

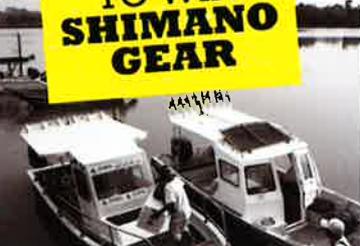
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POPPING IN SEYCHELLES

Stephan Kreupl from BluewaterFishing (BWF) was in the Seychelles last November to test his new range of lures and managed to hook up sailfish, yellow-fin tunas and giant trevallys.



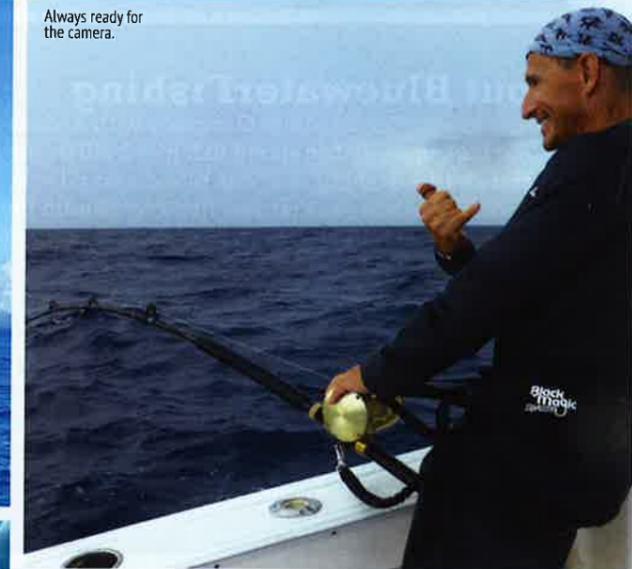
The clear waters in Seychelles allows you to see fish striking your lures.



This wahoo couldn't resist the BWF lure.



Always ready for the camera.

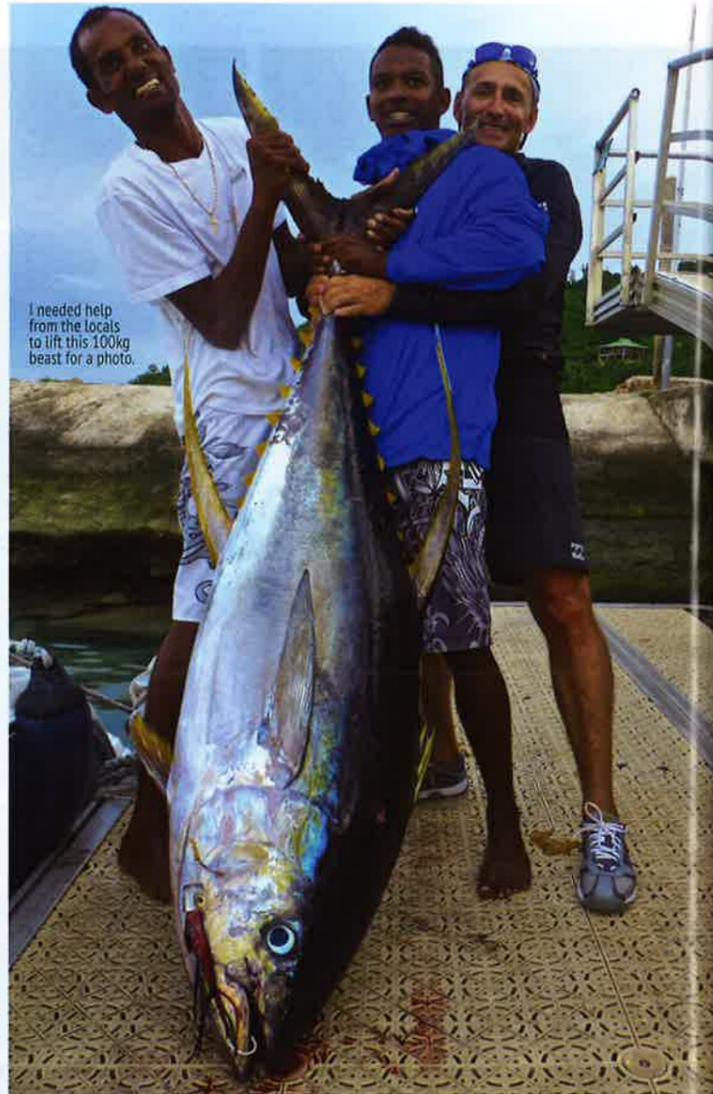


BluewaterFishing (BWF) is a leading lure brand in Europe and the team goes out to the deepest waters to test new gear. My name is Stephan Kreupl and I am a co-founder of BWF. Last November, the team and I spent 10 days on the second largest island in the Seychelles, Praslin. We had a couple of poppers, stickbaits, jigs and some BWF range of trolling lures in my luggage.

Unfortunately, the conditions for popper fishing were not ideal. High water temperatures and greenish coloured water meant that of the estimated 5,000 casts over six days, we only got a measly six giant trevally (GT) bites. We were only able to hook two smaller GTs while the others escaped in the corals of the shallow waters. There were some vicious takes from better fish, but regrettably we failed to hook them.

Jigging worked better as we caught more fish that way. However, the really big fish failed to make an appearance.

While trolling to the drop off some 30 sea miles offshore, we regularly filled the boat's fish boxes to the brim with small



I needed help from the locals to lift this 100kg beast for a photo.



Besides marine life, Seychelles is home to exotic birds.



Another wahoo which got fooled by a BWF lure.

About BluewaterFishing

We are a luremaker based in Germany with a focus on creating rigs to catch big game fish like billfish, large tuna and sharks. Fishing is in our blood and it feels like yesterday when we first saw five big bluefin tunas being hoisted off a boat in Sète harbour in the South of France. That sight drove us to chase our dreams, catching mackerel and white tuna weighing up to 6kg. We are really freshwater fishermen due to Germany's landscape, but our dream destinations are in North America—which we have since fulfilled. We enjoy sharing our experiences through articles as well as reports. We have also published a book consisting of our favourite adventures. Moving forward, the team looks to explore more on fishing with streamers and fly rods.



Local fishermen using nets to make a living.



yellowfin tunas, skipjacks, dorados, wahoos and bonitos. We fished two baits off the outriggers and set up a teaser rig for bait and a switch of tactics. Using this method we were able to capture five sailfish out of a total of seven bites. We hooked a marlin using one of our sailfish lures which unfortunately threw the hook after two jumps.

This trip gave us an opportunity to seriously test our latest lure called Chuggy. We caught everything with it from bonitos to sailfish. The absolute highlight turned out to be a 184lb yellow-fin tuna (the Seychelles record for 50lb tackle). After fighting the fish for about 45 minutes, we eventually managed to land the tuna much to our delight. This fish was also caught with our Chuggy. Apart from this lure, we also fished very successfully with our BWF Magic Star and Magic Candy light-tackle lures.

Overall it was a superbly restful holiday in extremely beautiful surroundings and unspoilt nature. We spent one day on the island of Aride (a bird sanctuary) which was about 10km away from Praslin—accessible by boat or helicopter. At the height of the season, up to one and a half million seabirds come here to breed. These birds are not at all frightened of humans and we strongly recommend a visit.

The team was also fortunate enough to witness a turtle crawling out of the sea, digging a nest in the sand, laying its eggs and then returning to the sea. There was simply no better way to conclude this exciting adventure. **HF**

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