

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 Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) 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 the DSEWPaC quarterly.

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

Species	Interactions	Life Status	Fishing Method
Dugong	1	Live	Anchored gillnetting
Saltwater crocodile	1	Live	Anchored gillnetting
Eastern snake-necked turtle	18	Live	Eel trap
Macquarie River turtle	1	Live	Eel trap
Saw-shelled turtle	3	Live	Eel trap
Turtle - Krefft's River	6	Dead	Eel trap
Turtle - Krefft's River	318	Live	Eel trap
Saltwater crocodile	1	Dead	Gillnetting
Sawfish - freshwater	1	Live	Gillnetting
Turtle - saltwater unspecified	1	Live	Gillnetting
Green turtle	6	Live	Ring netting
Sea snake	6	Injured	Trawling
Sea snake	5	Dead	Trawling
Sea snake	26	Live	Trawling

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:

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