

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 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 2026 to 30 June 2026** is below. The report has been provided to DCCEEW and is compiled from official logbook records submitted to AFMA by fishers (concession 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 2026 to 30 June 2026**

Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	3	0	3	0
	Green Turtle	1	1	0	0
	Leatherback Turtle	2	2	0	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	4	4	0	0
	Longfin Mako	3	3	0	0
	Pacific (Olive) Ridely Turtle	1	0	1	0
	Short-finned pilot whale	1	1	0	0
	Shortfin Mako	127	63	52	12
	Toothed whales	1	1	0	0
	Turtles	2	2	0	0
Total Interactions		145	77	56	12

Heard and McDonald Island Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Bottom Trawl	Porbeagle	25	15	10
	South Georgia diving petrel	1	0	1
	Common diving petrel	1	0	1
Demersal Longline	Giant Petrel	3	0	3
	Southern Elephant Seal	1	0	1
	White-chinned Petrel	14	0	14
Total Interactions		45	15	30

Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Alive
Demersal Longline	Southern fulmar	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	3	1	2	0	0
	Flatback Turtle	1	1	0	0	0
	Freshwater Sawfish	20	18	2	0	0
	Green Sawfish	7	7	0	0	0
	Green Turtle	2	2	0	0	0
	Narrow Sawfish	197	148	37	1	11
	Sawfishes	54	39	11	4	0
	Seahorses & pipefishes	8	3	5	0	0
	Seasnakes	2789	2453	222	2	112
Total Interactions		3081	2672	279	7	123

Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Dead
Midwater Otter Trawl	Common dolphin	5	5
	Longfin Mako	1	1
	Seals	2	2
	Shortfin Mako	2	2
Total Interactions		10	10

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	7	2	5
	Dolphins	3	0	3
	Grey Nurse Shark	2	2	0
	New Zealand fur seal	7	1	6
	Seals	36	9	27
	Shortfin Mako	2	0	2
Danish Seine	Albatrosses	2	2	0
	Australian fur seal	10	2	8
	Seals	4	0	4
Midwater Otter Trawl	New Zealand fur seal	3	0	3
	Porbeagle	1	1	0
Total Interactions		84	19	65

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

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Demersal Auto-longline	Albatrosses	4	3	1
	Shearwaters	9	0	9
	Shortfin Mako	13	1	12
	Shy Albatross	1	0	1
	White Chinned Petrel	2	0	2
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	3	3	0
	Australian fur seal	1	1	0
	Bottlenose dolphin	2	0	2
	Common dolphin	5	0	5
	Cormorants	1	0	1
	Grey Nurse Shark	1	1	0
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	1	0	1
	Sealions	1	1	0
	Seals	2	1	1
	Shortfin Mako	13	0	13
	Terns	1	1	0
	Whales (mixed)	1	1	0
	White Shark	4	4	0
Demersal Longline	Shortfin Mako	4	0	4
Total Interactions		69	17	52

Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery - Great Australian Bight

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status
			Dead
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	3	3
Total Interactions		3	3

Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status		
			Alive	Dead	Unknown
Bottom Prawn Trawl	Seasnakes	83	20	1	62
Total Interactions		83	20	1	62

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common Name	Total	Life status	
			Alive	Dead
Pelagic Longline	Leatherback Turtle	3	3	0
	Loggerhead Turtle	2	2	0
	Shortfin Mako	31	20	11
Total Interactions		36	25	11

Active Fisheries with No Reported Interactions

Fishery Name
High Seas Non-Trawl Fishery
North West Slope Fishery
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery
Torres Strait Commercial Fishing Licence
Western Deep Water Fishery