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On the Daintree

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Variety has been the spice of fishing life over the last month and seeing as our winter weather pattern has determinedly set in, this should continue through June.

In the Daintree barra have started to become a bit more fussy, fingermark are snatching live bait and nice sized queenfish and trevally species are venturing further upstream each spring tide. Javelin fish, morwong species and good fighting bream have also been dominant, though there has been an absence of sickle fish and the other small species that at times can be a nuisance on the bigger tides.

I have had quite a few successful fly charters recently, fishing the points of the islands resulted in small queenfish and trevally being the dominant species. These seemed to sit under large schools of bait which congregate in these areas on the



fingermark, gold spot cod and the occasional bar cheeked island trout have also been seen on my charters recently.

Best of fishing luck if you have entered the Fishing Bonanza through the Carnivale, and may the south easterlies be milder through June. See you on the Daintree or nearby then.....



larger tides. Upstream on fly and lure things have turned a little clear and cold for some species, so salt water should be the target until the water warms again. Meanwhile there are lots of crocs to spot and a few mud crabs to pot over the next months of winter.

Offshore from the Daintree, good numbers of red fish in deep water and smaller tides are likely if you are in the right spot at the right time. These fish sometimes congregate around small structures in the middle of nowhere, so if you are familiar with a known structure, patience will pay off. Spanish mackerel,



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