



Trout Fishing Regulations – January 2016

A very warm welcome to the Ragati Conservancy!

The Ragati is unique in Kenya being the only Conservancy located entirely in the Afro-Montane forests of Mt. Kenya – a UNESCO World Heritage site. The area has a large biodiversity and forest wildlife includes elephant, buffalo, leopard, clawless otter, crowned eagle and one of the last remaining habitats for the rare mountain bongo.

In the Ragati we have 10km of pristine trout river dotted with numerous waterfalls and large pools – Ideal conditions for trout. The river is stocked regularly with rainbow and brown trout and our aim is to give the avid fisherman an unforgettable experience.

Jimmy is the caretaker whose grandfather was an accomplished hunting guide in the 50's and 60's and he knows the Ragati like the back of his hand. There are four additional fishing gillies and the team are there to help you get the most out of your stay.

In order that all our guests have the opportunity for a great experience, please follow these rules:

- We prefer catch and release but if you must then each fisherman can take out one stocked fish per day between 9 to 12 inches (30 cm) which is approximately one pound (450 gr) – guides have notched sticks to determine the length.
- Please only use fly fishing tackle and artificial flies.
- Guests must be accompanied by a gillie at all times because of dangerous game and the possibility of getting lost.
- Under sized and very large fish [particularly Ragati Red Rainbow] must be returned in the appropriate manner and with the head pointing upstream for a few minutes to facilitate oxygenation.
- Breeding females must be returned.
- After catching one fish in a particular place you will be asked to move on to another location.
- The Ragati River can accommodate a maximum of 8 rods per day.
- The river is divided into beats. Each guest will be allocated a particular beat [or two] per day and expect to rotate to different beats over multiple days.

Further details & information

- Czech nymphing and up/down stream casting methods to be used.
- Floating lines are advisable but sinking lines are acceptable.
- Leaders can be no longer than 9ft.
- Every leader may be rigged with up to a maximum of two flies.
- No flies should be left in the river.
- Barbed and barbless hooks may be used.
- Nets may be used, provided they are of a soft material.
- If hands are used to handle fish, please wet both hands before touching the fish.
- No handling of fish from the land. The angler or guide should be in the water to prevent the fish from contacting dry land.
- No fish shall be handled for longer than one minute to ensure its survival.
- Photos can be taken but fish must be in good condition for this to take place. No fish shall be kept out of the water for more than ten to fifteen seconds at a time. Please ensure this is particularly adhered to when handling older cock and hen fish.
- Flies to be used: nymphs, dry flies, and wet flies (no streamers shall be used).
- Single beats shall be fished by no more than two anglers at a time and shall not be fished more than two days in a row.
- One beat per month will be fully closed to allow it to recover from fishing pressure and provide satisfactory rotation of beat use.
- Maximum of 8 anglers per day shall be allowed to fish the Ragati. The Ragati B [beat 4] and the Dam are not included in this rule.
- The river(s) shall be closed during the two rainy periods (November- mid December and April- mid June). No angling shall be done during the above allocated times except at the dam. It also depends on when the rain arrives so enquire and we will let you know.

Thank you and we hope you have a great fishing experience!