

## **Reporting of interactions with listed species in Queensland managed fisheries in Commonwealth waters.**

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) any person who undertakes an activity that results in the unintentional death, injury, trading, taking, keeping or moving a member of a listed threatened species (except a conservation dependent species), a member of a listed threatened ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, a member of a listed marine species or a cetacean in or on a Commonwealth area and the activity was not authorised by a permit, must notify the Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Heritage of that action. This requirement to report includes fishers operating in all Commonwealth waters.

In 2005 the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for “The Reporting of Fisheries Interactions with Protected Species Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*”. The MoU established administrative arrangements to assist Queensland fishers to meet their requirements under the EPBC Act. The MoU has streamlined the reporting of interactions, with fishers now making one report in their compulsory daily logbook. Data submitted by fishers in their logbooks are aggregated by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and submitted to the Department of the Environment and Heritage quarterly.

In accordance with the MoU records of the interactions for Queensland fisheries are below.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Interactions</b>	<b>Life/status</b>	<b>Fishing Method</b>
Flatback Turtle	1	Alive	Trawling
Green Turtle	26	Alive	Gillnetting
Hawksbill Turtle	1	Alive	Line fishing
Loggerhead Turtle	4	Alive	Gillnetting
Turtle - Saltwater Unspecified	13	Alive	Gillnetting
Seasnake	22	Dead	Trawling
Seasnake	223	Alive	Trawling
Humpback Whale	1	Alive	Anchored gillnetting

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:  
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**Report for the period 1/7/06-30/9/06**