



# 16 POUND TIGER FISH

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"A 16 POUND TIGER FISH (*HYDROCYNUS VITTATUS*) WAS CAUGHT LAST WEEK" SAID WILLARD BAKARI, OUR FISHING GUIDE AT CHIKWENYA LODGE, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FISHING CONDITIONS ON THIS STRETCH OF THE ZAMBIZI. "Oh ja, I've heard that one before," I whispered to my intrepid fishing buddy before teasing him that only in his wildest dreams would he ever think of catching a tiger fish of that size, or any size, for that matter. "OK", he retorted, "Competition is on. Let's see who catches the most and the biggest. No prize, just pride at stake."

