

## Fishing tour in Egypt on the Lake Nasser

We had been fishing for six days from February 22 till 27, 2005 in Egypt on the Lake Nasser, on the world biggest man-made freshwater reservoir with scenery borders. Our purpose was to catch the NILE PERCH. The Nile perch is the largest freshwater fish in the world accessible to the anglers. In the Guinness Worldrecord Book there is an incredible size 232 kg Nile perch caught by a local fisherman from the Lake Victoria. The largest reliably recorded Nile perch from Lake Nasser weighed 176 kg (392lb). The largest Nile perch caught on an African Angler Safari was 187,96 cm (6'2") long and had a girth of 149,86 cm (4'11"). Gerald Eastmure, a 78-year-old tea planter from India landed this huge perch. The available scales measured was not enough. This perch has been estimated to weigh 125 kg (275lb plus).

The Lake Nasser founded after inflated the Nile. The Big Dam in Aswan : the High Dam what is 17 times bigger than the Kheops pyramid, built in 1972 with Russan help. This huge structure is 111m high, 980m wide at its base. Lake Nasser filled up within 8 years, and it stretches about 500km in length and between 10km and 25km wide with 157 million cubic metre water inside. The Nile perch would be the predatory of the Lake if we not consider the Nile crocodiles in Egypt.

We know the slogan „come and catch the largest fish in your life” from the descriptions of the hungarian anglers and from the brochure of the African Angler professional fishing tour organizer company, is not unfounded promising. Almost all the members of every turn (4-6 persen) will catch the largest fresh water fish of their lives. The 40-50kg large catching are not rare. It turned out for the weekend that the fish Eldorado is possibly here but not such as early spring time! The cold water in february is bitterly cold for the perch.

Our team members were skilled and had less experienced. We had more common fishing adventures, for example : fishing in the Danube Delta and our other „hobby” the accident surgery. We had equal opportunities in the bigfishing and in the trolling. We hired our fishing tackles, 3-3 rods+reels per person. We used Shimano Taipan 220cm fishing rod with Shimano reel in 24 hours a day with pleasure. In the night fishing we used our fishing rods. The guide book definitely suggest to everyone to bring exchange fishing lines with themselves. Therefor we took more kilometers of Carbotex fishing line with us, from diameter 0,40mm till 1,00mm. We were fishing with diameter 50 and 60 mainline. In the first days we let our experienced guide to tie the baits. We had been fishing from 6.30am till 18.00pm but after the dinner we had chance to fishing at night.

We caught our largest nile perch on the second day at 6.03 pm. It was 28 kg with a 0,50mm **CARBOTEX** main line together with a diameter 1,00mm front line and with a Rapala-Super Shad Rap 4 bait. It took about 5 minutes to exhaust the fish.

It proved also later that disregard one-two exception, the 20-25 kg size perch are not protect themself with an extrem power. If we run them gently but resolutely, they become tired soon.

Thanks for the right reel, the flexible Shimano rod, and for the easy handle, flexible and heavy-duty **CARBOTEX** fishing line, the fish had no chance whatever.

Unfortunately we couldn't photograph the typical and spectacular jump out of Nile perch at dusk.

On the tour we let all the caught fish to go back to the fresh water within 5 minutes.