

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 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 October 2025 to 31 December 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 October 2025 to 31 December 2025

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	23	4	19
	Australian fur seal	3	3	0
	Birds	1	0	1
	Black Browed Albatross	4	0	4
	Green Turtle	9	8	1
	Hawksbill Turtle	1	1	0
	Leatherback Turtle	3	3	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	2	1	1
	Porbeagle	1	0	1
	Seals	8	8	0
	Shearwaters	4	0	4
	Shortfin Mako	237	134	103
	Turtles	5	5	0
Total Interactions		301	167	134

Heard and McDonald Island Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Longline	Cape petrel	1	1	0
Total Interactions		1	1	0

North West Slope Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Dead
Scampi Trawl	Bronze Whaler	4	4
Total Interactions		4	4

Northern Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status			
			Alive	Dead	Injured	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Dwarf Sawfish	6	4	2	0	0
	Flatback Turtle	4	3	1	0	0
	Freshwater Sawfish	15	13	1	1	0
	Green Sawfish	4	2	1	1	0
	Green Turtle	14	14	0	0	0
	Narrow Sawfish	79	52	27	0	0
	Pacific (Olive) Ridely Turtle	1	1	0	0	0
	Sawfishes	26	23	1	2	0
	Seahorses & pipefishes	34	1	2	0	31
	Seasnakes	2994	2438	494	4	58
Turtles	4	3	1	0	0	
Total Interactions		3181	2554	530	8	89

Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Midwater Otter Trawl	Australian fur seal	1	0	1
	Common dolphin	1	0	1
	Seals	3	1	2
Total Interactions		5	1	4

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	12	0	12
	Black Browed Albatross	1	0	1
	Common dolphin	1	0	1
	Dolphins	1	0	1
	New Zealand fur seal	5	1	4
	Seals	9	2	7
	Shy Albatross	1	0	1
Danish Seine	Australian fur seal	4	0	4
	Seals	4	1	3
Total Interactions		40	4	36

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

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Injured
Demersal Auto-longline	Albatrosses	11	5	6	0
	Australian fur seal	1	1	0	0
	Birds	4	0	4	0
	Longfin Mako	3	0	3	0
	Porbeagle	17	0	17	0
	Shearwaters	5	0	5	0
	Shortfin Mako	11	0	11	0
	White Chinned Petrel	6	0	6	0
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	3	3	0	0
	Bottlenose dolphin	1	0	1	0
	Dolphins	1	0	1	0
	Imperial Shag	5	0	5	0
	New Zealand fur seal	1	0	1	0
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	2	0	1	1
	Seals	2	0	2	0
	Shearwaters	1	0	1	0
	Shortfin Mako	5	1	4	0
Demersal Longline	Australian fur seal	1	0	1	0
	Birds	6	0	6	0
	Flesh Footed Shearwater	1	1	0	0
	Shearwaters	4	0	4	0
	Shortfin Mako	8	0	8	0

	Shy Albatross	3	0	3	0
	White Shark	1	1	0	0
Handline	Flesh Footed Shearwater	1	0	1	0
	Porbeagle	1	0	1	0
Total Interactions		105	12	92	1

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	41	31	1	9
Total Interactions		41	31	1	9

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Leatherback Turtle	2	2	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	2	2	0
	Shortfin Mako	50	44	6
Total Interactions		54	48	6

Active Fisheries with No Reported Interactions

Fishery Name
Coral Sea Fishery
Great Australian Bight
High Seas Trawl Fishery
Torres Strait Commercial Fishing Licence