

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 Water Resources 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 Water Resources quarterly.

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

Species	Interactions	Life/status	Fishing Method
Green Turtle	17	Alive	Gillnetting
Green Turtle	1	Alive	Trawling
Hawksbill Turtle	1	Alive	Gillnetting
Loggerhead Turtle	5	Alive	Gillnetting
Turtle - Saltwater Unspecified	1	Dead	Gillnetting
Turtle - Saltwater Unspecified	14	Alive	Gillnetting
Sawfish - Freshwater	1	Dead	Gillnetting
Sawfish - Freshwater	4	Alive	Gillnetting
Sea Snake	6	Injured	Trawling
Sea Snake	2	Dead	Trawling
Sea Snake	27	Alive	Trawling
Cormorant - Unspecified	1	Dead	Gillnetting

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:
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