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REPORT FOR THE AQUARIUM SUB-FISHERY OF THE CORAL SEA FISHERY

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This fishery ERA report document contains figures and tables with numbers that correspond to the full methodology document for the ERAEF method:

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Thus, table and figure numbers within the fishery ERA report document are not sequential as not all are relevant to the fishery ERA report results.

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## **Executive Summary**

This assessment of the ecological impacts of the Coral Sea Fishery: Aquarium Subfishery was undertaken using the ERAEF method version 9.2. ERAEF stands for "Ecological Risk Assessment for Effect of Fishing", and was developed jointly by CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research, and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. ERAEF provides a hierarchical framework for a comprehensive assessment of the ecological risks arising from fishing, with impacts assessed against five ecological components – target species; by-product and by-catch species; threatened, endangered and protected (TEP) species; habitats; and (ecological) communities.

ERAEF proceeds through four stages of analysis: scoping; an expert judgement based Level 1 analysis (SICA – Scale Intensity Consequence Analysis); an empirically based Level 2 analysis (PSA – Productivity Susceptibility Analysis); and a model based Level 3 analysis. This hierarchical approach provides a cost-efficient way of screening hazards, with increasing time and attention paid only to those hazards that are not eliminated at lower levels in the analysis. Risk management responses may be identified at any level in the analysis.

Application of the ERAEF methods to a fishery can be thought of as a set of screening or prioritization steps that work towards a full quantitative ecological risk assessment. At the start of the process, all components are assumed to be at high risk. Each step, or Level, potentially screens out issues that are of low concern. The Scoping stage screens out activities that do not occur in the fishery. Level 1 screens out activities that are judged to have low impact, and potentially screens out whole ecological components as well. Level 2 is a screening or prioritization process for individual species, habitats and communities at risk from direct impacts of fishing. The Level 2 methods do not provide absolute measures of risk. Instead they combine information on productivity and exposure to fishing to assess potential risk - the term used at Level 2 is risk. Because of the precautionary approach to uncertainty, there will be more false positives than false negatives at Level 2, and the list of high risk species or habitats should not be interpreted as all being at high risk from fishing. Level 2 is a screening process to identify species or habitats that require further investigation. Some of these may require only a little further investigation to identify them as a false positive; for some of them managers and industry may decide to implement a management response; others will require further analysis using Level 3 methods, which do assess absolute levels of risk.

For the Coral Sea Fishery, the ERAEF was limited to Level 1 analysis only.

This assessment of the Coral Sea Fishery: Aquarium Sub-fishery includes the following:

- Scoping
- Level 1 results for all components
- <u>No</u> Level 2 analyses have been undertaken at this stage.

#### **Fishery Description**

Gear:	Hand collection while diving
Area:	Sandy Cape, Fraser Island to Cape York, east of Great Barrier
	Reef Marine park outer boundary through to the edge of the Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ)
Depth range:	0-30 m depth
Fleet size:	2 operators
Effort:	No detailed effort data is available
Landings:	Confidentiality agreements prohibit disclosure of landing details
Discard rate:	No discarding
Main target species:	Snapper, emperors, damselfish, angelfish, wrasse, anemone fish, surgeons, blennies, gobies
Management:	No Management Plan, MAC or RAG; but a Statement of
-	Management Arrangements 2004/05 is in place.
Observer program:	No observer coverage previously reported

#### **Ecological Units Assessed**

Target species:	551
By-product species:	0
Discard Species:	0
TEP species:	109
Habitats:	44 (42 benthic, 2 overlying pelagic)
Communities:	5 (2 demersal, 3 overlying pelagic)

#### Level 1 Results

One ecological component was eliminated at the Scoping stage. The Bycatch-Byproduct component was eliminated – there is no bycatch in the Hand collection sub-fisheries. All other components had at least one risk score of 3 – moderate – or above.

A number of hazards (fishing activities) were eliminated at Level 1 (risk scores 1 or 2). Those remaining included:

- Translocation of species (impact on target, TEP, habitat and communities), and
- Anchoring/mooring, direct impact without capture (impact on habitat)

One of the hazards eliminated was direct impacts from fishing. The translocation of species hazard is scored as very uncertain. It is a low probability but potentially high consequence hazard.

One risk - Translocation of species, within the Habitat component - was rated as major (risk score 4).

Significant external hazards included

- other anthropogenic activities (impact on habitats), and
- other fisheries in the region (impact on communities).

#### Level 2 Results

#### **Species**

No Coral Sea Fishery Aquarium species were assessed at Level 2 using the PSA analysis.

#### <u>Habitats</u>

No Coral Sea Fishery Aquarium habitats were assessed at Level 2 using the habitat PSA analysis.

#### **Communities**

The community component was not assessed at Level 2, but should be considered in future assessments when the methods to do this are fully developed.

#### Summary

Due to the difficulties in obtaining a verified list of target species for the Coral Sea Fishery (CSF) Aquarium sub-fishery, assessment was carried out using a list which also included Great Barrier Reef aquarium-collection species. This list includes species beyond the present CSF catches and, in particular, includes coral and invertebrate species. CSF Aquarium operators are presently applying for permission to collect corals and invertebrates under the CSF permit and, as such, the expanded list has been discussed with the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) and retained.

Four issues emerged from the ERAEF Level 1 analysis of the Coral Sea Fishery Aquarium sub-fishery:

- translocation of species as a result of fishing activities was identified as a hazard within each of the 4 components assessed (target, TEP, habitat and community);
- anchoring/mooring was identified as a habitat hazard;
- other anthropogenic activities were identified as a habitat hazard; and
- other fisheries in the region identified as a community hazard.

Operator-initiated measures identified during the ERAEF process (eg a 3-year reefrotational Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and the initiative to establish permanent moorings in high use areas), have the potential to address some ERAEF concerns.

#### Managing identified risks

Using the results of the ecological risk assessment, the next steps for each fishery will be to consider and implement appropriate management responses to address these risks. To ensure a consistent process for responding to the ERA outcomes, AFMA has developed an Ecological Risk Management (ERM) framework.

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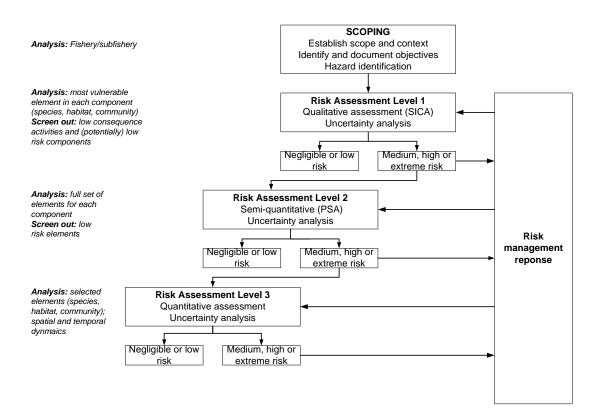
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### 1. Overview

# Ecological Risk Assessment for the Effects of Fishing (ERAEF) Framework

#### The Hierarchical Approach

The Ecological Risk Assessment for the Effects of Fishing (ERAEF) framework involves a hierarchical approach that moves from a comprehensive but largely qualitative analysis of risk at Level 1, through a more focused and semi-quantitative approach at Level 2, to a highly focused and fully quantitative "model-based" approach at Level 3 (**Figure 1**). This approach is efficient because many potential risks are screened out at Level 1, so that the more intensive and quantitative analyses at Level 2 (and ultimately at Level 3) are limited to a subset of the higher risk activities associated with fishing. It also leads to rapid identification of high-risk activities, which in turn can lead to immediate remedial action (risk management response). The ERAEF approach is also precautionary, in the sense that risks will be scored high in the absence of information, evidence or logical argument to the contrary.



#### Figure 1. Overview of ERAEF showing focus of analysis for each level at the left in italics.

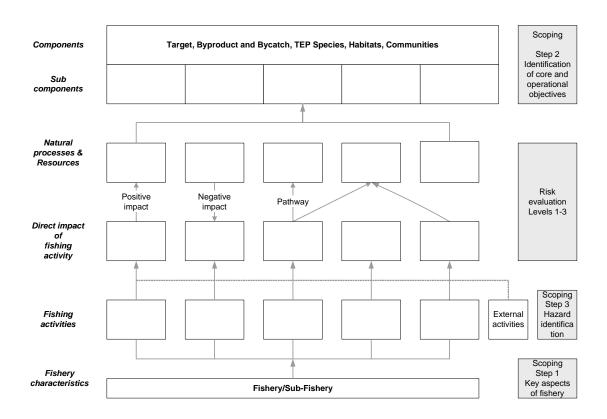
#### **Conceptual Model**

The approach makes use of a general conceptual model of how fishing impacts on ecological systems, which is used as the basis for the risk assessment evaluations at each level of analysis (Levels 1-3). For the ERAEF approach, five general ecological

components are evaluated, corresponding to five areas of focus in evaluating impacts of fishing for strategic assessment under EPBC legislation. The five *components* are:

- Target species
- By-product and by-catch species
- Threatened, endangered and protected species (TEP species)
- Habitats
- Ecological communities

This conceptual model (**Figure 2**) progresses from *fishery characteristics* of the fishery or sub-fishery,  $\rightarrow$  *fishing activities* associated with fishing and *external activities*, which may impact the five ecological components (target, byproduct and bycatch species, TEP species, habitats, and communities);  $\rightarrow$  *effects of fishing and external activities* which are the <u>direct</u> impacts of fishing and external activities;  $\rightarrow$  *natural processes and resources* that are affected by the impacts of fishing and external activities;  $\rightarrow$  *subcomponents* which are affected by impacts to natural processes and resources;  $\rightarrow$ *components*, which are affected by impacts to the sub-components. Impacts to the subcomponents and components in turn affect achievement of management objectives.



#### Figure 2. Generic conceptual model used in ERAEF.

The external activities that may impact the fishery objectives are also identified at the Scoping stage and evaluated at Level 1. This provides information on the additional impacts on the ecological components being evaluated, even though management of the external activities is outside the scope of management for that fishery.

The assessment of risk at each level takes into account current management strategies and arrangements. A crucial process in the risk assessment framework is to document the rationale behind assessments and decisions at each step in the analysis. The decision to proceed to subsequent levels depends on

- Estimated risk at the previous level
- Availability of data to proceed to the next level
- Management response (e.g. if the risk is high but immediate changes to management regulations or fishing practices will reduce the risk, then analysis at the next level may be unnecessary).

A full description of the ERAEF method is provided in the methodology document (Hobday *et al* 2007). This fishery report contains figures and tables with numbers that correspond to this methodology document. Thus, table and figure numbers within this fishery ERAEF report are not sequential, as not all figures and tables are relevant to the fishery risk assessment results.

#### ERAEF stakeholder engagement process

A recognised part of conventional risk assessment is the involvement of stakeholders involved in the activities being assessed. Stakeholders can make an important contribution by providing expert judgment, fishery-specific and ecological knowledge, and process and outcome ownership. The ERAEF method also relies on stakeholder involvement at each stage in the process, as outlined below. Stakeholder interactions are recorded.

#### Scoping

In the first instance, scoping is based on review of existing documents and information, with much of it collected and completed to a draft stage prior to full stakeholder involvement. This provides all the stakeholders with information on the relevant background issues. Three key outputs are required from the scoping, each requiring stakeholder input.

- 1. <u>Identification of units of analysis</u> (section 2.2.2; Scoping Documents S2A, S2B and S2C).
- 2. <u>Selection of objectives</u> (section 2.2.3; Scoping Document S3) is a challenging part of the assessment, because these are often poorly defined, particularly with regard to the habitat and communities components. Stakeholder involvement is necessary to agree on the set of objectives that the risks will be evaluated against. A set of preliminary objectives relevant to the sub-components is selected by the drafting authors, and then presented to the stakeholders for modification. An agreed set of objectives is then used in the Level 1 SICA analysis. The agreement of the fishery management advisory body (e.g. the MAC, which contains representatives from industry, management, science, policy and conservation) is considered to represent agreement by the stakeholders at large.
- 3. <u>Selection of activities</u> (hazards) (section 2.2.4; Scoping Document S4) that occur in the sub-fishery is made using a checklist of potential activities provided. The checklist was developed following extensive review, and allows repeatability between fisheries. Additional activities raised by the stakeholders can be included in this checklist (and would feed back into the original checklist). The

background information and consultation with the stakeholders is used to finalise the set of activities. Many activities will be self-evident (e.g. fishing, which obviously occurs), but for others, expert or anecdotal evidence may be required.

#### Level 1. SICA (Scale, Intensity, Consequence Analysis)

The SICA analysis evaluates the risk to ecological components resulting from the stakeholder-agreed set of activities. Evaluation of the temporal and spatial scale, intensity, sub-component, unit of analysis, and credible scenario (consequence for a sub-component) can be undertaken in a workshop situation, or prepared ahead by the draft fishery ERA report author and debated at the stakeholder meeting. Because of the number of activities (up to 24) in each of five components (resulting in up to 120 SICA elements), preparation before involving the full set of stakeholders may allow time and attention to be focused on the uncertain or controversial or high risk elements. The rationale for each SICA element must be documented and this may represent a challenge in the workshop situation. Documenting the rationale ahead of time for the straw-man scenarios is crucial to allow the workshop debate to focus on the right portions of the logical progression that resulted in the consequence score.

SICA elements are scored on a scale of 1 to 6 (negligible to extreme) using a "plausible worst case" approach (see ERAEF Methods Document for details). Level 1 analysis potentially result in the elimination of activities (hazards) and in some cases whole components. Any SICA element that scores 2 or less is documented, but not considered further for analysis or management response.

#### Level 2. PSA (Productivity Susceptibility Analysis)

Level 1 assessment for the Coral Sea Fishery has been completed as required for the ERAEF Stage 2 process. **No Level 2 analysis has been conducted for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery.** Information regarding Level 2 analysis is included to provide a full understanding of the ERAEF process.

The semi-quantitative nature of this analysis tier should reduce but not eliminate the need for stakeholder involvement. In particular, transparency about the assessment will lead to greater confidence in the results. The components that were identified to be at moderate or greater risk (SICA score > 2) at Level 1 are examined at Level 2. The units of analysis at Level 2 are the agreed set of species, habitat types or communities in each component identified during the scoping stage. A comprehensive set of attributes that are proxies for productivity and susceptibility have been identified during the ERAEF project. Where information is missing, the default assumption is that risk will be set high. Details of the PSA method are described in the accompanying ERAEF Methods Document. Stakeholders can provide input and suggestions on appropriate attributes, including novel ones, for evaluating risk in the specific fishery. The attribute values for many of the units (e.g. age at maturity, depth range, mean trophic level) can be obtained from published literature and other resources (e.g. scientific experts) without full stakeholder involvement. This is a consultation of the published scientific literature. Further stakeholder input is required when the preliminary gathering of attribute values is completed. In particular, where information is missing, expert opinion can be used to derive the most reasonable conservative estimate. For example, if the species attribute

values for annual fecundity have been categorised as low, medium and high on the set [<5, 5-500, >500], estimates for species with no data can still be made. Estimated fecundity of a species such as a broadcast-spawning fish with unknown fecundity, is still likely greater than the cutoff for the high fecundity categorisation (>500). Susceptibility attribute estimates, such as "fraction alive when landed", can also be made based on input from experts such as scientific observers. The final PSA is completed by scientists because access to computing resources, databases, and programming skills is required. Feedback to stakeholders regarding comments received during the preliminary PSA consultations is considered crucial. The final results are then presented to the stakeholder group before decisions regarding Level 3 are made. The stakeholder group may also decide on priorities for analysis at Level 3.

#### Level 3

This stage of the risk assessment is fully-quantitative and relies on in-depth scientific studies on the units identified as at medium or greater risk in the Level 2 PSA. It will be both time and data-intensive. Individual stakeholders are engaged as required in a more intensive and directed fashion. Results are presented to the stakeholder group and feedback incorporated, but live modification is not considered likely.

#### Conclusion and final risk assessment report

The conclusion of the stakeholder consultation process will result in a final risk assessment report for the individual fishery according to the ERAEF methods. It is envisaged that the completed assessment will be adopted by the fishery management group and used by Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) for a range of management purposes, including to address the requirements of the EPBC Act as evaluated by Department of the Environment and Heritage.

#### Subsequent risk assessment iterations for a fishery

The frequency at which each fishery must revise and update the risk assessment is not fully prescribed. As new information arises or management changes occur, the risks can be reevaluated, and documented as before. The fishery management group or AFMA may take ownership of this process, or scientific consultants may be engaged. In any case the ERAEF should again be based on the input of the full set of stakeholders and reviewed by independent experts familiar with the process.

Each fishery ERA report will be revised at least every four years or as required by Strategic Assessment. However, to ensure that actions in the intervening period do not unduly increase ecological risk, each year certain criteria will be considered. At the end of each year, the following trigger questions should be considered by the MAC for each sub-fishery.

- Has there been a change in the spatial distribution of effort of more than 50% compared to the average distribution over the previous four years?
- Has there been a change in effort in the fishery of more than 50% compared to the four year average (e.g. number of boats in the fishery)?
- Has there been an expansion of a new gear type or configuration such that a new sub-fishery might be defined?

• Responses to these questions should be tabled at the relevant fishery MAC each year and appear on the MAC calendar and work program. If the answer to any of these trigger questions is yes, then the sub-fishery should be reevaluated.

#### 2. Results

The focus of analysis is the fishery as identified by the responsible management authority. The assessment area is defined by the fishery management jurisdiction within the AFZ. The fishery may also be divided into sub-fisheries on the basis of fishing method and/or spatial coverage. These sub-fisheries should be clearly identified and described during the scoping stage. Portions of the scoping and analysis at Level 1 and beyond, is specific to a particular sub-fishery. The fishery is a group of people carrying out certain activities as defined under a management plan. Depending on the jurisdiction, the fishery/sub-fishery may include any combination of commercial, recreational, and/or indigenous fishers.

The results presented below are for the Aquarium sub-fishery of the Coral Sea Fishery.

#### 2.1 stakeholder engagement

#### 2.1 Summary Document SD1. Summary of stakeholder involvement for fishery

CSF Aquarium sub-fishery

Fishery ERA report stage	Type of stakeholder interaction	Date of stakeholder interaction	Composition of stakeholder group (names or roles)	Summary of outcome
Scoping	Phone calls & emails; requests for data.	18/10-18/11/2005	Justine Johnston- AFMA Philip Domaschenz- AFMA.	Data often uncertain or lacking. Instructed by AFMA to move to
	Requests for fishers contact details		AFMA data section-Fisher contact details provided following Level 1 (SICA) stakeholder meeting	Level 1
	Preliminary scoping and SICA documents sent to AFMA for distribution to fishers	18/11/2005	2/12/2005.	
Scoping	Information meeting with stakeholders and initial review by	30/11/2005	Documents distributed to fishers. Tim Smith- AFMA Justine Johnston- AFMA	Limitations of CSF logbook data discussed;
	fisher representatives		Philip Domaschenz- AFMA CSF stakeholder representatives Andy Dustan- Tourism	Feedback on species lists and hazards provided;
<i>a</i> .			Ross Daley- CSIRO Dianne Furlani- CSIRO	Identified data which had not yet been provided.
Scoping	Data requests for species lists and catch data	1/12/2005	Aquarium sector operators, AFMA QFS	Feedback returned and incorporated into species documents and SICAs
				Information incorporated into scoping documents and hazard ID's
Level 1 (SICA)	Information meeting with stakeholders and initial review by fisher representatives	30/11/2005	Documents distributed to fishers. Tim Smith- AFMA Justine Johnston- AFMA Philip Domaschenz- AFMA CSF stakeholder representatives Andy Dustan- Tourism Ross Daley- CSIRO Dianne Furlani- CSIRO	Limitations of CSF logbook data discussed; Feedback on species lists and hazards provided; Identified data which had not yet been provided. Debated the scenarios, and explanation of the consequence scoring. Identified areas for further investigation.
Level 1 (SICA)	Follow-up Workshop	6/4/2006	Postponed by AFMA	
Level 1 (SICA)	Attend Stakeholder meeting 2006	27/4/2006	AFMA, DEH, QDPIF,	Discussion of CSF future research intentions, Ministerial Directives to be met, trap trial outcomes and future

Fishery	Type of	Date of	Composition of stakeholder	Summary of outcome
ERA	stakeholder	stakeholder	group (names or roles)	
report	interaction	interaction		
stage	interaction	moraction		
stage			DAFF.	trial, issues of discarding, mitigating
			CSIRO, and	
			CSF operators	measures already in place and those being considered.
Level 1	Workshop	28/4/2006	Documents distributed to fishers	Feedback on species lists and
(SICA)	Rescheduled	20/4/2000	Dave Johnson- AFMA	hazards provided; and identified data
(SICH)	Reselleduled		Justine Johnston- AFMA	still to be provided.
			Philip Domaschenz- AFMA	still to be provided.
			Tim Smith- AFMA	Debated the scenarios, and
			CSF stakeholder representatives	explanation of consequence scoring.
			DEH representative	
			Tony Smith- CSIRO	Considered mitigating measures.
			Dianne Furlani- CSIRO	0 0
				Incorporate stakeholder/ AFMA
				changes as required to reach agreed
				that Level 1 is acceptable
Level 2	Not conducted for			
(PSA)	CSF in ERA Stage 2.			
ERAEF	AFMA comments	6/06/2006		Comments addressed. Final report
report	received	14/07/2006		submitted.
	Stakeholder and	28/09/2006		Comments addressed and detailed in
	AFMA comments			Appendix A. Final report submitted.
	received			

#### 2.2 Scoping

The aim in the Scoping stage is to develop a profile of the fishery being assessed. This provides information needed to complete Levels 1 and 2 and at stakeholder meetings. The focus of analysis is the fishery, which may be divided into sub-fisheries on the basis of fishing method and/or spatial coverage. Scoping involves six steps:

Step 1 Documenting the general fishery characteristics
Step 2 Generating "unit of analysis" lists (species, habitat types, communities)
Step 3 Selection of objectives
Step 4 Hazard identification
Step 5 Bibliography
Step 6 Decision rules to move to Level 1

#### 2.2.1 General Fishery Characteristics (Step 1).

The information used to complete this step may come from a range of documents such as the Fishery's Management Plan, Assessment Reports, Bycatch Action Plans, and any other relevant background documents. The level and range of information available will vary. Some fisheries/sub-fisheries will have a range of reliable information, whereas others may have limited information.

#### **Scoping Document S1 General Fishery Characteristics**

<u>Fishery Name</u>: Coral Sea Fishery (CSF)– Hand Collection sub-fisheries <u>Date of assessment</u>: May 2006 <u>Assessor</u>: Dianne Furlani

# NB. All 3 hand collection sub-fisheries (aquarium, lobster and trochus, and sea cucumber) of the Coral Sea Fishery are included in the following *General Fishery Characteristics* table.

General Fisher	ry Characteristics			
Fishery	Coral Sea Fishery- Hand Collection sectors			
Name				
Sub-fisheries	Identify sub-fisheries on the basis of fishing method/area.			
	The 3 Hand Collection sectors are single fishery sectors:			
	Aquarium			
	Lobster and Trochus			
	Sea cucumber			
Sub-fisheries assessed	The sub-fisheries to be assessed on the basis of fishing method/area in this report.			
	All 3 sectors employing Hand Collection are assessed in the ERAEF process.			
Start date/history	Provide an indication of the length of time the fishery has been operating.			
	Small-scale hand collection fisheries existed prior to their integration into the Coral Sea Fishery. These operated previously within the East Coast Deepwater Crustacean Trawl Fishery (ECDTF). No additional access has been granted since			

	1997. Prior to 2000, fishing permits were non-transferable; all permits were transferable by July 2002, subject to performance criteria. Increased value and effort has resulted with Gross value of production (GVP) for the CSF, all sectors combined, risen from \$626,700 in 2001/02, to \$1,201,200 in 2002/03 ( <i>BRS</i> , <i>"Fishery status report" 2004</i> ).
	Sea cucumber hand collection has continued since 1997. AFMA has been conducting talks with the Queensland Government proposing that management for the hand collection sector in Commonwealth waters will be transferred to the Queensland Fisheries Service ( <i>AFMA At a glance, 2005</i> ). Industry stakeholders are unanimous in their view to not support progression of this agreement ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
	An Aquarium collection trip was recently completed with observer coverage (March 2006). The report from this trip has not been finalised and has not been considered in this ERAEF. No observer data has previously been collected for any of the 3 Hand Collection sectors.
	Negotiations are presently underway to consider expansion of the Aquarium collection to include invertebrate and "living rock" collection, similar to the GBR aquarium fishery.
Geographic extent of fishery	The geographic extent of the managed area of the fishery. Maps of the managed area and distribution of fishing effort should be included in the detailed description below, or appended to the end of this table.
	Waters from Sandy Cape, Fraser Island to Cape York, generally east of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park outer boundary through to the edge of the Australian Fishing Zone (10 to 100 nautical miles seaward of the Great Barrier Reef). This fishery excludes the areas of the Coringa-Herald and Lihou Reef National Nature Reserves. See map at the end of the table.
	Sub-continental shelf and abyssal plains with scattered reef systems dominate the CSF. The Coral Sea Reef system comprises 6 main habitats: outer reef slope, reef crest, back reef, leeward slope or lagoon, pinnacle, and inter-reef channels. The richest areas for fish diversity are the exposed outer slopes of 5-20 m depth and large bomboras and pinnacle reefs ( <i>Allen 1988</i> ).

	Coral Sea Fishery			
	Map produced August 2000 in Arcview using AMBIS (AUSLIG) and AFMA data. Pg 15 AFMA "Environmental Assessment Report- Coral Sea Fishery" (July 2003).			
Regions or				
Regions or Zones within the fishery	Any regions or zones used within the fishery for management purposes and the reason for these zones if known			
	All one zone.			
Fishing season	What time of year does fishing in each sub-fishery occur?			
	Fishing may occur at all times of year in each of the Hand Collection sectors.			
Target	Species targeted and where known stock status.			
species and	opecies in geleu unu where mown slock slutus.			
stock status	Overall, the status of the CSF is uncertain as most stocks have not been assessed but, with the exception of the Sea cucumber sector, all sectors are considered underdeveloped ( <i>DEH Assessment of the Coral Sea Fishery 2004</i> ).			
	<b>Aquarium:</b> broad range of finfish including tropical snappers ( <i>Lethrinidae</i> , <i>Lutjanidae</i> ) and emperors ( <i>Lutjanidae</i> ), several species of cod, damselfish, butterflyfish, angelfish, wrasse, anemone fish, surgeonfish, blennies and gobies ( <i>AFMA Statement of Management Arrangements June 2004</i> ). Operator comme at the <i>CSF workshop</i> , <i>Nov 2005</i> indicated that specimens targeted include large specimens for supply to the public aquariums worldwide, as well as collection smaller specimens for private aquaria, and that target species will often be determined by customer demand.			
	Little information exists about specific target species as catch data is reported at genus or family level only, and effort data has not been provided (QFS catch data). As such, detailed lists have been supplied by the operators and used to create the species listings. These species include invertebrate and "living rock" species which are not presently collected from the CSF, but are collected from the GBR area and are being investigated for collection within the CSF also. With AFMA approval, the CSF risk assessments for this sub-fishery have been completed using this expanded listing (as discussed at April 2006 Stakeholders meeting).			

	<b>Lobster and Trochus:</b> <i>Panulirus ornatus &amp; P. versicolor,</i> and <i>Trochus niloticus</i> Trochus catches are for both flesh and shell, depending on demand.				
Bait					
Collection and usage	of setting bait and tr	rends in bait usage.			
		collect bait (mackerel and trevally) fo . No bait collection is involved in Lob			
Current		ent entitlements in the fishery. Note lat	ent entitlements.		
entitlements	Licences/permits/bo	ats and number active.			
Current and	sectors: • 2 Aquarium • 3 Lobster a • 2 Sea cucun The most recent cate	<b>nd Trochus</b> <b>nber</b> ch quota levels in the fishery by fishing	g method (sub-fishery).		
	Summary of the rece fishery).In table fori	ent quota levels in the fishery by fishin n	g method (sub-		
-9	Aquarium NA				
	Lobster and Troch	us (Order Archeogastropoda)			
	Common name	Annual Landed limits			
	All trochus species				
	All lobster species	30 tonnes			
	Sea Cucumber- ord	ler Aspidochirotida			
	Common name	Species	Annual landed limits		
	White teatfish	Holothuria nobilis (was whitmaei)	2 tonnes		
	Black teatfish	Holothuria whitmaei (was nobilis)	500kgs		
	Prickly redfish	Thelenota ananas	10 tonnes		
	Sandfish	Holothuria scabra	5 tonnes		
	Surf redfish	Actinipyga mauritiana	5 tonnes		
<u> </u>	Sp's combined		75 tonnes		
		mate of effort levels in the fishery by f f the recent effort trends in the fishery m			
	No data summaries	exist for the CSF. As less than 5 boats	are involved,		

	confidentiality agreements prohibit presentation of detailed data for these 3 Hand Collection sectors.
	Aquarium- no detailed effort data is available. Date is collected by Queensland Fisheries Service, but has not been made available for this assessment.
	<b>Lobster and Trochus-</b> effort expended in this sector since 2000 has been highly variable (ranging from >400 to <50 total diver hrs/year). Trochus effort was limited to the 2001 calendar year. Trochus effort and catch is dependant on the market value, and may rise if the market demand rises in the future.
Current and recent fishery	<b>Sea cucumber-</b> logbook data reports effort to have fallen significantly, from a high of >2,000 hr for 2000 to a low of <200 hrs for the 2004 <u>calendar years</u> . The number of dives/year has almost halved annually. The most recent estimate of catch levels in the fishery by fishing method (sub-fishery) (total and/or by target species). Summary of the recent catch trends in the fishery by fishing method (sub-fishery). In table form
	For the combined CSF, catches have steadily increased from a 40 tonne catch in 1998/99 to 150 tonnes catch in 2001/02 ( <i>AFMA "Environmental Assessment Report, CSF", July 2003</i> ). 166.4 t was reported as the combined commercial harvest for 2002/03 ( <i>DEH Assessment of the Coral Sea Fishery 2004</i> ). No data summaries exist for the CSF sectors. As less than 5 boats are involved, confidentiality agreements prohibit presentation of detailed data for these Hand Collection sectors.
	Aquarium- Aquarium catches are not include in Commonwealth logbook data records, but instead are recorded through the Queensland Fisheries Service. Queensland data has estimated catches of 60,000 specimens for 2003 ( <i>Caton and McLoughlin 2004</i> ). In terms of catch weight, a ~50% increase has been recorded in catches between 2000 and 2004 calendar years, and remained steady during the current year (QFS catch data).
	For <b>Lobster and Trochus</b> , information from CS01 logbook records indicate that catches have been highly variable, from <200 to >2,000 kgs/year over the calendar years 2000 to 2004. Trochus catches were limited to the 2001 calendar year
	<b>Sea cucumber-</b> catches declined from around 50 t in 2000 to 30 t in 2001 and declined further in 2002 ( <i>Caton and McLoughlin 2004</i> ). Catches for the 2002 to 2004 calendar years have recorded a dramatic decrease on these figures.
recent value of fishery (\$)	Note current and recent value trends by sub-fishery. GVP figures for the combined CSF has risen steadily from ~\$150,000 in 1998/99 ( <i>Environmental Assessment Report CSF July 2003</i> ) to \$626,700 in 2001/02, and reported as \$1,201,200 in 2002/03 ( <i>BRS Fishery status report 2004</i> ). GVP for 2003/4 and 2004/5 are reported at around \$850,000 and \$1,100,000 respectively. ( <i>DAFF Oct. 2005</i> )
	Aquarium –Stakeholders recently advised that the Australian aquarium trade has experienced a major downturn in demand, and has reached borderline profitability ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
	<b>Lobster and Trochus</b> – stakeholders advise that no real market exists for trochus ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).

Relationship with other fisheries	Commercial and recreational, state, national and international fisheries List other fisheries operating in the same region any interactions
	Species in common with the CSF and the other fisheries operating in the area are: SET and Gillnet, Hook and Trap fisheries (coral trout, snapper, emperors, other reef fish species), Torres Strait Fisheries (sea cucumber, lobster and trochus), and State fisheries (target aquarium species).
	It is unknown if any of these resources are shared. Limited recreational fishing may also compete for resources.
Gear	Also see comments in <b>Target Species issues and interactions</b> section.
	Description of the methods and gear in the fishery, average number days at sea per trip.
	Reports indicate an average trip within the 3 hand collection sectors to be around 3 days duration ( <i>FAR Oct. 2005</i> ).
	Aquarium: Generally 3-4 days at sea per trip ( <i>FAR 2004/05</i> ). Hand collection using diving equipment (freedive, hookah or scuba), barbless hook and line, or scoop net, with targeted fish herded into barrier nets by way of cast, scoop and seine nets, or hand held rods. Barrier nets have lead-line bottom and float line on top. Restrictions on net sizes are as follows:
	<ul> <li>Scoop nets:</li> <li>no more than 2 metres in any direction,</li> <li>maximum mesh size of 25 millimetres</li> <li>handle/shaft length of less than 2.5 metres.</li> </ul>
	Cast nets: • no more than 6 metres in diameter, • maximum mesh size of 28 millimetres
	<ul> <li>Seine nets:</li> <li>no more than 16 metres in length, and drop of less than 3 metres</li> <li>maximum mesh size of 25 millimetres, measured diagonally between the inner edge of the mesh knots with mesh twine pulled taut.</li> </ul>
	Lobster and Trochus, and Sea cucumber sectors: no gears used; hand collection only, with or without the use of diving equipment (i.e. freedive, hookah or scuba).
Fishing gear	
restrictions	Noted in previous section ( <b>Fishing gear and methods</b> ) for Aquarium sub-fishery only – there is no gear usage in Lobster and Trochus or Sea Cucumber sub-
	fisheries.
	Description of the selectivity of the sub-fishery methods
gear and fishing	Hand Callestian is a bighty sale time with a feasthest of the interview of the second
methods	Hand Collection is a highly selective method for the target species alone. Gear is
	only used in the Aquarium sector. Gear restrictions noted above.
Spatial gear	Description where gear set i.e. continental shelf, shelf break, continental slope
zone set	(range nautical miles from shore)

	Aquarium gear is set on rubble areas and reef fronts, as opposed to coral areas,								
	principally to avoid damage to collection nets.								
Depth range gear set	Depth range gear set at in metres								
	Gear only used in the Aquarium sector, and would be limited to safe diving								
	depths (<30m). This depth may increase in the future as a result of further diver								
	training presently being considered.								
How gear set	Description how set, pelagic in water column, benthic set (weighted) on seabed								
	Aquarium gear se								
	Barrier nets are ge						ine on		
	top. Generally, on								
Area of gear	Description of are	a impacted	by gear p	er set (squ	are metre	s)			
impact per									
set or shot	Aquarium barrier	•	•	•					
	mother-boat and te						l SC,		
	and tender boats d								
Capacity of gear	Description number	er hooks pe	r set, net s	ize weight	per trawl	shot			
	Aquarium net-siz	e described	l in "Fishiı	ng gear and	d methods	". Lobster and			
	Trochus, and Sea	Cucumber	r sub-fishe	eries do no	t use any g	gear.			
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boats									
	Confidentiality ag								
	individual sectors.								
				n data avai	and Sea Cucumber sectors (no aquarium data available through CS01), all boats				
	combined, has been reported for individual calendar years as:								
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	Panulirus versicolor	Painted rock lobster
	Trochus niloticus	Trochus
	Sea cucumber-	
	species_name	common_name
	Thelenota anax	Amberfish
	Holothuria nobilis (was whitmaei)	White teatfish
	Holothuria whitmaei (was nobilis)	Black teatfish
	Holothuria fuscopunctata	Elephant's trunk fish
	Actinopyga miliaris	Blackfish
	Holothuria atra	Lolly fish
	Thelenota ananas	Prickly redfish
<b>T</b>	Actinopyga mauritiana	Surf redfish
Target	List any issues, including biological infor	
species issues	spawning location, major uncertainties a	bout biology or management,
	interactions etc	
	Aquarium	
	All species captured are target $-$ i.e. there	is no bycatch or discard for this sub-
	fishery. We have been informed that catch	
	family level only (QFS catch data). See d	÷ •
	provided from operators, and agreed at A	· · ·
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	Panulirus versicolor	Painted rock lobster
	Trochus niloticus	Trochus
	Trochus niloticus reach market size withi         maturity at 2 years (shell width 50-90 mn         within 1-2 days of full moon, reportedly f         McLoughlin 2004) or October to May (C.         (~2 days) and populations are thus isolate         (160 mm shell width) (Nash 1985). (AFM         Trochus Fishery, October 2005). Due to t         are considered vulnerable to overfishing (         Fishery 2004)         Sea cucumber         Thelenota anax         Holothuria nobilis (was whitmaei)         Holothuria fuscopunctata         Actinopyga miliaris         Holothuria atra	n) (Sant 1995); synchronous spawners From March to July (Caton and astell 1997); larval dispersal time is sho ed (Sant 1995);may live to 12 years <i>IA Draft assessment report, Torres Strat</i> their accessibility to harvesting, trochus <i>(DEH Assessment of the Coral Sea</i> <b>(DEH Assessment of the Coral Sea</b> <b>(DEH Assessment of the Coral</b>
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	Operators at the CSF workshop, Nov 200.	5 indicated that larger sea cucumbers are

interactions	This should include reference to any protected, threatened or listed habitats				
Habitat issues and	<i>List any issues for any of the habitat units identified in</i> <b>Scoping Document S1.2</b> . This should include reference to any protected threatened or listed habitate				
	minimal (CSF workshop, Nov 2005).				
	(FAR 2004/05). Interaction with TEP species in the hand collection sectors is expected to be negligible. Night lighting of boats may also impact birds, but impact would be expected to be				
	Fishing Activity Reports have reported that no wildlife interactions have occurred				
	taken to reduce impact on these species. Hand collection is highly selective and the opportunities for interaction with protected species are limited ( <i>DEH Assessment of the Coral Sea Fishery 2004</i> ).				
	At present, there are no recorded interactions with listed threatened or protected species. Although low level interactions are expected to occur, the Statement of Management Arrangements provides measures to ensure all reasonable steps are				
	protected species and other high risk species)." ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ). A list of TEP species is provided with this document.				
	handling and associated reporting in Commonwealth fisheries in areas where adequate information does not currently exist (for example interactions with				
	AFMA has recently gained funding for an Ecological Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Project aimed at enhanced data collection for the 2004/5 and 2005/6 financial years. "The final report should provide data collection,				
interactions	(bony fishes), include any key spawning/breeding/aggregation locations that might overlap with the fishery/sub-fishery.				
TEP issues and	List any issues. This section should consider all TEP species groups: marine mammals, chondrichthyans (sharks, rays etc.), marine reptiles, seabirds, teleosts				
	expected and little incidence of by-catch or by-product.				
issues and interactions	There is no by-catch action plan for this fishery. Specific by-catch mitigation measures are in place for each sector. Due to the highly specified method used in the Hand Collection sector, no significant impact on ecological communities is				
Byproduct and bycatch	List any issues, as for the target species above				
	http://www.pzja.gov.au/fisheries/sea_cucumber.htm				
	stocks were considered overexploited, therefore the subsequent reduction indicated a serious depletion".				
	prohibited since early 1998 following recommendations from CSIRO researchers undertaking the surveys that the remaining stock on Warrior Reef was approximately 80% less than in November 1995. In 1995, the status of sandfish stocks were considered overexploited, therefore the subsequent reduction				
	assess the level of reduction in sandfish abundance in 1995/1996, 1998, 2000 and 2002. The collection of sandfish, which was harvested primarily for export, has been				
	relatively shallow waters and as a result is vulnerable to over-harvesting. Following concerns of serious resource depletion and overexploitation of sandfish stocks on Warrior Reef, four fishery independent surveys were commissioned to				
	The sea cucumber fishery in the Torres Strait gives an example of the risk of these animals. The Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority states that"Sea cucumbers have been subjected to excessive levels of fishing effort during the early 1990's and 1995 in particular. It is a high value species occurring in				
	usually targeted as less effort is required to clean the catch, and the market value is greater.				

	There is an absence of information on which to base habitat issues and interactions. The Coral Sea Reef system comprises 6 main habitats: outer reef slope, reef crest, back reef, leeward slope or lagoon, pinnacle, and inter-reef channels. Coringa-Herald and Lihou Reef National Nature Reserves are closed to fishing due to their high conservation value. Typically reefs are isolated shallow platforms dropping off steeply into deep water, with exposed outer slope and intertidal zone of consolidated limestone (Allen 1998).
	(Alleli 1996).
	Operators within the CSF describe the habitat as patchy, steep, with few banks present. There are a small number of reefs only (5-10 square miles in size) which are steep sided with large rocky outcrops/bombies rising high up on the reef sides ( <i>CSF Workshop, Nov. 2005</i> ). Generally, mother-boats anchor on sand and tender boats drift, but tenders in the Aquarium sub-fishery do also anchor, generally on the reefs.
Community	List any issues for any of the community units identified in <b>Scoping Document</b>
issues and	<i>S1.2.</i>
interactions	
	"Move on provision" employed to limit localised depletion. A voluntary 3-year
	rotational zoning system is presently being considered between the Hand
	Collection sector and Tourism operators.
	There is an absence of information on which to base non-target, habitat and wildlife interactions.
	There are no listed threatened ecological communities in the CSF area (DEH
	Assessment of the Coral Sea Fishery 2004)
Discarding	Summary of discarding practices by sub-fishery, including by-catch, juveniles of
8	target species, high-grading, processing at sea.
	Due to the Hand Collection method of fishing, little incidence of species discarding should occur. Discarding of offal waste (e.g. guts, etc) after processing does occur for the L&T and SC sub-fisheries.
Management.	: planned and those implemented
	The management objectives from the most recent management plan
	Rather than a Management Plan, a Statement of Management Arrangements
	2004/05 is in place for this fishery. In November 2004, the fishery was accredited
	as meeting the EPBC Act requirements. The CSF does not have a formal MAC or
	RAG process to discuss fishery-specific research priority setting or call for
	research proposals. Great Barrier Reef zoning changes may re-direct more
ļ	attention (illegal and recreational).
Fishery	Is there a fisheries management plan, is it in the planning stage or implemented
management plan	what are the key features?
L	No Management Plan exists for any sector of the Coral Sea Fishery.
Input controls	Summary of any input controls in the fishery, e.g. limited entry, area restrictions (zoning), vessel size restrictions and gear restrictions. Primarily focused on target species as other species are addressed below.
	Single jurisdiction fishing trips apply to all CSF sectors. No additional access has been granted since 1997. Prior to 2000, fishing permits were non-transferable; all

	permits were transferable by July 2002, subject to performance criteria.
	Aquarium:
	Operator limit and minimum of 5 fishing days per year.
	Chemicals and explosives use is prohibited.
	Maximum total net size/diameter, mesh size, handle/shaft length, and net length.
	Operator limit of 8 persons taking fish from nominated permit holders' boat
	A maximum of 2 tender boats permitted.
	Combined precautionary trigger of 200 days combined fishing limit (specified
	number of days fished per year combined with restriction on the number of
	persons fishing from the specified permit boat).
	Lobster and Trochus:
	Operator limit and minimum of 5 fishing days per year.
	Only hand collection permitted, with/without diving equipment.
	AFMA proforma must be submitted within 21 days of each fishing trip.
	Integrated computer vessel monitoring system (ICVMS) must be used.
	No more than 7 persons (crew and divers) may work from the nominated permit
	holders' boat.
	A maximum of 2 tender boats permitted.
	A "move on provision" provides precautionary limits- no more that 3 tonnes of
	lobster tail or 5 tonnes of trochus may be taken from the one reef. Once this total
	has been reached, collection may not continue within a 15 nautical mile
	anchorage.
	Sea cucumber:
	No minimum number of fishing days.
	Only hand collection permitted, with/without diving equipment.
	AFMA proforma must be submitted within 21 days of each fishing trip.
	Integrated computer vessel monitoring system (ICVMS) must be used.
	Prior reporting and landing notification is required.
	No more than 7 persons may work from the nominated permit holders' boat.
	A maximum of 2 tender boats permitted.
	A "move on provision" of no more that 5 tonnes of sea cucumber (all catch
	species combined). Once this total has been reached, collection may not continue
_	within a 15 nautical mile anchorage.
Output	Summary of any output controls in the fishery, e.g. quotas. Effort days at sea.
controls	Primarily focused on target species as other species are addressed below.
	Taking or carrying of tuna and tuna-like species is excluded in all sectors.
	Aquarium: No output controls.
	Lobster and Trochus:
	Minimum tail length size limit for lobster
	Size range set for trochus
	Initial stock assessment is yet to be undertaken to determine TAC
	Sea cucumber:
	Catch limit arrangements exist for 5 species based on landed weight, and TACs
	for all take in this sector. Minimum size limit guidelines exist.
Technical	Summary of any technical measures in the fishery, e.g. size limits, bans on
measures	females, closed areas or seasons. Gear mesh size, mitigation measures such as

TEDs. Primarily focused on target species as other species are addressed below. 'Taking or carrying tuna like species' restrictions apply to all CSF sectors. Within the Hand Collection sectors, gear is only used in the Aquarium sector, and reported under "Fishing gear and methods". Aquarium: translocation mitigation policy of no fish to be returned to the water once caught Species size limits are as follows: Lobster and Trochus: Common name Size limit 80-125 mm range All trochus species All lobster species 125 mm minimum tail length Sea cucumber: guidelines implemented by voluntary agreement **Common name Species** Minimum size limit White teatfish Holothuria nobilis 32 cm Black teatfish Holothuria whitmaei / fuscogilva 25 cm Prickly redfish Thelenota ananas 30 cm Holothuria scabra Sandfish 16 cm Lollyfish Holothuria atra 15 cm All other species 15 cm Regulations Regulations regarding species (by-catch and by-product, TEP), habitat, and community; MARPOL and pollution; rules regarding activities at sea such as discarding offal and/or processing at sea. Restrictions to "Taking or carrying tuna like species" apply to all CSF sectors. Effectively this excludes taking of billfish (Istiophoridae, Xiphiidae), pomfrets or ray's bream (Scombridae, Bramidae), but allows the catch of mackerels (Scomberomorus, Scomber, Acanthocybium, Grammatorcynus, Rastrelliger). All operators are aware of MARPOL requirements. Only 1 vessel in the CSF is not covered (by vessel size or weight) within these regulations. "Move on provisions" apply to **Lobster and Trochus**, & **Sea cucumber** sectors. Initiatives BAPs; TEDs; industry codes of conduct, MPAs, Reserves and strategies Coringa-Herald and Lihou Reef National Nature Reserves closed to fishing for all CSF sectors due to their high conservation value. Enabling Monitoring (logbooks, observer data, scientific surveys); assessment (stock processes assessments); performance indicators (decision rules, processes, compliance; education; consultation process Aquarium must complete Individual trip reports; Queensland state catch and effort logbook "Aquarium Fish Trip Logbook AQ03". Lobster and Trochus must complete Individual trip reports, CS01 (Coral Sea Line, Trawl & Collection Daily Logbook) and SESS2 (Catch Disposal Record). Sea Cucumber must complete Individual trip reports, CS01 and CS2A (Catch Disposal Record), as well as prior reporting and landing notification.

Failure to meet performance criteria will result in permits not being renewed.
State, national or international conventions or agreements that impact on the
management of the fishery/sub-fishery being evaluated.
Industry have initiated spatial management discussions for the <b>Sea cucumber</b> sector, involving a spatial rotation plan. QDPIF is developing a program for reviewing all available paperwork relevant to Sea cucumbers ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
Considerable problems exist with Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing for teatfish in the Torres Strait ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
A proposal has recently been presented involving a voluntary exclusion of hook fishing on a number of reefs, with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accommodate tourism practices. This MOU is expected to encompass 5 reefs. Aquarium collection operators have expressed they may also be willing to be part of this MOU ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
Concern has been expressed over the increase in dive tourism in the CSF and the lack of apparent management. AFMA have agreed to seek clarification on the issue ( <i>CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005</i> ).
Verified logbook data; data summaries describe programme
There are no data summaries available for the CSF. Raw logbook data has been provided but, with the 5-boat ruling and constraints of confidentiality, can only be used in general terms. The aquarium sub-fishery logbook data is collected through Queensland Fishery Services, and provided to AFMA in paper copy only.
Observer programme describe parameters as below
No observer program is in operation for the CSF Hand collection sector.
Studies, surveys
No other data is available.

#### 2.2.2 Unit of Analysis Lists (Step 2)

The units of analysis for the sub-fishery are listed by component:

- Species Components (target, byproduct/discards and TEP components). [Scoping document S2A Species]
- Habitat Component: habitat types. [Scoping document S2B Habitats]
- Community Component: community types. [Scoping document S2C Communities]

#### Total Ecological Units Assessed for CSF Aquarium sub-fishery

Target species:	551
By-product species:	0
Discard Species:	0
TEP species:	109
Habitats:	44 (42 benthic, 2 overlying pelagic)
Communities:	5 (2 demersal, 3 overlying pelagic)

#### **Scoping Document S2A Species**

Each species identified during the scoping is added to the ERAEF database used to run the Level 2 analyses. A CAAB code (Code for Australian Aquatic Biota) is required to input the information. The CAAB codes for each species may be found at <a href="http://www.marine.csiro.au/caab/">http://www.marine.csiro.au/caab/</a>

#### Target species [CSF Aquarium]

This list was obtained by reviewing all available fishery literature, including Queensland Fishery Service logbook records, and through discussions with stakeholders. Logbook data is identified to family groupings only. Target species, obtained through discussions with the two Aquarium sub-fishery operators (OpList1 and OpList2), are as agreed by the fishery.

Sp Code	CAAB	Family	Species name	Common name	Role	Source
	10114026	Spongiidae	Hyattella intestinalis	Sponge Head	Target	OpList2

11298000	Fungiidae(mushroom corals)	???	Short Tentacle Mushroom	Target	OpList2
11298000	Fungiidae(mushroom corals)	???	Slipper Mushroom	Target	OpList2
11298036	Fungiidae(mushroom corals)	Heliofungia actiniformis	Long Tentacle Mushroom	Target	OpList2
11305081	Faviidae (hard corals)	Oulophyllia/Favia/Platygyra sp	Brain Corals	Target	OpList2
11320000	Dendrophylliidae (hard corals)	Duncanopsamia sp	Tree Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	???	Red Fan Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	???	Sponge Fan	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Distichopora sp.	Orange Lace Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Galaxea sps	Galaxy Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Lobophyllia/Symphyllia spp.	Lobed Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Physogyra sps	Bubble Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Plerogyra sp.	Bubble Coral- large bubbles	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Sarcophyton sps	Mushroom Soft Coral	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Turbiaria sps	Cabbage Coral(yellow)	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Xenia sps	Palmtree Zooanthid	Target	OpList2
11327000	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Zoanthid sps	Purple Carpet Zoanthid	Target	OpList2
11327001	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Catalaphyllia jardenei	Elegance Coral	Target	OpList2
11327002	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Euphyllia ancora	Hammerhead Coral	Target	OpList2
11327003	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Euphyllia cristata	Grape Coral	Target	OpList2
11327004	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Euphyllia divisa	Frogspawn Coral	Target	OpList2
11327004	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	Euphyllia divisa(Branching)	Branching Frogspawn	Target	OpList2
24155015	Cypraeidae (cowries)	Cypraea tigris	Tiger Cowrie	Target	OpList2
24222000	Conidae (cone shells)	Conus sp	Coneshell-poisonous	Target	OpList2
25125000	Ophidiasteridae (seastars)	Assorted Starfish	Assorted Starfish	Target	OpList2
25125028	Ophidiasteridae (seastars)	Linckia larvigata	Blue Starfish	Target	OpList2
25247000	Echinodermetridae (urchins)	Echinometra sp.	Short Spine Urchin	Target	OpList2
28725001	Stenopodidae	Stenopus hispidus	Coral banded/banded cleaner shrimp	Target	OpList1/2
28767026	Hippolytidae	Lysmata amboinensis	Humpback/Redline Cleaner Shrimp	Target	OpList2
28828004	Coenobitidae (hermits)	Coenobita perlatus	Land/Strawberry Hermit Crabs	Target	OpList2

	Invertebrate- anemone	Futaawaaa ayadriaalar	Anemone-white	Torrat	OpList2
		Entacmeae quadricolor		Target	1
27019027	Invertebrate	Pseudocolchirus violaceus	Sea Apple	Target	OpList2
37018027	Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus albimarginatus	Silver Tip Shark	Target	OpList2
37018033	Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos	Grey Reef sharks	Target	OpList2
37018008	Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus falciformis	Silky Shark	Target	OpList2
37018036	Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus melanopterus	Black-tip Reef Shark	Target	OpList2
37018007	Carcharhinidae	Carcharhinus plumbeus	Sandbar/Brown Shark	Target	OpList2
37018029	Carcharhinidae	Negaprion acutidens	Australian Lemon Shark	Target	OpList2
37018038	Carcharhinidae	Triaenodon obesus	Whitetip Reefshark	Target	OpList1/2
37035004	Dasyatidae	Dasyatis kuhlii	Kuhl's Blue Spot Ray	Target	OpList2
37035025	Dasyatidae	Himantura jenkinsii	Jenkins Whiptail Ray	Target	OpList2
37035011	Dasyatidae	Pastinachus sephen	Cowtail Ray	Target	OpList2
37035009	Dasyatidae	Taeniura lymma	Blue Spotted Ray	Target	OpList1/2
37035017	Dasyatidae	Taeniura meyenii	Black Blotched Fantail Ray	Target	OpList2
37035027	Dasyatidae	Urogymnus asperrimus	Thorny/Porcupine Ray	Target	OpList2
37013010	Gynglymostomatidae	Nebrius ferrugineus	Tawny Nurse Shark	Target	OpList2
37013014	Hemiscyllidae	Hemiscyllium ocellatum	Epualete Shark	Target	OpList1/2
37067017	Heterocongridae	Heteroconger hassi	Spotted Garden eel	Target	OpList2
37060023	Muraenidae	Echidna nebulosa	Snowflake	Target	OpList1/2
37060029	Muraenidae	Gymnomuraena zebra	Zebra Moray	Target	OpList1/2
37060016	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax favagineaus	Honeycomb Moray	Target	OpList2
37060035	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax fimbriatus	Dark-Spotted Moray	Target	OpList2
37060036	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax flavimarginatus	Yellow Margin Moray	Target	OpList2
37060039	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax javanica	Giant Moray	Target	OpList2
37060045	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax meleagris	Whitemouth Eel	Target	OpList2
37060047	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax nudivomer	Peppered Moray	Target	OpList2
37060053	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax undulatus	Undulated Moray	Target	OpList2
37060058	Muraenidae	Rhinomuraena quaesita	Ribbon eel	Target	OpList1/2
37013011	Orectolobidae	Eucrossorhinus dasypogon	Tasseled Wobbegong	Target	OpList1/2
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37013003	Orectolobidae	Orectolobus maculatus	Ornate Wobbegongs	Target	OpList2
37013003	Rhinidae		White Spotted Guitarfish		-
		Rhynchobatos australiae		Target	OpList2
37027010	Rhinobatidae	Rhinobatos typus.	Giant Shovelnose	Target	OpList2
37019002	Sphyrnidae	Sphyrna mokarran	Great hammerhead	Target	OpList2
37013006	Stegostomidae	Stegostoma fasciatum	Zebra Sharks	Target	OpList1/2
37437007	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus blochii	Ringtail Surgeonfish	Target	OpList1/2
37437008	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus dussumieri	Penciled Surgeon	Target	OpList1/2
37437002	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus grammoptilus	Finelined Surgeonfish	Target	OpList1
37437009	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus guttatus	Whitespot Surgeonfish	Target	OpList1
37437010	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus lineatus	Clown Tang	Target	OpList2
37437011	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus mata	Elongate Surgeonfish - Juveniles	Target	OpList2
37437012	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus nigricans	Goldrim Surgeonfish	Target	OpList1/2
37437013	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus nigricauda	Blackstreak Surgeonfish	Target	OpList2
37437019	Acanthuraidae	Acanthurus triostegus	Convict Surgeonfish	Target	OpList1/2
	Acanthuraidae	Ctenochaetus strigosus	Goldring Bristletooth	Target	OpList1/2
37437024	Acanthuraidae	Naso annulatus	Whitemargin Unicorn Tang	Target	OpList1/2
37437031	Acanthuraidae	Naso unicornis	Unicorn Tang	Target	OpList1/2
37437032	Acanthuraidae	Naso vlamingii	Vlamingi Tang	Target	OpList1/2
37437014	Acanthuridae	Acanthurus nigrofuscus	Brown Tang/Dusky surgeonfish	Target	OpList2
37437016	Acanthuridae	Acanthurus olivacious	Red shoulder/orange blotch tang(surgeonfish)	Target	OpList1
37437017	Acanthuridae	Acanthurus pyroferus	Mimic tang (surgeonfish)	Target	OpList1
374370??	Acanthuridae	Ctenochaetus strigosus	Blue spot tang (surgeonfish)	Target	OpList1
37437026	Acanthuridae	Naso brevirostris	Spotted Unicorn	Target	OpList2
37437029	Acanthuridae	Naso lituratus	Lipstick tang /clown unicornfish	Target	OpList1
	Acanthuridae	Naso sp	Assorted Unicorns	Target	OpList2
37437033	Acanthuridae	Paracanthus hepatus	Blue tang	Target	OpList1
37437036	Acanthuridae	Zebrasoma scopas	Brown Sailfin tang	Target	OpList2
37437037	Acanthuridae	Zebrasoma veliferum	Sailfin Tang	Target	OpList2

37260001	Anamalopidae	Anomalops katoptron	Two-Fin Flashlight Fish	Target	OpList1/2
37260002	Anamalopidae	Photoblepharon palpebrates	One-Fin Flashlight Fish	Target	OpList2
37210000	Antennariidae	Antennarius sp.	Anglerfish species	Target	OpList2
37210025	Antennariidae	Histrio histrio	Sargassumfish	Target	OpList1/2
37210003	Antennariidae	Tathicarpus butleri	Butler's Frogfish	Target	OpList1/2
37327000	Apogonidae	Apaogon sp.	Cardinal fish	Target	OpList2
37327020	Apogonidae	Apogon aureus	Ring-Tailed Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList2
37327049	Apogonidae	Apogon compressus	Blue-eye Cardinalfish	Target	OpList1/2
37327052	Apogonidae	Apogon cyanosoma	Goldline Cardinalfish	Target	OpList1/2
37327057	Apogonidae	Apogon fraenatus	Spur-Cheek Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList2
37327065	Apogonidae	Apogon leptacanthus	Longspine Cardinalfish	Target	OpList2
37327072	Apogonidae	Apogon properupta	Coral Cardinalfish	Target	OpList2
37327073	Apogonidae	Apogon sangiensis	Assorted Cardinalfish	Target	OpList1/2
37327083	Apogonidae	Archamia leai	Lea's Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList2
37327082	Apogonidae	Archamisa fucata	Redlined Cardinal	Target	OpList1/2
37327089	Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus macrodon	Tiger Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList1/2
37327092	Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus parazonatus	Mimic Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList2
37327090	Apogonidae	Cheilodipterus quinquelineatus	Five-Lined Cardinal Fish	Target	OpList2
37277001	Aulostomidae	Aulostomus chinensis	Trumpetfish	Target	OpList1/2
37465011	Balistidae	Abalistes stellatus	Starry Triggerfish	Target	OpList2
99379024	Balistidae	Aluterus scripta	Scrawled Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
	Balistidae	Amanses scopas	Brush-sided Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37465031	Balistidae	Balistoides conspicillum	Clown Triggerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37465048	Balistidae	Balistoides viridescens	Titan Triggerfish	Target	OpList2
	Balistidae	Cantherhines pardalis	Honeycomb Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37465086	Balistidae	Canthidermis maculatus	Spotted Triggerfish	Target	OpList1/2
	Balistidae	Chaetoderma penicilligera	Leafy Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37465058	Balistidae	Melichthys vidua	Pinktail Triggerfish	Target	OpList2
37465071	Balistidae	Pseudobalistes flavimarginatus	Yellowmargin Triggerfish	Target	OpList2

37465027	Balistidae	Pseudobalistes fuscus	Fuscus Trigger	Target	OpList1/2
37465072	Balistidae	Rhinecanthus rectangulus	Wedge-tail Triggerfish	Target	OpList2
37465074	Balistidae	Rhinecanthus verrucosus	Blackspot Triggerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37465078	Balistidae	Sufflamen bursa	Scimitar Triggerfish	Target	OpList2
37465079	Balistidae	Sufflamen chrysopterus	Eyestripe/Flagtail Trigger	Target	OpList2
37465080	Balistidae	Xanthichthys auromarginatus	Bluebeard Triggerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37465047	Ballistidae	Ballistoides undulatus	Blue line (?orange stripe) trigger	Target	OpList1
37465061	Ballistidae	Odonus niger	Red tooth trigger	Target	OpList1
37465028	Ballistidae	Rhinecanthus aculeatus	Hawaiian triggerfish	Target	OpList1
37465072	Ballistidae	Rhinecanthus lunula	Racoon/halfmoon trigger	Target	OpList1
37205002	Batrachoididae	Halophryne diemensis	Banded Toadfish / Frogfish	Target	OpList2
37408022	Blennidae	Ecsenius bicolor	Bicolor blenny	Target	OpList1
37408032	Blennidae	Ecsenius tigris	Tiger blenny	Target	OpList1
37408051	Blennidae	Meiacanthus atrodorsalis	Canary blenny/eyelash fangblenny	Target	OpList1
37408097	Blennidae	Meiacanthus reticulatus	Reticulated fangblenny/CS Lyretail Blenny	Target	OpList2
37408017	Blenniidae	Cirripectes stigmaticus	Tiger Rock Hopper	Target	OpList1/2
37408021	Blenniidae	Ecsenius australianus	Australia Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37408028	Blenniidae	Ecsenius midas	Midas Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37408030	Blenniidae	Ecsenius schroederi	Spotted Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37408019	Blenniidae	Escenius aequalis/strictus	Great Barrier Reef Blenny	Target	OpList2
37408027	Blenniidae	Escenius mandibularis	Queensland Blenny	Target	OpList2
37408039	Blenniidae	Exallias brevis	Leopard Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
	Blenniidae	Istiblennius sp.	Bluespot Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37408055	Blenniidae	Meiacanthus grammistes	Grammistes Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
	Blenniidae	Meiacanthus smithii	Smith's Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37408079	Blenniidae	Salarias fasciatus	Carpet Blenny	Target	OpList1/2
37346037	Caesionidae	Caesio teres	Blue & Gold Fusilier	Target	OpList1/2
37346068	Caesionidae	Pterocaesio marri	Marr's Fusilier	Target	OpList2
37337027	Carangidae	Caranx ignobilis	Giant Trevally / Turrum	Target	OpList2

37337050	Carangidae	Caranx melampygus	Bluefin Trevally	Target	OpList2
37337039	Carangidae	Caranx sexfasciatus	Big-eye Trevally	Target	OpList2
37337029	Carangidae	Elagatis bipinnulatus	Rainbow Runner	Target	OpList2
37337012	Carangidae	Gnathanodon speciosus	Golden Trevally	Target	OpList1/2
37337074	Carangidae	Trachinotus bailloni	Black-Spotted Dart	Target	OpList2
37337075	Carangidae	Trachinotus blochii	Snub-Nosed Dart	Target	OpList2
37280003	Centriscidae	Aeoliscus strigatus	Razor Fish/Shrimp Fish	Target	OpList2
37365013	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon aureofasciatus	Golden Striped Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365019	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon auriga	Threadfin Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365034	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon baronessa	Triangular Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365035	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon bennetti	Bennet's Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365036	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon citrinellus	Speckled Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365037	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon ephippium	Saddlebacked Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365038	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon flavirostris	Black Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365040	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon klenii	Klein's Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365041	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon lineolatus	Lined Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365042	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon lunula	Racoon Butterfly	Target	OpList1/2
37365043	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon melanotus	Blackback Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365044	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon mertensii	Merten's Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365045	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon meyeri	Meyers Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365046	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon ocellicaudus	Spot-Tail	Target	OpList2
37365047	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon ornatissimus	Ornate Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365049	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon pelewensis	Dot & Dash Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365050	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon plebeius	Sunrise/bluespot butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365051	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon punctatofasciatus	Spot-banded Butterflyfish	Target	OpList2
37365052	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon rafflesi	Laticed Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365053	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon rainfordi	Rainford's Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365054	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon reticulatus	Reticulate butterflyfish	Target	OpList1
37365055	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon semeion	Golden Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2

37365056	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon speculum	Speculum Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365058	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon trifascialis	Chevroned Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365060	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon ulietensis	Double-saddled Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365061	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon unimaculatus	Teardrop Butterfly	Target	OpList1/2
37365062	Chaetodontidae	Chaetodon vagabudus	Vagabond Butterfly	Target	OpList2
37365068	Chaetodontidae	Forcipiger flavissimus	Yellow longnose/forceps fish	Target	OpList1
37365069	Chaetodontidae	Forcipiger longitrosis	Extralongnose Butterflyfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365074	Chaetodontidae	Hemitaurichthys polylepis	Pyramid	Target	OpList1/2
37365075	Chaetodontidae	Heniochus chrysostomus	Bannerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365005	Chaetodontidae	Heniochus diphreutes	Schooling Bannerfish	Target	OpList2
37365076	Chaetodontidae	Heniochus monoceros	Monoceros Bannerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365077	Chaetodontidae	Heniochus singularis	Singular Bannerfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365078	Chaetodontidae	Heniochus varius	Humphead/Horned Bannerfish	Target	OpList2
37365003	Chaetodontidae	Parachaetodon ocellatus	Ocellated Coralfish/Butterflyfish	Target	OpList2
37374002	Cirrhitidae	Amblycirrhitus bimaculata	Twinspot Hawkfish	Target	OpList1/2
37374003	Cirrhitidae	Cirrhitichthys falco	Pixie/dwarf hawk	Target	OpList1
37374004	Cirrhitidae	Cirrhitichthys oxycephalus	Freckled/spotted hawk	Target	OpList1
37374006	Cirrhitidae	Cyprinocirrhites polyactis	Swallowtail Hawkfish	Target	OpList2
37374007	Cirrhitidae	Neocirrhites armatus	Flame hawk	Target	OpList1
37374008	Cirrhitidae	Oxycirrhites typus	Longnose Hawkfish	Target	OpList2
37374009	Cirrhitidae	Paracirrhites arcatus	Arceye/ringeye hawk	Target	OpList1/2
37374010	Cirrhitidae	Paracirrhites forsteri	Fosters/freckled hawk	Target	OpList1
37469015	Diodontidae	Diodon hystrix	Spotted Porcupinefish	Target	OpList2
37469016	Diodontidae	Diodon liturosus	Black-Blotched Porcupinefish	Target	OpList2
37336001	Echeneidae	Echeneis naucrates	Suckerfish / Remora	Target	OpList1/2
37362007	Ephippididae	Platax orbicularis	Orbicular Batfish	Target	OpList1/2
37362006	Ephippididae	Platax pinnatus	Pinate Batfish	Target	OpList1/2
37362004	Ephippididae	Platax teira	Teira Batfish	Target	OpList1/2
37428033	Gobiidae	Amblyeleotris diagonalis	Pinktail Shrimp Goby	Target	OpList1/2

	Gobiidae	Amblyeleotris sp.	Shrimp Gobies	Target	OpList1/2
37428046	Gobiidae	Amblygobius decussatus	Orange-Striped Goby	Target	OpList2
37428048	Gobiidae	Amblygobius phaelaena	Chocolate Goby	Target	OpList2
37428049	Gobiidae	Amblygobius rainfordi	Old glory/Rainfordi Goby	Target	OpList2
37428098	Gobiidae	Cryptocentrus cinctus	Yellow Cinta Goby	Target	OpList1/2
	Gobiidae	Gobiodon atrangulatus	Earspot coral goby	Target	OpList1
37428158	Gobiidae	Gobiodon citrinus	Fourbar Goby	Target	OpList1/2
37428160	Gobiidae	Gobiodon histrio	Broad-Barred Goby	Target	OpList1/2
37428162	Gobiidae	Gobiodon okinawae	Lemon Okinawa Goby	Target	OpList1/2
	Gobiidae	Memateleotris magnifica	Fire Goby	Target	OpList2
37428212	Gobiidae	Paragobiodon echinocephelus	Redhead Goby	Target	OpList2
37428326	Gobiidae	Valenciennea decora	Elegant Goby	Target	OpList2
37428280	Gobiidae	Valenciennea helsdingenii	Twostripe Goby	Target	OpList2
37428282	Gobiidae	Valenciennea longipinnis	Long-Finned Goby	Target	OpList1/2
37428284	Gobiidae	Valenciennea puellaris	Orange Dashed Goby	Target	OpList1/2
37428286	Gobiidae	Valenciennea strigata	Gold head/blueband glider goby	Target	OpList1
37350014	Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus chaetodonoides	Clown Sweetlip - Juvenile	Target	OpList2
37350020	Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus lessonii	Striped Sweetlip	Target	OpList2
37350022	Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus lineatus/goldmani	Diagonal Banded Sweetlip	Target	OpList2
37350023	Haemulidae	Plectorhinchus picus	Panda Sweetlip - Adult	Target	OpList2
37311045	Holocentridae	Cephalopholis sonnerati	Tomato/Coral Rockcod	Target	OpList2
37261000	Holocentridae	Myripristis sps	Soldierfish	Target	OpList2
37261022	Holocentridae	Sargocentron caudimaculatum	Whitetail/Tailspot Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261023	Holocentridae	Sargocentron diadema	Crown Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261030	Holocentridae	Sargocentron tiere	Bluestripe/Tahitian Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261002	Holocentridae	Myripristis murdjan	Blotcheye Soldierfish	Target	OpList2
37261013	Holocentridae	Myripristis pralinia	Scarlet Soldierfish	Target	OpList2
37261015	Holocentridae	Myripristis vittata	Red Soldierfish	Target	OpList1/2
37261019	Holocentridae	Neoniphon sammara	Spotfin Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2

37261020	Holocentridae	Plectrypops lima	Roughscale Soldierfish	Target	OpList2
37261033	Holocentridae	Sargocentron cornutum	Threespot Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261024	Holocentridae	Sargocentron ittodai	Samurai Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261026	Holocentridae	Sargocentron melanospilos	Blackspot Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261001	Holocentridae	Sargocentron rubrum	Redcoat Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37261029	Holocentridae	Sargocentron spiniferum	Sabre Squirrelfish	Target	OpList1/2
37261031	Holocentridae	Sargocentron tiereoides	Red Squirrelfish	Target	OpList1/2
37261032	Holocentridae	Sargocentron violaceum	Violet Squirrelfish	Target	OpList2
37384045	Labridae	Anampses caeruleopunctatus	Blue Spotted Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384047	Labridae	Anampses femininus	Femininus Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384049	Labridae	Anampses meleagrides	Speckled/Guinea Fowl Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384050	Labridae	Anampses neoguinaicus	China/blackback wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384051	Labridae	Anampses twistii	Yellowbreasted Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384052	Labridae	Bodianus anthioides	Lyre Tail Hogfish	Target	OpList1/2
37384053	Labridae	Bodianus axilaris	Coral pigfish/Axilspot Hogfish	Target	OpList2
37384055	Labridae	Bodianus bimaculatus	Twospot Hogfish	Target	OpList1/2
37384056	Labridae	Bodianus diana	Diana's Hogfish	Target	OpList1/2
37384059	Labridae	Bodianus loxonzonus	Blackfin Hogfish	Target	OpList1/2
37384060	Labridae	Bodianus mesothorax	Splitlevel Hogfish	Target	OpList2
37384064	Labridae	Cheilinus chlorourus	Floral Maori Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384066	Labridae	Cheilinus fasciatus	Red Breasted Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384067	Labridae	Cheilinus oxycephalus	Snooty Maori Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384044	Labridae	Cheilinus trilobatus	Tripletail Maori Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384038	Labridae	Cheilinus undulatus	Humphead Moari Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384070	Labridae	Cheilio intermis	Yellow Cigar Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384073	Labridae	Choeradon fasciata	Harlequin Tuskfish	Target	OpList1
37384077	Labridae	Choerodon jordani	Jordans Tuskfish	Target	OpList2
37384193	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus bathyphilus	Coral Sea Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384190	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus condei	Conde's Wrasse	Target	OpList1

37384080	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus exquisitor	Exquisite Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384081	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus laboutei	Laboutes/Magenta -streaked wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384082	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus lineatus	Lavender wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384083	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus punctatus	Purple Cirrhilabrus	Target	OpList1/2
37384084	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus scottorum	Scotts/Rainbow Fairy Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
	Labridae	Cirrhilabrus tibicen	Tibicen's Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384090	Labridae	Coris aygula	Redbloched/Two-spot Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384098	Labridae	Coris batuensis	Variegated wrasse/Batu Coris	Target	OpList2
37384093	Labridae	Coris dorsomaculata	Christmas Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384094	Labridae	Coris gaimard	Clown/Flame wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384104	Labridae	Epibulus insidiator	Slingjaw Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384106	Labridae	Gomphoses varius	Birdnose wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384107	Labridae	Halichoeres biocellatus	Biocellate Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384109	Labridae	Halichoeres chloropterus	Lime wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384110	Labridae	Halichoeres chrysus	Banana Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384191	Labridae	Halichoeres hartzfeldii	Goldstripe Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384110	Labridae	Halichoeres hortulanus	Checkerboard Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384113	Labridae	Halichoeres margaritaceus	Pink-Belly Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384114	Labridae	Halichoeres marginatus	Margined Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384032	Labridae	Halichoeres melanurus	Bluetail	Target	OpList1/2
37384118	Labridae	Halichoeres nebulosus	Nebulous Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384119	Labridae	Halichoeres ornatissimus	Neon Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384120	Labridae	Halichoeres prosopeion	Twotone Wrasse - Juvenile	Target	OpList2
37384122	Labridae	Halichoeres trimaculatus	Three-spot Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384124	Labridae	Hemigymnus fasciatus	Fiveband Wrasse/Banded Thicklip	Target	OpList2
3738412?	Labridae	Hemigymnus melapterus	Five bar wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384128	Labridae	Hologymnosus longipes - Male	Sidespot Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384127	Labridae	Hologymnus doliatus	Pastel Wringwrasse	Target	OpList2
37384129	Labridae	Labrichthys unilineatus	Blue Lined Tubelip Wrasse	Target	OpList2

37384130	Labridae	Labriodes bicolor	Bicolour Cleaner Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384131	Labridae	Labriodes pectoralis	Red Cleaner Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384028	Labridae	Labroides dimidiatus	Cleaner wrasse	Target	OpList1
	Labridae	Labropsis micronesia	Micronesia wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384133	Labridae	Labropsis xanthonota	Yellowback Tubelip Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384131	Labridae	Lapropsis australis	Southern Tubelip	Target	OpList2
37384135	Labridae	Macropharyngodon kuiteri	Kuiter,s Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384136	Labridae	Macropharyngodon meleagris	Leopard wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384137	Labridae	Macropharyngodon negrosensis	Black Leopard	Target	OpList2
37384140	Labridae	Novaculichthys taeniourus	Carpet wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384065	Labridae	Oxycheilinus diagrama	Violetlined/Cheeklined Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384000	Labridae	Oxycheilinus sp	Pink Maori Wrasse	Target	OpList2
	Labridae	Paracheiliunus rubricaudatus	Red Finned Flasher Wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384142	Labridae	Pseudocheilinus evandius	Hog/pinstripe/Disappearing wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384143	Labridae	Pseudocheilinus hexataenia	Six lined wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384144	Labridae	Pseudocheilinus octotaenia	Eightstripe Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384184	Labridae	Pseudocheiliunus ocellatum	Mystery Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384197	Labridae	Pseudocoris heteroptera	Torpedo Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384145	Labridae	Pseudocoris yamashiroi	Redspot Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384146	Labridae	Pseudodax moluccanus	Chiseltooth Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384147	Labridae	Pseudojuloides cerasinus	Candy wrasse/Smalltail Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384033	Labridae	Pteragogus cryptus	Redstriped Cryptic Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384153	Labridae	Pteragogus enneacanthus	Redstriped Wrasse	Target	OpList2
	Labridae	Scarus bicolor	Bicolor Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
	Labridae	Scarus sp	Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37384154	Labridae	Stethojulis bandanensis	Redspot/Bluelined Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384170	Labridae	Thalassoma quinquivittatum	Lightning Wrasse	Target	OpList2
37384164	Labridae	Thallasoma amblycephalum	Parrot/bluehead wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384165	Labridae	Thallassoma hardwicke	Hardwick's Wrasse	Target	OpList1/2

37384196	Labridae	Thallassoma nigrofasciatum	South Pacific Wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384169	Labridae	Thallassoma purpureum	Surge Wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384170	Labridae	Thallassoma quinquettam	Quin's Wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384172	Labridae	Thallassoma trilobatum	Ladder wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384166	Labridae	Thallosoma jansenii	Jansenii wrasse	Target	OpList1
37384167	Labridae	Thallosoma lunare	Green lunare wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384168	Labridae	Thallosoma lutescens	Yellow lunare wrasse	Target	OpList1/2
37384174	Labridae	Wetmorella nigropinnata	Possum Wrasse	Target	OpList2
	Labridae	Xyrichthys sp.	Peacock Razor Fish - Juvenile	Target	OpList1/2
	Labridae	Xyrichthys sp.	Razor Fish - Adult	Target	OpList1/2
37351009	Lethrinadae	Lethrinus miniatus	Red-Throat Emperor	Target	OpList2
37351008	Lethrinadae	Lethrinus nebulosus	Spangled Emperor	Target	OpList2
37351020	Lethrinadae	Lethrinus xanthochilus	Yellowlip Emperor	Target	OpList2
37351026	Lethrinadae	Monotaxis grandoculis	Big-Eye Bream	Target	OpList2
37351021	Lethrinidae	Gnathodentex aureolineatus	Gold-lined/goldspot Seabream	Target	OpList2
37346033	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus adetii	Hussar	Target	OpList2
37346015	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus argentimaculatus	Mangrove Jack	Target	OpList2
37346029	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus bohar	Red Bass	Target	OpList2
37346011	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus carponotatus	Stripey / Spanish Flag	Target	OpList2
37346034	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus fulviflamma	Black-Spot Snapper	Target	OpList2
37346043	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus fulvus	Yellow Margined Seaperch	Target	OpList2
37346028	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus gibbus	Paddletail	Target	OpList2
37346044	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus kasmira	Bluelined Perch/bluestripped snapper	Target	OpList2
37346065	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus russelli	Moses Perch	Target	OpList2
37346004	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus sebae	Red Emperor	Target	OpList1/2
37346012	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus sp.	Assorted Perch	Target	OpList2
37346047	Lutjanidae	Macolor macularis	Midnight Snapper	Target	OpList1/2
37346048	Lutjanidae	Macolor niger	Black beauty/ black-&-white snapper	Target	OpList1
37346017	Lutjanidae	Symphorus nematophorus	Chinamanfish	Target	OpList2

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37331008	Malacanthidae	Hoplolatius starcki	Starki tilefish	Target	OpList1
37331009	Malacanthidae	Malacanthus brevirostris	Flagtail Blanquillo	Target	OpList1/2
37330101	Malacanthidae	Malacanthus latovittatus	Blue Blanquillo	Target	OpList2
37435007	Microdesmidae	Nemateleotris decora	Purple Fire Dartfish	Target	OpList1/2
37435008	Microdesmidae	Nemateleotris magnificia	Firefish/red firegoby	Target	OpList1
37435015	Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris evides	Scissor tail goby/arrow dartgoby	Target	OpList1/2
37435018	Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris heteroptera	Blacktail Blue Dartfish	Target	OpList1/2
37435019	Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris microlepis	Pale Dartfish	Target	OpList2
37435020	Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris monoptera	Blue Dartfish	Target	OpList1/2
37435022	Microdesmidae	Ptereleotris zebra	Zebra dartgoby	Target	OpList1/2
37465000	Monacanthidae	Cantherhines specie	Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
	Monacanthidae	Canthigaster bennetti	Bennett's Toby	Target	OpList2
37465062	Monacanthidae	Oxymonoacanthus longirostris	Harlequin filefish/Beaked Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37465063	Monacanthidae	Paraluterus prionurus	Valantini trigger/blacksaddle filefish	Target	OpList1/2
37465068	Monacanthidae	Pervagor janthanisoma	Gillblotch/Orange tail Leather jacket	Target	OpList2
	Monacanthidae	Pervagor sp.	Assorted Leather jacket	Target	OpList2
37465009	Monocanthidae	Monacanthus chinensis	Fan-bellied Leatherjacket	Target	OpList1/2
37465066	Monocanthidae	Pervagor alternans	Yellow-Eyed Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37465067	Monocanthidae	Pervagor aspricaudus	Orangetailed Filefish	Target	OpList1/2
37465069	Monocanthidae	Pervagor melanocephalus	Golden Leatherjacket	Target	OpList2
37355020	Mullidae	Mulloidichthys vanicolensis	Yellowfin Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355021	Mullidae	Parupeneus barberinoides	Bicolor Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355022	Mullidae	Parupeneus barberinus	Dash-Dot Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355024	Mullidae	Parupeneus ciliatus	Cardinal Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355025	Mullidae	Parupeneus cyclostomus	Yellow gostfish	Target	OpList1/2
37355005	Mullidae	Parupeneus indicus	Indian Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355026	Mullidae	Parupeneus multifasciatus	Manybar Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355027	Mullidae	Parupeneus pleurostigma	Sidespot Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355006	Mullidae	Parupeneus sp.	Assorted Goatfish	Target	OpList2
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37355015	Mullidae	Parupeneus spilurus	Blackspot Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355000	Mullidae	Parupeneus sps	Goatfish	Target	OpList2
37355014	Mullidae	Upeneus tragula	Freckled Goatfish	Target	OpList2
	Muraenidae	Gymnothorax moringa	Spotted moray	Target	OpList1
	Muraenidae	Sidera picta	Peppered Moray	Target	OpList2
37347006	Nemipteridae	Scalopsis monogramma	Colourful Monacle Bream	Target	OpList1/2
37347031	Nemipteridae	Scolopsis bilineatus	Threadfin/Monocle Bream	Target	OpList2
37466004	Ostraciidae	Lactoria cornuta	Longhorn Cowfish	Target	OpList1/2
37466013	Ostraciidae	Ostracion cubicus	Yellow boxfish	Target	OpList1
37466019	Ostraciidae	Ostracion meleagris	Spotted Boxfish	Target	OpList1/2
37466009	Ostraciidae	Rhynchostracion rhinorhynchus	Shortnose Boxfish	Target	OpList2
37390013	Pinguipedidae	Parapercis clathrata	Latticed Sandperch	Target	OpList2
37390011	Pinguipedidae	Parapercis hexopthalma	Speckled Sandperch	Target	OpList2
37390016	Pinguipedidae	Parapercis multiplicata	Redbarred Sandperch	Target	OpList2
37316004	Plesiopidae	Assessor macneilli	Blue Scissortail/Assessor	Target	OpList2
37316005	Plesiopidae	Calloplediops alteivelis	Comet	Target	OpList1/2
37192002	Plotosidae	Plotosus lineatus	Coral/striped Catfish	Target	OpList2
37365016	Pomacanthidae	Apolemichthys trimaculatus	Flagfin Angel	Target	OpList1/2
37365022	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge bicolor	Bicolor Angel	Target	OpList1/2
37365023	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge bispinosis	Coral beauty	Target	OpList1/2
37365025	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge flavicauda	White-tail Angel	Target	OpList2
37365026	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge flavissimus	Lemonpeel Angelfish	Target	OpList1/2
37365027	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge heraldi	Yellow/Herald's Angel	Target	OpList1/2
37365028	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge loricula	Flame Angelfish	Target	OpList1/2
	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge multifasciatus	Multi-Barred Angelfish	Target	OpList2
37365030	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge nox	Midnight Angel	Target	OpList1/2
37365031	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge tibicen	Keyhole Angel	Target	OpList1/2
37365032	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge vrolikii	Pearscale Angel	Target	OpList2
	Pomacanthidae	Centropyge woodheadi	Blackfin Angelfish	Target	OpList1/2

37365070	Pomacanthidae	Genicanthus lamarck	Blackstriped Genicanthus	Target	OpList1/2
37365071	Pomacanthidae	Genicanthus melanospilos	Melanospilos/swallowtail angelfish	Target	OpList1
37365073	Pomacanthidae	Genicanthus watanabe	Watanabes angelfish	Target	OpList1
37365014	Pomacanthidae	Pomacanthus imperator	Emperor angelfish	Target	OpList1
37365080	Pomacanthidae	Pomacanthus semicirculatus	Blue/Semicircle Angel	Target	OpList2
37365082	Pomacanthidae	Pygoplites diacanthus	Regal Angelfish	Target	OpList1/2
	Pomacentridae	Abudefduf sp.	Sergeant Major	Target	OpList2
37372015	Pomacentridae	Acanthochromis polyacanthus	Spiny Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372016	Pomacentridae	Amblyglyphidodon aureus	Golden Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372017	Pomacentridae	Amblyglyphidodon curacao	Staghorn Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372018	Pomacentridae	Amblyglyphidodon leucogaster	Yellowfin Staghorn Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372020	Pomacentridae	Amphiprion akindynos	Brown Clowns	Target	OpList2
37372021	Pomacentridae	Amphiprion chrysopterus	Blue stripped (orangefin) clown	Target	OpList1
37372024	Pomacentridae	Amphiprion melanopus	Tomato (blackback) clown	Target	OpList1/2
37372027	Pomacentridae	Amphiprion perideraion	Pink anemonefish/Skunk Clowns	Target	OpList1/2
37372027	Pomacentridae	Amphiprion perideraion	Skunk (pink) clown	Target	OpList1
37372034	Pomacentridae	Chromis amboinensis	Ambon Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372043	Pomacentridae	Chromis iomelas	Bicolour chromis	Target	OpList1
37372047	Pomacentridae	Chromis margaritifer	Bicolor Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372051	Pomacentridae	Chromis ternatensis	Ternate Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372052	Pomacentridae	Chromis vanderbilti	Vanderbilt's Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372053	Pomacentridae	Chromis viridus	Green Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372068	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera starki	Starki's Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372058	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera biocellata	Twospot Demoiselle	Target	OpList2
37372064	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera brownriggii	Surge Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372060	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera cyanea	Orange Tail Blue Damsels	Target	OpList1/2
37372067	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera rollandi	Rolland's Damoiselle	Target	OpList2
37372069	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera talboti	Talbots Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372070	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera taupou	Fiji Damsel	Target	OpList2

37372071	Pomacentridae	Chrysiptera tricincta	Browntail Humbug Damsel	Target	OpList1/2
37372073	Pomacentridae	Dascyllas aruanus	Banded Humbug Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372074	Pomacentridae	Dascyllas reticulatus	Reticulated Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372075	Pomacentridae	Dascyllus trimaculatus	Domino (threespot) damsel	Target	OpList1/2
37372082	Pomacentridae	Lepidozygus tapeinosoma	Purple Fusilier Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372000	Pomacentridae	Neoglyphidodon cyanomos	Regal Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372084	Pomacentridae	Neoglyphidodon melas	Bowtie Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372085	Pomacentridae	Neoglyphidodon nigroris	Honey Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372087	Pomacentridae	Neopomocentrus azysron	Yellowtail Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372101	Pomacentridae	Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus	Jewel Damsel	Target	OpList1/2
37372106	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus amboinensis	Yellow Ambon Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372108	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus bankanensis	Fire Damsel	Target	OpList1/2
37372109	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus brachialis	Charcoal Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372111	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus coelestis	Neon Damsels	Target	OpList2
37372118	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus moluccensis.	Lemon Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372122	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus pavo	Blue Chromis	Target	OpList2
37372000	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus sp	Yellow Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372126	Pomacentridae	Pomacentrus vaiuli	Princess Damsel	Target	OpList2
37372128	Pomacentridae	Pomachromis richardsoni	Richardon's Damsel	Target	OpList2
	Pomacentridae	Premnas biocellaris pr	Maroon Anemonefish	Target	OpList1/2
11325028	Poritidae (hard corals)	Goniopora stocksii	Golf Ball Coral	Target	OpList2
37326012	Priacanthidae	Priacanthus blochii	Bloch's Bigeye	Target	OpList1/2
37326005	Priacanthidae	Priacanthus hamrur	Red Bigeye	Target	OpList1/2
37313013	Pseudochromidae	Cypho purpurascens	McCulloch's Dottyback	Target	OpList1/2
37313014	Pseudochromidae	Ogilbyina queenslandiae	Longfin Dottyback	Target	OpList1/2
37313017	Pseudochromidae	Ogilbyina velifera	Longfin Dottyback	Target	OpList1/2
37313016	Pseudochromidae	Pseudochromis cyantaenia	Bluestriped Dottyback	Target	OpList1/2
37313005	Pseudochromidae	Pseudochromis flammicauda	Firetail Dottyback	Target	OpList1/2
37313006	Pseudochromidae	Pseudochromis fuscus	Yellow/Dusky Dottyback	Target	OpList2

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	Pseudochromidae	Pseudochromis mccullochi	McCullochs dottyback	Target	OpList1
37287095	Pteroidae	Dendrochirus biocellatus	Fu Manchu	Target	OpList2
37287010	Pteroidae	Dendrochirus brachypterus	Dwarf Lionfish	Target	OpList2
37287026	Pteroidae	Dendrochirus zebra	Zebra lionfish	Target	OpList1
37287064	Pteroidae	Pterois antenatta	Spotfin lionfish	Target	OpList1
37287012	Pteroidae	Pterois russelli	Russel's Lionfish	Target	OpList1/2
37287040	Pteroidae	Pterois volitan	Common lionfish/Butterfly cod	Target	OpList2
37386007	Scaridae	Cetoscarus bicolor	Bicolor Parrotfish	Target	OpList1/2
37386011	Scaridae	Chlorurus bleekeri	Bleeker's Parrotfish - Male	Target	OpList2
37386020	Scaridae	Chlorurus microrhinos	Steephead Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386010	Scaridae	Scarus altipinnis	Minifin Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386014	Scaridae	Scarus flavipectoralis	Yellowfin Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386016	Scaridae	Scarus frenatus	Bridled Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386018	Scaridae	Scarus globiceps	Globeheaded Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386019	Scaridae	Scarus longipinnis	Highfin Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386022	Scaridae	Scarus oviceps	Egghead Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386024	Scaridae	Scarus psittacus	Palenose Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386027	Scaridae	Scarus rivulatus	Surf Parrotfish	Target	OpList1/2
37386028	Scaridae	Scarus rubroviolaceus	Ember Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386029	Scaridae	Scarus schlegeli	Schlegals Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
	Scaridae	Scarus sordidus	Bulletheaded Parrotfish	Target	OpList2
37386031	Scaridae	Scarus spinus	Greensnout Parrotfish	Target	OpList1/2
37281065	Scorpaenidae	Rhinopias aphanes	Lacey Scorpionfish	Target	OpList1
37287081	Scorpaenidae	Scorpaenopsis diabolous	Devil Scorpionfish	Target	OpList2
	Scorpaenidae	Scorpaenopsis sp.	Scorpion Fish Species	Target	OpList2
37287087	Scorpaenidae	Sebastapistes cyanostigma	Yellow-Spotted Scorpionfish	Target	OpList2
99379680	Scorpaenidae	Synanceia verrucosa	Reef Stonefish	Target	OpList2
37287090	Scorpaenidae	Taenianotus tricanthus	Leaf Scorpionfish	Target	OpList1/2
37311085	Serranidae	Anyperodon leucogrammicus	White Lined Rock Cod	Target	OpList1/2

	Serranidae	Belonoperca chabanaudi	Blue Arrowhead Soapfish	Target	OpList2
37311082	Serranidae	Cephalopholis argus	Peacock Rock Cod	Target	OpList2
37311008	Serranidae	Cephalopholis boenak	Brown-barred Rock Cod	Target	OpList2
37311136	Serranidae	Cephalopholis cyanostigma	Blue-spotted Rock Cod	Target	OpList2
37311138	Serranidae	Cephalopholis leopardus	Leaopard Rockcod	Target	OpList2
37311083	Serranidae	Cephalopholis miniata	Coral Grouper	Target	OpList1/2
37311140	Serranidae	Cephalopholis sexmaculata	Saddle Grouper	Target	OpList1/2
37311142	Serranidae	Cephalopholis urodeta	Flagtail Rockcod	Target	OpList2
37311044	Serranidae	Cromileptes altivelis	Barramundi Cod	Target	OpList1
	Serranidae	Diploprion bifasciatum	Barred Soapfish	Target	OpList2
37311014	Serranidae	Epinephelus fasciatus	Black-tipped Rock Cod	Target	OpList2
37311021	Serranidae	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus	Flowery Cod	Target	OpList2
37311063	Serranidae	Epinephelus merra	Honeycomb Grouper	Target	OpList1/2
37311069	Serranidae	Epinephelus ongus	Speckled Rock Cod	Target	OpList2
37311047	Serranidae	Epinephelus polyphekadion	Camouflage Rockcod	Target	OpList2
37311068	Serranidae	Epinephelus tukula	Potato Cod	Target	OpList1/2
37311156	Serranidae	Gracila albomarginata	Masked Grouper	Target	OpList1/2
	Serranidae	Grammistes sexlineatus	Sixline Soapfish	Target	OpList1/2
37311121	Serranidae	Mirolabrichthys(Pseudanthias) pascalus	Forktail sea bass (?sailfin queen)	Target	OpList1
37311127	Serranidae	Mirolabrichthys(Pseudanthias) tuka	Purple queen	Target	OpList1
37311081	Serranidae	Plectropomus areolatus	Squaretail Coral Trout	Target	OpList1/2
37311079	Serranidae	Plectropomus laevis	Footballer Trout	Target	OpList1/2
37311078	Serranidae	Plectropomus leopardus	Coral Trout	Target	OpList1/2
37311112	Serranidae	Pseudanthias bicolor	Yellowback Basslet/Bicolor Anthias	Target	OpList2
37311117	Serranidae	Pseudanthias hutchi	Pacific Basslet/Threadfin Anthias	Target	OpList2
37311094	Serranidae	Pseudanthias hypselosoma	Pink Basslet/Stocky Anthias	Target	OpList2
	Serranidae	Pseudanthias kashawae	Red anthias	Target	OpList1
37311122	Serranidae	Pseudanthias pictilus	Painted Basslet/Anthias	Target	OpList2
37311123	Serranidae	Pseudanthias pleurotaenia	Square block anthias/mirror basslet	Target	OpList1

37311126	Serranidae	Pseudanthias squamipinnis	Orange basslet	Target	OpList1
37311026	Serranidae	Variola albimarginata	Lyretail Trout	Target	OpList1/2
37311166	Serranidae	Variola louti	Lyretail Trout	Target	OpList1/2
37311104	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Luzonichthys waitei	Waite's Splitfin	Target	OpList2
37311113	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Pseudanthias cooperi	Flame Basslet	Target	OpList2
37311114	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Pseudanthias dispar	Redfin Anthias	Target	OpList1/2
37311119	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Pseudanthias lori	Lori'sAnthias	Target	OpList2
37311126	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Pseudanthias squamipinnis	Scalefin Anthias	Target	OpList1/2
37311128	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Pseudanthias ventralis	Longfin Anthias	Target	OpList1
37311130	Serranidae/Anthiinae	Serranocirrhitus latus	Sunrise Anthias	Target	OpList1/2
37438008	Siganidae	Siganus corallinus	Blue spotted/Coral Rabbitfish	Target	OpList2
37438009	Siganidae	Siganus doliatus	Bluelined/Barred Rabbitfish	Target	OpList2
37438011	Siganidae	Siganus puellus	Masked/Bluelined Rabbitfish	Target	OpList2
37438012	Siganidae	Siganus punctatissimus	Fine-spotted Rabbitfish	Target	OpList2
37438003	Siganidae	Siganus punctatus	Goldspotted Rabbitfish	Target	OpList2
37438017	Siganidae	Siganus vulpinus	Foxface	Target	OpList2
37287028	Synanceiidae	Inimicus didactylus	Spiny Devilfish	Target	OpList1/2
	Synodontidae	Synodus sp.	Reef Lizardfish	Target	OpList2
37467035	Tetraodontidae	Arothron mappa	Map Puffer	Target	OpList2
37467064	Tetraodontidae	Arothron meleagris	Yellow puffer	Target	OpList1
37467027	Tetraodontidae	Arothron nigropunctatus	Blackspotted/Dogface Puffer	Target	OpList2
37467014	Tetraodontidae	Arothron stellatus	Star Puffer	Target	OpList2
37467036	Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster amboinensis	Ambon Toby	Target	OpList2
37467013	Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster coronata	Crowned Pufferfish	Target	OpList1/2
37467040	Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster janthinoptera	Spotted Pufferfish	Target	OpList1/2
37467042	Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster papua	Bluespot Pufferfish	Target	OpList1/2
37467043	Tetraodontidae	Canthigaster valentini	Valentini Puffer	Target	OpList2
37437001	Zanclidae	Zanclus canescens (?cornutus)	Moorish idol	Target	OpList1

# Byproduct species [CSF Aquarium]

Byproduct refers to any part of the catch which is kept or sold by the fisher but which is not a target species.

NB. No byproduct occurs in the Aquarium sub-fishery.

### Discard species [CSF Aquarium]

Bycatch as defined in the Commonwealth Policy on Fisheries Bycatch 2000 refers to:

- that part of a fisher's catch which is returned to the sea either because it has no commercial value or because regulations preclude it being retained; and
- that part of the 'catch' that does not reach the deck but is affected by interaction with the fishing gear

However, in the ERAEF method, the part of the target or byproduct catch that is discarded is included in the assessment of the target or byproduct species.

NB. No discard occurs in the CSF Aquarium sub-fishery.

#### TEP species [CSF Aquarium]

TEP species are those species listed as Threatened, Endangered or Protected under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act).

TEP species are often poorly listed by fisheries due to low frequency of direct interaction. Both direct (capture) and indirect (e.g. food source captured) interaction are considered in the ERAEF approach. A list of TEP species has been generated for each fishery and is included in the PSA workbook species list. This list has been generated using the DEH Search Tool from DEH home page <u>http://www.deh.gov.au/</u>

For each fishery, the list of TEP species is compiled by reviewing all available fishery literature. Species considered to have potential to interact with fishery (based on geographic range & proven/perceived susceptibility to the fishing gear/methods and examples from other similar fisheries across the globe) should also be included.

Taxa name	Common name	Scientific name	CAAB	Fishery
Chondrichthyan	Whale Shark	Rhincodon typus	37014001	CSF
Marine Bird	Streaked Shearwater	Calonectris leucomelas	40041002	CSF
Marine Bird	Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird	Fregata ariel	40050002	CSF
Marine Bird	Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird	Fregata minor	40050003	CSF
Marine Bird	White-bellied Storm-Petrel (Australasian)	Fregetta grallaria	40042001	CSF
Marine Bird	Southern Giant-Petrel	Macronectes giganteus	40041007	CSF
Marine Bird	Red-tailed Tropicbird	Phaethon rubricauda	40045002	CSF
Marine Bird	Herald Petrel	Pterodroma heraldica	99999999	CSF
Marine Bird	Kermadec Petrel (western)	Pterodroma neglecta	40041033	CSF
Marine Bird	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Puffinus pacificus	40041045	CSF
Marine Bird	Crested Tern	Sterna bergii	40128025	CSF
Marine Bird	Sooty Tern	Sterna fuscata	40128028	CSF
Marine Bird	Black-naped Tern	Sterna sumatrana	40128034	CSF
Marine Bird	Masked Booby	Sula dactylatra	40047004	CSF
Marine Bird	Brown Booby	Sula leucogaster	40047005	CSF
Marine Bird	Red-footed Booby	Sula sula	40047006	CSF
Marine Bird	Black Noddy	Anous minutus	40128001	CSF
Marine Bird	Common Noddy	Anous stolidus	40128002	CSF
Marine mammal	Common Dolphin	Delphinus delphis	41116001	CSF
Marine mammal	Pygmy Killer Whale	Feresa attenuata	41116002	CSF
Marine mammal	Short-finned Pilot Whale	Globicephala macrorhynchus	41116003	CSF
Marine mammal	Risso's Dolphin, Grampus	Grampus griseus	41116005	CSF
Marine mammal	Longman's Beaked Whale	Indopacetus pacificus	41120003	CSF
Marine mammal	Pygmy Sperm Whale	Kogia breviceps	41119001	CSF
Marine mammal	Dwarf Sperm Whale	Kogia simus	41119002	CSF
Marine mammal	Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin	Lagenodelphis hosei	41116006	CSF
Marine mammal	Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	41112006	CSF
Marine mammal	Blainville's Beaked/Dense-beaked Whale	Mesoplodon densirostris	41120005	CSF
Marine mammal	Gingko-toothed/Ginko Beaked Whale	Mesoplodon gingkodens	41120006	CSF
Marine mammal	Strap-toothed/ Layard's Beaked Whale	Mesoplodon layardii	41120009	CSF

Marine mammal	Killer Whale, Orca	Orcinus orca	41116011	CSF
Marine mammal	Melon-headed Whale	Peponocephala electra	41116012	CSF
Marine mammal	Sperm Whale	Physeter catodon	41119003	CSF
Marine mammal	False Killer Whale	Pseudorca crassidens	41116013	CSF
Marine mammal	Spotted/Pantropical Spotted Dolphin	Stenella attenuata	41116015	CSF
Marine mammal	Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin	Stenella coeruleoalba	41116016	CSF
Marine mammal	Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin	Stenella longirostris	41116017	CSF
Marine mammal	Rough-toothed Dolphin	Steno bredanensis	41116018	CSF
Marine mammal	Bottlenose Dolphin	Tursiops truncatus	41116019	CSF
Marine mammal	Cuvier's Beaked/ Goose-beaked Whale	Ziphius cavirostris	41120012	CSF
Marine mammal	Sei Whale	Balaenoptera borealis	41112002	CSF
Marine mammal	Bryde's Whale	Balaenoptera edeni	41112003	CSF
Marine mammal	Blue Whale	Balaenoptera musculus	41112004	CSF
Marine reptile	Green Turtle	Chelonia mydas	39020002	CSF
Marine reptile	Estuarine/Salt-water Crocodile	Crocodylus porosus	39140002	CSF
Marine reptile	Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle	Dermochelys coriacea	39021001	CSF
Marine reptile	Spectacled Seasnake	Disteira kingii	39125010	CSF
Marine reptile	Olive-headed Seasnake	Disteira major	39125011	CSF
Marine reptile	Turtle-headed Seasnake	Emydocephalus annulatus	39125012	CSF
Marine reptile	Beaked Seasnake	Enhydrina schistosa	39125013	CSF
Marine reptile	Elegant Seasnake	Hydrophis elegans	39125021	CSF
Marine reptile	Slender Seasnake	Hydrophis gracilis	39125023	CSF
Marine reptile	small-headed seasnake	Hydrophis mcdowelli	39125025	CSF
Marine reptile	Black-banded Robust Seasnake	Hydrophis melanosoma	39125027	CSF
Marine reptile	a seasnake	Hydrophis ornatus	39125028	CSF
Marine reptile	Spine-bellied Seasnake	Lapemis hardwickii	39125031	CSF
Marine reptile	a sea krait	Laticauda colubrina	39124001	CSF
Marine reptile	a sea krait	Laticauda laticaudata	39124002	CSF
Marine reptile	Flatback Turtle	Natator depressus	39020005	CSF
Marine reptile	Yellow-bellied Seasnake	Pelamis platurus	39125033	CSF
Marine reptile	Horned Seasnake	Acalyptophis peronii	39125001	CSF
Marine reptile	Dubois' Seasnake	Aipysurus duboisii	39125003	CSF

Marine reptile	Spine-tailed Seasnake	Aipysurus eydouxii	39125004	CSF
Marine reptile	Olive Seasnake	Aipysurus laevis	39125007	CSF
Marine reptile	Stokes' Seasnake	Astrotia stokesii	39125009	CSF
Teleost	Davao Pughead Pipefish	Bulbonaricus davaoensis	37282038	CSF
Teleost	Short-bodied Pipefish	Choeroichthys brachysoma	37282042	CSF
Teleost	Sculptured Pipefish	Choeroichthys sculptus	37282045	CSF
Teleost	Pig-snouted Pipefish	Choeroichthys suillus	37282046	CSF
Teleost	Fijian Banded/Brown-banded Pipefish	Corythoichthys amplexus	37282047	CSF
Teleost	Yellow-banded/Network Pipefish	Corythoichthys conspicillatus	37282032	CSF
Teleost	Australian Messmate/Banded Pipefish	Corythoichthys intestinalis	37282049	CSF
Teleost	Orange-spotted/Ocellated Pipefish	Corythoichthys ocellatus	37282050	CSF
Teleost	Schultz's Pipefish	Corythoichthys schultzi	37282052	CSF
Teleost	Maxweber's Pipefish	Cosmocampus maxweberi	37282056	CSF
Teleost	Cleaner/Janss' Pipefish	Doryrhamphus janssi	37282059	CSF
Teleost	Flagtail/Negros Pipefish	Doryrhamphus malus	37282060	CSF
Teleost	Indian/ Blue-stripe Pipefish	Doryrhamphus melanopleura	37282058	CSF
Teleost	Ringed Pipefish	Dunckerocampus dactyliophorus	37282057	CSF
Teleost	Girdled Pipefish	Festucalex cinctus	37282061	CSF
Teleost	Brock's Pipefish	Halicampus brocki	37282065	CSF
Teleost	Red-hair/Duncker's Pipefish	Halicampus dunckeri	37282066	CSF
Teleost	Mud/Gray's Pipefish	Halicampus grayi	37282030	CSF
Teleost	Whiskered/Ornate Pipefish	Halicampus macrorhynchus	37282067	CSF
Teleost	Spiny-snout Pipefish	Halicampus spinirostris	37282070	CSF
Teleost	Ribboned Seadragon/ Pipefish	Haliichthys taeniophorus	37282007	CSF
Teleost	Blue-speckled/Blue-spotted Pipefish	Hippichthys cyanospilos	37282072	CSF
Teleost	Madura/Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish	Hippichthys heptagonus	37282073	CSF
Teleost	Beady/Steep-nosed Pipefish	Hippichthys penicillus	37282075	CSF
Teleost	Spiny Seahorse	Hippocampus jugumus	99999999	CSF
Teleost	Flat-face Seahorse	Hippocampus planifrons	37282078	CSF
Teleost	Hedgehog Seahorse	Hippocampus spinosissimus	99999999	CSF
Teleost	Spotted/Yellow Seahorse	Hippocampus taeniopterus	99999999	CSF
Teleost	Zebra Seahorse	Hippocampus zebra	37282080	CSF

Teleost	Anderson's/Shortnose Pipefish	Micrognathus andersonii	37282086	CSF
Teleost	Thorn-tailed Pipefish	Micrognathus pygmaeus	37282087	CSF
Teleost	Short-tailed/ River Pipefish	Microphis brachyurus	37282090	CSF
Teleost	Pale-blotched/Spined Pipefish	Phoxocampus diacanthus	37282096	CSF
Teleost	Soft-coral Pipefish	Siokunichthys breviceps	37282097	CSF
Teleost	Duncker's Pipehorse	Solegnathus dunckeri	37282098	CSF
Teleost	Pipehorse	Solegnathus sp. 1 [in Kuiter, 2000]	37282099	CSF
Teleost	Spiny/Australian Spiny Pipehorse	Solegnathus spinosissimus	37282029	CSF
Teleost	Blue-finned/Robust Ghost Pipefish	Solenostomus cyanopterus	37281001	CSF
Teleost	Harlequin Ghost/Ornate Ghost Pipefish	Solenostomus paradoxus	37281002	CSF
Teleost	Double-ended/Alligator Pipefish	Syngnathoides biaculeatus	37282100	CSF
Teleost	Bend Stick/Short-tailed Pipefish	Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus	37282006	CSF
Teleost	Long-nosed/Straight Stick Pipefish	Trachyrhamphus longirostris	37282101	CSF
Teleost	Hairy Pygmy Pipehorse	Acentronura breviperula	37282035	CSF

#### **Scoping Document S2B1. Benthic Habitats**

Risk assessment for benthic habitats considers both the seafloor structure and its attached invertebrate fauna. Because data on the types and distributions of benthic habitat in Australia's Commonwealth fisheries are generally sparse, and because there is no universally accepted benthic classification scheme, the ERAEF methodology has used the most widely available type of data – seabed imagery – classified in a similar manner to that used in bioregionalisation and deep seabed mapping in Australian Commonwealth waters. Using this imagery, benthic habitats are classified based on an SGF score, using sediment, geomorphology, and fauna. Where seabed imagery is not available, a second method (Method 2) is used to develop an inferred list of potential habitat types for the fishery. For details of both methods, see Hobday *et al* (2007).

Habitat data used for assessment of the Coral Sea sub-fisheries were largely derived from geophysical and fishery data using Scoping method 2, as few seabed image data were available. Data were available only for the NE seamount chain from a deep sea biodiversity survey undertaken in 2003 (NORFANZ: Williams *et al.*, 2006).

A list of derived Benthic habitats using Scoping method 2, for the Hand Collection Sector of the Coral Sea Fishery (Aquarium, Sea cucumber, and Lobster and Trochus sub-fisheries). This scoping method provides an overly inclusive list as a precautionary measure in the absence of habitat image data. All habitats in this list have been identified from video, and applied to this region based on depth zone and geomorphic feature. Norfanz data considered representative of the NE seamount chain. Obvious anomaly is the inclusion of sponges as the dominant faunal taxa in tropical waters, however, this term is likely to interchangeable with 'corals' in warmer waters. Blue denotes habitats occurring within the jurisdictional boundary of the fishery that are not subject to effort from Aquarium, Sea Cucumber, and Lobster and Trochus collection methods.

ERAEF record No.	ERAEF Habitat Number	Sub-biome	Feature	Habitat type	SGF Score	Depth (m)	lmage available	Reference image location
2995	012	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, large sponges	101	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3004	094	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, small sponges	102	25- 100	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
2998	016	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, mixed faunal community	103	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3003	093	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, bioturbators	109	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
3068	229	inner shelf	Canyon	fine sediments, current rippled, no fauna	110	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
2997	014	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, large sponges	111	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3005	095	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, no fauna	120	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
3006	096	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, small sponges	122	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection

3012	201	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, encrustors	126	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
3001	091	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, large sponges	131	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
3002	092	inner shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, small sponges	132	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2996	013	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, unrippled, large sponges	201	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3218	205	inner shelf	Shelf	Coarse sediments, current swept, mixed low epifauna	206	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3165	234	inner shelf	Shelf	Coarse sediments, unrippled, solitary epifauna	207	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
2993	010	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, current rippled, no fauna	210	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3000	090	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, current rippled, bioturbators	219	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2994	011	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, large sponges	221	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3151	191	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, small sponges	222	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
3011	200	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, encrustors	226	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2992	009	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, sedentary	227	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
2999	089	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, irregular, encrustors	236	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2990	006	inner shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, subcrop, large sponges	251	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3177	282	inner shelf	shelf	Coarse sediments, subcrop, mixed faunal community	253	25- 100	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
2985	001	inner shelf	shelf	gravel, current rippled, mixed faunal community	313	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3008	098	inner shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, no fauna	320	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3007	097	inner shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, bioturbators	329	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3227	242	inner shelf	Shelf	Gravel, irregular, no fauna	330	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
2991	007	inner shelf	shelf	gravel, debris flow, mixed faunal community	343	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3158	199	inner shelf	shelf	cobble, wave rippled, low/ encrusting mixed fauna	426	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2989	005	inner shelf	shelf	cobble, debris flow, large sponges	441	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3009	099	inner shelf	shelf	Igneous rock, high outcrop, large sponges	591	25- 100	Ν	SE Image Collection
2988	004	inner shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, large sponges	671	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
2986	002	inner shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, large sponges	691	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
2987	003	inner shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, mixed faunal community	693	25- 100	Y	SE Image Collection
3237	271	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, high outcrop, large sponges	719	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3018	272	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, Wave rippled, No fauna	720	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3019	273	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, subcrop, large sponges	751	25-100	3	WA Image Collection
3020	274	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, subcrop, small encrustors	756	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3021	275	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community	763	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3022	276	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, octocorals	765	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3023	277	inner shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community	773	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection

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3024	278 283	inner shelf	Shelf	community	793	25-100	Y	WA Image Collection
3026	203	inner shelf	shelf	Bryozoan communities	XX6	25-100	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3135	173	outer shelf	shelf-break	mud, unrippled, no fauna	000	100- 200, 200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3065	219	outer shelf	Shelf	mud, unrippled, small or large sponges	001	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3139	177	outer shelf	shelf	mud, unrippled, low encrusting sponges	002	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3159	220	outer shelf	Shelf	Mud, flat, octocorals	005	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3101	100	outer shelf	shelf	mud, unrippled, sedentary	007	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3136	174	outer shelf	shelf-break	mud, unrippled, sedentary	007	100- 200, 200- 700	N	SE Image Collection
3130	174	outer shelf	shelf	mud, unrippled, sedentary mud, unrippled, bioturbators	007	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
3025	279	outer shelf	Shelf	mud, current rippled, no fauna	009	100-200	Y	· ·
3025 3067	279	outer shelf	Shelf			100-200	ř Y	WA Image Collection
	223 224			mud, current rippled, bioturbators	019			WA Image Collection
3161	224 225	outer shelf	Shelf	mud, wave rippled, no fauna	020	100-200	Y	WA Image Collection
3162		outer shelf	Shelf	Mud, irregular, bioturbators	039	100- 200 100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3141	179	outer shelf	shelf	mud, subcrop, erect sponges	051		N	SE Image Collection
3126	125	outer shelf	shelf	mud, subcrop, small sponges	052	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3163	226	outer shelf	Shelf	Mud, subcrop, mixed faunal community	053	100-200	Y	WA Image Collection
3142	180	outer shelf	shelf	mud, subcrop, low encrusting mixed fauna	056	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
3113	112	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, no fauna	100	100- 200 100- 200,	Y	SE Image Collection
3132	170	outer shelf	shelf-break	fine sediments, unrippled, no fauna	100	200-700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3112	111	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, large sponges	101	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3114	113	outer shelf	shelf	Fine sediments, unrippled, small sponges	102	100-200	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3133	171	outer shelf	shelf-break	fine sediments, unrippled, octocorals	105	100- 200, 200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3143	181	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, encrustors	106	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3111	110	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, unrippled, bioturbators	109	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
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3131	169	outer shelf	shelf-break	fine sediments, unrippled, bioturbators	109	200- 700	N	SE Image Collection
3144	183	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, current rippled, no fauna	110	100- 200	N	SE Image Collection
3145	184	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, current rippled, low/ encrusting sponges	112	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
3105	104	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, current rippled, bioturbators	119	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3118	117	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, no fauna	120	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3117	116	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, large sponges	121	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection

3120	119	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, small sponges	122	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3116	115	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, encrustors	126	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3119	118	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, sedentary	127	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3115	114	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, wave rippled, bioturbators	129	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3107	106	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, no fauna	130	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3106	105	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, large sponges	131	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3108	107	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, small sponges	132	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3130	168	outer shelf	shelf-break	fine sediments, irregular, small sponges	132	100- 200, 200- 700	N	SE Image Collection
3146	185	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, low encrusting mixed fauna	136	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
5140	100	outer shell	Shell		150	100-200,	i N	OE mage concentri
3129	167	outer shelf	shelf-break	fine sediments, irregular, bioturbators	139	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3147	187	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, irregular, bioturbators	139	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3148	188	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, rubble banks, low encrusting sponges	142	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3086	017	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, subcrop, large sponges	151	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3110	109	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, subcrop, small sponges	152	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3109	108	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, subcrop, mixed faunal community	153	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3149	189	outer shelf	shelf	fine sediments, subcrop, mixed low fauna	156	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3150	190	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, unrippled, no fauna	200	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3098	030	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, unrippled, mixed faunal community	203	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3070	233	outer shelf	Shelf	Coarse sediments, unrippled, octocoral/ and bryozoans??	205	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3094	026	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, unrippled, encrustors	206	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3095	027	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, current rippled, no fauna	210	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3093	025	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, no fauna	220	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3104	103	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, small sponges	222	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3103	102	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, wave rippled, encrustors	226	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3097	029	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, irregular, large sponges	231	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3088	019	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, subcrop, large sponges	251	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3102	101	outer shelf	shelf	coarse sediments, subcrop, small sponges	252	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3010	192	outer shelf	shelf	gravel/ pebble, current rippled, large sponges	311	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3152	193	outer shelf	shelf	gravel/ pebble, current rippled, mixed low fauna	316	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3121	120	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, current rippled, bioturbators	319	100-200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3125	124	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, no fauna	320	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
3124	123	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, large sponges	321	100-200	N	SE Image Collection
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3153	194	outer shelf	shelf	gravel/ pebble, wave rippled, low encrusting sponges	322	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3123	122	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, encrustors	326	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3154	195	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, encrustors	326	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3122	121	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, bioturbators	329	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3092	024	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, irregular, encrustors	336	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3155	196	outer shelf	shelf	gravel, wave rippled, encrustors	346	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3096	028	outer shelf	shelf	cobble, unrippled, large sponges	401	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3156	197	outer shelf	shelf	cobble, unrippled, low/ encrusting mixed fauna	406	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3157	198	outer shelf	shelf	cobble, current rippled, low/ encrusting mixed fauna	416	100- 200	Ν	SE Image Collection
3099	032	outer shelf	shelf	cobble, subcrop, crinoids	454	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3089	020	outer shelf	shelf	cobble, outcrop, crinoids	464	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3073	246	outer shelf	Shelf	cobble/boulder (slab), outcrop, mixed low encrustors	466	100- 200 100- 200,	Y	WA Image Collection
3134	172	outer shelf	shelf-break	Igneous rock, high outcrop, no fauna	590	200-700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3127	126	outer shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, large sponges	651	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3128	127	outer shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, small sponges	652	100- 200 100- 200,	Y	SE Image Collection
3138	176	outer shelf	shelf-break	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, small sponges	652	200-700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3090	022	outer shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, mixed faunal community	653	100- 200 100- 200,	Y	SE Image Collection
3137	175	outer shelf	shelf-break	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, crinoids	654	200-700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3078	254	outer shelf	Shelf	Sedimentary rock (?), low outcrop, large erect sponges	661	100- 201	Y	WA Image Collection
3167	255	outer shelf	Shelf	Sedimentary rock (?) low outcrop, mixed faunal community	663	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3091	023	outer shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, large sponges	671	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3100	065	outer shelf	canyon	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, small sponges	672	100-200	Y	SE Image Collection
3231	258	outer shelf	Shelf	Sedimentary rock (?), low outcrop, mixed faunal community Rock (sedimentary?), outcrop (low, holes and cracks etc),	673	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3169	259	outer shelf	Shelf	encrustors	676	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3170	260	outer shelf	Shelf	Rock (sedimentary?), outcrop, solitary	677	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3175	280	outer shelf	Shelf	Rock (sedimentary?), high outcrop, solitary	681	100- 201	Y	WA Image Collection
3079	263	outer shelf	Shelf	Rock (sedimentary?), high outcrop, ?small sponges	682	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3234	266	outer shelf	Shelf	Rock (sedimentary?),, high outcrop, large sponges	691	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3235	268	outer shelf	Shelf	Sedimentary rock (?), high outcrop, mixed faunal community	693	100- 200	Y	WA Image Collection
3087	018	outer shelf	shelf	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, encrustors	696	100- 200	Y	SE Image Collection
3176	281	outer shelf	Shelf	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community	763	100-200	Y	WA Image Collection

3064	166	outer shelf	shelf-break	Bryozoan based communities	XX6	100-200	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3013	202	upper slope	Slope	mud, unrippled, no fauna	000	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3213	143	upper slope	slope	mud, unrippled, large sponges	001	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3212	142	upper slope	slope	mud, unrippled, encrustors	006	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3214	144	upper slope	slope	mud, unrippled, sedentary	007	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3211	141	upper slope	slope	mud, unrippled, bioturbators	009	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3210	140	upper slope	slope	mud, irregular, bioturbators	039	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3188	046	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, unrippled, no fauna	100	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3164	227	upper slope	Slope	Fine sediments, unrippled, sponges	101	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3207	137	upper slope	slope	Fine sediments, unrippled, small sponges	102	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3206	136	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, unrippled, encrustors	106	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3198	078	upper slope	slope, canyon	fine sediments, unrippled, sedentary	107	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3186	044	upper slope	slope, canyon	fine sediments, unrippled, bioturbators	109	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3204	133	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, current rippled, no fauna	110	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3195	073	upper slope	canyon	fine sediments, irregular, encrustors	136	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3069	231	upper slope	Slope	Fine sediments, irregular, glass sponge (stalked)	137	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3184	041	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, irregular, bioturbators	139	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3205	134	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, subcrop, large sponges	151	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3197	077	upper slope	canyon, slope	fine sediments, subcrop, small sponges	152	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3183	040	upper slope	slope	fine sediments, subcrop, sedentary	157	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3027	284	upper slope	slope	Coarse sediments, unrippled, large sponges	201	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3238	285	upper slope	slope	Coarse sediments, unrippled, octocorals	205	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3185	043	upper slope	slope	coarse sediments, unrippled, low mixed encrustors	206	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3187	045	upper slope	slope	coarse sediments, unrippled, sedentary	207	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3016	235	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sediments, rippled, no fauna	210	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3221	236	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sand, rippled, solitary epifauna	217	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3222	237	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sand, wave rippled, bryozoan turf	226	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3223	238	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sediments, irregular, octocorals	235	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3196	076	upper slope	canyon, slope	coarse sediments, irregular, low mixed encrustors	236	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3194	072	upper slope	canyon, slope	coarse sediments, irregular, bioturbators	239	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3224	239	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sediments, subcrop, large (?) sponges	251	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3225	240	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary, subcrop, octocorals	255	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3226	241	upper slope	Slope	Coarse sediments, subcrop, low encrusting community	256	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection

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3209	139	upper slope	slope	gravel, debris flow, no fauna	340	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3208	138	upper slope	slope	gravel, debris flow, encrustors	346	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3201	130	upper slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, no fauna	440	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3203	132	upper slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, small sponges	442	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3202	131	upper slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, octocorals	445	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3200	129	upper slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, encrustors	446	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3239	286	upper slope	slope	Cobble/ boulder, debris, sedentary	447	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3191	069	upper slope	canyon	cobble, outcrop, crinoids	464	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3166	247	upper slope	slope	Boulders, low outcrop, no fauna	470	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3240	287	upper slope	slope	slabs and boulders, low outcrop, octocorals	475	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3241	288	upper slope	slope	Igneous Rock (?), low outcrop, octocorals	565	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3242	289	upper slope	slope	Igneous Rock (?), low outcrop, mixed faunal community	573	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3243	290	upper slope	slope	Igneous Rock (?), high outcrop, no fauna	590	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3244	291	upper slope	slope	Igneous Rock (?), high outcrop, mixed faunal community	593	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3076	251	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, no fauna	650	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3190	067	upper slope	canyon, slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, large sponges	651	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3192	070	upper slope	canyon	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, small sponges	652	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3178	033	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, mixed faunal community	653	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3217	148	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, octocorals	655	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3181	036	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, encrustors	656	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3245	292	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary Rock (?), subcrop, sedentary (with trawl marks)	657	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3168	256	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, octocorals	665	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3180	035	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, encrustors	666	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3230	257	upper slope	Shelf break	Sedimentary rock, low outcrop, no fauna	670	200- 700	3	WA Image Collection
3215	145	upper slope	canyon, slope	Sedimentary rock, low outcrop, large sponges	671	200- 700	Ν	SE Image Collection
3216	146	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, low outcrop, small sponges	672	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3193	071	upper slope	Shelf break	Sedimentary, low outcrop, small encrustors	676	200- 700	3	WA Image Collection
3171	261	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary, outcrop, sedentary (anemones)	677	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3172	264	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary, high outcrop, octocoral	683	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3182	039	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, crinoids	684	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3233	265	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary rock (mudstone?), high outcrop, no fauna	690	200- 700	3	WA Image Collection
3173	267	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary rock (mudstone?), high outcrop, small sponges	692	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection

3189	066	upper slope	canyon	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, crinoids	694	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3174	269	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary, outcrop, octocorals	695	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3179	034	upper slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, encrustors	696	200- 700	Y	SE Image Collection
3236	270	upper slope	Slope	Sedimentary, high outcrop, solitary epifauna	697	200- 700	Y	WA Image Collection
3246	293	upper slope	slope	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community	763	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3199	128	upper slope	slope	Bryozoan based communities	XX6	200- 700	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3059	161	mid-slope	slope	mud, unrippled, small sponges	002	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3160	221	mid-slope	Slope	Mud, irregular (bioturbators), crinoids/ featherstars on whip	005	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
3066	222	mid-slope	Slope	Mud, flat, solitary	007	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
3056	158	mid-slope	slope	mud, current rippled, bioturbators	019	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3058	160	mid-slope	slope	mud, irregular, sedentary	037	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3057	159	mid-slope	slope	mud, irregular, bioturbators	039	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3055	156	mid-slope	slope	Fine sediments, unrippled, no fauna	100	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3042	063	mid-slope	slope	fine sediments, unrippled, octocorals	105	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3219	228	mid-slope	Slope	Fine, unrippled, solitary	107	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
3247	294	mid-slope	slope	Fine sediments, unrippled, bioturbators	109	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3015	230	mid-slope	Slope	fine sediments, irregular, no fauna	130	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
3040	061	mid-slope	slope	fine sediments, irregular, bioturbators	139	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3036	057	mid-slope	slope	fine sediments, subcrop, bioturbators	150	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3220	232	mid-slope	Slope	Fine sediments, subcrop, octocorals	155	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
3080	295	mid-slope	slope	Fine sediments, subcrop, encrustors	156	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3052	153	mid-slope	slope	coarse sediments, unrippled, no fauna	200	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3041	062	mid-slope	slope	coarse sediments, unrippled, octocorals	205	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3049	150	mid-slope	slope	coarse sediments, current rippled, no fauna	210	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3050	151	mid-slope	slope	coarse sediments, current rippled, octocorals	215	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
3051	152	mid-slope	slope	Coarse sediments, current rippled, sedentary	217	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3081	296	mid-slope	slope	Coarse sediments, irregular, no fauna	230	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3038	059	mid-slope	slope	coarse sediments, irregular, low encrusting	236	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3082	297	mid-slope	slope	Coarse sediments, subcrop, no fauna	250	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3083	298	mid-slope	slope	Coarse sediments, low outcrop, no fauna	260	700- 1500	Y	Norfanz Image Collection
3017	243	mid-slope	Slope	Gravel, irregular, low encrustings	336	700-1500	2	WA Image Collection
3037	058	mid-slope	slope	cobble, unrippled, small sponges	402	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
3071	244	mid-slope	Slope	Igneous rock/boulder, rubble bank, none	440	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection

30	)53 î	154	mid-slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, crinoids	444	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
30	54	155	mid-slope	slope	slabs/ boulders, debris flow, octocorals	445	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)29 (	050	mid-slope	slope	cobble, debris flow, encrustors	446	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)72 2	245	mid-slope	Slope	boulders and slabs, subcropping, octocorals	455	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
30	)30 (	051	mid-slope	slope	cobble, outcrop, no fauna	460	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)39 (	060	mid-slope	slope	cobble, outcrop, crinoids	464	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)43 (	064	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary slab and mud boulders, outcrop, crinoids	464	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
32	28 2	248	mid-slope	Slope	Igneous rock, rubble bank, no fauna	540	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
30	)74 2	249	mid-slope	Seamount	Igneous rock, rubble bank, octocorals	545	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
30	)32 (	053	mid-slope	slope	Igneous rock, low outcrop, sedentary	567	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)75 2	250	mid-slope	Seamount	Igneous rock, low outcrop, no fauna	570	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
30	)14 2	213	mid-slope	Seamount	Igneous rock (?), outcrop, octocoral	575	700-1500	Y	WA Image Collection
30	)28 (	049	mid-slope	slope	Igneous rock, high outcrop, crinoids	594	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	<b>185</b> 1	157	mid-slope	slope	Igneous rock, high outcrop, octocorals	595	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
30	)46 (	081	mid-slope	seamount	Sedimentary rock, unrippled, no fauna	600	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)48 (	085	mid-slope	seamount	Sedimentary rock, unrippled, encrustors	606	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	)34 (	)55	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, unrippled, sedentary	607	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	60 1	162	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, debris flow, crinoids	644	700- 1500	Ν	SE Image Collection
30	62 1	164	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, crinoids	654	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
30	<b>163</b> 1	165	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, subcrop, octocorals	655	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
32	29 2	252	mid-slope	Slope	Sedimentary, subcrop, small encrustors	656	700-1500	2	WA Image Collection
30	)77 2	253	mid-slope	Slope	rock (conglomerate/sedimentary), subcrop, bioturbators	659	700-1500	Υ	WA Image Collection
30	)35 (	056	mid-slope	slope, canyons, seamounts	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, mixed faunal community	673	700- 1500	Y	SE Image Collection
		)52	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, octocorals	675	700- 1500	Ŷ	SE Image Collection
		)71	mid-slope	canyon	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, encrustors	676	700- 1500	Ŷ	SE Image Collection
		080	mid-slope	seamount	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, encrustors	676	700- 1500	Ŷ	SE Image Collection
		084	mid-slope	seamount	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, sedentary	677	700- 1500	Ŷ	SE Image Collection
		262	mid-slope	Slope	sedimentary/mudstone, high outcrop, no fauna	680	700-1500	Ý	WA Image Collection
		)54	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, outcrop, crinoids	694	700- 1500	Ý	SE Image Collection
		163	mid-slope	slope	Sedimentary rock, high outcrop, octocorals	695	700- 1500	Ŷ	SE Image Collection
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### Scoping Document S2B2. Pelagic Habitats

A list of the pelagic habitats for the Hand Collection Sector of the Coral Sea Fishery. Blue denotes habitats occurring within the jurisdictional boundary of the fishery that are not subject to effort from Sea Cucumber, Lobster and Trochus, and Aquarium collection methods.

ERAEF Habitat Number	Pelagic Habitat type	Depth (m)	Comments	Reference
P4	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Oceanic	0 -> 600	this is a compilation of the range covered by Oceanic Community (1) and (2)	dow167A1, A2, A4
P5	Northern Pelagic Province - Coastal	0 - 200		dow167A1, A2, A4
P15	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	0 -> 600	this is a compilation of the range covered by the Northeastern Plateau Community (1) and (2)	dow167A1, A2, A4
P16	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Seamount Oceanic	0 -> 600	this is a compilation of the range covered by Seamount Oceanic Communities (1) and (2)	dow167A1, A2, A4

#### **Scoping Document S2C1. Demersal Communities**

In ERAEF, communities are defined as the set of species assemblages that occupy the large scale provinces and biomes identified from national bioregionalisation studies. The biota includes mobile fauna, both vertebrate and invertebrate, but excludes sessile organisms such as corals that are largely structural and are used to identify benthic habitats. The same community lists are used for all fisheries, with those selected as relevant for a particular fishery being identified on the basis of spatial overlap with effort in the fishery. The spatial boundaries for demersal communities are based on IMCRA boundaries for the shelf, and on slope bioregionalisations for the slope (IMCRA 1998; Last *et al.* 2005). The spatial boundaries for the pelagic communities are based on pelagic bioregionalisations and on oceanography (Condie *et al.* 2003; Lyne and Hayes 2004). Fishery and region specific modifications to these boundaries are described in detail in Hobday *et al.* (2007) and briefly outlined in the footnotes to the community Tables below.

Demersal community	Cape	North Eastern Transition	North Eastern	Central Eastern Transition	Central Eastern	South Eastern Transition	Central Bass	Tasmanian	Western Tas Transition	Southern	South Western Transition	Central Western	Central Western Transition	North Western	North Western Transition	Timor	Timor Transition	Heard & McDonald Is	Macquarie Is
Inner Shelf 0 – 110m <sup>1,2</sup>																			
Outer Shelf 110 – 250m <sup>1,2,</sup>																			
Upper Slope 250 – 565m <sup>3</sup>																			
Mid–Upper Slope 565 – 820m <sup>3</sup>																			
Mid Slope 820 – 1100m <sup>3</sup>																			
Lower slope/ Abyssal > 1100m <sup>6</sup>																			
Reef 0 -110m <sup>7, 8</sup>																			
Reef 110-250m <sup>8</sup>																			
Seamount 0 – 110m			Х																
Seamount 110- 250m																			
Seamount 250 – 565m																			
Seamount 565 – 820m																			
Seamount 820 – 1100m																			
Seamount 1100 - 3000m																			
Plateau 0-110m			Х																

Demersal communities in which fishing activity occurs in CSF Aquarium sub-fishery (x). Shaded cells indicate communities within the province.

Plateau 110- 250m <sup>4</sup>							
Plateau 250 – 565m <sup>4</sup>							
Plateau 565 – 820m <sup>5</sup>							
Plateau 820 – 1100m <sup>5</sup>							

<sup>1</sup> Four inner shelf communities occur in the Timor Transition (Arafura, Groote, Cape York and Gulf of Carpentaria) and three inner shelf communities occur in the Southern (Eyre, Eucla and South West Coast). At Macquarie Is: <sup>2</sup>inner & outer shelves (0-250m), and <sup>3</sup>upper and midslope communities combined (250-1000m). At Heard/McDonald Is: <sup>4</sup>outer and upper slope plateau communities combined to form four communities: Shell Bank, inner and outer Heard Plateau (100-500m) and Western Banks (200-500m), <sup>5</sup>mid and upper plateau communities combined into 3 trough, southern slope and North Eastern plateau communities (500-1000m), and <sup>6</sup> 3 groups at Heard Is: Deep Shell Bank (>1000m), Southern and North East Lower slope/abyssal, <sup>7</sup>Great Barrier Reef in the North Eastern Province and Transition and <sup>8</sup> Rowley Shoals in North Western Transition.

#### **Scoping Document S2C2. Pelagic Communities**

Pelagic communities that overlie the demersal communities in which fishing activity occurs in the CSF Aquarium sub-fishery (x). Shaded cells indicate all communities that exist in the province.

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Pelagic community	North Eastern	Eastern	Southern	Western	Northern	North Western	Heard and McDonald Is <sup>2</sup>	Macquarie Is
Coastal pelagic 0-200m <sup>1,2</sup>								
Oceanic (1) 0 – 600m	Х							
Oceanic (2) >600m								
Seamount oceanic (1) 0 - 600m	Х							
Seamount oceanic (2) 600-3000m								
Oceanic (1) 0 – 200m								
Oceanic (2) 200-600m								
Oceanic (3) >600m								
Seamount oceanic (1) 0 - 200m			]					
Seamount oceanic (2) 200 - 600m								
Seamount oceanic (3) 600-3000m								
Oceanic (1) 0-400m								
Oceanic (2) >400m								
Oceanic (1) 0-800m								
Oceanic (2) >800m	]							
Plateau (1) 0-600m	Х							
Plateau (2) >600m								
Heard Plateau 0-1000m <sup>3</sup>								
Oceanic (1) 0-1000m								
Oceanic (2) >1000m								
Oceanic (1) 0-1600m								
Oceanic (2) >1600m								

<sup>1</sup> Northern Province has five coastal pelagic zones (NWS, Bonaparte, Arafura, Gulf and East Cape York) and Southern Province has two zones (Tas, GAB). <sup>2</sup> At Macquarie Is: coastal pelagic zone to 250m. <sup>3</sup> At Heard and McDonald Is: coastal pelagic zone broadened to cover entire plateau to maximum of 1000m.

# 2.2.3 Identification of Objectives for Components and Sub-components (Step 3)

Objectives are identified for each sub-fishery for the five ecological components (target, bycatch/byproduct, TEP, habitats, and communities) and sub-components, and are clearly documented. It is important to identify objectives that managers, the fishing industry, and other stakeholders can agree on, and that scientists can quantify and assess. The criteria for selecting ecological operational objectives for risk assessment are that they:

- be biologically relevant;
- have an unambiguous operational definition;
- be accessible to prediction and measurement; and
- that the quantities they relate to be exposed to the hazards.

For fisheries that have completed ESD reports, use can be made of the operational objectives stated in those reports.

Each 'operational objective' is matched to example indicators. **Scoping Document S3** provides suggested examples of operational objectives and indicators. Where operational objectives are already agreed for a fishery (Existing Management Objectives), those should be used (e.g. Strategic Assessment Reports). The objectives need not be exactly specified, with regard to numbers or fractions of removal/impact, but should indicate that an impact in the sub-component is of concern/interest to the sub-fishery. The rationale for including or discarding an operational objective is a crucial part of the table and must explain why the particular objective has or has not been selected for in the (sub) fishery. Only the operational objectives selected for inclusion in the (sub)fishery are used for Level 1 analysis (Level 1 SICA Document L1.1).

Component	Core Objective	Sub-component		Example Indicators	Rationale
	"What is the general goal?"	As shown in sub- component model diagrams at the beginning of this section.	trying to	going to use to measure performance"	Rationale flagged as 'EMO' where Existing Management Objective in place, or 'AMO' where there is an existing AFMA Management Objective in place for other Commonwealth fisheries (assumed that squid fishery will fall into line).
Target Species	Avoid recruitment failure of the target species Avoid negative consequences for species or population sub- components		biomass	Biomass, numbers, density, CPUE, yield	1.1 add in rationale for each objective 1.2 1.3 1.4
		2. Geographic range	range of the population, in terms of size and continuity does not change outside acceptable bounds	population across the GAB	
		3. Genetic structure	diversity does not change outside acceptable bounds	Frequency of genotypes in the population, effective population size (N <sub>e</sub> ), number of spawning units	3.1

# Scoping Document S3 Components and Sub-components Identification of Objectives

Component	Core Objective	Sub-component	Example Operational Objectives	Example Indicators	Rationale
		4. Age/size/sex structure		numbers or relative proportion in age/size/sex classes Biomass of spawners	4.1
		5. Reproductive Capacity	5.1 Fecundity of the population does not change outside acceptable		5.1 5.2
			bounds (e.g. more than X% of reference population fecundity) 2 Recruitment to the population does not change outside acceptable bounds		
		6. Behaviour /Movement	6.1 Behaviour and movement patterns of the population do not change outside acceptable bounds	Presence of population across space, movement patterns within the population (e.g. attraction to bait, lights)	
Byproduct and Bycatch	Avoid recruitment failure of the byproduct and bycatch species Avoid negative consequences for species or population sub- components	1. Population size	not approach extinction or become extinct 1.3 Maintain biomass above a specified level 1.4 Maintain catch at specified level	density, CPUE, yield	1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4
		2. Geographic range	2.1 Geographic range of the population, in terms of size and continuity does not change outside acceptable bounds	Presence of population across space	2.1

Component	Core Objective	Sub-component		Example Indicators	Rationale
		3. Genetic structure	3.1 Genetic diversity does not change outside acceptable bounds	Frequency of genotypes in the population, effective population size (N <sub>e</sub> ), number of spawning units	3.1
		4. Age/size/sex structure	4.1 Age/size/sex structure does not change outside acceptable bounds (e.g. more than X% from reference structure)		4.1
		5 Reproductive Capacity	5.1 Fecundity of the population does not change	Egg production of population Abundance of recruits	5.1
		6. Behaviour /Movement	and movement patterns of the population do not change outside	Presence of population across space, movement patterns within the population (e.g. attraction to bait, lights)	
TEP species	Avoid recruitment failure of TEP species Avoid negative consequences for TEP species or population sub- components Avoid negative impacts on the population from fishing	-	<ol> <li>1.1 Species do not further approach</li> </ol>	numbers, density, CPUE, yield	1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4

Component	Core Objective			Example Indicators	Rationale
			range of the	population across space, i.e. the	2.1
		3. Genetic structure	3.1 Genetic diversity does not change outside acceptable bounds	genotypes in the population, effective population size (N <sub>e</sub> ), number of spawning units	3.1
		structure	acceptable bounds (e.g. more than X% from reference structure)	Biomass, numbers or relative proportion in age/size/sex classes Biomass of spawners Mean size, sex ratio	4.1
			does not change outside acceptable bounds (e.g. more than X% of reference population fecundity) Recruitment to the population does not change outside acceptable bounds	of population Abundance of recruits	5.1
		6. Behaviour /Movement	6.1 Behaviour and movement patterns of the population do not change outside acceptable bounds	population across space, movement patterns within the population (e.g. attraction to bait, lights)	
			interactions is maximised 7.2 Interactions do not affect the	species after interactions Number of interactions, biomass or numbers in	7.1 7.2

Component	Core Objective	Sub-component	Example Operational Objectives	Example Indicators	Rationale
Habitats	Avoid negative impacts on the quality of the environment Avoid reduction in the amount and quality of habitat	1. Water quality	1.1 Water quality	Water chemistry, noise levels, debris levels, turbidity levels, pollutant concentrations, light pollution from artificial light	1.1
		2. Air quality	2.1 Air quality does not change outside acceptable bounds	Air chemistry, noise levels, visual pollution, pollutant concentrations, light pollution from artificial light	2.1
		3. Substrate quality	3.1 Sediment quality does not change outside acceptable bounds	Sediment chemistry, stability, particle size, debris, pollutant concentrations	3.1
		4. Habitat types	4.1 Relative abundance of habitat types does not vary outside acceptable bounds	Extent and area of habitat types, % cover, spatial pattern, landscape scale	4.1
		5. Habitat structure and function		Size structure, species composition and morphology of biotic habitats	5.1
Communities	s Avoid negative impacts on the composition/ function/ distribution/ structure of the community	1. Species composition	1.1 Species	Species presence/absence , species numbers or biomass (relative or absolute) Richness Diversity indices Evenness indices	
		2. Functional group composition	composition does not change outside acceptable bounds	Number of functional groups, species per functional group (e.g. autotrophs, filter feeders, herbivores, omnivores, carnivores)	2.1
		3. Distribution of the community	3.1 Community range does not vary outside acceptable bounds	Geographic range of the community, continuity of range, patchiness	3.1

Component	Core Objective	Sub-component	-	Example Indicators	Rationale
		structure	size spectra/trophic structure does not vary outside acceptable bounds	Size spectra of the community Number of octaves, Biomass/number in each size class Mean trophic level Number of trophic levels	4.1
		chemical cycles	acceptable	Indicators of cycles, salinity, carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus flux	5.1

#### 2.2.4 Hazard Identification (Step 4)

Hazards are the activities undertaken in the process of fishing, and any external activities, which have the potential to lead to harm.

The effects of fishery/sub-fishery specific hazards are identified under the following categories:

- capture
- direct impact without capture
- addition/movement of biological material
- addition of non biological material
- disturbance of physical processes
- external hazards

These fishing and external activities are scored on a presence/absence basis for each fishery/sub-fishery. An activity is scored as a zero if it does not occur and as a one if it does occur. The rationale for the scoring is also documented in detail and must include if/how the activity occurs and how the hazard may impact on organisms/habitat.

#### Scoping Document S4. Hazard Identification Scoring Sheet

This table is completed once for each sub-fishery. **Table 4** provides a set of examples of fishing activities for the effects of fishing to be used as a guide to assist in scoring the hazards.

<u>Fishery Name</u>: Coral Sea Fishery (CSF) –Hand Collection sector <u>Sub-fishery Name</u>: Aquarium sub-fishery <u>Date</u>: May 2006

Direct impact of Fishing	Fishing Activity	Score (0/1)	Documentation of Rationale
Capture	Bait collection	1	bait collection occurs –mackerel and trevally collected for provisioning
	Fishing	1	Capture of organisms due to actual fishing. 2 shifts/day
	Incidental behaviour	0	No activities that result in capture while off watch, just sleep.
Direct impact	Bait collection	1	Fish for bait with a troll line, intensity low
without capture	Fishing	1	Benthic species may be disturbed by divers moving over them, and by contact with hand nets without actual capture. Impact is considered to be minimal and reef edges and rubble areas targeted to avoid damage to collection nets. Hand net, 6m barrier net 3/8th mesh monofilament, never set overnight. Barrier nets use lead-line bottom and float-line at the top.
	Incidental behaviour	1	Periodically go ashore of a day time on an island, once per six months. Lights at night may have minimal impact on bird life
	Gear loss	0	Gear is operated by hand and is unlikely to be lost
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	Possibly damage to animals where anchor drops, with greater intensity through anchoring of both mother-boat and tender boats also. Light anchor only used. Tenders anchor on reefs. Establishment of permanent moorings are being considered by the association (CSF Stakeholders meeting 2006) to be located at the most heavily used locations, e.g. night anchor locations
	Navigation/steamin	1	
Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species (boat launching, reballasting)	1	Could occur incidentally via boat hulls, or fouling of nets, involving introduced species or movement of species from coastal into the CSF area. Only Cairns port used. Mitigation policy in place to eliminate risk of translocation – no fish caught by aquarium operators are ever returned to the water (Operator comments <i>CSF Workshop Nov 2005</i> ). Freshwater net sterilisation or drying all nets between trips also ensures translocation risk is reduced.
	On board processing	0	
	Discarding catch	0	No discarding
	Stock enhancement	0	Does not occur.
	Provisioning	1	Berley cage with bait used to attract specimen fish.

Direct impact of	Fishing Activity	Score	Documentation of Rationale
Fishing		(0/1)	
	Organic waste	1	Disposal of organic wastes (sewage) from the permit boat. MARPOL guidelines apply.
Addition of non-	disposal Debris	0	
biological	Debris	0	Rubbish not thrown overboard. MARPOL guidelines apply.
material	Chemical pollution	1	Oil spills, anti-fouling chemicals. MARPOL
material	Chemical pollution	1	guidelines apply. Dishwashing liquid, shampoo
	Exhaust	1	Exhaust as a result of diesel and other engines
	Gear loss	0	Gear is operated by hand and is unlikely to be lost
	Navigation/	1	The navigation and steaming of vessels will
	steaming	1	introduce noise (engine noise and echo-sounders)
	steaming		and visual stimuli into the environment.
	Activity/ presence	1	The activity of vessels will introduce noise and
	on water	1	visual stimuli into the environment. May interact
			with wildlife $-$ e.g. Dolphin riding bow wave, bird
			settling on boat. Lights at night may have minimal
			impact.
Disturb physical	Bait collection	1	bait collection occurs – predominantly mackerel and
processes			trevally
1	Fishing	1	Divers may disturb sediment locally. Impact low
	Boat launching	1	Main vessels in fishery come from designated ports
	C C		outside of the Coral Sea (Cairns). Within CSF,
			mother-ship on a mooring, tender launched from the
			mother ship
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	Anchoring/mooring may affect the physical
			processes in the area that anchors and anchor chains
			contact the seafloor, with greater intensity through
			anchoring of tender boats also
	Navigation/	1	
	steaming		
External	Other capture	1	Other hand collection sub-fisheries
Hazards (specify	fishery methods		(Lobster/Trochus, and sea cucumber), line and trawl
the particular	. 1.	0	sectors, state fisheries and recreational
example within	Aquaculture	0	Offshore
each activity	Coastal	0	Offshore
area)	development	0	
	Other extractive	0	At present, no current petroleum permits exist and no
	activities		new releases have been granted for the CSF area
			(Department of Industry Tourism and Resources
	01	1	2005 CD-ROM)
	Other non-	1	Shipping lanes
	extractive activities	-	
	Other anthropogenic	1	Recreational fishing and diving/tourism ( <i>CSF</i>
	activities		Stakeholders Meeting 2005)

#### Table 4. Examples of fishing activities.

#### (Modified from Fletcher *et al.* 2002)

Direct Impact of Fishing	Fishing Activity	Examples of Activities Include
Capture		Activities that result in the capture or removal of organisms. This includes cryptic mortality due to organisms being caught but
		dropping out prior to the gear's retrieval (i.e. They are caught but not landed)
	Bait collection	Capture of organisms due to bait gear deployment, retrieval and bait fishing. This includes organisms caught but not landed.
	Fishing	Capture of organisms due to gear deployment, retrieval and actual fishing. This includes organisms caught but not landed.
	Incidental	Capture of organisms due to crew behaviour incidental to primary fishing activities, possible in the crew's down time; e.g.
	behaviour	crew may line or spear fish while anchored, or perform other harvesting activities, including any land-based harvesting that
		occurs when crew are camping in their down time.
Direct impact, without capture		This includes any activities that may result in direct impacts (damage or mortality) to organisms without actual capture.
	Bait collection	Direct impacts (damage or mortality) to organisms due to interactions (excluding capture) with bait gear during deployment,
		retrieval and bait fishing. This includes: damage/mortality to organisms through contact with the gear that doesn't result in
		capture, e.g. Damage/mortality to benthic species by gear moving over them, organisms that hit nets but aren't caught.
	Fishing	Direct impacts (damage or mortality) to organisms due to interactions (excluding capture) with fishing gear during deployment, retrieval and fishing. This includes: damage/mortality to organisms through contact with the gear that doesn't result in capture, e.g. Damage/mortality to benthic species by gear moving over them, organisms that hit nets but are not caught.
	Incidental	Direct impacts (damage or mortality) without capture, to organisms due to behaviour incidental to primary fishing activities,
	behaviour	possibly in the crew's down time; e.g. the use of firearms on scavenging species, damage/mortality to organisms through
		contact with the gear that the crews use to fish during their down time. This does not include impacts on predator species of removing their prey through fishing.
	Gear loss	Direct impacts (damage or mortality), without capture on organisms due to gear that has been lost from the fishing boat. This includes damage/mortality to species when the lost gear contacts them or if species swallow the lost gear.
	Anchoring/	Direct impact (damage or mortality) that occurs and when anchoring or mooring. This includes damage/mortality due to
	mooring	physical contact of the anchor, chain or rope with organisms, e.g. An anchor damaging live coral.
	Navigation/	Direct impact (damage or mortality) without capture may occur while vessels are navigating or steaming. This includes
	steaming	collisions with marine organisms or birds.
Addition/ movement of biological material		Any activities that result in the addition or movement of biological material to the ecosystem of the fishery.
	Translocation of	The translocation and introduction of species to the area of the fishery, through transportation of any life stage. This transport
	species (boat	can occur through movement on boat hulls or in ballast water as boats move throughout the fishery or from outside areas into

Direct Impact of Fishing	Fishing Activity	Examples of Activities Include
	movements, reballasting)	the fishery.
	On board processing	The discarding of unwanted sections of target after on board processing introduces or moves biological material, e.g. heading and gutting, retaining fins but discarding trunks.
	Discarding catch	The discarding of unwanted organisms from the catch can introduce or move biological material. This includes individuals of target and byproduct species due to damage (e.g. shark or marine mammal predation), size, high grading and catch limits. Also includes discarding of all non-retained bycatch species. This also includes discarding of catch resulting from incidental fishing by the crew. The discards could be alive or dead.
	Stock enhancement	The addition of larvae, juveniles or adults to the fishery or ecosystem to increase the stock or catches.
	Provisioning Organic waste disposal	The use of bait or berley in the fishery.         The disposal of organic wastes (e.g. food scraps, sewage) from the boats.
Addition of non- biological material		Any activities that result in non-biological material being added to the ecosystem of the fishery, this includes physical debris, chemicals (in the air and water), lost gear, noise and visual stimuli.
	Debris	Non-biological material may be introduced in the form of debris from fishing vessels or mother ships. This includes debris from the fishing process: e.g. cardboard thrown over from bait boxes, straps and netting bags lost. Debris from non-fishing activities can also contribute to this e.g. Crew rubbish – discarding or food scraps, plastics or other rubbish. Discarding at sea is regulated by MARPOL, which forbids the discarding of plastics.
	Chemical pollution	Chemicals can be introduced to water, sediment and atmosphere through: oil spills, detergents other cleaning agents, any chemicals used during processing or fishing activities.
	Exhaust Gear loss	Exhaust can be introduced to the atmosphere and water through operation of fishing vessels The loss of gear will result in the addition of non-biological material, this includes hooks, line, sinkers, nets, otter boards, light sticks, buoys etc.
	Navigation /steaming	The navigation and steaming of vessels will introduce noise and visual stimuli into the environment. Boat collisions and/or sinking of vessels. Echo-sounding may introduce noise that may disrupt some species (e.g. whales, orange roughy)
	Activity /presence on water	The activity or presence of fishing vessels on the water will noise and visual stimuli into the environment.
Disturb physical processes		Any activities that will disturb physical processes, particularly processes related to water movement or sediment and hard substrate (e.g. boulders, rocky reef) processes.
	Bait collection	Bait collection may disturb physical processes if the gear contacts seafloor-disturbing sediment, or if the gear disrupts water

Direct Impact of Fishing	Fishing Activity	Examples of Activities Include
		flow patterns.
	Fishing	Fishing activities may disturb physical processes if the gear contacts seafloor-disturbing sediment, or if the gear disrupts water flow patterns.
	Boat launching	Boat launching may disturb physical processes, particularly in the intertidal regions, if dredging is required, or the boats are dragged across substrate. This would also include foreshore impacts where fishers drive along beaches to reach fishing locations and launch boats. Impacts of boat launching that occurs within established marinas are outside the scope of this assessment.
	Anchoring /mooring	Anchoring/mooring may affect the physical processes in the area that anchors and anchor chains contact the seafloor.
	Navigation /steaming	Navigation /steaming may affect the physical processes on the benthos and the pelagic by turbulent action of propellers or wake formation.
External hazards		Any outside activities that will result in an impact on the component in the same location and period that the fishery operates. The particular activity as well as the mechanism for external hazards should be specified.
	Other capture fishery methods	Take or habitat impact by other commercial, indigenous or recreational fisheries operating in the same region as the fishery under examination
	Aquaculture	Capture of feed species for aquaculture. Impacts of cages on the benthos in the region
	Coastal development	Sewage discharge, ocean dumping, agricultural runoff
	Other extractive activities	Oil and gas pipelines, drilling, seismic activity
	Other non- extractive activities	Defense, shipping lanes, dumping of munitions, submarine cables
	Other anthropogenic activities	Recreational activities, such as scuba diving leading to coral damage, power boats colliding with whales, dugongs, turtles. Shipping, oil spills

#### 2.2.5 Bibliography (Step 5)

All references used in the scoping assessment are included in the References section.

Key documents can be found on the AFMA web page at <u>www.afma.gov.au</u> and include the following:

- Environmental Assessment Report 2003
- Statement of Management Arrangements 2004
- AFMA At a glance web page <u>http://www.afma.gov.au/fisheries/ext\_territories/coral\_sea/at\_a\_glance.htm</u> Last updated 14 September 2005.

Other publications that may provided information include

BRS Fishery Status Reports

The detailed bibliography for this sub-fishery is included in the reference section.

#### 2.2.6 Decision rules to move to Level 1(Step 6)

Any hazards that are identified at Step 4 Hazard Identification as occurring in the fishery are carried forward for analysis at Level 1.

In this case, 19 out of 26 possible internal activities were identified as occurring in this fishery. Three out of 6 external activities were identified. No Bycatch component exists for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery. Thus, a total of 22 activity-component scenarios will be considered at Level 1. This results in 88 total scenarios (of 160 possible) to be developed and evaluated using the unit lists (species, habitats, communities).

#### 2.3 Level 1 Scale, Intensity and Consequence Analysis (SICA)

Level 1 aims to identify which hazards lead to a significant impact on any species, habitat or community. Analysis at Level 1 is for whole components (target; bycatch and byproduct; TEP species; habitat; and communities), not individual sub-components. Since Level 1 is used mainly as a rapid screening tool, a "worst case" approach is used to ensure that elements screened out as low risk (either activities or components) are genuinely low risk. Analysis at Level 1 for each component is accomplished by considering the most vulnerable sub-component and the most vulnerable unit of analysis (e.g. most vulnerable species, habitat type or community). This is known as credible scenario evaluation (Richard Stocklosa e-systems Pty Ltd (March 2003) Review of CSIRO Risk Assessment Methodology: ecological risk assessment for the effects of fishing) in conventional risk assessment. In addition, where judgments about risk are uncertain, the highest level of risk that is still regarded as plausible is chosen. For this reason, the measures of risk produced at Level 1 cannot be regarded as absolute.

At Level 1 each fishery/sub-fishery is assessed using a scale, intensity and consequence analysis (SICA). SICA is applied to the component as a whole by choosing the most vulnerable sub-component (linked to an operational objective) and most vulnerable unit of analysis. The rationale for these choices must be documented in detail. These steps are outlined below. Scale, intensity, and consequence analysis (SICA) consists of thirteen steps. The first ten steps are performed for each activity and component, and correspond to the columns of the SICA table. The final three steps summarise the results for each component.

- Step1: Record the hazard identification score (absence (0) presence (1) scores) identified at step 3 at the scoping level (Scoping Document S3) onto the SICA table
- Step 2: Score spatial scale of the activity
- Step 3: Score temporal scale of the activity
- Step 4: Choose the sub-component most likely to be affected by activity
- Step 5: Choose the most vulnerable unit of analysis for the component e.g. species, habitat type or community assemblage
- Step 6: Select the most appropriate operational objective
- Step 7: Score the intensity of the activity for that sub-component

Step 8: Score the consequence resulting from the intensity for that subcomponent

- Step 9: Record confidence/uncertainty for the consequence scores
- Step 10. Document rationale for each of the above steps
- Step 11. Summary of SICA results
- Step 12. Evaluation/discussion of Level 1
- Step 13. Components to be examined at Level 2

# 2.3.1 Record the hazard identification score (absence (0) presence (1) scores) identified at step 3 in the scoping level onto the SICA Document (Step 1)

Record the hazard identification score absence (0) presence (1) identified at Step 3 at the scoping level onto the SICA sheet. A separate sheet will be required for each component (target, bycatch and byproduct, and TEP species, habitat, and communities). Only those activities that scored a 1 (presence) will be analysed at Level 1

#### 2.3.2 Score spatial scale of activity (Step 2)

The greatest spatial extent must be used for determining the spatial scale score for each identified hazard. For example, if fishing (e.g. capture by longline) takes place within an area of 200 nm by 300 nm, then the spatial scale is scored as 4. The score is then recorded onto the SICA Document and the rationale documented.

#### Spatial scale score of activity

<1 nm:	1-10 nm:	10-100 nm:	100-500 nm:	500-1000 nm:	>1000 nm:
1	2	3	4	5	6

Maps and graphs may be used to supplement the information (e.g. sketches of the distribution of the activity relative to the distribution of the component) and additional notes describing the nature of the activity should be provided. The spatial scale score at Step 2 is not used directly, but the analysis is used in making judgments about level of intensity at Step 7. Obviously, two activities can score the same with regard to spatial scale, but the intensity of each can differ vastly. The reasons for the score are recorded in the rationale column of the SICA spreadsheet.

#### 2.3.3 Score temporal scale of activity (Step 3)

The highest frequency must be used for determining the temporal scale score for each identified hazard. If the fishing activity occurs daily, the temporal scale is scored as 6. If oil spillage occurs about once per year, then the temporal scale of that hazard scores a 3. The score is then recorded onto the SICA Document and the rationale documented.

#### Temporal scale score of activity

Decadal (1 day every 10 years or so)	Every several years (1 day every several years)	Annual (1-100 days per year)	Quarterly (100-200 days per year)	Weekly (200-300 days per year)	Daily (300-365 days per year)
1	2	3	4	5	6

It may be more logical for some activities to consider the aggregate number of days that an activity occurs. For example, if the activity "fishing" was undertaken by 10 boats during the same 150 days of the year, the score is 3. If the same 10 boats each spend 30 non-overlapping days fishing, the temporal scale of the activity is a sum of 300 days, indicating that a score of 6 is appropriate. In the case where the activity occurs over many days, but only every 10 years, the number of days by the number of years in the cycle is used to determine the score. For example, 100 days of an activity every 10 years averages to 10 days every year, so that a score of 3 is appropriate.

The temporal scale score at Step 3 is not used directly, but the analysis is used in making judgments about level of intensity at Step 7. Obviously, two activities can score the same with regard to temporal scale, but the intensity of each can differ vastly. The reasons for the score are recorded in the rationale column.

#### 2.3.4 Choose the sub-component most likely to be affected by activity (Step 4)

The most vulnerable sub-component must be used for analysis of each identified hazard. This selection must be made on the basis of expected highest potential risk for each 'direct impact of fishing' and 'fishing activity' combination, and recorded in the 'sub-component' column of the SICA Document. The justification is recorded in the rationale column.

## 2.3.5 Choose the unit of analysis most likely to be affected by activity and to have highest consequence score (Step 5)

The most vulnerable 'unit of analysis' (i.e. most vulnerable species, habitat type or community) must be used for analysis of each identified hazard. The species, habitats, or communities (depending on which component is being analysed) are selected from **Scoping Document S2** (A - C). This selection must be made on the basis of expected highest potential risk for each 'direct impact of fishing' and 'fishing activity' combination, and recorded in the 'unit of analysis' column of the SICA Document. The justification is recorded in the rationale column.

#### 2.3.6 Select the most appropriate operational objective (Step 6)

To provide linkage between the SICA consequence score and the management objectives, the most appropriate operational objective for each sub-component is chosen. The most relevant operational objective code from **Scoping Document S3** is recorded in the 'operational objective' column in the SICA document. Note that SICA can only be performed on operational objectives agreed as important for the (sub) fishery during scoping and contained in **Scoping Document S3**. If the SICA process identifies reasons to include sub-components or operational objectives that were previously not included/eliminated then these sub-components or operational objectives must be re-instated.

#### 2.3.7 Score the intensity of the activity for the component (Step 7)

The score for intensity of an activity considers the direct impacts in line with the categories shown in the conceptual model (**Figure 11**) (capture, direct impact without capture, addition/movement of biological material, addition of non-biological material, disturbance to physical processes, external hazards). The intensity of the activity is judged based on the scale of the activity, its nature and extent. Activities are scored as per intensity scores below.

Level	Score	Description
Negligible	1	remote likelihood of detection at any spatial or temporal scale
Minor	2	occurs rarely or in few restricted locations and detectability even at
		these scales is rare
Moderate	3	moderate at broader spatial scale, or severe but local
Major	4	severe and occurs reasonably often at broad spatial scale
Severe	5	occasional but very severe and localised or less severe but widespread
		and frequent
Catastrophic	6	local to regional severity or continual and widespread

Intensity score of activity (Modified from Fletcher et al. 2002)

This score is then recorded on the Level 1 (SICA) Document and the rationale documented.

#### 2.3.8 Score the consequence of intensity for that component (Step 8)

The consequence of the activity is a measure of the likelihood of not achieving the operational objective for the selected sub-component and unit of analysis. It considers the flow on effects of the direct impacts from Step 7 for the relevant indicator (e.g. decline in biomass below the selected threshold due to direct capture). Activities are scored as per consequence scores below. A more detailed description of the consequences at each level for each component (target, bycatch and byproduct, TEP species, habitats, and communities) is provided as a guide for scoring the consequences of the activities in the description of consequences table (see **Table 5, Appendix B**).

Level	Score	Description
Negligible	1	Impact unlikely to be detectable at the scale of the stock/habitat/community
Minor	2	Minimal impact on stock/habitat/community structure or dynamics
Moderate	3	Maximum impact that still meets an objective (e.g. sustainable level of
		impact such as full exploitation rate for a target species).
Major	4	Wider and longer term impacts (e.g. long-term decline in CPUE)
Severe	5	Very serious impacts now occurring, with relatively long time period likely
		to be needed to restore to an acceptable level (e.g. serious decline in
		spawning biomass limiting population increase).
Intolerable	6	Widespread and permanent/irreversible damage or loss will occur-unlikely
		to ever be fixed (e.g. extinction)

Consequence score for ERAEF activities (Modified from Fletcher et al. 2002).

The score should be based on existing information and/or the expertise of the risk assessment group. The rationale for assigning each consequence score must be documented. The conceptual model may be used to link impact to consequence by showing the pathway that was considered. In the absence of agreement or information, the highest score (worst case scenario) considered plausible is applied to the activity.

#### 2.3.9 Record confidence/uncertainty for the consequence scores (Step 9)

The information used at this level is qualitative and each step is based on expert (fishers, managers, conservationists, scientists) judgment. The confidence rating for the consequence score is rated as 1 (low confidence) or 2 (high confidence) for the activity/component. The score is recorded on the SICA Document and the rationale

documented. The confidence will reflect the levels of uncertainty for each score at steps 2, 3, 7 and 8.

Description of Confidence scores for Consequences. The confidence score appropriate to the rationale is used, and documented on the SICA Document.

Confidence	Score	Rationale for the confidence score
Low	1	Data exists, but is considered poor or conflicting
		No data exists
		Disagreement between experts
High	2	Data exists and is considered sound
		Consensus between experts
		Consequence is constrained by logical consideration

#### 2.3.10 Document rationale for each of the above steps (Step 10)

The rationale forms a logical pathway to the consequence score. It is provided for each choice at each step of the SICA analysis.

### 2.3.1 Level 1 (SICA) Documents L1.1 - Target Species Component; L1.2 - Byproduct and Bycatch Component; L1.3 - TEP Species Component; L1.4 - Habitat Component; L1.5 - Community Component

SICA steps 1-10. Tables of descriptions of consequences for each component and each sub component provide a guide for scoring the level of consequence (see Table5, Appendix B)

Direct impact of fishing	Fishing Activity	Presence (1) Absence (0)	Spatial scale of Hazard (1-6)	Temporal scale of Hazard (1-6)	Sub-component	Unit of analysis	Operational objective (S2.1)	Intensity Score (1-6)	Consequence Score (1-6)	Confidence Score (1-2)	Rationale	Internal / External
Capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	population size	mackerel	1.1	2	1	1	bait collection occurs –mackerel collected for provisioning. =>Intensity minor =>consequence negligible =>confidence low: no date to refute or confirm	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	age/size/sex structure	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	4.1	3	2	1	Capture of organisms due to actual fishing. 2 shifts/day. As a group, Pomacentrids are the most highly targeted, particularly yellow damsels ( <i>Pomacentrus sp.</i> ) and green chromis ( <i>Chromis viridus</i> ) ( <i>operator</i> <i>species lists</i> ). Standing biomass of spawning stock may be effected. =>Intensity moderate, may be severe at localised scale =>consequence minor due to mitigating measures =>confidence low, no baseline data to refute or confirm. Voluntary 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006)	Ι
	Incidental behaviour	0									No activities that result in capture while off watch, just sleep.	Ι
Direct impact without capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	mackerel	6.1	2	1	1	Fish for mackerel with a troll line, =>intensity minor =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Paracanthus hepatus blue tang	6.1	3	1	1	Benthic species may be disturbed by divers moving over them, and by contact with hand nets without actual capture. Impact is considered to be minimal. Hand net, 6m barrier net 3/8th mesh, never set overnight. Barrier nets use lead-line bottom and float-line at the top. Blue tangs are single most targetted species. =>Intensity moderate =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm. Voluntary 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006)	I

#### L1.1 - Target Species Component

	Incidental behaviour	1	4	3	population size	<i>Coenobita</i> <i>perlatus</i> hermit crabs	1.1	1	1	1	Periodically go ashore of a day time on an island, once per six months. Lights at night may have minimal impact on bird life. Hermit crabs may be physically damaged by both tender boats and people. =>Intensity low =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Gear loss	0									Gear is operated by hand and is unlikely to be lost	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	population size	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	1.1	3	2	1	Possibly damage to animals where anchor drops, with greater intensity through anchoring of both mother-boat and tender boats also. Light anchor only used. Tenders anchor on reefs. Anchors may damage corals. =>Intensity moderate on localised scale =>consequence minor =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm. Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact.	Ι
	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	3	1	2	intensity moderate; locally severe =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species	1	5	3	population size	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	1.1	3	3	1	Could occur incidentally via boat hulls/net/anchor fouling, involving introduced species or movement of species from coastal into the CSF area, eg movement of crown of thorns into CSF would directly impact corals. Only Cairns port used by aquarium operators. =>Intensity known to be moderate at a broader scale and could be severe due to localised nature of this fishery =>consequence moderate, but from other GBR examples shown to be particulary great for sedentary and benthis associated species => confidence low- there is no data and no observer program for the hand collection sector. data exists for areas of GBR, but no other data to refute or confirm for this sub-fishery. Mitigation measure in place to eliminate risk of translocation – no fish caught by aquarium operators are ever returned to the water (CSF Workshop Nov 2005). Other mitigating measures include freshwater net sterilisation or drying all nets between trips.	Ι
	On board processing	0										Ι
	Discarding catch	0									No discarding occurs	Ι
	Stock enhancement	0									Does not occur	Ι
	Provisioning	1	5	3	behaviour/movement	Paracanthus hepatus blue tang	6.1	3	1	1	Berley cage used to attract fish. Blue tangs are single most caught species. =>Intensity moderate =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Organic waste disposal	1	5	3	behaviour/movement	Paracanthus hepatus blue tang	6.1	1	1	1	Disposal of organic wastes (sewage) from the permit boat. MARPOL guidelines apply. =>Intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence low	Ι
Addition of	Debris	0									Rubbish not thrown overboard. MARPOL guidelines apply.	Ι
non-biological material	Chemical pollution	1	5	3	population size	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	1.1	2	2	1	Oil spills, anti-fouling chemicals, dishwashing liquid, shampoo. MARPOL guidelines apply so impacts are reduced. =>Intensity minor =>consequence minor =>confidence low.	Ι

	Exhaust	1	5	3	population size	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	1.1	3	2	1	Exhaust as a result of diesel and other engines. =>Intensity moderate; locally severe =>consequence minor, likely to dilute quickly =>confidence low.	Ι
	Gear loss	0									Gear is operated by hand and is unlikely to be lost	Ι
	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	3	1	2	The navigation and steaming of vessels will introduce noise (engine noise and echo-sounders) and visual stimuli into the environment. =>intensity moderate; locally severe =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
	Activity/ presence on water	1	5	3	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	3	1	2	The activity of vessels will introduce noise and visual stimuli into the environment. May interact with wildlife – eg Dolphin riding bow wave, bird settling on boat. Lights at night may have minimal impact. =>intensity moderate; locally severe =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
Disturb physical	Bait collection	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	mackerel	6.1	1	1	2	bait collection occurs – predominantly mackerel. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
processes	Fishing	1	4	3	population size	Euphyllidae (hard corals), seastars	1.1	1	1	1	Divers may disturb sediment locally which may impact on reproduction of sedentary organisms through habitat modification. Impact low. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence low; no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Boat launching	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	1	1	2	Main vessels in fishery come from designated ports outside of the Coral Sea (Cairns). Within CSF, mother-ship on a mooring, tender launched from the mother ship, impact on fauna likely to be negligible. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	population size	Euphyllidae (hard corals)	1.1	3	2	1	Anchoring/mooring may affect the physical processes in the area that anchors and anchor chains contact the seafloor, with greater intensity through anchoring of tender boats also, which occure predominantly on reefs. May alter habitats. =>Intensity moderate at localised scale =>consequence minor =>confidence low; no data to refute or confirm. Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impacts.	Ι
	Navigation/steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	3	1	2	The navigation and steaming of vessels may produce localised changes to current flows, increase sediment flux and produce added noise/vibration stimuli. =>intensity moderate; locally severe =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
External Impacts (specify the particular	Other fisheries	1	5	6	population size	Paracanthus hepatus blue tang	1.1	3	1	1	Other hand collection sub-fisheries (Lobster/Trochus, and sea cucumber), line and trawl sectors, state fisheries and recreational. =>intensity moderate on localised scale =>consequence negligible =>confidence low	E
example within	Aquaculture	0										Е
each activity area)	Coastal development	0										Е
urca)	Other extractive	0										Е

activities											
Other non-extractive activities	1	5	5	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	2	2	1	Shipping probably occurs comonly across the Coral Sea but unlikely to impact on species. =>Intensity minor; =>consequence minor; =>confidence low	E
Other anthropogenic activities	1	5	5	behaviour/movement	Pomacentridae assorted damsels	6.1	3	2	2	increasing tourism activity noted in reports which may increase biological, non-biological and physical disturbance factors, =>Intensity localised moderate; =>consequence minor but of concern if grows or remains uncoordinated; data from stakeholder reports is considered sound so =>confidence high.	E

L1.2 - Byproduct and Bycatch Component;NB. No Byproduct/bycatch component occurs in the CSF Hand collection sub-fisheries

### L1.3 - TEP Species Component;

Direct impact of fishing	Fishing Activity	Presence (1) Absence (0)	Spatial scale of Hazard (1-6)	Temporal scale of Hazard (1-6)	Sub-component	Unit of analysis	Operational objective (S2.1)	Intensity Score (1-6)	Consequence Score (1-6)	Confidence Score (1-2)	Rationale	Internal / External
Capture	Bait collection	1	4	0	interaction with fishery	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	7.2	1	1	2	bait collection occurs –mackerel collected for provisioning. Shearwaters may be tempted by baited lines while fishing for mackerel bait. =>Intensity negligible =>consequence neg. =>confidence logic	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	population size	Disteira kingii spectacled seasnake	1.1	1	1	1	divers may come into contact with seasnakes while diving but capture is unlikely; =>Intensity negligible =>consequence negligible; =>confidence low.	Ι
	Incidental behaviour	0									No activities that result in capture while off watch, just sleep.	Ι
Direct impact without capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	interaction with fishery	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	7.2	1	1	2	Fish for mackerel with a troll line, Shearwaters may be tempted by baited lines while fishing for mackerel bait. =>Intensity negligible =>consequence neg. =>confidence through logic	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	interaction with fishery	Disteira kingii spectacled seasnake	7.2	1	1	1	divers may come into contact with seasnakes while diving; =>Intensity negligible, unlikely to be detected; =>consequence negligible; =>confidence low	Ι
	Incidental behaviour	1	4	3	interaction with fishery	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	7.2	1	1	1	Periodically go ashore of a day time on an island, once per six months. Lights at night may have minimal impact on bird life. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible; =>confidence low	Ι
	Gear loss	0									does not occur	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	6.1	2	2	2	shearwaters may be disturbed by presence of boating; =>Intensity would be minor but localised activity =>consequence minor - scale of hours; =>confidence logic. Stakeholder agreement at Nov 2005 meeting. Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact (Stakeholder meeting April 2006)	Ι

	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Rhincodon typus, whale shark; Natator depressus flatback turtle	6.2	2	2	2	whale sharks and turtles may be disturbed by boating activity; =>intensity minor; =>consequence minor; =>confidence high	Ι
Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species	1	5	3	population size	Pipefish species	1.1	3	3	1	Translocation could occur incidentally via boat hulls/net/anchor fouling, involving introduced species or movement of species from shallow coastal into similarly shallow fishing areas. Only Cairns port used by aquarium operators. This may indirectly effected pipefish through subsequent changes to benthic commnities and removal of structures on which to attach for breeding and protection. =>Intensity known to be moderate at a broader scale, but would be severe due to localised nature of this fishery =>consequence moderate, but from other GBR examples shown to be particulary great for sedentary species or species associated with benthic structures, and greatest risk in shallower fishing areas which are by necessity those most used by hand collection => confidence low- there is no data and no observer program for the hand collection sector.; data exists for areas of GBR, but no other data to refute or confirm for this sub-fishery. Mitigation measure in place to eliminate risk of translocation – no fish caught by aquarium operators are ever returned to the water ( <i>CSF Workshop Nov 2005</i> ). Other mitigating measures include freshwater net sterilisation or drying all nets between trips.	I
	On board processing	0									does not occur	Ι
	Discarding catch	0									does not occur	Ι
	Stock enhancement	0									does not occur	Ι
	Provisioning	1	5	3	interaction with fishery	Disteira kingii spectacled seasnake	7.2	1	1	1	Berley cage used to attract fish for collection. Seasnakes may come to investigate. =>Intensity negligible =>consequence neg. =>confidence low	Ι
	Organic waste disposal	1	5	3	behaviour/movement	Rhincodon typus whale shark	6.1	1	1	1	whale sharks may be disturbed by boating activity; =>intensity minor; =>consequence negligible; =>conficence low	Ι
Addition of	Debris	0									Rubbish not thrown overboard. MARPOL guidelines apply.	Ι
non-biological material	Chemical pollution	1	5	3	population size	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	1.1	1	1	1	Seabirds sit on the surface of the water where chemical pollution would predominantly occur; also change of seabird diet may result through species loss thru pollution; =>intensity negligible, remote likeleyhood of detection, =>consequence negligible, =>confidence low	Ι
	Exhaust	1	5	3	population size	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	1.1	1	1	1	Seabirds sit on the surface of the water where chemical pollution would predominantly occur; also change of seabird diet may result through species loss thru pollution; =>intensity negligible, remote likeleyhood of detection, =>consequence negligible, =>confidence low	Ι
	Gear loss	0									does not occur	Ι

	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Rhincodon typus, whale shark; Natator depressus flatback turtle	6.2	2	1	2	whale sharks and turtles may be disturbed by boating activity; =>intensity minor =>consequence negligible; =>confidence high	Ι
	Activity/ presence on water	1	5	3	behaviour/movement	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	6.1	1	2	2	shearwaters may be disturbed by presence of boating; =>intensity negligible, would be a localised activity with minor =>consequence- scale of hours; =>confidence logic	Ι
Disturb physical processes	Bait collection	1	4	3	interaction with fishery	Calonectris leucomelas, shearwater	7.2	1	1	2	bait collection occurs – predominantly mackerel. Unlikely to effect physical processes and unlikely to effect TEPs; =>Intensity negligible, =>consequence negligible; =>Confidence high - consensus agreement; does not need data to assess	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Disteira kingii spectacled seasnake	6.1	1	1	1	divers may come into contact with seasnakes while diving; =>intensity negligible, unlikely to be detected; =>consequence negligible; =>confidence low	Ι
	Boat launching	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	6.1	2	1	1	Main vessels in fishery come from designated ports outside of the Coral Sea (Cairns). Within CSF, mother-ship on a mooring, tender launched from the mother ship. Seabirds disturbed by boating activities with increase through tenderboat launching also. =>Intensity minor =>consequence negligible =>confidence low - no data.	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	behaviour/movement	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	6.1	3	2	2	shearwaters may be disturbed by presence of boating; =>intensity would be localised activity =>consequence minor - scale of hours; =>confidence logic Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact (Stakeholder meeting April 2006)	Ι
	Navigation/steaming	1	5	4	behaviour/movement	Rhincodon typus	6.1	2	1	2	whale sharks may be disturbed by boating activity; =>intensity minor =>consequence negligible; =>confidence high	Ι
External Impacts (specify the particular example within each activity area)	Other fisheries	1	5	6	interaction with fishery	Disteira kingii spectacled seasnake	7.2	3	2	1	Fishery covers a reasonably small spatial area in which all other CSF sub-fisheries occur, using different targeting methods and gears, with only hand collection methods overlapping at these depths. Fishing occurs in 2 major reef areas within aquarium fishery; 7 other CSF sub-fisheries occurring over most of year targetting range of species; =>intensity moderate- effort low and sometimes decreasing in some fisheries; =>consequence minor - likely to detect localised interactions up to 5%; =>confidence low-no baseline data to refute or confirm	E
	Aquaculture	0									does not occur	Е
	Coastal development	0									does not occur	Е
	Other extractive activities	0										Е

Other non-extractive activities	1	5	5	population size	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	1.1	2	2	1	Shipping probably occurs comonly across the Coral Sea but unlikely to impact on species. =>Intensity minor; =>consequence minor; =>confidence low	Е
Other anthropogenic activities	1	5	5	behaviour/movement	Calonectris leucomelas streaked shearwater	6.1	3	2	2	shearwaters may be disturbed by presence of boating; =>intensity moderate but localised activity =>consequence minor - scale of hours; =>confidence logic	Е

### L1.4 - Habitat Component;

Direct impact of fishing	Fishing Activity	Presence (1) Absence (0)	<ul> <li>Spatial scale of Hazard (1-6)</li> </ul>		ti o d m o o q n S Habitat structure and Function	siss/period analysis in North Eastern	Operational objective (S2.1)	Intensity Score (1-6)	- Consequence Score (1-6)	- Confidence Score (1-2)	Rationale	Internal / External
Capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	2	1	1	Collection of mackerel for bait provisioning. =>Intensity minor .=>Consequence negligible, pelagic species collected, process unlikely to have effect on benthos =>confidence low: no date to refute or confirm	1
	Fishing	1	4	3	Habitat types	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	4.1	3	2	1	Targets reef fish/corals from coral reef habitats over 100-500nm, depths <30m. Fishing 40-100 days/year, year round, by scuba/hookah/free dive. Capture by scoop nets, hook/line, herding via nets- may damage habitat. Harvesting corals=habitat removal. Target spp. collected individually. Some target sp's show dependent site affinities (symbioses with specific coral sps eg. anemones (Amphriprion & Premnas spp.) Corals variably affected; habitat function may be reduced if algal overgrowth impairs normal coral polyp function, depends on spp removed. Other spp. small, contact with fragile coral structures likely with removal. =>Intensity moderate, effects localised. =>Consequence minor to moderate, depends on harvest frequency of same reef systems. Voluntary 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting 2006). Productivity in CSF tropical waters assumed high, areal extent of types is an issue, monitoring required. =>Confidence low; documented effect but unknown extent in CSF. Operators indicated mainly rubble areas and reef fronts fished to avoid net-damage ie not coral areas.	Ι
	Incidental behaviour	0										Ι
Direct impact without capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	2	1	1	Fish for mackerel with a troll line likely to have minimal interaction with pelagos. =>Intensity minor. =>Consequence negligible. =>Confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι

Fishing	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	5.1	3	2	1	Direct impact without capture is possible if nets, hands or gear contact the coral forms during removal of target species. Damage and breakage of fragile branches may be unavoidable in some circumstances if species shelter within corals. =>Intensity: moderate, relatively localised. =>Consequence minor to moderate, may be locally intense if same reef systems are harvested too frequently. Productivity in tropical waters of the CSF is assumed to be high suggesting coral regeneration times rapid, but will depend on species and location on reef, and sensitivity to disturbance. =>Confidence low, documented effect, unknown extent in this area. Operators indicated mainly rubble areas and reef fronts fished to avoid net-damage ie not coral areas, and 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006).	I
Incidental behaviour	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	5.1	1	1	1	Periodically go ashore of a day time on an island, once per six months. Fringing reef habitats may be physically damaged by both tender boats and people during landing and leaving. =>Intensity negligible therefore =>Consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	I
Gear loss	0										Ι
Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	coarse sediments, wave rippled, large hard and soft corals, inner shelf	5.1	3	3	1	Tender boats and mother boat anchor to fish (unlike the Lobster/Trochus and Seacucumber sub-fishery where only the mother boat anchors). Direct impact to coral structure will occur with use of anchors. In frequently used anchoring locations coral death is possible, and an observed effect of activity. =>Intensity moderate, relatively localised. =>Consequence minor if fishers spread effort, may be locally intense if same reef systems are harvested too frequently. =>Confidence low, documented effect, unknown extent in this area. Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact. Operators indicated mainly rubble areas and reef fronts fished to avoid net-damage ie not coral areas, and 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006).	Ι
Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	3	1	2	Navigation/ steaming occurs daily during fishing trips, however is scored against a higher spatial scale than actual fishing activity given travelling time to offshore reefs. The pelagic water quality may change with increased turbulence and changes in water mixing that could occur from movement of vessels through water. =>Intensity moderate. =>Consequence negligible due to remote likelihood of detection at any spatial or temporal scale, and interactions that may be occurring are not detectable against natural variation. =>Confidence scored high because of logical constraints.	Ι

Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species	1	5	3	Habitat structure and Function	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	5.1	3	4	1	Could occur incidentally via boat hulls, involving introduced species or movement of species from coastal into the CSF area. Only Cairns port used. Mitigation policy in place to eliminate risk of translocation – no fish caught by aquarium operators are ever returned to the water ( <i>CSF Workshop Nov 2005</i> ). =>Intensity known to be moderate at a broader scale and would be severe due to localised nature of this fishery =>consequence from other GBR examples shown to be particulary great for sedentary species, in turn effecting habitat structure =>confidence low; data exists for areas of GBR but no other data to refute or confirm for this sub-fishery. Other mitigating measures include freshwater net sterilisation or drying all nets between trips.	Ι
	On board processing	0										Ι
	Discarding catch	0										Ι
	Stock enhancement	0										Ι
	Provisioning	1	5	3	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	3	1	1	Berley cage used to attract fish. May impact pelagic habitat during presence. =>Intensity moderate although =>consequence negligible. =>Confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Organic waste disposal	1	5	3	Water quality	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	1.1	1	2	2	Organic waste disposal possible on a daily basis over the entire scale of fishing effort. Water quality of pelagic habitats is considered to experience greatest impact of organic waste disposal. Overall volume of waste likely to be too small to reach benthos, or accumulate even if it does. =>Intensity negligible. =>Consequence minor, addition of high nutrient material is realistically expected to cause short term peaks in productivity or scavenging species interactions, with minimal detectibility within minutes to hours. =>Confidence high logical constraints.	Ι
Addition of	Debris	0										Ι
non- biological material	Chemical pollution	1	5	3	Water quality	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	1.1	2	2	1	Chemical losses considered to happen infrequently. Boats not likely to be scrubbed or antifouled out at sea. =>Intensit minor, considered an uncommon event. =>Consequence minor for pelagic habitats unless major spill, small losses likely to be dispersed rapidly in winds. =>Confidence low, there is a lack of verified data on rates and types of chemical pollution.	Ι
	Exhaust	1	5	3	Air quality	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	2.1	1	1	1	Emmisions are created during vessel operations within sub-fishery, likely to impact bird species attracted, temporarily altering air quality while they remain in contact with the exhaust. Amounts of exhaust fumes released will vary between vessels. =>Intensity and Consequence overall likely to be negligible and losses rapidly dispersed in breezes. =>Confidence low, little data.	Ι
	Gear loss	0										1

	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	3	1	2	Navigation/ steaming occurs daily during fishing trips, however is scored against a higher spatial scale than actual fishing activity given travelling time to offshore reefs. Addition of non-biological material will occur during the normal course of steaming throughout the fishing operations. Changes to the pelagic air and water quality, and habitat function of the pelagic habitat are likely to be undetectable over these scales due to rapid dispersal of presence in air and water. =>Intensity moderate. =>Consequence negligible due to remote likelihood of detection at any spatial or temporal scale, and interactions that may be occurring are not detectable against natural variation. =>Confidence scored high because of logical constraints.	Ι
	Activity/ presence on water	1	5	3	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	3	1	2	Activity/presence on water occurs over the entire spatial scale of the fishery, daily during fishing trips, and may disrupt normal habitat function as species alter behavior accordingly. =>Intensity moderate. =>Consequence negligible, remote likelihood of impact at any spatial or temporal scale. =>Confidence high, considered to occur only for length of time disturbance is present.	Ι
Disturb physical processes	Bait collection	1	4	3	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	2	1	1	Fish for mackerel with a troll line likely to have minimal interaction with pelagos. =>Intensity minor. =>Consequence negligible. =>Confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	Substrate quality	fine sediments, unrippled, mixed faunal community, inner shelf depths	3.1	2	1	1	Fishing activity concentrates along the outer reef systems of the Eastern continental shelf. Hand collection is unlikely to disturb sediment processes. =>Intensity minor -occurs in few restricted locations. =>Consequence negligible for sediments. =>Confidence low, need data to determine liklihood of consequence.	Ι
	Boat launching	1	4	3	Substrate quality	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	3.1	1	1	2	Main vessels in fishery come from designated ports outside of the Coral Sea (Cairns). Within CSF, mother-ship on a mooring, tender launched from the mother ship, impact on fauna likely to be negligible. =>Intensity and consequence negligible. =>Confidence logic	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	Substrate quality	coarse sediments, wave rippled, large hard and soft corals, inner shelf	3.1	3	2	1	Use of anchors may cause direct impact to coral structure altering coral function and ecological processes within reef body. In frequently used anchoring locations coral death is possible, and an observed effect of activity. =>Intensity minor, processes assumed to continue over rest of reef . =>Consequence minor if fishers spread effort, may be locally intense if same reef systems are harvested too frequently. =>Confidence low, documented effect, unknown extent in this area. Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating	Ι

											measure to reduce potential anchoring impact (Stakeholder meeting April 2006)	
	Navigation/steaming	1	5	4	Water quality	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	1.1	3	1	2	Navigation/ steaming may occur daily during fishing season. Disturbance of physical processes will occur during the normal course of steaming throughout the fishing zone. Turbulence and disturbance of pelagic water quality is unlikely to affect normal water column processes for long. Any disruption to these processes can therefore be expected to alter habitat function only briefly for macroscopic fauna. =>Intensity and Consequence negligible due to remote likelihood of detection at any spatial or temporal scale, and interactions that may be occurring are not detectable against natural variation. =>Confidence scored high because of logical constraints.	Ι
External Impacts (specify the particular example within each activity area)	Other fisheries	1	5	6	Habitat structure and Function	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	5.1	3	2	1	Effort overlap is only considered for hand collection sectors, and of those only lobster and trochus harvest from reefs directly. Fishing activity occurs over the same reef systems within a limited spatial range, over which there can be daily fishing activity during total few months a year. =>Intensity moderate, the impact was considered to be potentially severe at local scales. =>Consequence minor, it is considered that hand collection of lobster and trochus will add little cumulative effect as impact on benthos minor. =>Confidence low -insufficient knowledge of impact of hand collection methods.	Е
	Aquaculture	0										Е
	Coastal development	0										Е
	Other extractive activities	0										Е
	Other non-extractive activities	1	5	5	Habitat structure and Function	North Eastern Pelagic Province - Plateau	5.1	2	2	2	Shipping occurs within the CSF, with many ~10 ports inshore of this fishery. Shipping follows specific routes around this reef system, and does not occur over it. =>Intensity and Consequence minor if without incident. =>Confidence high due to logic. Shipping avoids reef systems	E
	Other anthropogenic activities	1	5	5	Habitat structure and Function	Rock/ biogenic matrix, low outcrop, mixed faunal community, inner shelf	5.1	3	3	2	Tourism and charter activities occur in this fishery area ~ 300 days per year, therefore spatial scale increased to accommodate trips into and out of distant ports. Must include recreational dive/ research as well as fishing activity. =>Intensity moderate over the scale of the fishery. Increasing tourism activity noted in reports. =>Consequence possibly moderate given the localised intensity in the same locations used by commercial fishers. =>Data is considered sound so confidence high.	Е

#### L1.5 - Community Component

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Direct impact of fishing	Fishing Activity	Presence (1) Absence (0)	Spatial scale of Hazard (1-6)	Temporal scale of Hazard (1-6)	Sub-component	Unit of analysis	Operational objective (S2.1)	Intensity Score (1-6)	Consequence Score (1-6)	Confidence Score (1-2)	Rationale	Internal / External
Capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Oceanic (1) 0- 600m	1.1	2	1	1	bait collection occurs –operators noted mackerel collected for provisioning (Stakeholder Meeting Nov 2005)-(assumed to be in oceanic areas rather than over seamounts). Intensity minor =>consequence negligible =>confidence low -no date to refute or confirm	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110; North Eastern Seamount 0-110	1.1	2	2	1	reef communities chosen where effort is assumed to occur; =>intensity minor - occurs in restricted locations and likely to be decreasing with declining demand; =>Consequnece minor - changes to species composition unlikely to be detectable; =>confidence low - no data. Voluntary 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006)	Ι
	Incidental behaviour										no information	Ι
Direct impact without capture	Bait collection	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Oceanic (1) 0- 600m	6.1	2	1	1	operators noted mackerel collected with a troll line to use for provisioning (Stakeholder Meeting Nov 2005). intensity minor =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110; North Eastern Seamount 0-110	1.1	2	2	1	reef communities chosen where effort occurs; =>intensity minor - habitat disturbance by divers may occur and impact benthic species & possible mortality of species that escape the nets; =>Consequnece minor - changes to species composition unlikely to be detectable; =>confidence: low - no data. Voluntary 3yr reef-rotation MoU to be implemented (Stakeholder Meeting April 2006)	Ι
	Incidental behaviour	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110	1.1	1	1	1	Periodically go ashore of a day time on an island, once per six months. Lights at night may have minimal impact on bird life. Hermit crabs may be physically damaged by both tender boats and people. =>Intensity low =>consequence negligible => confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Gear loss	0									Assumed no gear lost	Ι

	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110	1.1	2	2	1	habitat disturbance may result in change in species composition; =>Intensity: minor - in restricted locations; =>consequence: minor- changes unlikely to be detectable; =>confidence; low- no data Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact (Stakeholder meeting April 2006)	I
	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0-600; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0-600	1.1	1	1	1	pelagic communities above reefs chosen where effort occurs. Navigation/steaming to port as well as on fishing grounds where pelagic species may encounter vessels causing mortality; =>intensity negligible -unlikely to have any measurable effect on community =>consequence negligible =>confidence high (logic)	Ι
Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species	1	5	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110	1.1	2	3	1	Translocation could affect species composition of the reef community via hull/net/anchor fouling =>intensity minor -activity only in restricted areas =>consequence moderate- effect is likely to be localised but severe and no catastrophic effects have been observed =>confidence low- there is no data for the CSF, but evidence of translocation impacts (crown of thorns) in adjacent GBR areas. Other mitigating measures include freshwater net sterilisation or drying all nets between trips.	Ι
	On board processing	0										Ι
	Discarding catch	0										Ι
	Stock enhancement	0										Ι
	Provisioning	1	5	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau 0-110	3.1	3	1	1	Berley cage used to attract fish. Blue tangs are single most caught species. =>Intensity moderate =>consequence negligible =>confidence low, no data to refute or confirm	Ι
	Organic waste disposal	1	5	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0- 600m	3.1	1	1	1	pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located and higher predators may be attracted to food scraps temporarily changing abundance and distribution locally =>intensity negligible; food scraps probably discarded - boats operating under MARPOL regulations =>consequence: negligible - unlikely to detect any changes =>confidence low	Ι
Addition of	Debris	0									Rubbish not thrown overboard. MARPOL guidelines apply.	Ι
non-biological material	Chemical pollution	1	5	3	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0-600; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0-600	1.1	1	1	1	pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located Chemical pollution could cause local mortality affecting species composition=>intensity: negligible - most boats operating under MARPOL regulations however could cause local mortality if occurred =>consequence: negligible - unlikely to detect any changes => onfidence low	Ι
	Exhaust	1	5	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0-600; North Eastern Seamount	3.1	1	1	1	pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located interaction with pelagic species most likely to occur. Exhaust unlikely to affect marine pelagic communities but may repel birds temporarily changing distribution =>intensity minor - effort low and	I

						Oceanic (1) 0-600					decreasing; exhaust unlikely to affect marine pelagic communities =>consequence negligible - unlikely to detect any changes =>confidence low	
	Gear loss	0										Ι
	Navigation/ steaming	1	5	4	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0-600; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0-600	3.1	2	2	1	pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located & interaction with pelagic species most likely to occur. Navigation and steaming of vessels will introduce noise (engine noise and echo-sounders) and visual stimuli into the environment thus changing distibution of community members =>intensity minor -effort low and decreasing =>consequence minor unlikely to detect any changes =>confidence low	Ι
	Activity/ presence on water	1	5	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0-600; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0-600	3.1	2	2	1	pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located & interaction with pelagic species most likely to occur. Activity/presences will introduce noise and visual stimuli into the environment thus changing distribution of community members =>intensity minor -effort low and decreasing. =>consequence minor unlikely to detect any changes =>confidence low	Ι
Disturb physical processes	Bait collection	1	4	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Oceanic (1) 0- 600m	3.1	1	1	2	bait collection occurs – predominantly mackerel. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
	Fishing	1	4	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau 0-110	3.1	2	2	1	reef community chosen where most effort is located =>intensity minor -effort low and decreasing, divers may disturb habitat while fishing =>consequence minor -unlikely to detect any changes but benthic species distribution may be disturbed =>confidence low	Ι
	Boat launching	1	4	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0- 600m; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0- 600m	3.1	1	1	2	Main vessels in fishery come from designated ports outside of the Coral Sea (Cairns). Within CSF, mother-ship on a mooring, tender launched from the mother ship, impact on fauna likely to be negligible. =>intensity negligible =>consequence negligible =>confidence logic	Ι
	Anchoring/ mooring	1	4	3	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau 0-110m	3.1	1	1	1	reef community chosen where most effort is located =>intensity negligble effort low and decreasing. Anchoring/mooring may affect the physical processes in the area where anchors and anchor chains contact the seafloor.=>Consequence negligible unlikely to detect any changes =>confidence low Operators are considering placing permanent moorings at the most heavily used anchoring locations for use by all sectors of the CSF association as a mitigating measure to reduce potential anchoring impact (Stakeholder meeting April 2006)	Ι
	Navigation/steaming	1	5	4	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Plateau (1) 0- 600m; North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1) 0- 600m	3.1	2	1	1	boats steam to & from port => pelagic community over reef chosen where most effort is located & interaction with pelagic species most likely to occur =>Intensity minor- effort low, navigation and steaming of vessels will change flow characteristics of water but unlikely to affect species =>Consequence negligible - unlikely to detect any changes =>Confidence low	Ι

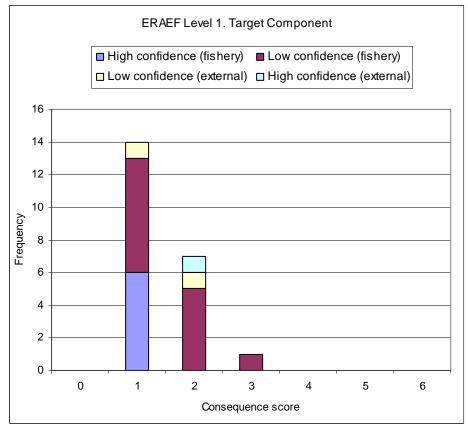
External Impacts (specify the particular example within each activity	Other fisheries	1	5	6	Species composition	North Eastern Plateau 0-110m	1.1	3	3	2	Fishing occuring in 2 major reef areas within fishery=>7 other sub- fisheries occurring over most of year targetting range of species in community =>intensity moderate- effort low and sometimes decreasing in some fisheries -none catching sea cucumbers in reef communities =>consequence moderate - likely to detect changes in species composition up to 10% =>confidence high -logbook data	E
area)	Aquaculture	0										Е
	Coastal development	0										Е
	Other extractive activities	0										Е
	Other non-extractive activities	1	5	5	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1)	3.1	2	2	1	Shipping occurs commonly across the Coral Sea and impact on distribution of community by introducing noise, visual stimuli into the pelagic community temporarily repelling species. =>Intensity minor =>consequence minor =>confidence low -no data or information	E
	Other anthropogenic activities	1	5	5	Distribution of the community	North Eastern Seamount Oceanic (1); North Eastern Plateau 0-110; North Eastern Oceanic (1) 0- 600m.	3.1	3	2	1	Recreational diving/tourism occurs in area presumably near/on the reef or seamount communities (CSF Stakeholders Meeting 2005). Activities may affect distribution of community unless significant take of fish by divers will impact species abundances and possibly community composition. =>Intensity moderate =>consequence minor =>confidence low	E

#### 2.3.11 Summary of SICA results

The report provides a summary table (Level 1 (SICA) Document L1.6) of consequence scores for all activity/component combinations and a table showing those that scored 3 or above for consequence (shaded), and differentiating those that did so with high confidence (in bold).

Level 1 (SICA) Document L1.6. Summary table of consequence scores for all activity/component combinations.

Direct impact	Activity	Target species	Byproduct and bycatch species	TEP species	Habitats	Communities
Capture	Bait collection	1		1	1	1
	Fishing	2		1	2	2
	Incidental behaviour					
Direct impact without capture	Bait collection	1		1	1	1
	Fishing	1		1	2	2
	Incidental behaviour	1		1	1	1
	Gear loss					
	Anchoring/ mooring	2		2	3	2
	Navigation/ steaming	1		2	1	1
Addition/ movement of biological material	Translocation of species	3		3	4	3
	On board processing					
	Discarding catch					
	Stock enhancement					
	Provisioning	1		1	1	1
	Organic waste disposal	1		1	2	1
Addition of non-biological material	Debris					
	Chemical pollution	2		1	2	1
	Exhaust	2		1	1	1
	Gear loss					
	Navigation/ steaming	1		1	1	2
	Activity/ presence on water	1		2	1	2
Disturb physical processes	Bait collection	1		1	1	1
	Fishing	1		1	1	2
	Boat launching	1		1	1	1
	Anchoring/ mooring	2		2	2	1
	Navigation/steaming	1		1	1	1
Note: external h	azards are not considered at Lev	el 2 in the PSA an	nalysis		•	
External hazards	Other fisheries	1		2	2	3
	Aquaculture					1
	Coastal development					1
	Other extractive activities					
	Other non extractive activities	2		2	2	2
	Other anthropogenic activities	2		2	3	2

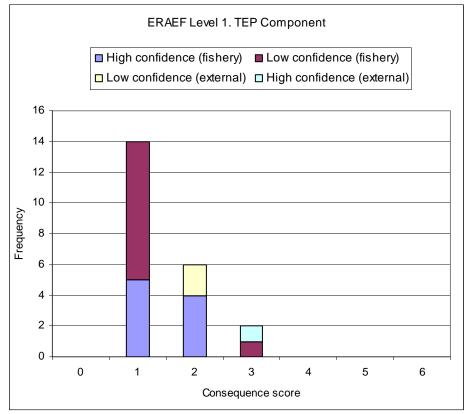


Target species: Frequency of consequence score differentiated between high and low confidence.

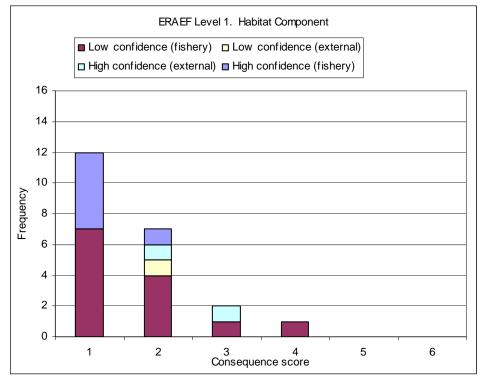
Byproduct and bycatch species:

**NB.** There is no associated Byproduct or bycatch in the CSF Aquarium sub-fishery.

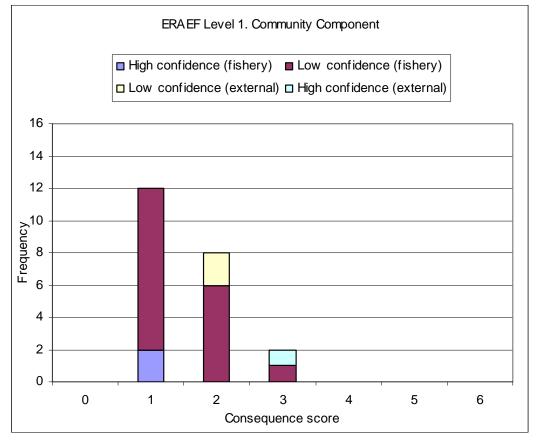
TEP species: Frequency of consequence score differentiated between high and low confidence (SICA excel workbook)



Habitats: Frequency of consequence score differentiated between high and low confidence



Communities: Frequency of consequence score differentiated between high and low confidence (SICA excel workbook)



#### 2.3.12 Evaluation/discussion of Level 1

All four components assessed in the level 1 analysis contained consequence scores of three or above. The hazards involved are:

- Addition of biological material: Translocation of species (all components);
- Direct impact without capture: Anchoring/mooring (Habitat component);
- External hazards: Other fisheries (Communities);
- External hazards: Other anthropogenic activities (Habitats)

Translocation of species is particularly relevant in the Hand collection sector, as the fishing vessels move between relatively shallow ports and similarly shallow offshore fishing areas (diving depths). Mitigating measures have been employed by the Aquarium operators to reduce the hazard eg. no captured fish to be released, and collection nets to be air dried/freshwater washed between fishing trips. The lack of baseline data, at a species, habitat or community level, and the absence of an observer program to monitor the Hand collection sector, have resulted in low confidence levels in the assessment of this risk.

A recent BRS final report (Summerson and Curran 2005) has also noted the high risk associated with hand collection methods through entrainment of organisms and entanglement of vegetation, and recommends close inspection of all nets, diving gear, anchor chains and anchors, to reduce translocation of motile organisms, particularly small crustacean, seastars and plant fragments. The use of the observer program has also been strongly suggested to provide empirical data on which to assess this risk.

The risk of habitat damage attributed to anchoring and mooring is intensified due to the use and practises of anchoring both mother boat and tender vessels in the aquarium subfishery. Due to the localised nature of this activity, i.e. fishing rubble outcrops and reef edges within diving depths, the consequence of repeated anchoring at selected sites poses a hazard to habitat structure. A proposal has recently been initiated by the CSF operators for placement of permanent moorings at the high-use locations and principal night-anchoring sites. It is proposed that these moorings will be available for use by all stakeholders and tourism operators within the CSF, and will provide one method of reducing both internal and external habitat disturbance risks.

## 2.3.13 Components to be examined at Level 2

**Level 2 analysis has not been conducted for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery**. Level 1 assessment for the sub-fishery has been completed as required for the ERAEF Stage 2 process. As such, further documentation in this report is included only as a means of understanding the ERAEF process in full.

Generally, as a result of the preliminary SICA analysis, the components to be examined at Level 2 are those with any consequence scores of 3 or above.

## 2.4 Level 2 Productivity and Susceptibility Analysis (PSA)

#### NB. No PSA has been conducted for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery.

When the risk of an activity at Level 1 (SICA) on a component is moderate or higher and no planned management interventions that would remove this risk are identified, an assessment is generally required at Level 2. The PSA approach is a method of assessment which allows all units within any of the ecological components to be effectively and comprehensively screened for risk. The units of analysis are the complete set of species habitats or communities identified at the scoping stage. The PSA results in sections 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 of this report measure risk from direct impacts of fishing only, which in all assessments to date has been the hazard with the greatest risks identified at Level 1. Future iterations of the methodology will include PSAs modified to measure the risk due to other activities, such as gear loss.

The PSA approach is based on the assumption that the risk to an ecological component will depend on two characteristics of the component units: (1) the extent of the impact due to the fishing activity, which will be determined by the susceptibility of the unit to the fishing activities (Susceptibility) and (2) the productivity of the unit (Productivity), which will determine the rate at which the unit can recover after potential depletion or damage by the fishing. It is important to note that the PSA analysis essentially measures potential for risk, hereafter noted as 'risk'. A measure of absolute risk requires some direct measure of abundance or mortality rate for the unit in question, and this information is generally lacking at Level 2.

The PSA approach examines attributes of each unit that contribute to or reflect its productivity or susceptibility to provide a relative measure of risk to the unit. The following section describes how this approach is applied to the different components in the analysis. Full details of the methods are described in Hobday *et al.* (2007).

#### Species

The following Table outlines the seven attributes that are averaged to measure productivity, and the four aspects that are multiplied to measure susceptibility for all the species components.

	Attribute
Productivity	Average age at maturity
	Average size at maturity
	Average maximum age
	Average maximum size
	Fecundity
	Reproductive strategy
	Trophic level
Susceptibility	Availability considers overlap of fishing effort with a species distribution

Encounterability considers the likelihood that a species will encounter fishing gear that is deployed within the geographic range of that species (based on two attributes: adult habitat and bathymetry) Selectivity considers the potential of the gear to capture or retain species
Post capture mortality considers the condition and subsequent survival of a species that is captured and released (or discarded)

The productivity attributes for each species are based on data from the literature or from data sources such as FishBase. The four aspects of susceptibility are calculated in the following way:

**Availability** considers overlap of effort with species distribution. For species without distribution maps, availability is scored based on broad geographic distribution (global, southern hemisphere, Australian endemic). Where more detailed distribution maps are available (e.g. from BIOREG data or DEH protected species maps), availability is scored as the overlap between fishing effort and the portion of the species range that lies within the broader geographical spread of the fishery. Overrides can occur where direct data from independent observer programs are available.

**Encounterability** is the likelihood that a species will encounter fishing gear deployed within its range. Encounterability is scored using habitat information from FishBase, modified by bathymetric information. Higher risk corresponds to the gear being deployed at the core depth range of the species. Overrides are based on mitigation measures and fishery independent observer data.

For species that do encounter gear, **selectivity** is a measure of the likelihood that the species will be caught by the gear. Factors affecting selectivity will be gear and species dependent, but body size in relation to gear size is an important attribute for this aspect. Overrides can be based on body shape, swimming speed and independent observer data.

For species that are caught by the gear, **post capture mortality** measures the survival probability of the species. Obviously, for species that are retained, survival will be zero. Species that are discarded may or may not survive. This aspect is mainly scored using independent filed observations or expert knowledge.

Overall susceptibility scores for species are a product of the four aspects outlined above. This means that susceptibility scores will be substantially reduced if any one of the four aspects is considered to be low risk. However the default assumption in the absence of verifiable supporting data is that all aspects are high risk.

## <u>Habitats</u>

Similar to species, PSA methods for habitats are based around a set of attributes that measure productivity and susceptibility. Productivity attributes include speed of regeneration of fauna, and likelihood of natural disturbance. The susceptibility attributes for habitats are described in the following Table.

Aspect	Attribute	Concept	Rationale
Susceptibility			
Availability	General depth range (Biome)	Spatial overlap of subfishery with habitat defined at biomic scale	Habitat occurs within the management area
Encounterability	Depth zone and feature type	Habitat encountered at the depth and location at which fishing activity occurs	Fishing takes place where habitat occurs
	Ruggedness (fractal dimension of substratum and seabed slope)	Relief, rugosity, hardness and seabed slope influence accessibility to different sub-fisheries	Rugged substratum is less accessible to mobile gears. Steeply sloping seabed is less accessible to mobile gears
	Level of disturbance	Gear footprint and intensity of encounters	Degree of impact is determined by the frequency and intensity of encounters (inc. size, weight and mobility of individual gears)
Selectivity	Removability/ mortality of fauna/ flora	Removal/ mortality of structure forming epifauna/ flora (inc. bioturbating infauna)	Erect, large, rugose, inflexible, delicate epifauna and flora, and large or delicate and shallow burrowing infauna (at depths impacted by mobile gears) are preferentially removed or damaged.
	Areal extent	How much of each habitat is present	Effective degree of impact greater in rarer habitats: rarer habitats may maintain rarer species.
	Removability of substratum	Certain size classes can be removed	Intermediate sized clasts (~6 cm to 3 m) that form attachment sites for sessile fauna can be permanently removed
	Substratum hardness	Composition of substrata	Harder substratum is intrinsically more resistant
	Seabed slope	Mobility of substrata once dislodged; generally higher levels of structural fauna	Gravity or latent energy transfer assists movement of habitat structures, eg turbidity flows, larger clasts. Greater density of filter feeding animals found where currents move up and down slopes.
Productivity			
Productivity	Regeneration of fauna	Accumulation/ recovery of fauna	Fauna have different intrinsic growth and reproductive rates which are also variable in different conditions of temperature, nutrients, productivity.
	Natural disturbance	Level of natural disturbance affects intrinsic ability to recover	Frequently disturbed communities adapted to recover from disturbance

#### **Communities**

PSA methods for communities are still under development. Consequently, it has not yet been possible to undertake level 2 risk analyses for communities.

During the Level 2 assessment, each unit of analysis within each ecological component (species or habitat) is scored for risk based on attributes for productivity and susceptibility, and the results are plotted as shown in Figure 13.

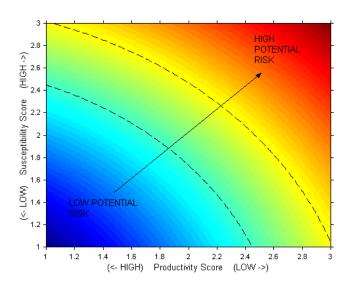


Figure 13. The axes on which risk to the ecological units is plotted. The *x*-axis includes attributes that influence the productivity of a unit, or its ability to recover after impact from fishing. The *y*-axis includes attributes that influence the susceptibility of the unit to impacts from fishing. The combination of susceptibility and productivity determines the relative risk to a unit, i.e. units with high susceptibility and low productivity are at highest risk, while units with low susceptibility and high productivity are at lowest risk. The contour lines divide regions of equal risk and group units of similar risk levels.

There are seven steps for the PSA undertaken for each component brought forward from Level 1 analysis.

- Step 1 Identify the units excluded from analysis and document the reason for exclusion
- Step 2 Score units for productivity
- Step 3 Score units for susceptibility
- Step 4 Plot individual units of analysis onto a PSA Plot
- Step 5 Ranking of overall risk to each unit
- Step 6 Evaluation of the PSA analysis
- Step 7 Decision rules to move from Level 2 to Level 3

#### 2.4.1 Units excluded from analysis and document reasons for exclusion (Step 1)

Species lists for PSA analysis are derived from recent observer data where possible or, for fisheries with no observer programs, from logbook and scientific data. In some logbook data, there may only be family level identifications. Where possible these are resolved to species level by cross-checking with alternative data sources and discussion with experts. In cases where this is not possible (mainly invertebrates) the analysis may be based on family average data.

 ERA
 Taxa Name
 Scientific Name
 CAAB
 Family Name
 Common Name
 Role In Fishery
 Source
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 Species
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#### 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 Level 2 PSA (Steps 2 and 3)

#### Summary of Species PSA results

The results in the Tables below provide details of the PSA assessments for each species, separated by role in the fishery, and by taxa where appropriate. These assessments are limited to direct impacts from fishing, and the operational objective is to avoid over-exploitation due to fishing, either as over-fishing or becoming over-fished. The risk scores and categories (high, medium or low) reflect potential rather than actual risk using the Level 2 (PSA) method. For species assessed at Level 2, no account is taken of the level of catch, the size of the population, or the likely exploitation rate. To assess actual risk for any species requires a Level 3 assessment which does account for these factors. However, recent fishing effort distributions are considered when calculating the availability attribute for the Level 2 analysis, whereas the entire jurisdictional range of the fishery is considered at Level 1.

The PSA analyses do not fully take account of management actions already in place in the fishery that may mitigate for high risk species. Some management actions or strategies, however, can be accounted for in the analysis where they exist. These include spatial management that limits the range of the fishery (affecting availability), gear limits that affect the size of animals that are captured (selectivity), and handling practices that may affect the survival of species after capture (post capture mortality). Management strategies that are not reflected in the PSA scores include limits to fishing effort, use of catch limits (such as TACs), and some other controls such as seasonal closures.

It should be noted that the PSA method is likely to generate more false positives for high risk (species assessed to be high risk when they are actually low risk) than false negatives (species assessed to be low risk when they are actually high risk). This is due to the precautionary approach to uncertainty adopted in the PSA method, whereby attributes are set at high risk levels in the absence of information. It also arises from the nature of the PSA method assessing potential rather than actual risk, as discussed above. Thus some species will be assessed at high risk because they have low productivity and are exposed to the fishery, even though they are rarely if ever caught and are relatively abundant.

In the PSA Tables below, the "Comments" column is used to provide information on one or more of the following aspects of the analysis for each species: use of overrides to alter susceptibility scores (for example based on use of observer data, or taking account of specific management measures or mitigation); data or information sources or limitations; and information that supports the overall scores. The use of over-rides is explained more fully in Hobday et al (2007).

The PSA Tables also report on "missing information" (the number of attributes with missing data that therefore score at the highest risk level by default). There are seven attributes used to score productivity and four aspects (availability, encounterability, selectivity and post capture mortality) used to score susceptibility (though encounterability is the average of two attributes). An attribute or aspect is scored as submissing if there are no data available to score it, and it has defaulted to high risk for this

reason. For some species, attributes may be scored on information from related species or other supplementary information, and even though this information is indirect and less reliable than if species specific information was available, this is not scored as a missing attribute.

There are differences between analyses for TEP species and the other species components. In particular, target, by-product and by-catch species are included on the basis that they are known to be caught by the fishery (in some cases only very rarely). However TEP species are included in the analysis on the basis that they occur in the area of the fishery, whether or not there has ever been an interaction with the fishery recorded. For this reason there may be a higher proportion of false positives for high vulnerability for TEP species, unless there is a robust observer program that can verify that species do not interact with the gear.

Observer data and observer expert knowledge are important sources of information in the PSA analyses, particularly for the bycatch and TEP components. There is no observer program currently in place for this sub-fishery.

A summary of the species considered at Level 2 is presented below, sorted by component, by taxa within components, and then by the overall risk score [high (>3.18), medium (2.64-3.18), low<2.64)]

ERA specie s ID	Scientific name	Common name	average logbook catch (kg) 2001-04	Missing > 3 attributes (Y/N)	Number of missing productivity attributes (out of 7)	Number of missing susceptibility attributes (out of 4)	Productivity (additive) 1- low , 3 - high	Susceptibility (multiplicative) 1- low , 3 - high	Overall risk score 1.41- low , 4.24 - high	Override used?	PSA risk category	Comments
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#### Summary of Habitat PSA results

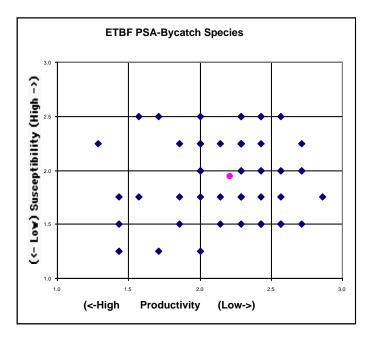
A summary of the habitats considered at Level 2 is presented below, and is sorted by the overall risk score (high, medium, low), by subbiome, and by SGF score (Habitat type).

Record	ERA	Sub-		Habitat	SGF	n missing	Productivity score	Susceptability score	Overall Risk	Overall Risk Ranking (2D	Risk ranking	Rational
#	habitat #	biome	Feature	Name	Score	attributes	(Average)	(Multiplicative)	Score (P&Sm)	multiplicative)	over-ride	е

### 2.4.4 PSA Plot for individual units of analysis (Step 4)

The average Productivity and Susceptibility scores for each unit of analysis (e.g. for each species) are then used to place the individual units of analysis on 2D plots (as below). The relative position of the units on the plot will determine relative risk at the unit level as per PSA plot below. The overall risk value for a unit is the Euclidean distance from the origin of the graph. Units that fall in the upper third of the PSA plots are deemed to be at high risk. Units with a PSA score in the middle are at medium risk, while units in the lower third are at low risk with regard to the Productivity and Susceptibility attributes. The divisions between these risk categories are based on dividing the area of the PSA plots into equal thirds. If all Productivity and Susceptibility scores (scale 1-3) are assumed to be equally likely, then  $1/3^{rd}$  of the Euclidean overall risk values will be greater than 3.18 (high risk),  $1/3^{rd}$  will be between 3.18 and 2.64 (medium risk), and  $1/3^{rd}$  will be lower than 2.64 (low risk).

Results of the PSA plot from PSA workbook ranking worksheet, would follow the format of the example below:



PSA plot for target species PSA plot for byproduct species PSA plot for discards/bycatch species PSA plot for TEP species PSA plot for habitats PSA plot for communities

The overall risk value for each unit is the Euclidean distance from the origin to the location of the species on the PSA plot. The units are then divided into three risk categories, high, medium and low, according to the risk values (**Figure 17**). The cutoffs for each category are thirds of the total distribution of all possible risk values (**Figure 17**).

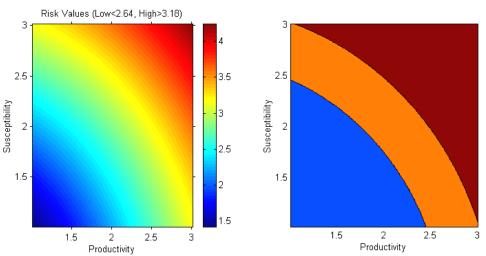


Figure 17. Overall risk values in the PSA plot. Left panel. Colour map of the distribution of the euclidean overall risk values. Right panel. The PSA plot contoured to show the low risk (blue), medium risk (orange) and high risk (red) values.

The PSA output allows identification and prioritisation (via ranking the overall risk scores) of the units (e.g. species, habitat types, communities) at greatest risk to fishing activities. This prioritisation means units with the lowest inherent productivity or highest susceptibility, which can only sustain the lowest level of impact, can be examined in detail. The overall risk to an individual unit will depend on the level of impact as well its productivity and susceptibility.

#### 2.4.5 Uncertainty analysis ranking of overall risk (Step 5)

The final PSA result for a species is obtained by ranking overall risk value resulting from scoring the Productivity and Susceptibility attributes. Uncertainty in the PSA results can arise when there is imprecise, incorrect or missing data, where an average for a higher taxonomic unit was used (e.g. average genera value for species units), or because an inappropriate attribute was included. The number of missing attributes, and hence conservative scores, is tallied for each unit of analysis. Units with missing scores will have a more conservative overall risk value than those species with fewer missing attributes, as the highest score for the attribute is used in the absence of data. Gathering the information to allow the attribute to be scored may reduce the overall risk value. Identification of high-risk units with missing attribute information should translate into prioritisation of additional research (an alternative strategy).

A second measure of uncertainty is due to the selection of the attributes. The influence of particular attributes on the final result for a unit of analysis (e.g. a habitat unit) can be quantified with an uncertainty analysis, using a Monte Carlo resampling technique. A set of Productivity and Susceptibility scores for each unit is calculated by removing one of the Productivity or Susceptibility attributes at a time, until all attribute combinations have been used. The variation (standard deviation) in the productivity and susceptibility scores is a measure of the uncertainty in the overall PSA score. If the uncertainty analysis shows that the unit would be treated differently with regard to risk, it should be the subject of more study. The validity of the ranking can also be examined by comparing the results with those from other data sources or modelling approaches that have already been undertaken in specific fisheries. For example, the PSA results of the individual species (target, byproduct and bycatch and TEP) can be compared against catch rates for any species or against completed stock assessments. These comparisons will show whether the PSA ranking agrees with these other sources of information or more rigorous approaches.

#### Availability of information

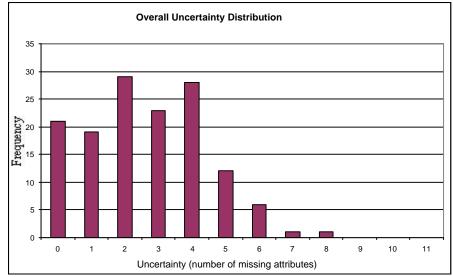
The ability to score each species based on information on each attribute [varied/did not vary] between the attributes (as per summary below). With regard to the Productivity attributes, [least known Productivity attribute] was missing in [X]% of [units], and so the most conservative score was used, while information on [best known Productivity attribute] could be found or calculated for [Y% of units]. The current method of scoring the Susceptibility attributes provides a value for each attribute for each species – some of these are based on good information, whereas others are merely sensible default values.

Summary of the success of obtaining information on the set of productivity and susceptibility attributes for the species. Where information on an attribute was missing the highest score was used in the PSA.

		0			57		
Productivity Attributes	Average				Average		Trophic
-	age at	Average		Average	size at	Reproducti	level
	maturity	max age	Fecundity	max size	Maturity	ve strategy	(fishbase)
Total species scores for							
attribute							
n species scores with							
attribute unknown,							
(conservative score							
used)							
% unknown information							
Susceptibility Attributes		Encounter					
	Availability	ability		Selectivity	PCM		
		Bathymetry					
		overlap	Habitat				
Total species scores for							
attribute							
n species scores with							
attribute unknown,							
(conservative score							
used)							
% unknown information							

Results from PSA workbook ranking worksheet (species only).

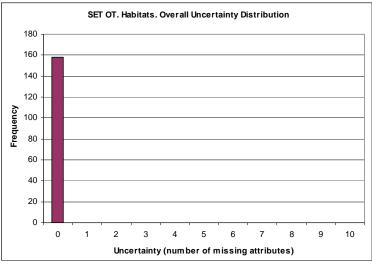
Each species considered in the analysis had information for an average of [A, (B%)] Productivity attributes and [C (D%)] Susceptibility attributes. This meant that, on average, conservative scores were used for less than [E%] of the attributes for a single species. [Units] had missing information for between [F and G] of the combined [H] Productivity and Susceptibility attributes. Results Overall uncertainty distribution in PSA workbook ranking graphs worksheet



Species uncertainty distribution histogram would follow the format of the example below:

Species: Overall uncertainty distribution - frequency of missing information for the combined productivity and susceptibility attributes

Habitats: Twenty-one attributes are used in the habitat PSA. All attributes are scored according to Habitat attribute tables 9-27. Only attributes that could be ranked are utilised and therefore there are no missing attributes. [example below]



Habitats: Overall uncertainty distribution- frequency of missing information for the combined productivity and susceptibility attributes

#### Correlation between attributes

In situations where attributes are strongly correlated only one of them should be included in the final PSA (Stobutzki *et al.*, 2001).

Species component: The attributes selected for productivity and susceptibility [were/were not] strongly correlated (as per correlation matrix below for Productivity

and susceptibility). The strongest productivity attribute correlation was between [attribute J and attribute K], while the strongest susceptibility correlation was between [attribute L and attribute M]. This correlation analysis suggests that each attribute [was/was not] "measuring" a different aspect of the [unit] characteristics and [all/not all] attributes were suitable for inclusion in the PSA.

	Age at	Max age	Fecundit	Max size		1	Trophic
	maturity		У		at	tive	level
					maturity	strategy	
Age at maturity	Х						
Max age		Х					
Fecundity			Х				
Max size				Х			
Min size at maturity					Х		
Reproductive strategy						Х	
Trophic level							Х

Correlation matrix for the species productivity attributes. The correlation (r) is based on the scores within each attribute pair. Results from PSA workbook ranking graphs worksheet.

	Availability	Encounterability	Selectivity	Post-capture mortality
Availability	Х			
Encounterability		Х		
Selectivity			Х	
Post-capture mortality				Х

Correlation matrix for the four species susceptibility attributes. The correlation (r) is based on the scores within each attribute pair. Results from PSA workbook ranking graphs worksheet.

Habitat Component: The attributes selected for productivity and susceptibility [were/not] strongly correlated (as per correlation matrix below for productivity and susceptibility). There was [X] correlation between the productivity attributes Regeneration of Fauna and Natural disturbance (r = [x]). The susceptibility correlation could not be calculated between the Availability and any other aspect, because there was no variation in the Availability score. There [was/X] correlation between the attributes used to calculate Encounterability and Selectivity. All attributes were suitable for inclusion in the PSA.

Productivity Correlation Matrix	Regeneration of fauna	Natural disturbance
Regeneration of fauna	Х	
Natural disturbance	Х	Х

Correlation matrix for the habitat productivity attributes. The correlation (r) is based on the scores within each attribute pair. Results from PSA workbook ranking graphs worksheet.

		Encounterability score	Selectivity score
Susceptibility Correlation Matrix	Availability score	(average)	(average)
Availability score	Х		
Encounterability score (average)	Х	Х	
Selectivity score (average)	Х	Х	Х

Correlation matrix for the three habitat susceptibility attributes. The correlation (r) is based on the scores within each attribute pair. Results from PSA workbook ranking graphs worksheet.

#### Productivity and Susceptibility values for Species

The average productivity score for all [units] was  $[X \pm Y]$  (mean  $\pm$  SD of scores calculated using n-1 attributes) and the mean susceptibility score was  $[X \pm Y]$  (as per summary of average productivity and susceptibility scores as below). Individual scores are shown in Appendix A: Summary of PSA results. The [small/large] variation in the average of the boot-strapped values (using n-1 attributes), indicates the productivity and susceptibility scores [are/are not] robust to elimination of a single attribute. Information for a single attribute [does not/does] have a disproportionately large effect on the productivity and susceptibility scores. Information was missing for an average of [Z] attributes out of [Y] possible for each [unit].

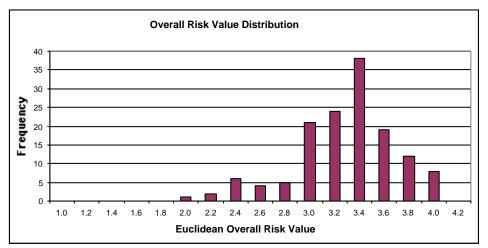
#### Productivity and Susceptibility values for Habitat units.

The average productivity score for all habitats was  $[X \pm Y]$  (mean  $\pm$  SD of scores calculated using n-1 attributes) and the mean susceptibility score was  $[X \pm Y]$  (as per summary of average productivity and susceptibility scores as below). Individual scores are shown in Appendix A Summary of PSA results. The small/large variation in the average of the boot-strapped values (using n-1 attributes), indicates the productivity and susceptibility scores are robust to elimination of a single attribute. Information for a single attribute [does not/does] have a disproportionately large effect on the productivity and susceptibility scores. Information was missing for an average of [Z] attributes out of [Y] possible for each [unit].

#### **Overall Risk Values for Species**

The overall risk values (Euclidean distance on the PSA plot) could fall between 1 and 4.24 (scores of 1&1 and 3&3 for both productivity and susceptibility respectively). The mean observed overall risk score was [X], with a range of [Y - Z]. The actual values for each species are shown in Appendix A Summary of PSA results. A total of [A units, (B%)] were classed as high risk, [B (C%)] were in the medium risk category, and [D (E%)] as low risk.

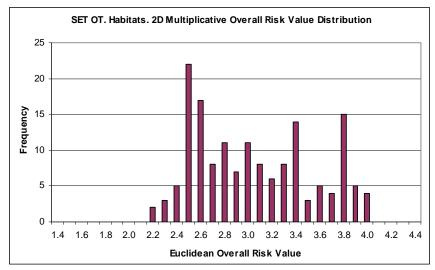
<u>Results</u>: Frequency distribution of the overall PSA risk values . \*Evaluation example only\*



Frequency distribution of the overall risk values generated for the [X units] in the [fishery subfishery] PSA.

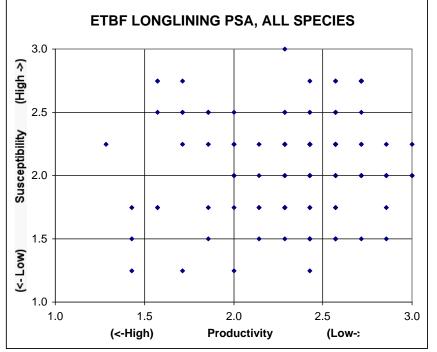
#### **Overall Risk Values for Habitats**

The overall risk values (Euclidean distance on the PSA plot) could fall between 1 and 4.24 (scores of 1&1 and 3&3 for both productivity and susceptibility respectively). The mean observed overall risk score was 3.01, with a range of 2.18- 3.97. The actual values for each species are shown in Appendix A Summary of PSA results. A total of 46 units, (29%) were classed as high risk, 58units, (37%) were in the medium risk category, and 54 (34%) as low risk.



Frequency distribution of the overall risk values generated for the [X] habitat types in the [fishery sub-fishery] PSA.

The distribution of the overall risk values of all species is shown on the PSA plot below. The species are distributed in the [all/lower left/upper right] parts of the plot, indicating that [both high and low risk units] are potentially impacted in the [fishery sub-fishery].



Results Plot for all species in the sub-fishery PSA risk values. \*Evaluation example only\*

PSA plot for all [units] in the [fishery sub-fishery]. Species in the upper right of the plot are at highest risk.

The number of attributes with missing information is of particular interest, because the conservative scoring means these units may be scored at higher risk than if all the information was known. This relationship between the overall risk score and the number of missing attributes shows that an increase in the number of missing attributes (and hence conservative scores used) results in a skew to higher risk values. This suggests that as information becomes available on those attributes, the risk values may decline for some units.

All attributes are treated equally in the PSA, however, information on some attributes may be of low quality.

## 2.4.6 Evaluation of the PSA results (Step 6)

**No PSA has been conducted for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery.** Level 1 assessment for the sub-fishery has been completed as required for the ERAEF Stage 2 process. As such, further documentation in this report is included only as a means of understanding the ERAEF process in full.

#### **Species components:**

Overall

Results

Discussion Habitat components:

#### Overall

#### Results:

Summary of the average productivity, susceptibility and overall risk scores.

Component	Measure	
All habitats	Number of habitats	Х
	Average of productivity total	Х
	Average of susceptibility total	Х
	Average of overall risk value (2D)	Х
	Average number of missing attributes	0

PSA (productivity and susceptibility) risk categories for the habitat component.

<b>1</b>					
	Risk category	High	Medium	Low	Total
	Total Habitats	Х	Х	X	Х

PSA (productivity and susceptibility) risk categories for sub-biome (depth zone) fished (before override adjustment).

			Upper-		Total
2D Risk Score	Inner-shelf	Outer-shelf	slope	Mid-slope	habitats
High	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Medium	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Low	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Total	Х	Х	Х	Х	X

PSA (productivity and susceptibility) risk categories for sub-biome fished after Risk Ranking adjustment (stakeholder/expert override).

			Upper- slope		Total
2D Risk Score	Inner-shelf	Outer-shelf	slope	Mid-slope	habitats
High	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Medium	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Low	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Total	X	X	X	X	X

[No] inner shelf habitats are classified as high risk, [X] as medium risk, and [X] as low risk. [X] outer shelf habitats produce high risk scores, [X] medium and [X] are at low risk. Of the upper slope [X] are classified as high risk,[X] at medium and [no] upper slope habitats appear at low risk. Habitats at mid-slope depths are either at high risk (X) or at medium risk (X), none are considered low risk.

#### Discussion

## 2.4.7 Decision rules to move from Level 2 to Level 3 (Step 7)

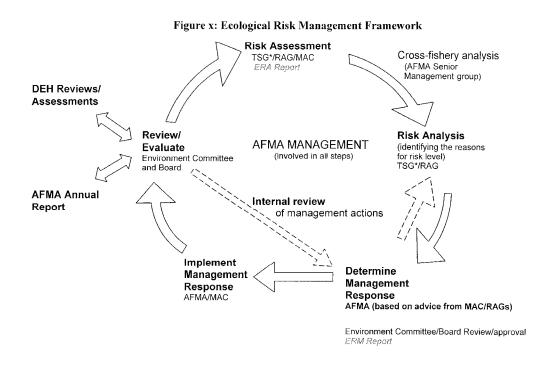
For the PSA overall risk values, units that fall in the upper third (risk value > 3.18) and middle third (2.64 < risk value < 3.18) of the PSA plots are deemed to be at high and medium risk respectively. These need to be the focus of further work, either through implementing a management response to address the risk to the vulnerable species or by further examination for risk within the particular ecological component at Level 3. Units at low risk, in the lower third (risk value <2.64), will be deemed not at risk from the sub-fishery and the assessment is concluded for these units.

For example, if in a Level 2 analysis of habitat types, two of seven habitat types were determined to have risk from the sub-fishery, only those two habitat types would be considered at Level 3.

The output from the Level 2 analysis will result in four options:

- The risk of fishing on a unit of analysis within a component (e.g. single species or habitat type) is not high, the rationale is documented, and the impact of the fishing activity on this unit need not be assessed at a higher level unless management or the fishery changes.
- The risk of fishing on a unit is high but management strategies are introduced rapidly that will reduce this risk, this unit need not be assessed further unless the management or the fishery changes.
- The risk of fishing on a unit is high but there is additional information that can be used to determine if Level 3, or even a new management action is required. This information should be sought before action is taken
- The risk of fishing on a unit is high and there are no planned management interventions that would remove this risk, therefore the reasons are documented and the assessment moves to Level 3.

At level 2 analysis, a fishery can decide to further investigate the risk of fishing to the species via a level 3 assessment or implement a management response to mitigate the risk. To ensure all fisheries follow a consistent process in responding to the results of the risk assessment, AFMA has developed an ecological risk management framework. The framework (see Figure x below) makes use of the existing AFMA management structures to enable the ERAs to become a part of normal fisheries management, including the involvement of fisheries consultative committees. A separate document, the ERM report, will be developed that outlines the reasons why species are at high risk and what actions the fishery will implement to respond to the risks.



\*TSG – Technical Support Group - currently provided by CSIRO.

## 2.5 Level 3

No Level 3 analyses have been undertaken during Stage 2 of the ERAEF process for species, habitats or communities associated with Coral Sea Aquarium Sub-fishery.

## 3. General discussion and research implications

The Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery is one of three Hand collection sub-fisheries in this fishery zone. It operates mainly in rubble areas and reef fronts, in diving depths only, with limited gear (scoop nets and cast nets set by hand and targeting individual fish). Target fish are generally determined by prior purchaser demand, and include smaller fish for private aquariums and larger individuals for public sector aquariums.

As logbook data for the CSF Aquarium sub-fishery is provided at the level of family groupings only, and contains no catch statistics or effort data, the Level 1 SICA assessments in this report have been carried out using an expanded listing obtained from operator supply lists. The target species listed at 'Scoping Document S2A, Species' contains those species currently collected under the CSF aquarium permit, but also included species caught within the Great Barrier Reef fishery, particularly coral and invertebrate species, which are presently the subject of discussion between operators and AFMA as future collection species within the CSF.

## 3.1 Level 1

One of the main issues identified through this assessment was the hazard presented by the addition of biological material -Translocation of species. This hazard scored a consequence score of three –moderate- for all components assessed (Target, TEP, Habitat and Community). The aquarium operators employ some mitigating measure to ensure translocation risks are reduced, but no further information is available on other mitigation measures that may be in place beyond the fishery. Food and Agriculture Organisation (1995) suggests the use of a precautionary approach with corrective or mitigating procedures established before any effect occur. Similarly, DAFF are soon to release a Code of Practice (*National system for prevention and management of marine pest incursions*', due October 2006) which will also provide risk reduction measures. Consideration of these documents is recommended.

It is important to note that the risks from translocation of species (in this sub-fishery most likely due to hull fouling) present the classical problem for risk assessment – a low probability event combined with a potentially high impact consequence. This introduces a lot of uncertainty about risk levels associated with such hazards. In general the risk levels for this hazard have been scored as only moderate, reflecting the low probability of occurrence.

In the absence of data on translocation issues within the CSF, it would be recommended that a system be established to provide baseline and continuing data on the incidence of hull fouling occurrence within the hand collection sector, and the presence/absence of invasive species, particularly the crown of thorns starfish, known to occur within the adjacent GBR area. The hazard presented by translocation of species is noted in all components of this Level 1 assessment.

External Hazards scoring three in the Habitat and Community component would both be initially addressed through the operator-initiated 'Memorandum of Understanding' being considered by stakeholders and the Tourism sector. This involves a suggested

voluntary 3-year reef-rotational zoning system that would provide a risk reduction measure for hazards associated with anchoring and mooring, and perhaps others.

Discussions at Stakeholder meetings have also recognised the value that could be gained by Observer Programs, and in obtaining underwater video footage as a means of monitoring habitat issues, community assemblages, and providing baseline data on which further risk assessment could be judged.

## 3.2 Level 2

Level 2 assessment was not carried out for the Coral Sea Aquarium sub-fishery during Stage 2 of the ERAEF process.

## 3.3 Key Uncertainties / Recommendations for Research and Monitoring

Two important uncertainties were identified in this analysis. The first was the species list actually taken by the fishery. The second was the possible impact of translocations, particularly through hull fouling.

Specific recommendations, arising from the Coral Sea Fishery: Aquarium sub-fishery assessment, include:

• development of one consistent, accessable logbook database including catch and effort data and identification to species level, or provision of a rationale behind using identification to Family grouping only.

Current industry or management initiatives that would help mitigate some risks include:

- implementation of the CSF Stakeholders Associations permanent moorings initiative
- implementation of the CSF Stakeholders Associations MoU for a reef-rotational system
- adoption of mitigating measures to address translocation risks, by consulting
  - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) "National system for prevention and management of marine pest incursions" document, due for release in October 2006; or
  - Food and Agriculture Organisation (1995) precautionary approach documents;
  - Bureau of Rural Sciences (BRS) recommendations for risk reduction with regard to introduced marine pests (Summerson and Curran 2005).

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## **Glossary of Terms**

Assemblage	A subset of the species in the community that can be easily recognised and studied. For example, the set of sharks and rays in a community is the Chondricythian
Attribute	assemblage. A general term for a set of properties relating to the productivity or susceptibility of a particular unit of analysis
Bycatch species	analysis. A non-target species captured in a fishery, usually of low value and often discarded (see also Byproduct).
Byproduct species	A non-target species captured in a fishery, but it may have value to the fisher and be retained for sale.
Community	A complete set of interacting species.
Component	A major area of relevance to fisheries with regard to ecological risk assessment (e.g. target species, bycatch and byproduct species, threatened and endangered species, habitate and communities)
Component model	habitats, and communities). A conceptual description of the impacts of fishing activities (hazards) on components and sub-components, linked through the processes and resources that determine the level of a component.
Consequence	The effect of an activity on achieving the operational objective for a sub-component.
Core objective	The overall aim of management for a component.
End point	A term used in risk assessment to denote the object of the
•	assessment; equivalent to component or sub-component in ERAEF
Ecosystem	The spatially explicit association of abiotic and biotic elements within which there is a flow of resources, such as nutrients, biomass or energy (Crooks, 2002).
External factor	Factors other than fishing that affect achievement of operational objectives for components and sub-components.
Fishery method	A technique or set of equipment used to harvest fish in a fishery (e.g. long-lining, purse-seining, trawling).
Fishery	A related set of fish harvesting activities regulated by an authority (e.g. South-East Trawl Fishery).
Habitat	The place where fauna or flora complete all or a portion of their life cycle.
Hazard identification	The identification of activities (hazards) that may impact the components of interest.
Indicator	Used to monitor the effect of an activity on a sub- component. An indicator is something that can be
Likelihood	measured, such as biomass or abundance. The chance that a sub-component will be affected by an activity.

Operational objective	A measurable objective for a component or sub- component (typically expressed as "the level of X does not fall outside acceptable bounds")
Precautionary approach	The approach whereby, if there is uncertainty about the outcome of an action, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the biological entity (such as species, habitat or community).
PSA	Productivity-Susceptibility Analysis. Used at Level 2 in the ERAEF methodology.
Scoping	A general step in an ERA or the first step in the ERAEF involving the identification of the fishery history, management, methods, scope and activities.
SICA	Scale, Impact, Consequence Analysis. Used at Level 1 in the ERAEF methodology.
Sub-component	A more detailed aspect of a component. For example, within the target species component, the sub-components include the population size, geographic range, and the age/size/sex structure.
Sub-fishery	A subdivision of the fishery on the basis of the gear or areal extent of the fishery. Ecological risk is assessed separately for each sub-fishery within a fishery.
Sustainability	Ability to be maintained indefinitely
Target species	A species or group of species whose capture is the goal of a fishery, sub-fishery, or fishing operation.
Trophic position	Location of an individual organism or species within a foodweb.
Unit of analysis	The entities for which attributes are scored in the Level 2 analysis. For example, the units of analysis for the Target Species component are individual "species", while for Habitats, they are "biotypes", and for Communities the units are "assemblages".

## Appendix A: General summary of stakeholder feedback

Date	Format received	Comment from stakeholder	Action/explanation
Sept 28	AFMA/Stakeholder	In the Fishery description of the exec summary need to remove	Only Alfonsino removed. All others are specified in AFMA
2006	provided comments.	Snapper, emperors and alfonsino as they are not targeted or	Statement of Management Arrangements 2004; QFS catch
		collected in this sub fishery.	data, and operator supplied catch-listings.
Sept 28	AFMA/Stakeholder	For all sub-fisheries Under "Input controls" "a specified number	No change – already specifies "minimum" days
2006	provided comments	of fishing days per permit per season" should read "a specified	
		number of minimum fishing days per permit per season"	

## Appendix B: PSA results - summary of stakeholder discussions

Level 2 (PSA) Document L2.1. Summary table of stakeholder discussion regarding PSA results.

The following species were discussed at the INSERT FISHERY GROUP NAME meeting on INSERT DATE and LOCATION. ALL or SELECTED high risk species were discussed.

Taxa	Scientific	Common	Role in	PSA risk	Comments from meeting, and	Action	Outcome	Possible
name	name	name	fishery	ranking	follow-up			management
				(H/M/L)				response

NB. No Level 2 analysis has been conducted for Coral Sea sub-fisheries.

## Appendix C: SICA consequence scores for ecological components

Table 5A. Target Species. Description of consequences for each component and each sub-component. Use table as a guide for scoring the level of consequence for target species.

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size
	Insignificant change	Possible detectable	Full exploitation rate	Affecting	Likely to cause local	Local extinctions are
	to population	change in size/growth	but long-term	recruitment state of	extinctions if	imminent/immediate
	size/growth rate (r).	rate (r) but minimal	recruitment dynamics	stocks and/or their	continued in longer	
	Unlikely to be	impact on population	not adversely	capacity to increase	term	
	detectable against	size and none on	damaged.			
	background	dynamics.				
	variability for this					
	population.					
Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Change in geographic	range	Change in	Change in geographic
	in geographic range.	change in geographic	range up to 10 % of	Change in	geographic range up	range > 50 % of
	Unlikely to be	range but minimal	original.	geographic range up	to 50 % of original.	original.
	detectable against	impact on population		to 25 % of original.		
	background	range and none on				
	variability for this	dynamics, change in				
	population.	geographic range up				
		to 5 % of original.				
Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Change in frequency	structure	Change in frequency	Change in frequency
	in genetic structure.	change in genetic	of genotypes,	Change in frequency	of genotypes,	of genotypes,
	Unlikely to be	structure. Any change	effective population	of genotypes,	effective population	effective population
	detectable against	in frequency of	size or number of	effective population	size or number of	size or number of
	background	genotypes, effective	spawning units up to	size or number of	spawning units,	spawning units >
	variability for this	population size or	10%.	spawning units up to	change up to 50%.	50%.
	population.	number of spawning		25%.		
		units up to 5%.				

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex
structure	structure No	structure	structure	structure	structure	structure Long-term
	detectable change in	Possible detectable	Impact on population	Long-term	Long-term	recruitment dynamics
	age/size/sex	change in age/size/sex	dynamics at	recruitment	recruitment dynamics	adversely affected.
	structure. Unlikely to	structure but minimal	maximum sustainable	dynamics adversely	adversely affected.	Time to recover to
	be detectable against	impact on population	level, long-term	affected. Time to	Time to recover to	original structure >
	background	dynamics.	recruitment dynamics	recover to original	original structure up	100 generations free
	variability for this		not adversely	structure up to 5	to 10 generations free	from impact.
	population.		affected.	generations free	from impact.	
				from impact.		
Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive
capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity Change in
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Impact on population	Change in	Change in	reproductive capacity
	in reproductive	change in	dynamics at	reproductive	reproductive capacity	adversely affecting
	capacity. Unlikely to	reproductive capacity	maximum sustainable	capacity adversely	adversely affecting	long-term recruitment
	be detectable against	but minimal impact on	level, long-term	affecting long-term	long-term recruitment	dynamics. Time to
	background	population dynamics.	recruitment dynamics	recruitment	dynamics. Time to	recovery > 100
	variability for this		not adversely	dynamics. Time to	recovery up to 10	generations free from
	population.		affected.	recovery up to 5	generations free from	impact.
				generations free	impact.	
				from impact.		
Behaviour/movement	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/
	movement	movement	movement	movement Change	movement	movement
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	in behaviour/	Change in behaviour/	Change to behaviour/
	in behaviour/	change in behaviour/	behaviour/ movement	movement with	movement with	movement.
	movement. Unlikely	movement but	with the potential for	impacts on	impacts on	Population does not
	to be detectable	minimal impact on	some impact on	population	population dynamics.	return to original
	against background	population dynamics.	population dynamics.	dynamics. Time to	Time to return to	behaviour/
	variability for this	Time to return to	Time to return to	return to original	original behaviour/	movement.
	population. Time	original behaviour/	original behaviour/	behaviour/	movement on the	
	taken to recover to	movement on the	movement on the	movement on the	scale of years to	
	pre-disturbed state on	scale of days to	scale of weeks to	scale of months to	decades.	
	the scale of hours.	weeks.	months.	years.		

Table 5B. Bycatch and Byproduct species. Description of consequences for each component and each sub-component. Use table as a guide for scoring the level of consequence for bycatch/byproduct species.

Score/level Sub-component 2 3 5 6 4 1 Minor Severe Negligible Major Intolerable Moderate **1.** Population size **1. Population size Population size 1. Population size 1. Population size 1. Population size 1. Population size** Possible detectable Insignificant change No information is Relative state of Likely to cause local Local extinctions are to population change in available on the capture/susceptibility extinctions if imminent/immediate size/growth rate (r). size/growth rate (r) relative area or suspected/known to continued in longer be greater than 50% Unlikely to be but minimal impact susceptibility to term detectable against on population size capture/ impact or on and species should be background the vulnerability of examined explicitly. and none on variability for this dynamics. life history traits of population. this type of species Susceptibility to capture is suspected to be less than 50% and species do not have vulnerable life history traits. For species with vulnerable life history traits to stay in this category susceptibility to capture must be less than 25%. 2. Geographic range 2. Geographic range **Geographic range** 2. Geographic range 2. Geographic range 2. Geographic range 2. Geographic range Change in geographic No detectable change Possible detectable Change in Change in geographic Change in geographic range up in geographic range. change in geographic range up to 25 % of geographic range up range > 50 % of Unlikely to be range but minimal to 10 % of original. original. to 50 % of original. original. detectable against impact on population background range and none on

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
	variability for this	dynamics, change in				
	population.	geographic range up				
		to 5 % of original.				
Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Change in frequency	Change in frequency	Change in frequency
	in genetic structure.	change in genetic	genetic structure.	of genotypes,	of genotypes,	of genotypes,
	Unlikely to be	structure. Any	Change in frequency	effective population	effective population	effective population
	detectable against	change in frequency	of genotypes,	size or number of	size or number of	size or number of
	background	of genotypes,	effective population	spawning units up to	spawning units up to	spawning units >
	variability for this	effective population	size or number of	25%.	50%.	50%.
	population.	size or number of	spawning units up to			
		spawning units up to	10%.			
		5%.				
Age/size/sex structure	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex
	structure	structure	structure	structure	structure	structure
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Long-term	Long-term	Long-term
	in age/size/sex	change in	age/size/sex	recruitment dynamics	recruitment dynamics	recruitment dynamics
	structure. Unlikely to	age/size/sex structure	structure. Impact on	adversely affected.	adversely affected.	adversely affected.
	be detectable against	but minimal impact	population dynamics	Time to recover to	Time to recover to	Time to recover to
	background	on population	at maximum	original structure up	original structure up	original structure >
	variability for this	dynamics.	sustainable level,	to 5 generations free	to 10 generations free	100 generations free
	population.		long-term recruitment dynamics	from impact.	from impact.	from impact.
			not adversely			
			damaged.			
Reproductive capacity	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive
Reproductive capacity	capacity	capacity Possible	capacity Detectable	capacity	capacity	capacity Change in
	No detectable change	detectable change in	change in	Change in	Change in	reproductive capacity
	in reproductive	reproductive capacity	reproductive	reproductive capacity	reproductive capacity	adversely affecting
	capacity. Unlikely to	but minimal impact	capacity, impact on	adversely affecting	adversely affecting	long-term recruitment
	be detectable against	on population	population dynamics	long-term recruitment	long-term	dynamics. Time to
	background	dynamics.	at maximum	dynamics. Time to	recruitment	recovery > 100
	variability for this	-	sustainable level,	recovery up to 5	dynamics. Time to	generations free from

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
	population.		long-term	generations free from	recovery up to 10	impact.
			recruitment dynamics	impact.	generations free from	
			not adversely		impact.	
			damaged.			
Behaviour/movement	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/
	movement	movement	movement	movement	movement	movement
	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Change in behaviour/	Change in behaviour/	Change to behaviour/
	in behaviour/	change in behaviour/	behaviour/ movement	movement with	movement with	movement.
	movement. Unlikely	movement but	with the potential for	impacts on population	impacts on	Population does not
	to be detectable	minimal impact on	some impact on	dynamics. Time to	population dynamics.	return to original
	against background	population dynamics.	population dynamics.	return to original	Time to return to	behaviour/
	variability for this	Time to return to	Time to return to	behaviour/ movement	original behaviour/	movement.
	population. Time	original behaviour/	original behaviour/	on the scale of	movement on the	
	taken to recover to	movement on the	movement on the	months to years	scale of years to	
	pre-disturbed state on	scale of days to	scale of weeks to		decades.	
	the scale of hours.	weeks.	months.			

Table 5C. TEP species. Description of consequences for each component and each sub-component. Use table as a guide for scoring the level of consequence for TEP species.

,	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size.	1. Population size	1. Population size	1. Population size
	Almost none are	Insignificant change	State of reduction on	Affecting recruitment	Local extinctions are	Global extinctions are
	killed.	to population	the rate of increase	state of stocks or	imminent/immediate	imminent/immediate
		size/growth rate (r).	are at the maximum	their capacity to		
		Unlikely to be	acceptable level.	increase.		
		detectable against	Possible detectable			
		background	change in size/			
		variability for this	growth rate (r) but			
		population.	minimal impact on			
			population size and			
			none on dynamics of			
			TEP species.			
Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range	2. Geographic range
	No interactions	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Change in	Change in geographic	Change in geographic
	leading to impact on	in geographic range.	change in geographic	geographic range up	range up to 25% of	range up to 25% of
	geographic range.	Unlikely to be	range but minimal	to 10% of original.	original.	original.
		detectable against	impact on population			
		background	range and none on			
		variability for this	dynamics. Change in			
		population.	geographic range up			
<u> </u>			to 5 % of original.			
Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure	3. Genetic structure
	No interactions	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Moderate change in	Change in frequency	Change in frequency
	leading to impact on	in genetic structure.	change in genetic structure but minimal	genetic structure.	of genotypes,	of genotypes,
	genetic structure.	Unlikely to be detectable against		Change in frequency	effective population size or number of	effective population size or number of
		background	impact at population level. Any change in	of genotypes, effective population		
		variability for this	frequency of	size or number of	spawning units up to 25%.	spawning units up to 25%.
		population.	genotypes, effective	spawning units up to	2370.	2370.
		population.	genotypes, enective	spawning units up to	Į	Į

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
			population size or	10%.		
			number of spawning			
			units up to 5%.			
Age/size/sex structure	4. Age/size/sex	4. Age/size/sex				
	structure	structure	structure	structure	structure	structure
	No interactions	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Severe change in	Impact adversely
	leading to change in	in age/size/sex	change in	age/size/sex	age/size/sex structure.	affecting population
	age/size/sex	structure. Unlikely to	age/size/sex structure	structure. Impact on	Impact adversely	dynamics. Time to
	structure.	be detectable against	but minimal impact	population dynamics	affecting population	recover to original
		background	on population	at maximum	dynamics. Time to	structure > 10
		variability for this	dynamics.	sustainable level,	recover to original	generations free from
		population.		long-term	structure up to 5	impact
		1 1		recruitment dynamics	generations free from	1
				not adversely	impact	
				damaged.	1	
Reproductive capacity	5. Reproductive	5. Reproductive				
	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity	capacity
	No interactions	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Change in	Change in
	resulting in change to	in reproductive	change in	reproductive	reproductive capacity,	reproductive capacity,
	reproductive	capacity. Unlikely to	reproductive capacity	capacity, impact on	impact adversely	impact adversely
	capacity.	be detectable against	but minimal impact	population dynamics	affecting recruitment	affecting recruitment
		background	on population	at maximum	dynamics. Time to	dynamics. Time to
		variability for this	dynamics.	sustainable level,	recover to original	recover to original
		population.		long-term	structure up to 5	structure > 10
				recruitment dynamics	generations free from	generations free from
				not adversely	impact	impact
				damaged.		
Behaviour/movement	6. Behaviour/	6. Behaviour/				
	movement	movement	movement	movement	movement	movement
	No interactions	No detectable change	Possible detectable	Detectable change in	Change in behaviour/	Change in behaviour/
	resulting in change to	in behaviour/	change in behaviour/	behaviour/ movement	movement, impact	movement. Impact
	behaviour/	movement. Time to	movement but	with the potential for	adversely affecting	adversely affecting
	movement.	return to original	minimal impact on	some impact on	population dynamics.	population dynamics.

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
		behaviour/ movement	population dynamics.	population dynamics.	Time to return to	Time to return to
		on the scale of hours.	Time to return to	Time to return to	original behaviour/	original behaviour/
			original behaviour/	original behaviour/	movement on the	movement on the
			movement on the	movement on the	scale of months to	scale of years to
			scale of days to	scale of weeks to	years.	decades.
			weeks	months		
Interaction with	7. Interactions with	7. Interactions with	7. Interactions with	7. Interactions with	7. Interactions with	7. Interactions with
fishery	fishery	fishery	fishery	fishery	fishery	fishery
	No interactions with	Few interactions and	Moderate level of	Major interactions	Frequent interactions	Frequent interactions
	fishery.	involving up to 5%	interactions with	with fishery,	involving ~ 50% of	involving the entire
		of population.	fishery involving up	interactions and	population.	known population
			to10 % of population.	involving up to 25%		negatively affecting
				of population.		the viability of the
						population.

Table 5D. Habitats. Description of consequences for each component and each sub-component. Use table as a guide for scoring the level of consequence for habitats. Note that for sub-components Habitat types and Habitat structure and function, time to recover from impact scales differ from substrate, water and air. Rationale: structural elements operate on greater timeframes to return to pre-disturbance states.

Score/level 2 5 Sub-component 3 Δ 6 Negligible Minor Moderate Major Severe Intolerable Substrate quality **1.** Substrate quality 1. Substrate quality **1.** Substrate quality 1. Substrate quality 1. Substrate quality **1.** Substrate quality Reduction in the Detectable impact on More widespread The level of Severe impact on The dynamics of the productivity (similar substrate quality. At effects on the substrate quality with entire habitat is in reduction of internal small spatial scale to the intrinsic rate of dynamics of substrate dynamics of habitats 50 - 90% of the danger of being increase for species) time taken to recover quality but the state may be larger than is habitat affected or changed in a major on the substrate from to pre-disturbed state are still considered sensible to ensure that removed by the way, or > 90% of the activity is on the scale of days acceptable given the the habitat will not be activity which may habitat destroyed. unlikely to be to weeks, at larger percent area affected, able to recover seriously endanger its detectable. Time spatial scales the types of impact adequately, or it will long-term survival occurring and the taken to recover to recovery time of cause strong and result in changes pre-disturbed state on hours to days. recovery capacity of downstream effects to ecosystem the scale of hours. the substrate. For from loss of function. function. Recovery period measured in impacts on non-Time to recover from fragile substrates this local impact on the years to decades. may be for up to 50% scale of months to of habitat affected, years, at larger spatial but for more fragile scales recovery time habitats, e.g. reef of weeks to months. substrate, to stay in this category the % area affected needs to be smaller up to 25%. Water quality 2. Water quality Detectable impact on No direct impact on Moderate impact on Time to recover from Impact on water The dynamics of the water quality. Impact water quality. Time water quality. Time local impact on the quality with 50 - 90% entire habitat is in unlikely to be of the habitat affected to recover from local to recover from local scale of months to danger of being changed in a major detectable. Time impact on the scale of impact on the scale of years, at larger spatial or removed by the days to weeks, at weeks to months, at scales recovery time activity which may way, or > 90% of taken to recover to

			Score/level			
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
	pre-disturbed state on	larger spatial scales	larger spatial scales	of weeks to months.	seriously endanger its	habitat destroyed.
	the scale of hours.	recovery time of	recovery time of days		long-term survival	
		hours to days.	to weeks.		and result in changes	
					to ecosystem	
					function. Recovery	
					period measured in	
					years to decades.	
Air quality	<b>3. Air quality</b>	3. Air quality	3. Air quality	3. Air quality	3. Air quality	3. Air quality
	No direct impact on	Detectable impact on	Detectable impact on	Time to recover from	Impact on air quality	The dynamics of the
	air quality. Impact	air quality. Time to	air quality. Time to	local impact on the	with 50 - 90% of the	entire habitat is in
	unlikely to be	recover from local	recover from local	scale of months to	habitat affected or	danger of being
	detectable. Time	impact on the scale of	impact on the scale of	years, at larger spatial	removed by the	changed in a major
	taken to recover to	days to weeks, at	weeks to months, at	scales recovery time	activity .which may	way, or > 90% of
	pre-disturbed state on	larger spatial scales	larger spatial scales	of weeks to months.	seriously endanger its	habitat destroyed.
	the scale of hours.	recovery time of	recovery time of days to weeks.		long-term survival	
		hours to days.	to weeks.		and result in changes	
					to ecosystem function. Recovery	
					period measured in	
					years to decades.	
Habitat types	4. Habitat types	4. Habitat types	4. Habitat types	4. Habitat types	4. Habitat types	4. Habitat types
	No direct impact on	Detectable impact on	Impact reduces	The reduction of	Impact on relative	The dynamics of the
	habitat types. Impact	distribution of habitat	distribution of habitat	habitat type areal	abundance of habitat	entire habitat is in
	unlikely to be	types. Time to	types. Time to	extent may threaten	types resulting in	danger of being
	detectable. Time	recover from local	recover from local	ability to recover	severe changes to	changed in a
	taken to recover to	impact on the scale of	impact on the scale of	adequately, or cause	ecosystem function.	catastrophic way. The
	pre-disturbed state on	days to weeks, at	weeks to months, at	strong downstream	Recovery period	distribution of habitat
	the scale of hours to	larger spatial scales	larger spatial scales	effects in habitat	likely to be > decadal	types has been shifted
	days.	recovery time of days	recovery time of	distribution and		away from original
		to months.	months to $<$ one year.	extent. Time to		spatial pattern. If
				recover from impact		reversible, will
				on the scale of > one		require a long-term
				year to < decadal		recovery period, on

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
				timeframes.		the scale of decades
						to centuries.
Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure	5. Habitat structure
and function	and function	and function	and function	and function	and function	and function
	No detectable change	Detectable impact on	Impact reduces	The level of	Impact on habitat	The dynamics of the
	to the internal	habitat structure and	habitat structure and	reduction of internal	function resulting	entire habitat is in
	dynamics of habitat	function. Time to	function. For impacts	dynamics of habitat	from severe changes	danger of being
	or populations of	recover from impact	on non-fragile habitat	may threaten ability	to internal dynamics	changed in a
	species making up the	on the scale of days	structure this may be	to recover adequately,	of habitats. Time to	catastrophic way
	habitat. Time taken to	to months, regardless	for up to 50% of	or it will cause strong	recover from impact	which may not be
	recover to pre-	of spatial scale	habitat affected, but	downstream effects	likely to be >	reversible. Habitat
	disturbed state on the		for more fragile	from loss of function.	decadal.	losses occur. Some
	scale of hours to		habitats, to stay in	For impacts on non-		elements may remain
	days.		this category the %	fragile habitats this		but will require a
			area affected needs to	may be for up to 50%		long-term recovery
			be smaller up to 20%.	of habitat affected,		period, on the scale
			Time to recover from	but for more fragile		of decades to
			local impact on the	habitats, to stay in		centuries.
			scale of months to <	this category the %		
			one year, at larger	area affected up to		
			spatial scales	25%. Time to recover		
			recovery time of	from impact on the		
			months to < one year.	scale of > one year to		
				< decadal timeframes.		

Table 5E. Communities. Description of consequences for each component and each sub-component. Use table as a guide for scoring the level of consequence for communities.

	Score/level	level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable	
Species	1. Species	1. Species	1. Species	1. Species composition	1. Species	1. Species	
composition	composition	composition	composition	Major changes to the	composition	composition	
	Interactions may be	Impacted species do	Detectable changes	community species	Change to	Total collapse of	
	occurring which	not play a keystone	to the community	composition (~25%)	ecosystem structure	ecosystem processes.	
	affect the internal	role – only minor	species composition	(involving keystone species)	and function.	Long-term recovery	
	dynamics of	changes in relative	without a major	with major change in	Ecosystem dynamics	period required, on	
	communities leading	abundance of other	change in function	function. Ecosystem	currently shifting as	the scale of decades	
	to change in species	constituents.	(no loss of	function altered measurably	different species	to centuries	
	composition not	Changes of species	function). Changes	and some function or	appear in fishery.		
	detectable against natural variation.	composition up to 5%.	to species composition up to	components are locally missing/declining/increasin	Recovery period measured in years to		
	natural variation.	5%.	10%.	g outside of historical range	decades.		
			1070.	and/or allowed/facilitated	uccaues.		
				new species to appear.			
				Recovery period measured			
				in years.			
Functional group	2. Functional	2. Functional	2. Functional	2. Functional group	2. Functional group	2. Functional group	
composition	group composition	group composition	group composition	composition	composition	composition	
	Interactions which	Minor changes in	Changes in relative	Ecosystem function altered	Ecosystem dynamics	Ecosystem function	
	affect the internal	relative abundance	abundance of	measurably and some	currently shifting,	catastrophically	
	dynamics of	of community	community	functional groups are	some functional	altered with total	
	communities leading	constituents up to	constituents, up to	locally	groups are missing	collapse of	
	to change in	5%.	10% chance of	missing/declining/increasin	and new	ecosystem processes.	
	functional group		flipping to an	g outside of historical range	species/groups are	Recovery period	
	composition not		alternate state/	and/or allowed/facilitated	now appearing in the	measured in decades	
	detectable against		trophic cascade.	new species to appear.	fishery. Recovery	to centuries.	
	natural variation.			Recovery period measured in months to years.	period measured in years to decades.		
				in monuis to years.	years to decades.		

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
Distribution of the	3. Distribution of	3. Distribution of	3. Distribution of	3. Distribution of the	3. Distribution of	3. Distribution of
community	the community Interactions which affect the distribution of communities unlikely to be detectable against natural variation.	<b>the community</b> Possible detectable change in geographic range of communities but minimal impact on community dynamics change in geographic range up to 5 % of original.	<b>the community</b> Detectable change in geographic range of communities with some impact on community dynamics Change in geographic range up to 10 % of original.	<b>community</b> Geographic range of communities, ecosystem function altered measurably and some functional groups are locally missing/declining/increasin g outside of historical range. Change in geographic range for up to 25 % of the species. Recovery period measured in months to years.	the community Change in geographic range of communities, ecosystem function altered and some functional groups are currently missing and new groups are present. Change in geographic range for up to 50 % of species including keystone species. Recovery period measured in years to decades.	the community Change in geographic range of communities, ecosystem function collapsed. Change in geographic range for >90% of species including keystone species. Recovery period measured in decades to centuries.
Trophic/size structure	<b>4. Trophic/size</b> <b>structure</b> Interactions which affect the internal dynamics unlikely to be detectable against natural variation.	<b>4. Trophic/size</b> <b>structure</b> Change in mean trophic level, biomass/ number in each size class up to 5%.	4. Trophic/size structure Changes in mean trophic level, biomass/ number in each size class up to 10%.	4. Trophic/size structure Changes in mean trophic level. Ecosystem function altered measurably and some function or components are locally missing/declining/increasin g outside of historical range and/or allowed/facilitated new species to appear. Recovery period measured in years to decades.	4. Trophic/size structure Changes in mean trophic level. Ecosystem function severely altered and some function or components are missing and new groups present. Recovery period measured in years to decades.	4. Trophic/size structure Ecosystem function catastrophically altered as a result of changes in mean trophic level, total collapse of ecosystem processes. Recovery period measured in decades to centuries.

	Score/level					
Sub-component	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe	Intolerable
<b>Bio-geochemical</b>	5. Bio- and	5. Bio- and	5. Bio- and	5. Bio- and geochemical	5. Bio- and	5. Bio- and
cycles	geochemical cycles	geochemical cycles	geochemical cycles	cycles	geochemical cycles	geochemical cycles
	Interactions which	Only minor changes	Changes in relative	Changes in relative	Changes in relative	Ecosystem function
	affect bio- &	in relative	abundance of other	abundance of constituents	abundance of	catastrophically
	geochemical cycling	abundance of other	constituents leading	leading to major changes to	constituents leading	altered as a result of
	unlikely to be	constituents leading	to minimal changes	bio- & geochemical cycling,	to Severe changes to	community changes
	detectable against	to minimal changes	to bio- &	up to 25%.	bio- & geochemical	affecting bio- and
	natural variation.	to bio- &	geochemical		cycling. Recovery	geo- chemical
		geochemical cycling	cycling, up to 10%.		period measured in	cycles, total collapse
		up to 5%.			years to decades.	of ecosystem
						processes. Recovery
						period measured in
						decades to centuries.