

Reporting of interactions with EPBC listed species in the Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) any person who undertakes an activity that results in an interaction with an EPBC Act listed species in or on a Commonwealth area (including Commonwealth Fisheries) must notify the Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Heritage of that interaction unless the activity was authorised by a permit.

The Australian Government Minister for the Department of the Environment and Heritage declared the Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery (PFTIMF) as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation (WTO) under section 303FN of the EPBC Act, with conditions, allowing continued export from the fishery until the expiry of the declaration. One of the conditions of the approval was that the fishery provides the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage with a summary of all protected species interactions reported in the Pilbara Fish Trawl from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

In accordance with the agreement, records of the interactions the PFTIMF are below. Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:

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Listed & Protected Species	Alive	Dead	Total Reported
Dolphins	4	52	56
Pipefish	10	124	134
Sawfish, Green	10	6	16
Sawfish, Narrow	3	1	4
Seahorses	54	11	65
Sea Snakes	15	4	19
Turtles, Green	1	1	2
Turtles, Loggerhead	7	1	8
Turtles, Olive Ridley	3	0	3