

Reporting of interactions with *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* 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 Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of that action within seven days. 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 EPBC Act". 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 DEWHA quarterly.

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

| Species | Interactions | Life Status | Fishing Method |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Green turtle | 1 | Dead | Gillnetting |
| Green turtle | 19 | Live | Gillnetting |
| Loggerhead turtle | 1 | Dead | Gillnetting |
| Sawfish – narrow | 1 | Live | Gillnetting |
| Water rat | 1 | Live | Potting (crab) |
| Loggerhead turtle | 1 | Injured | Trawling |
| Loggerhead turtle | 1 | Live | Trawling |
| Sea snake | 35 | Injured | Trawling |
| Sea snake | 115 | Dead | Trawling |
| Sea snake | 1413 | Live | Trawling |

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:

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