



## LAKE MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI AND AUSTRALIAN BASS 2011-2020 2020 REVIEW

### Stocked fish numbers, tagged and recaptured fish, catch rates, fish sizes, growth, survival, locations, movement and recapture fisher postcodes

The following dashboard provides a summary of Barramundi data from Lake Monduran covering the past 10 years.

### **Summary**

- The limited available data for Lake Monduran means the information provided is indicative only
- Dam level at 31 Dec 2020 was 47%
- From 2011-2018 there were 577.1K Barramundi and 176.6K Australian Bass fingerlings released
- Over the past 10 years there were 1,534 Barramundi tagged for 16 (1.0%) recaptures and 9 Bass tagged for 0 (0.0%) recaptures
- There were insufficient Bass recorded to make any assessment other than the numbers are low compared to the fish stocked however Barramundi are the most targetted
- There were 2 batch releases of tagged Barramundi with 104 in 2016 for 1 (1.0%) recapture and 350 in 2018 for 4 (1.1%) recaptures with fish averaging 180mm in both releases
- The tag rate and fishing effort was not suitable to calculate a tag or catch rate
- The average length of tagged Barramundi was 679mm in 2020 with just one fish of 1030mm over 1m tagged in 2016
- Over the past 10 years most Barramundi were tagged in LMK map grids L9, K10, K11 and H13
- There were insufficient recaptures to calculate a reliable growth rate
- The longest time out for a Barramundi after tagging is 2.7 years however this is a reflection of the limited early tagging effort
- There has been 1 recapture of a fish outside the impoundment with a fish recaptured in the Kolan River 48km from where tagged after going over the dam wall
- There were 16 recaptures where the postcode of the fisher was recorded with 6 from SE Qld, 2 from Bundaberg, 2 from SW Qld and 4 from interstate indicating fishers are coming from wide afield to fish the lake

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LAKE MONDURAN	LOCATION	BATHYMETRY
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MEASURE	ACTUAL	GRAPH of MAP
Lake Monduran	Grid map Lake Monduran LMK	lange
Surface area Lake capacity	Surface area 53.4km² Level at 31 Dec 2020 47% For latest level <a href="https://www.sunwater.com.au/water-data/historical-dam-capacity/">https://www.sunwater.com.au/water-data/historical-dam-capacity/</a>	2010 2015 2020
Fingerlings stocked 2011-2018	HIGHEST LOWEST TOTAL BARRAMUNDI 2015 2012 103.7K 60K 577.1K BASS 2011 2016 111.1K 0 176.6K	MONDURAN FISH STOCKED  1200000  1200000  1200000  12000000  1200000000
Barramundi tagged and recaptured 2011-2020	TAGGED RECAPTURED 1534 16 RECAPTURE RATE 1.0%	MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  10 8 8 95 10 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020  100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10
Batch releases of tagged Barramundi 2011-2020	Tagged Recap Av length 2016 104 1(1.0%) 180mm 2018 350 4(1.1%) 180mm	MONDURAN BATCH RELEASES TAGGED  BARRAMUNDI  10  8  8  6  10  229  99  11  10  2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020  TAGGED  RECAPTURED

Bass tagged and recaptured 2011-2020	TAGGED R 9 RECAPTURE RAT 0%	ECAPTURED O E	MONDURAN BASS TAGGED AND RECAPTURED  100 99 90 107 77 108 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109
Postcodes of recapture fishers 2011-2020	Recaptures POSTCODE 4502 4670 4680 Interstate No code	18 FISHERS 3 2 1 4	Clade Months of Contact of Contac
Recapture fishers from regions 2011-2020	REGION SE QLD BUNDABERG CENTRAL QLD SW QLD OTHER STATES	FISHERS 6 (37%) 2 (12%) 2 (13%) 2 (13%) 4 (25%)	MONDURAN RECAPTURE FISHER POSTCODES  OTHER STATES 25%  SE QLD 37%  SW QLD 13%  CENTRAL QLD 13%  BUNDABERG 12%
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### BARRAMUNDI



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MEASURE	ACTUAL		GRAPH
Catch and effort number of fish Fisher tag days T20 fishers 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST CATCH 2019 2017 579 0 EFFORT Data not suitable to determine effort	2020 227	MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI  700  140  120  100  80 95  60  200  2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020  100  100  100  100  100  100  100
Catch rate Fish/fisher day 2011-2020	Data not suitable to catch rates	o calculate	
Average length (mm) Bars show smallest and largest fish 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWES  AVERAGE LENGTH  2018 2011  695 531  LARGEST  2016 2018  1030 800	2020 679 2020 950	MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI AVERAGE LENGTH  1200.0  1000.0  TROPHY  1200.0  1000.0  LEGAL  200.0  200.0  201.1 201.2 201.3 201.4 201.5 201.6 201.7 201.8 201.9 202.0
Fish lengths percentage Undersize <580mm Legal 580-999mm Trophy 1000+mm 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWES' LEGAL 2018 2011 94.1 36.4 TROPHY 2016 2019 3.0 0		MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI LENGTHS  100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 10
Barramundi growth at the end of each year based on recaptures all years	Recaptures 24 Insufficient data for growth estimate Longest time out (y 2.7		MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI GROWTH  y = 161.87ln(x) - 737.28  y = 161.87ln(x) - 737.28  0 365 730 1095 1460 1825

Grid locations of tagged fish (map LMK) 2011-2020	Grids where most fish caught GRID FISH L9 154 K10 74 K11 52 H13 52	
Barramundi movements in lake (km) 2011-2020	Recaptures 9 Recaptured same area 2 (22%) Up lake Down lake 5 2	MONDURAN BARRAMUNDI MOVEMENT  15  15  10  10  10  10  10  10  10  10
Barramundi recaptured outside impoundment	Recaptures below lake 1 Over dam wall down Kolan river 48km	

#### **Data sources**

Data used in the Impoundment Crystal Bowl are:

- Tag records and recapture records for the impoundment at http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/
- Dam level data from Sunwater <a href="https://www.sunwater.com.au/water-data/historical-dam-capacity/">https://www.sunwater.com.au/water-data/historical-dam-capacity/</a>
- Stocked fish records from <a href="https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/">https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/queensland-freshwater-fish-stocking-records/</a>

### **Basis for analysis**

- Catch rates calculated as number of fish tagged/fisher/day for T20 fishers (taggers) with a minimum of 12 fisher days (at least 1 per month) to provide a reliable catch rate
- Undersized Barramundi are <580mm, legal fish are >=580 and <1000mm and trophy fish are >=1000mm
- Growth calculated using logarithmic curve from recaptures where fish were out for 90 days or more and had positive growth
- Locations based on Infofish grid map LMK for the impoundment and other grid maps where fish were recaptured outside the impoundment
- Distance moved was the shortest distance by water between the tag and recapture location measured in Google Earth