



Five kilometres off the coast fanatic fishermen go in search of Wahu, Snapper and all the colours of Tuna - but fanatics will want to join boat-skipper Frank Kogolegbah as he heads for serious deep sea - sometimes 500 miles to Bom Bom Island - in search of 700kg blue marlin. “The South Africans are tough”, says Frank, referring to his customers who jump into the water to spear the marlin once it is hooked. Frank is the skipper of ‘Hooker’, a deep-sea fishing vessel based and moored on the estuary of the Volta River. The “Americans, Germans, South Africans... even the Irish, they all come here to fish”, he says, pointing out moored boats belonging to single-minded anglers from foreign shores. Here in Ghana, at the mouth of the Volta (on which is found the largest dam in the world, with a 5000km shoreline), is found the perfect fisher-secret...

“What about women?”, we ask Frank, referring to the fact that fishing is a past-time enjoyed almost exclusively by men. “The birding here is very good”, says Frank, looking more like a boxer than a man of gentle pursuits. “Just over there are the Songor wetlands”. A Ramsar site (a wetland of international importance), the wetlands include a lagoon, incorporating an area of 115km², and are known for their birdlife.