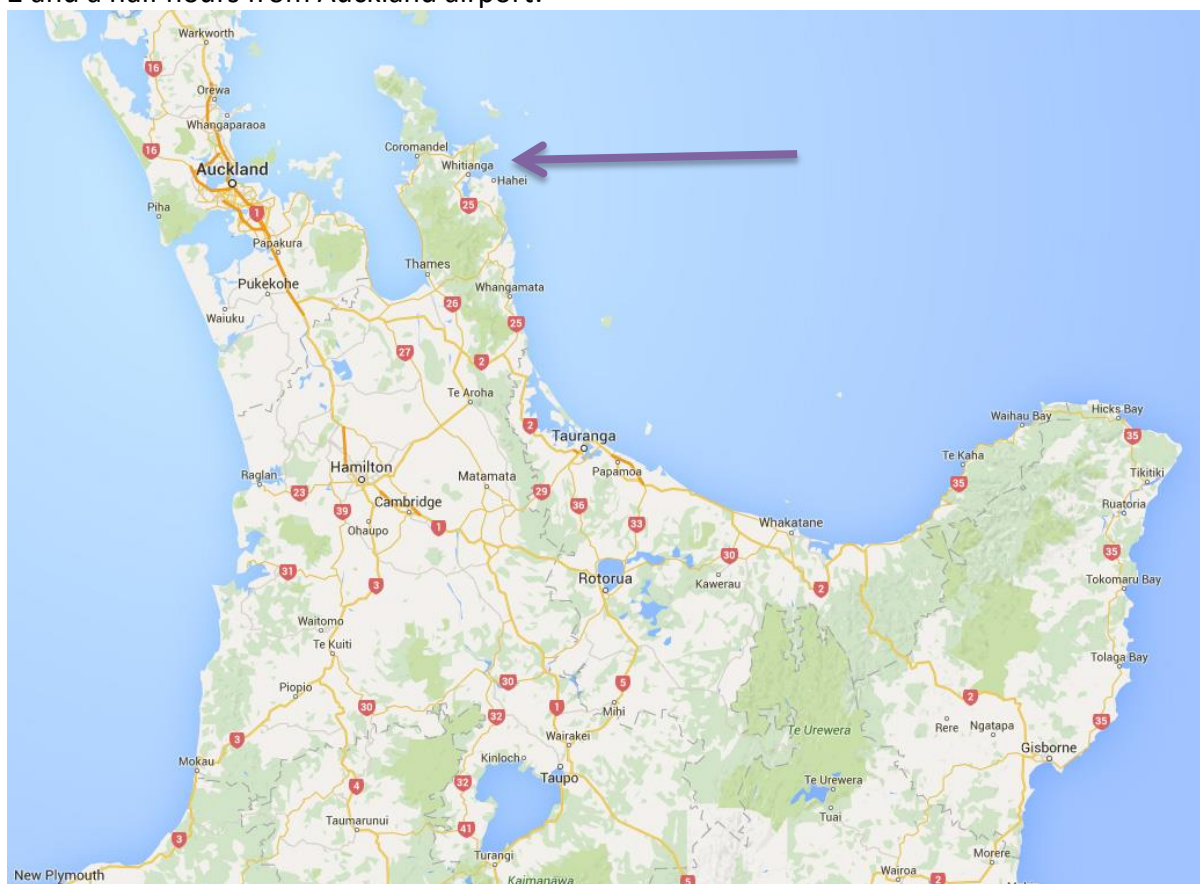


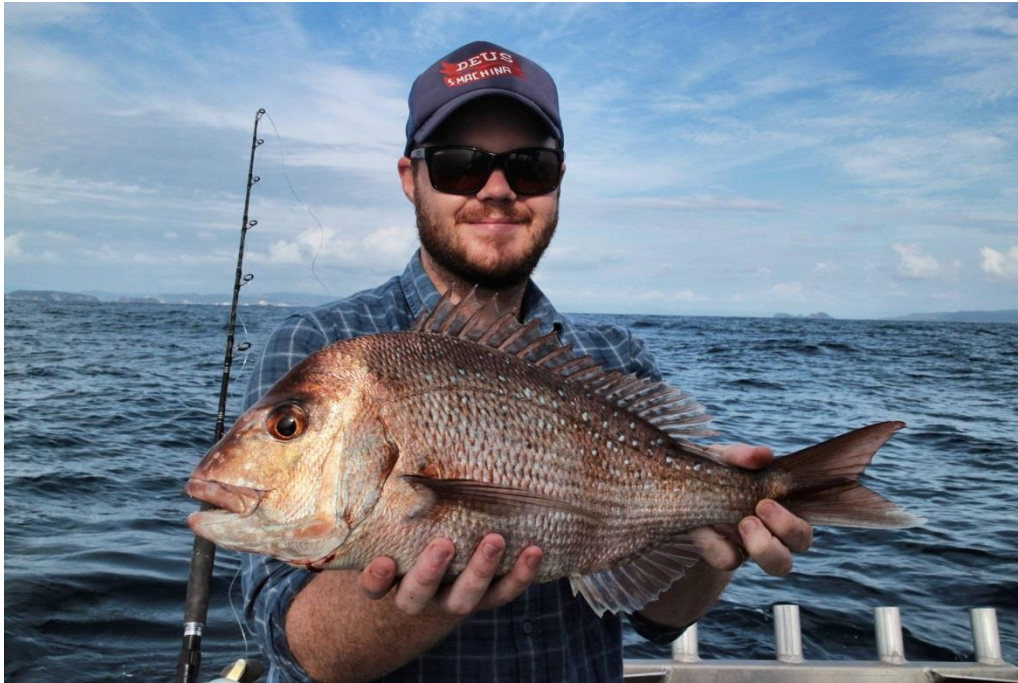
Luke in Kingfish Paradise

During February 2016, I spent 2 days fishing for Kingfish out of a small town called Whitianga which is located within Mercury Bay on the North Island of New Zealand around 2 and a half hours from Auckland airport.



Over the two days there were 50+ kingfish landed between 3 of us (all released except 2 which we had for dinner), 4-5 good sized snapper and some other by-catches including barracuda and sharks.





The fish were mostly caught using live bait or by jigging lures. The best sized kingfish landed for the day was 17kg which was still considered to be a 'rat' or small for its size.



I was lucky enough to see a couple of marlin being weighed in at the wharf when we returned, so that will be the next mission!

I went out on Mad Max 2 which was via EPIC Adventures (www.epicadventures.co.nz) with an indicative price per day of \$375NZD peak and \$350NZD off peak and can highly recommend this trip for anyone interested in pursuing these amazing fish.