

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 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 April 2025 to 30 June 2025** 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 April 2025 to 30 June 2025**

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status			
			Alive	Dead	Injured	Unknown
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	8	5	2	1	0
	Australian fur seal	3	3	0	0	0
	Green Turtle	3	3	0	0	0
	Hawksbill Turtle	1	1	0	0	0
	Leatherback Turtle	9	9	0	0	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	1	1	0	0	0
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	2	0	2	0	0
	Porbeagle	1	0	1	0	0
	Seals	4	4	0	0	0
	Shearwaters	2	0	2	0	0
	Short-finned pilot whale	1	1	0	0	0
	Shortfin Mako	19	9	6	0	4
	Toothed whales	1	1	0	0	0
	Turtles	5	3	2	0	0
Rod and Reel	Australian fur seal	1	1	0	0	0
Total Interactions		61	41	15	1	4

Great Australian Bight

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	4	4
Total Interactions		4	4

Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
HMI Scientific Permits (Bottom Trawl)	Porbeagle	7	1	6
Demersal Longline	Grey Petrel	1	1	0
	Southern Elephant Seal	2	1	1
	White-chinned Petrel	1	0	1
Total Interactions		11	3	8

Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Alive
Demersal Longline	Southern Giant Petrel	1	1
Total Interactions		1	1

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	5	4	1	0	0
	Green Sawfish	9	5	0	1	3
	Green Turtle	2	2	0	0	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	3	3	0	0	0
	Narrow Sawfish	206	100	104	0	2
	Sawfishes	15	13	2	0	0
	Seasnakes	1825	1593	228	0	4
	Turtles	9	9	0	0	0
Danish Seine	Narrow Sawfish	1	1	0	0	0
Total Interactions		2081	1735	336	1	9

Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Midwater Otter Trawl	Australasian Gannet	11	10	1
	Australian fur seal	3	2	1
	Common dolphin	7	0	7
	Seals	5	1	4
Total Interactions		26	13	13

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Commonwealth Trawl Sector

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	2	0	2
	Australian fur seal	11	3	8
	Birds	1	0	1
	Dolphins	2	0	2
	New Zealand fur seal	8	0	8
	Seals	46	8	38
	White Shark	1	0	1
Danish Seine	Australian fur seal	1	0	1
	Seals	1	0	1
Midwater Otter Trawl	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1
Total Interactions		74	11	63

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Gillnet, Hook and Trap Sector

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Auto-longline	Longfin Mako	1	0	1
	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1
	White Chinned Petrel	4	2	2
Demersal Gillnet	Black Browed Albatross	1	0	1
	Bottlenose dolphin	1	0	1
	Common dolphin	4	0	4
	Cormorants	2	0	2
	Dolphins	2	0	2
	New Zealand fur seal	1	0	1
	Porbeagle	1	1	0
	Seals	2	0	2
	Shearwaters	1	0	1
	Short Tailed Shearwater	4	4	0
	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1
	White Shark	6	3	3
Total Interactions		32	10	22

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Flatback Turtle	1	1	0	0
	Seasnakes	232	73	1	158
Total Interactions		233	74	1	158

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Dolphins	1	1	0
	Flesh Footed Shearwater	1	0	1
	Loggerhead Turtle	3	3	0
Total Interactions		5	4	1

Active Fisheries with No Reported Interactions

Fishery Name
Coral Seas Fishery
High Seas Non-Trawl Fishery
High Seas Trawl Fishery
SA Coastal Waters
Southern Squid Jig Fishery
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