

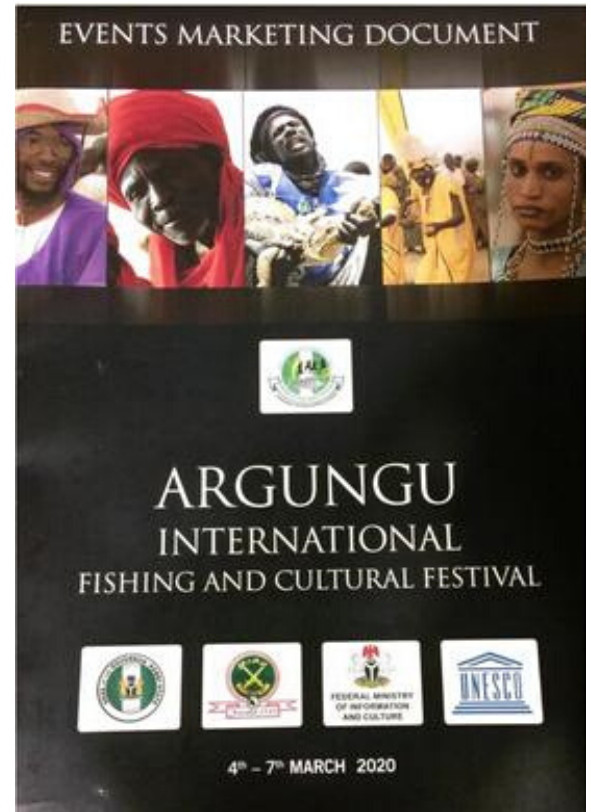
# ARGUNGU INTERNATIONAL FISHING + CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The **Argungu International Fishing and Cultural Festival** is one of the most popular festivals in Africa and will be taking place this year on **March 4th-7th, 2020**, in Argungu town, Kebbi State of Nigeria. The annual festival started initially as a religious festival prior to the time of Surame Gungu of Kebbi Kingdom. Presently, it is a four-day event that draws more than 30,000 fisherman and villagers to participate in a fishing competition.

The fishing contest takes place in the waters of the river Mata Fada, using nets and traditional gourds made with calabashes to catch fish. The fisherman who catches the biggest fish usually wins a huge amount of money. The festival also includes other cultural events such as the four major rituals that are observed during the Argungu International Fishing Festival:

1. **The Gyaran Ruwa**- refers to the basic rituals of purification of water
2. **The Fashin Ruwa** - a national event that signifies the waters for fishing, accompanied by displays of music, dance, acrobatics & wrestling
3. **The Gyaran Gari** - purifying the town to get rid of evil spirits
4. **The Shan Kabewa and Fura** - testing the pumpkin porridge

The first two ceremonies (Gyaran Ruwa and Fashin Ruwa) relate to water and have direct bearing on fishing while the other two Ceremonies are for land propitiations. As of today, only the Fashin Ruwa ritual takes place. The other 3 were abolished due to the Islamic culture in the area.



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2020 Argungu International Fishing and Cultural Festival:

## **Day One> Wednesday, March 4th, 2020**

1. Morning Session- 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
  - A. World Press Conference and Seminar
  - B. Kick Off of National Polo Tournament
  
2. Afternoon Session- 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
  - A. International Archery Competition Final
  - B. National Catapulting Competition Final
  - C. Horse Race Championships
  - D. Camel Race Championships
  - E. Donkey Race Championships
  
3. Evening Session- 9:00 PM- 12 AM  
Night Events

Venue: Open Air Theatre, Fishing Village Argungu  
Drama, dance, songs, comedy presentations etc.



Polo Tournament

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## Day Two> Thursday, March 5th, 2020

1. Morning Session- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A. Agriculture and Mini Trade Fair

2. Afternoon Session- 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

B. Goat Skinning Competition

C. Tug of War Competition

D. Turbaning of Sarkin Noma

E. Bicycle Rally Flag Off Of National Bicycle Rally Championship

F. Traditional Boxing Championship with Music & Dance Interludes

G. Traditional Wrestling Championship with Music & Dance Interludes

H. End of Bicycle Rally Championship

3. Evening Session- 9:00PM- 12AM

Presentation by selected Artist: drama, dance, songs, folklore, & comedy



Night Event at the Open Air Theatre

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Men Bare Hand Fishing

## Day Three > Friday, March 6th, 2020

1. Morning Session- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Kabanci Display  
Fishing Skills, Water Sports, Funny Water Games & Regatta

- A. Men Bare Hand Fishing
- B. Boys Bare Hand Fishing
- C. Two Men Canoe Race
- D. Men Swimming With Clay Pot Balanced on Their Head
- E. Water Relay
- F. Swimming On Gourd
- G. Boys Canoe Race
- H. Diving Competition
- I. Wild Duck Catching
- J. Save Their Souls Swimming
- K. Palm Trunk Climbing
- L. Water Skiing & Boat Regatta

2. Afternoon Session- 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

- A. Motor Rally Arrival
- B. Kabi (Traditional) Grand Durbar

3. Evening Session 9:00 PM- 12 AM

- A. Final State Competition



KABI Traditional Dubar

# ARGUNGU INTERNATIONAL FISHING + CULTURAL FESTIVAL

**Day Four> Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

1. Morning Session- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A. Grand Fishing

2. Afternoon Session- 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Finals of National Polo Tournament with  
Cultural deplaned interludes

**If you would like your next destination to be the 2020 March  
ARGUNGU INTERNATIONAL FISHING + CULTURAL FESTIVAL.**

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