

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025.

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

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	8	1	6	1
	Australian fur seal	2	2	0	0
	Birds	1	0	1	0
	Dolphins	1	1	0	0
	Green Turtle	2	2	0	0
	Leatherback Turtle	8	8	0	0
	Longfin Mako	4	4	0	0
	Manta Ray	2	2	0	0
	Porbeagle	4	3	1	0
	Seals	12	12	0	0
	Shearwaters	1	0	1	0
	Short-finned pilot whale	2	2	0	0
	Shortfin Mako	285	151	134	0
	Turtles	1	1	0	0
Total Interactions		333	189	143	1

Great Australian Bight

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	1	1	0
	Australian fur seal	1	0	1
	New Zealand fur seal	1	1	0
Total Interactions		3	2	1

Heard and McDonald Island Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Longline	Southern Elephant Seal	1	1	1
	Southern Giant Petrel	2	0	1
Total Interactions		3	1	2

High Seas Non-Trawl Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Auto-longline	Longfin Mako	2	0	2
	Shortfin Mako	1	1	0
Total Interactions		3	1	2

Northern Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status			
			Alive	Dead	Injured	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Dwarf Sawfish	14	10	4	0	0
	Flatback Turtle	8	8	0	0	0
	Freshwater Sawfish	27	24	1	2	0
	Green Sawfish	21	16	5	0	0
	Green Turtle	15	14	0	0	1
	Loggerhead Turtle	3	3	0	0	0
	Narrow Sawfish	217	136	76	4	1
	Pacific (Olive) Ridely Turtle	8	8	0	0	0
	Sawfishes	49	44	4	0	1
	Seahorses & pipefishes	238	75	3	0	160
	Seasnakes	6699	5495	1096	7	101
	Turtles	38	38	0	0	0
Total Interactions		7337	5871	1189	13	264

Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Midwater Otter Trawl	Australian fur seal	1	1	0
	Common dolphin	2	0	2
	Dolphins	1	0	1
Total Interactions		4	1	3

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Commonwealth Trawl Sector

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Australian fur seal	5	1	4
	Birds	1	0	1
	New Zealand fur seal	3	0	3
	Seals	22	7	15
	Shortfin Mako	7	0	7
Danish Seine	Australian fur seal	1	1	0
	New Zealand fur seal	2	2	0
	Seals	2	0	2
Midwater Otter Trawl	New Zealand fur seal	31	8	23
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	1	1	0
	Porbeagle	7	4	3
	Seals	1	0	1
	Shortfin Mako	4	1	3
	Shy Albatross	1	0	1
Total Interactions		88	25	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	Shy Albatross	1	1	0
Demersal Gillnet	Australian fur seal	10	1	9
	Dolphins	2	1	1
	Shortfin Mako	4	1	3
	White Shark	1	0	1
Demersal Longline	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	1	0	1
	Shortfin Mako	2	0	2
	White Shark	1	1	0
Total Interactions		22	5	17

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Injured	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	88	65	1	22
Total Interactions		88	65	1	22

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Loggerhead Turtle	1	1	0
	Shortfin Mako	19	15	4
Total Interactions		20	16	4

Active Fisheries with No Reported Interactions

Fishery Name
Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery
SA Coastal Waters
Torres Strait Commercial Fishing Licence