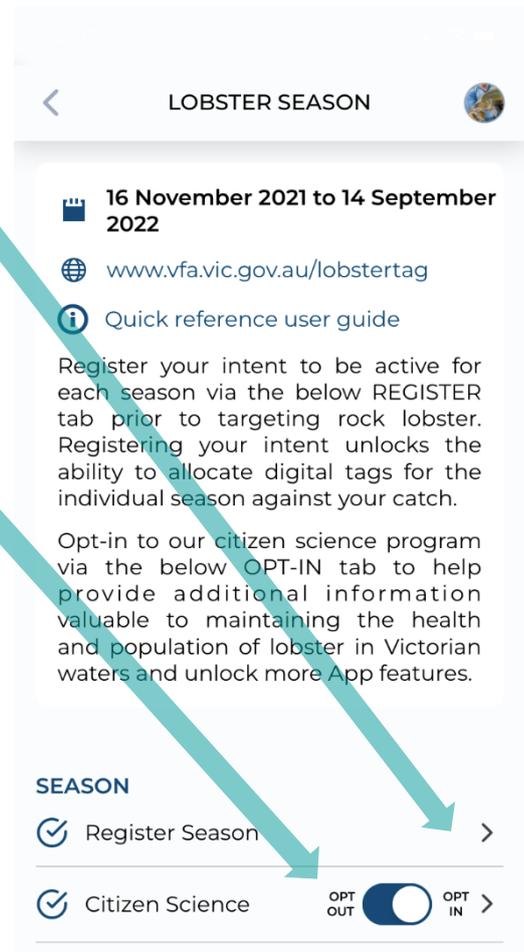
If you're planning on fishing for rock lobster, you are required to register your intent prior to targeting rock lobster.

1. Register for the season and your intent to be active in targeting lobster by:

- selecting LOBSTER SEASON from your home screen
- Then select the REGISTER SEASON tab and choose the relevant season

This will unlock your ability to add digital tags to your lobster catch. You will only need to do this once for each season, before the first time you head out to target lobster.

2. Opt into the citizen science program to provide additional data. This will also [unlock more handy App features](#) including mapping, your personal seasonal lobster diary, catch rates and gives you the ability to add current weather reports to your catch records.



START A TRIP

1. Start using the GoFishVIC App! by entering your username and password.

2. Start a trip from the home screen by selecting the CREATE A TRIP icon with the blue plus symbol at the bottom right of your screen.



3. Enter trip information including:

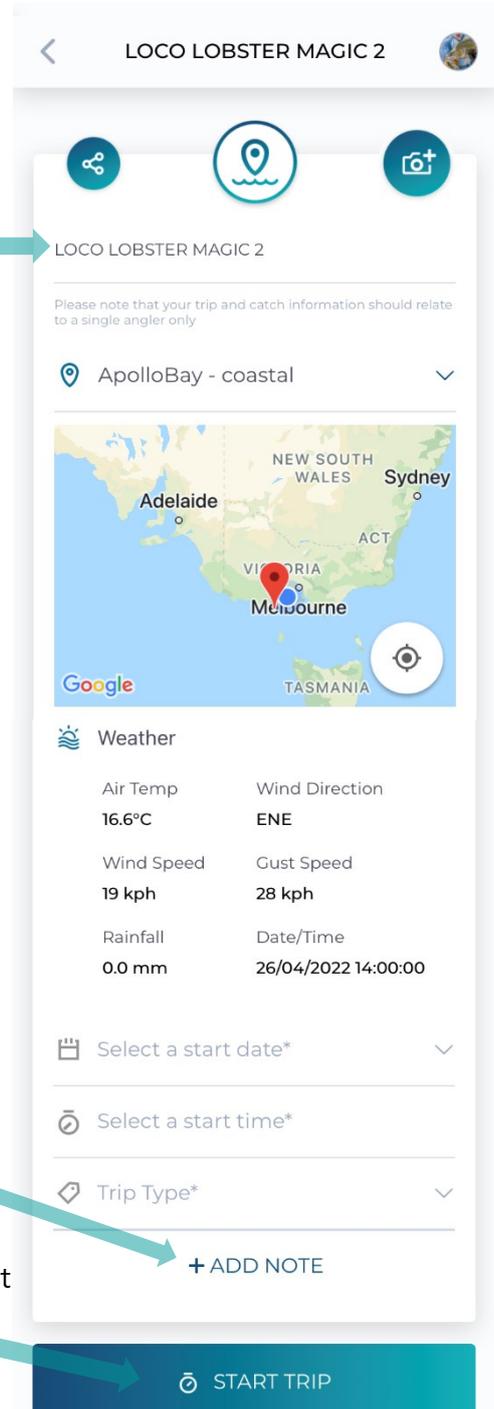
- give your trip a name of choice
- location from the drop down

If registered to report lobster, choose 'East' or 'West' from the location drop down. A map is displayed to assist locating your correct zone.

- date
- start time
- trip type (boat or shore)

4. Add notes about your fishing trip You have the option to add notes about your fishing trip by selecting + ADD NOTE.

5. START TRIP by selecting the START TRIP button at the bottom of the screen.



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Please note that your trip and catch information should relate to a single angler only

📍 ApolloBay - coastal



Weather

Air Temp	Wind Direction
16.6°C	ENE
Wind Speed	Gust Speed
19 kph	28 kph
Rainfall	Date/Time
0.0 mm	26/04/2022 14:00:00

📅 Select a start date*

🕒 Select a start time*

📁 Trip Type*

+ ADD NOTE

🏠 START TRIP

RECORD YOUR CATCH

1. **Start recording your catch** by selecting the ADD CATCH tab at the bottom of your screen.

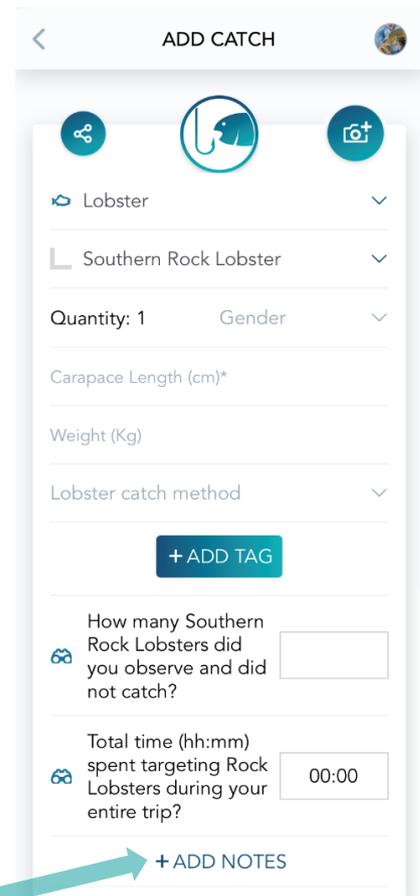


2. **SELECT SPECIES** that you have caught by selecting the LOBSTER tab or ALL OTHER species tab.



3. **Enter your catch information** including:

- species from the drop down (*including sub-species for lobster, whether Eastern or Southern*)
- quantity of fish (please make a catch entry for each fish individually)
- gender (*if fishing for lobster*)
- length (in cm)
- lobster catch method (hookah, scuba, free diving or hoop net)
- + ADD TAG (*making sure you're registered for the season first*)



If you've registered for the citizen science program:

- weight (kg) of lobster
- how many lobsters you observed but didn't catch
- enter total time targeting lobster

4. **Add notes about your catch** You have the option to add notes about your catch (such as bait or other conditions) by selecting + ADD NOTE.



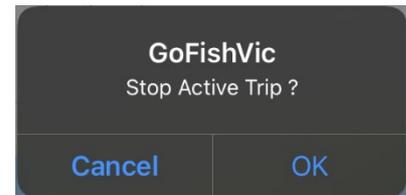
5. **SAVE CATCH** If you have caught more than 1 fish OR plan to continue fishing, select SAVE CATCH & ADD MORE.



If you have finished your trip, select SAVE CATCH & STOP.



After you've selected SAVE CATCH & STOP, a 'STOP ACTIVE TRIP?' verification pop up will appear. Please select OK to confirm you want to record and finish your current trip.

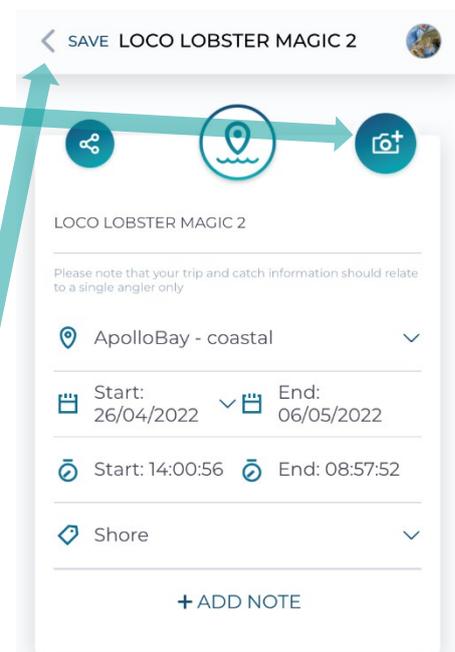


COMPLETE YOUR FISHING TRIP

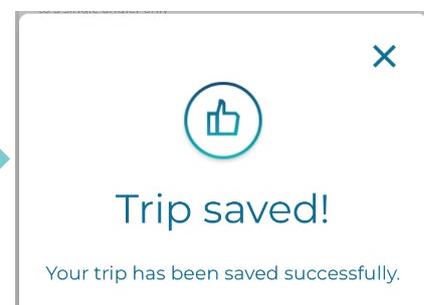
1. Complete your fishing trip after you have selected OK to stop your active trip by:

- Upload an optional photo of your trip (by selecting the camera icon)
- + ADD NOTES (if you haven't already when starting your trip)
- Check your trip and catch information are make sure they are correct, including start and end time.

2. SAVE TRIP when you have finished your fishing trip, be sure to select SAVE TRIP at the top left of the screen to ensure your trip is finalised and all trip and catch information is saved.



A TRIP SAVED confirmation will appear to confirm your trip has been saved successfully.

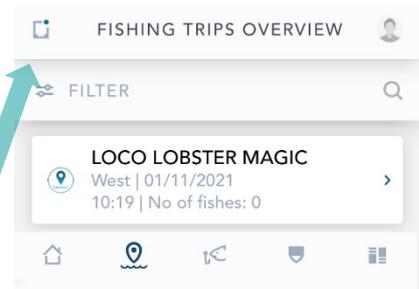


VIEW YOUR FISHING TRIPS

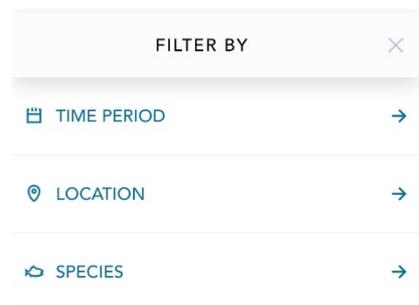
1. **Go to your FISHING TRIPS OVERVIEW** by selecting the FISHING TRIPS icon second from the left on the menu bar at the bottom of your screen.



2. **View your fishing trips** and all of your catch information for each trip by selecting from your list of trips.



3. **Filter your fishing trips** You can filter your fishing trips by TIME PERIOD, LOCATION and SPECIES. Select the relevant details for each and select the APPLY button at the bottom of the screen.

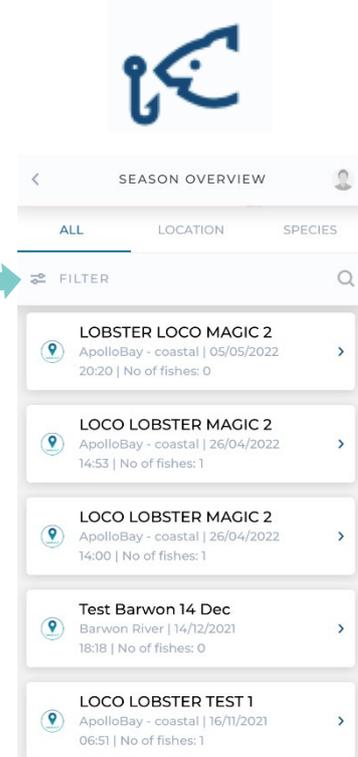


4. **Share your trip details** with your friends by selecting the 'share' icon at the top left of your screen.



VIEW YOUR CATCHES

- 1. Go to your CATCHES OVERVIEW** by selecting the CATCHES OVERVIEW icon (fish with hook) in the middle of the menu bar at the bottom of your screen.
- 2. View your catches** and all of your catch information for each trip.
- 3. Filter your catches** as with your fishing trips, you can filter your catches by TIME PERIOD, LOCATION and SPECIES. Select the relevant details for each, and select the APPLY button at the bottom of the screen.



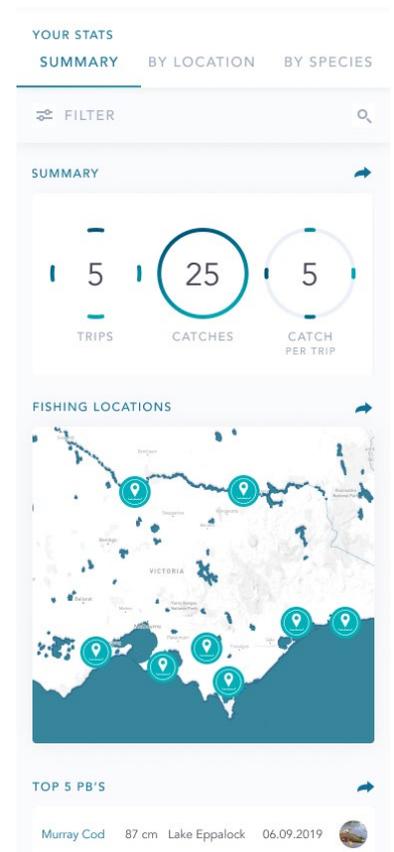
VIEW YOUR FISHING STATS

1. **Go to your home page screen** by selecting the HOME icon at the left of the menu bar at the bottom of your screen.



2. **View YOUR STATS** by scrolling down your home screen to YOUR STATS SECTION. You can view your stats as:

- a SUMMARY of your stats (including a map of the FISHING LOCATIONS and your top 5 PBs)
- catches BY LOCATION (including CATCH RATES and a CATCH RATE SUMMARY)
- catches BY SPECIES (including your CATCH HISTORY, CATCH RATES and a CATCH RATE SUMMARY)



If you've registered for the lobster season and the citizen science program:

- view your **Lobster season diary** and lobster catch statistics for each season (including number of trips, catches and your catch rate (average catch per hour))

