

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 October to 31 December 2024.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 October to 31 December 2024 from official logbook records submitted to AFMA by fishers (concession holders). The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) compiles and provides the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) these reports on behalf of Commonwealth fishers. The final and preliminary reports are published on the AFMA website at [Protected Species Interaction Reports](#).

Consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AFMA and DCCEEW, protected species refers to all listed threatened, migratory and marine species and cetaceans consistent with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). It is an offence for any person to undertake an activity in a Commonwealth area that results in the unintentional death, injury, trading, taking, keeping or moving of a species listed under the EPBC Act. However, the EPBC Act specifies certain actions are not offences, including actions undertaken in accordance with an accredited management plan or regime.

All Commonwealth-managed fisheries have been assessed and accredited under the EPBC Act on the basis that the management plan or regime includes all reasonable steps to ensure that members of protected species are not adversely affected by the fishing operation. If operators are fishing in accordance with the fishery management arrangements, it is not an offence to interact with a protected species. It is, however, an offence not to report these interactions.

Under the MoU between AFMA and DCCEEW, AFMA provides a quarterly summary of logbook reports on interactions with protected species in AFMA-managed fisheries to DCCEEW on behalf of fishers. New species may be added to EPBC Act lists and the tables below are updated accordingly. Logbook data is not routinely verified and therefore AFMA cannot attest to the accuracy of this data nor authenticate that this data is a complete record of all interactions occurring in these fisheries.

AFMA publishes protected species interaction reports on the [AFMA website](#) to allow interested stakeholders to have earlier access to this information. There may be minor differences between preliminary and final reports due to late submissions of logbooks to AFMA. The preliminary report of protected species interactions for AFMA-managed fisheries as reported in fishery logbooks for the period **1 October to 31 December** is below. The report has been provided to DCCEEW and is compiled from official logbook records submitted to AFMA by fishers (concessions holders).

Protected species management fact sheets available on the [AFMA website](#) provide information on how protected species interactions are minimised including specific mitigation measures currently in place, thereby providing a useful context for the quarterly reports.

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Protected species interactions reported in Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period **1 October to 31 December 2024**

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Unknown	
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	24	15	9	0	Hooked
	Australian Fur Seal	2	2	0	0	Hooked
	Birds	2	0	2	0	Hooked
	Dolphins	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Green Turtle	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Leatherback Turtle	3	3	0	0	Hooked
	Loggerhead Turtle	2	2	0	0	Hooked
	Longfin Mako	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Petrels & Shearwaters Unspecified	8	0	8	0	Hooked
	Shearwaters	15	1	14	0	Hooked
	Short-tailed Shearwaters	1	0	1	0	Hooked
	Shortfin Mako	50	41	4	5	Hooked
	Toothed Whales	1	0	1	0	Hooked
	Turtles	1	1	0	0	Hooked
Total Interactions		112	68	39	5	

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Pelagic Longline	Flesh-footed Shearwater	1	1	0	Hooked
	Leatherback Turtle	1	1	0	Hooked
	Loggerhead Turtle	1	1	0	Hooked
Total Interactions		3	3	0	

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Commonwealth Trawl Sector

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	7	0	7	Entangled
	Australian Fur Seal	8	3	5	Entangled
	Birds	6	0	6	Entangled
	Common Dolphin	1	0	1	Entangled
	Dolphins	1	0	1	Entangled
	New Zealand Fur Seal	4	0	4	Entangled
	Seals	12	5	7	Entangled
	Shy Albatross	2	0	2	Entangled
Danish Seine	Australian Fur Seal	3	0	3	Entangled
	New Zealand Fur Seal	1	0	1	Entangled
	Seals	6	4	2	Entangled
Total Interactions		51	12	39	

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery – Gillnet, Hook & Trap

Sector

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Injured	
Demersal Auto-longline	Albatrosses	5	2	3	0	Hooked
	Australian Fur Seal	30	30	0	0	Hooked
	Flesh-footed Shearwater	3	0	3	0	Hooked
	Killer Whale (Orca)	12	12	0	0	Hooked
	Longfin Mako	2	0	2	0	Hooked
	Seals	5	5	0	0	Hooked
	Shortfin Mako	2	1	1	0	Hooked
	White-chinned Petrel	8	0	8	0	Hooked
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	1	1	0	0	Entangled
	Australian Fur Seal	3	0	3	0	Entangled
	Birds	4	4	0	0	Entangled
	Black-browed Albatross	1	0	1	0	Entangled
	Common Dolphin	3	0	3	0	Entangled
	Cormorants	2	0	2	0	Entangled
	New Zealand Fur Seal	1	0	1	0	Entangled
	Pacific Gull	1	1	0	0	Entangled
	Seals	2	0	2	0	Entangled
	Shearwaters	4	1	3	0	Entangled
	Short-tailed Shearwaters	10	3	6	1	Entangled
	White Shark	2	2	0	0	Entangled
Demersal Longline	Albatrosses	2	1	1	0	Hooked
	Birds	1	0	1	0	Hooked
	Terns	2	1	1	0	Hooked
	White Shark	2	2	0	0	Hooked
Total Interactions		108	66	41	1	

Great Australian Bight

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	3	0	3	Entangled
	Total Interactions	3	0	3	

Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Mid Water Otter Trawl	Common Dolphin	1	0	1	Entangled
	Total Interactions	1	0	1	

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Unknown	
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	110	58	10	42	Entangled
	Total Interactions	110	58	10	42	

Northern Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status				Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Injured	Unknown	
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Dwarf Sawfish	4	3	1	0	0	Entangled
	Flatback Turtle	2	2	0	0	0	Entangled
	Freshwater Sawfish	12	11	1	0	0	Entangled
	Green Sawfish	1	1	0	0	0	Entangled
	Green Turtle	9	9	0	0	0	Entangled
	Hawksbill Turtle	1	1	0	0	0	Entangled
	Leatherback Turtle	1	1	0	0	0	Entangled
	Loggerhead Turtle	6	6	0	0	0	Entangled
	Narrow Sawfish	89	52	35	2	0	Entangled
	Sawfishes	20	18	2	0	0	Entangled
	Seahorses & Pipefishes	36	0	31	0	5	Entangled
	Seasnakes	3422	2777	634	1	10	Entangled
	Turtles	5	5	0	0	0	Entangled
	Total Interactions	3608	2886	704	3	15	