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SMALL CATCH: Fisheries Minister Senzeni Zokwana and MEC Cyril Xaba with a young fisherman, Mzamo Mnyandu, in Scottburgh who shows off his catch after missing the elusive sardines. PICTURE: MBEYISELO NDLONU

Sardines create opportunities

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THE Sardine run is an annual winter event that has, over the years, attracted more and more visitors to Durban and the South Coast.

But it also creates an economic opportunity for the tourism and fisheries sectors, with a number of companies operating charter boats.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Minister Senzeni Zokwana and agriculture and rural development MEC Cyril Xaba helped pull in the trawl net from a local chartering boat licensed to fish in Scottburgh on the South Coast yesterday.

The Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries department's decision to empower fishermen is expected to contribute immensely to economic development, the minister said.

Fishermen can play a significant role in the country's campaign to reverse widespread poverty, he said.

About 25 companies and individuals have been allocated rights to harvest sardines as they swim closer to the coast line.

Many tourists from all corners of the world have arrived in the province to observe the phenomenon.

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