

Closed Seasons

The Closed Fishing Season schedule in the British Virgin Islands is as follows:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>CLOSED PERIOD</u>
	<p>Margate</p> <p>1st January – 31 March</p>
	<p>Red Hind</p> <p>1st January – 31 March</p>
	<p>Nassau Grouper</p> <p>1 March – 31 May</p>
<p>Visitors are not allowed to catch any of the following:</p>	
	<p>Sea Turtles <i>(no catching of Leatherback & Loggerhead Turtles at any time during the year)</i></p> <p>1st April – 30 November</p>
	<p>Lobsters <i>(no hooking)</i></p> <p>31 July – 31 October</p>
	<p>Whelk</p> <p>15 August – 31 October</p>
	<p>Conch</p> <p>15 August – 31 October</p>

**During this time no person shall:
Catch, Sell, Offer for sale or Buy any of these species.**

This is a conservation measure to ensure the long-term abundance of these important commercial fishery species.