

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 Environment (DoE) 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 DoE quarterly.

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

Species	Interactions	Life Status	Fishing Method
Broad-shelled turtle	Eel Trap	Live	1
Fitzroy river turtle	Eel Trap	Live	6
Flatback turtle	Trawling	Live	2
Freshwater turtle	Eel Trap	Live	5
Hawksbill turtle	Anchored gillnetting	Live	3
Kreff's river turtle	Eel Trap	Injured	2
Kreff's river turtle	Eel Trap	Live	35
Narrow sawfish	Trawling	Live	1
Saltwater crocodile	Anchored gillnetting	Dead	1
Seasnake	Danish Seine	Live	2
Seasnake	Trawling	Injured	22
Seasnake	Trawling	Dead	15
Seasnake	Trawling	Live	167
White-throated snapping turtle	Eel Trap	Live	1

Should you require further information regarding these reports please contact:

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