

## PRELIMINARY REPORT

### Protected species interactions reported to the Commonwealth Fishery logbooks for the period 1 April to 30 June 2024.

This is the preliminary report compiling protected species interactions for the period 1 April to 30 June 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 preliminary report of protected species interactions for AFMA-managed fisheries as reported in fishery logbooks for the period **1 April to 30 June 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 period **1 April to 30 June 2024**

### Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Unknown	
Pelagic Longline	Albatrosses	10	2	8	0	Hooked
	Australian fur seal	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Dolphins	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Green Turtle	4	4	0	0	Hooked
	Hawksbill Turtle	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Leatherback Turtle	4	4	0	0	Hooked
	Loggerhead Turtle	6	6	0	0	Hooked
	Long-finned pilot whale	2	1	1	0	Hooked
	Oceanic Whitetip Shark	1	1	0	0	Hooked
	Pacific (Olive) Ridely Turtle	6	5	1	0	Hooked
	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	2	0	2	0	Hooked
	Porbeagle	2	2	0	0	Hooked
	Shearwaters	1	0	1	0	Hooked
	Shortfin Mako	19	16	1	2	Hooked
	Turtles	14	10	4	0	Hooked
<b>Total Interactions</b>		<b>74</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	

### Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Pelagic Longline	Leatherback Turtle	1	1	0	Hooked
	Loggerhead Turtle	3	3	0	Hooked
	Toothed Whales	1	1	0	Hooked
<b>Total Interactions</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

## High Seas Non - Trawl Fishery

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Pelagic Longline	Petrels and Shearwaters - unspecified	1	0	1	Hooked
	White Chinned Petrel	1	0	1	Hooked
Total Interactions		2	0	2	

## Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery – Commonwealth Trawl Sector

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	2	0	2	Entangled
	Australian fur seal	12	0	12	Entangled
	Grey Nurse Shark	1	1	0	Entangled
	New Zealand fur seal	4	2	2	Entangled
	Seals	4	2	2	Entangled
Danish Seine	Australian fur seal	1	0	1	Entangled
	Seals	1	0	1	Entangled
Midwater Otter Trawl	New Zealand fur seal	2	0	2	Entangled
Total Interactions		27	5	22	

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

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Demersal Auto-longline	Albatrosses	2	0	2	Hooked
	Longfin Mako	1	1	0	Hooked
Demersal Gillnet	Albatrosses	2	2		Entangled
	Australian fur seal	1	1	0	Entangled
	Bottlenose dolphin	1	0	1	Entangled
	Common dolphin	3	0	3	Entangled
	Dolphins	2	0	2	Entangled
	New Zealand fur seal	2	0	2	Entangled
	Seals	5	1	4	Entangled
	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1	Entangled
	White Shark	5	4	1	Entangled
Demersal longline	Shortfin Mako	1	0	1	Hooked
	Shy Albatross	1	0	1	Hooked
	<b>Total Interactions</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	

## Small Pelagic Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Midwater Otter Trawl	Australian Fur Seal	2	0	2	Entangled
	Common Dolphin	5	1	4	Entangled
	Dolphins	1	1	0	Entangled
	Seals	3	1	2	Entangled
	Shearwaters	1	0	1	Entangled
	<b>Total Interactions</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	

## Northern Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status				Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Injured	Unknown	
Bottom shrimp trawl (prawn trawl)	Dwarf Sawfish	13	6	7	0	0	Entangled
	Flatback Turtle	1	1	0	0	0	Entangled
	Freshwater Sawfish	4	4	0	0	0	Entangled
	Green Sawfish	16	13	3	0	0	Entangled
	Green Turtle	4	4	0	0	0	Entangled
	Narrow Sawfish	279	105	171	2	1	Entangled
	Pacific (Olive) Ridley Turtle	3	3	0	0	0	Entangled
	Sawfishes	45	26	19	0	0	Entangled
	Seasnakes	3088	2643	413	9	23	Entangled
	Turtles	4	4	0	0	0	Entangled
Total Interactions		3457	2809	613	11	24	

## Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Unknown	
Bottom Shrimp Trawl (Prawn Trawl)	Green Turtle	1	1	0	0	Entangled
	Seasnakes	622	615	3	4	Entangled
Total Interactions		623	616	3	4	

## Heard Island and McDonald Island Fishery

Gear type	Common name	Total	Life status		Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	
Demersal Auto-longline	Southern elephant seal	1	0	1	Entangled
	White-chinned petrel	1	0	1	Entangled
Total Interactions		2	0	2	

## Great Australian Bight Fishery

Gear Type	Common name	Total	Life status			Interaction type
			Alive	Dead	Injured	
Bottom Otter Trawl	Albatrosses	10	0	10	0	Entangled
	<b>Total Interactions</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	

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

Fishery
Coral Sea Fishery
High Seas Fishery (SIOFA area of competence – Indian Ocean)
High Seas Trawl
Macquarie Island Toothfish Fishery
North West Slope Trawl Fishery
Southern Bluefin Tuna
Southern Squid Jig Fishery
Torres Strait Fisheries – all methods (excluding prawn fishery)

## Inactive Fisheries – fisheries that were not actively fishing during the reporting period

Fishery
Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery
East Coast Deepwater Trawl Sector
Norfolk Island Fishery (inshore & offshore)
Skipjack Tuna Fishery
South Tasman Rise Fishery
Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery