

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 the 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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 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
Broad-Shelled Turtle	1	Injured	Eel Trap
Broad-Shelled Turtle	1	Whole Dead	Eel Trap
Broad-Shelled Turtle	7	Whole Live	Eel Trap
Eastern Snake-necked Turtle	63	Whole Live	Eel Trap
Green turtle	25	Whole Live	Ring Netting
Hawksbill turtle	1	Whole Live	Gillnetting
Loggerhead turtle	1	Whole Live	Anchored gillnetting
Loggerhead turtle	1	Whole Live	Ring Netting
Macquarie River Turtle	2	Whole Live	Eel Trap
Sawfish - freshwater	1	Whole Live	Gillnetting
Sawfish - narrow	1	Whole Live	Trawling
Saw-shelled Turtle	5	Whole Live	Eel Trap
Sea snake	16	Injured	Trawling
Sea snake	6	Whole Dead	Trawling
Sea snake	59	Whole Live	Trawling
Turtle - Krefft's River	22	Whole Dead	Eel Trap
Turtle - Krefft's River	916	Whole Live	Eel Trap
Turtle - saltwater unspecified	1	Whole Live	Gillnetting
White-throated Snapping Turtle	1	Whole Live	Eel Trap

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:

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