

FINAL REPORT

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

This is the final report compiling protected species interactions for the 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 final report of protected species interactions for AFMA-managed fisheries as reported in fishery logbooks for the period **1 October to 31 December 2024** 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 **1 October to 31 December 2024**.

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	26	15	11	0
	Australian Fur Seal	2	2	0	0
	Birds	2	0	2	0
	Dolphins	1	1	0	0
	Green Turtle	1	1	0	0
	Leatherback Turtle	3	3	0	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	2	2	0	0
	Longfin Mako	1	1	0	0
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	8	0	8	0
	Shearwaters	15	1	14	0
	Short Tailed Shearwater	1	0	1	0
	Shortfin Mako	50	41	4	5
	Toothed Whales	1	0	1	0
	Turtles	1	1	0	0
Rod and Reel	Shearwaters	1	1	0	0
	Total Interactions	115	69	41	5

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	1	0	1
	Flesh Footed Shearwater	1	1	0
	Leatherback Turtle	1	1	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	1	1	0
	Total Interactions	4	3	1

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Commonwealth Trawl Sector

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

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

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Injured
Demersal Auto-longline	Albatrosses	5	2	3	0
	Flesh Footed Shearwater	3	0	3	0
	Longfin Mako	2	0	2	0
	Shortfin Mako	2	1	1	0
	White Chinned Petrel	8	0	8	0
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	1	1	0	0
	Australian Fur Seal	2	0	2	0
	Birds	4	4	0	0
	Black Browed Albatross	1	0	1	0
	Common Dolphin	2	0	2	0
	Cormorants	3	0	3	0
	New Zealand Fur Seal	1	0	1	0
	Pacific Gull	1	1	0	0
	Seals	3	0	3	0
	Shearwaters	4	1	3	0
	Short Tailed Shearwater	10	3	6	1
	White Shark	2	2	0	0
Demersal Longline	Albatrosses	2	1	1	0
	Birds	1	0	1	0
	Terns	2	1	1	0
	White Shark	2	2	0	0
	Total Interactions	61	19	41	1

Great Australian Bight

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

Small Pelagic Fishery

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

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Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

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

Northern Prawn Fishery

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

Active Fisheries – fisheries actively fishing but recording no interactions during the period

Fishery
Coral Sea Fishery
East Coast Deep Water Fishery
Heard and McDonald Islands Fishery
Ross and Amundsen Sea Exploratory
North West Slope Fishery
Scallop Fishery
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery
Southern Squid Jig Fishery
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