

**Submission by Umoya Fishing Group to Portfolio Committee  
of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries - 14 June 2011**

I am Mymoena Poggenpoel. I am presenting this as an SMME and from the point of view of a PDI and as a community worker. I want to emphasise that we in Umoya have a lot of sympathy for what the government is trying to achieve.

Umoya is majority held by PDI's - Umoya Fishing - 60,4% and Umoya Fish Processors - 70,87%

Umoya holds rights to  $\pm 27t$  fish in the West Coast Rock Lobster sector and  $\pm 120t$  in the inshore hake and sole sector. It owns a fish processing factory in St Helena Bay employing 28 people.

The company was purchased in 2000, for R10,5m, from Lambert's Bay Kreefprodukte with the blessing of the Minister. Umoya's rock lobster quota has nevertheless to date been reduced 44% by Marine & Coastal Management and that has caused a job loss of 17 jobs.

The current situation

The main challenge is the proposed re-allocation of fishing rights to new entrants under groupings known as Interim Relief, Recreational fishing and Nearshore.

- a. We acknowledge that PDI's in the fishing industry need to be given financial help.
- b. We question whether taking fishing rights – and therefore money and jobs – from the existing PDI's is the way to do that.
- c. Loss of our fishing rights to accommodate other quotas and Interim Relief groups causes financial loss to us and will cause a reduction in fishing trips and shifts for our workers.
- d. no more jobs will be created than will be lost. There are PDI's on both sides. What is taken from existing, and deserving, fishers, will necessarily cause as much loss to them as will benefit the new groups.

How can the problem be approached?

The TAC can be increased. Catch rates indicate that the resource is not under pressure. The allowance in the existing TAC for poaching can be reduced by strengthening policing of the resource and the saving allocated to Interim Relief. Nothing needs to be taken from existing quota holders.

We look forward to working with the Portfolio Committee and the Minister. Thank you for this opportunity to address you.

**Transformation percentag**

	Original share %	Shares % after sale/purchase	New shareholding %	Percentage Transformed	% Black- owned
<b>Umoya Fishing</b>					
M Poggenpoel	17	100	17.00	100.00	17.00
ECBEC	3		3.00	100.00	3.00
Rainbow Nation Fishing	40		40.00	51.00	20.40
Rainbow Beach Trading 2	40		40.00	50.00	20.00
			100.00		60.40
<b>Umoya Fish Processors</b>					
Umoya Fishing	84%	50	42.00	60.40	25.37
Nthunzini Investments Ltd	10%	50	5.00	100.00	5.00
C S M Fishing P/L	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
Askala Visserye BK	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
Henbase 2655 CC	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
Sederzee Visserye BK	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
Penguin Visserye BK	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
V M Young Visserye BK	1%	50	0.50	100.00	0.50
			50.00	75.00	37.50
<b>SIMANYENE INVESTMENTS P/L representing</b>					
			50.00		
<b>Bridger &amp; Angelico Fisher</b>					
Umzamani Fishing					
Khoisan Fishing					
<b>Jessica Fishing Enterprise</b>					
EC Wasserfall Fishing					
Davy's Fisheries					
Harry Cottle Fisheries					
Gourmet Fish Products					
HH Levendal Fishing					
Sancho Fishing					
Good Hope Fisheries					