

How to use MatchCast

An easy guide for every angler. Simple steps, plain words.

Words explained

Measure	A flat board or mat with a raised end (the stop). The fish's nose touches the stop and you read the length at the tail.
Log a catch	Record a fish in the app: photo, fish type and length.
Witness	Another angler who checks your photo and agrees the length and fish type are right.
Steward	A match official, like a referee, who checks catches and settles arguments.
Organiser	The person who set up the match. They have the final say.
Dispute	Saying "I'm not sure this is right" so a steward looks again at the photo.
Offline / no signal	Your phone has no mobile signal. MatchCast keeps your catch safe and sends it when signal comes back.
Sync	When the app sends saved catches once you have signal again. It happens by itself.
Species	The type of fish, for example Bass, Cod or Plaice.
Species Hunt	A competition across the year where you score 1 point for each different type of fish you catch.
Join code	A short code the organiser shares so you can join their match or hunt.

What the labels mean

✓ Confirmed	Checked and counted.
🕒 Waiting	Waiting for a witness to check it.
👁 Seen on-screen	Witnessed on your phone with no signal.
⚠ Steward check	A steward needs to look at it.

Each label has its own symbol, so you never need to rely on colour.

1. Logging your catch

Do this every time you land a fish during a match.

1	Open your match Tap Matches, then tap your match. Go to the Log tab.
2	Lay the fish on the measure Nose touching the stop, mouth closed, body straight.
3	Take the photo Hold the phone straight above. The whole fish and the numbers on the measure must be clear.
4	Pick the fish and type the length Choose the fish type from the list. Type the length in whole centimetres (cm).
5	Tap Log catch Your phone buzzes. The catch shows as Waiting until a witness checks it.
Tip: Photos from your gallery are allowed, but a steward will double-check them.	

2. Fishing with no signal

You can still use MatchCast on beaches with no signal.

1	Open the match before you go Open your match once at home, while you still have signal. The app saves it on your phone.
2	Look for the No signal box On the beach a box says "Offline mode — no signal". That is normal.
3	Log the catch as usual Photo, fish type and length, just like always.
4	Show your screen to the angler next to you Pick their name under "Witnessed on my screen by". Or type a name if they are not in the app.
5	Let it send itself When you get signal again, the catch sends on its own. You do not need to do anything.
Tip: A steward or the organiser can still check or question any catch.	

3. Checking someone else's catch

If you are asked to witness, you are checking the catch is fair.

1	Open the Witness tab Or tap the alert on your phone if alerts are switched on.
2	Tap the photo to make it bigger Check three things: nose on the stop, the length matches, and it is the right fish.
3	Look at any warning labels Labels like "Gallery photo" or "Outside competition zone" mean a steward must decide.
4	Tap Confirm or Dispute Confirm if it looks right. Dispute if not, and write a short reason.

4. Species Hunts

Catch as many different types of fish as you can across the year.

1	Join a hunt Tap Species Hunts, then Join, and type the join code from your club.
2	Add a fish Take a photo, pick the fish type, and send it. A checker (verifier) approves it.
3	Use a match catch When logging in a club match, tick "Also submit to Species Hunt". No need to do it twice.
4	Earn badges You get a gold badge for every 5 different fish: 5, 10, 15 and more.
5	See the table Tap any angler's name on the table to see which fish they have caught.