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# **Exciting And Great Achievements With Blue Marlin Fishing**

Blue marlin fishing is one of the most exciting pastimes. It is quite enthralling to hit the waters and come up with one of the most sought after species of marlin. Their superb form, the great fight they put up and their huge sizes makes them a catch to be proud of.

## Spawning

This fish is found in all the tropical ocean waters worldwide. To ensure their population does not go down, spawning is done. This is done in locations like Mauritius, the Caribbean islands on the western side of the Atlantic, Hawaii and the Guinean Gulf on the eastern side of the Atlantic.

## Species

There are two species which include the Pacific and the Atlantic blue marlin. Scientific research has found that most of the species found in the Atlantic are genetically similar to that found in the Pacific. This is attributed to the prevalence of the p-phenotype in both oceans compared to the a-phenotype that has not been found in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

## Size

The male and female species are quite different. When fully grown, the male rarely goes over 300 pounds mark in weight. The female on the other hand grows to reach 1,000 pounds and even more. Scientists and anglers continue to differ about this. The largest species of blue marlin ever caught is a Pacific species that weighed in at 1,805 pounds in Hawaii. In the Atlantic, the greatest catch was a 1,402 pound one that was made in Brazil.

## Techniques

Different fishing methods and equipment are used. The choice mostly depends on the size of the fish being aimed for the conditions at sea. Local cultural practices also come into play. Live bait, artificial lures or rigged natural baits will be used.

## Artificial Lures

Due to the usually large size of this fish, artificial lure fishing is commonly used. It originated in Hawaii where lures were first made in the form of carved wood that was put in drinking glasses. The Hawaiians also made lures with chrome pipes surrounded with either vinyl upholstery or rubber. Today, lures come in form of forms, colors and sizes.

## Natural Bait

The rigged natural bait is another option. These have been in use since the early 1900s and they are still prevalent today. They are used in the eastern side of the seaboard in the United States, in the Caribbean and Bahamas where mackerel and ballyhoo are used to draw in the treasured Atlantic species. These are sometimes used together with manufactured lures. With the third method of live bait fishing, smaller types of skipjack and tuna are considered the most effective pulls. They however have a shortcoming in that trolling has to be done slowly so as not to kill the bait. It is only in lesser fishing areas. The fishery in Kona, Hawaii uses this method.

As [blue marlin fishing](#) has developed, the best hunting spots have been discovered. They include the Atlantic, the Bahamas where the aggressive Bahamas Billfish contest is held, Bermuda and Vitoria in Brazil which is highly regarded and where the International Fish Game Association is hosted. Other top locations are New Zealand, Wales, Portugal, the Cape Verde Islands, Mexico, the Canary Islands of Spain, Venezuela, St. Thomas Island and North Carolina in the US, the Kenyan coast in East Africa, the high seas of Japan and the west and east coasts in Australia. Call up a [marlin fishing charters](#).

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