



LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI 2011-2020

AVAILABLE		AVAILABLE	
Species		Barramundi	
Tagged fish		Recaptures	
Catch rates		Fish sizes	
Growth		Survival	
Tag locations		Fish Movement	
Postcodes		Competitions	

Summary

- Tagging of Barramundi in the Lakefield National Park has been ongoing since the 1980's providing a long timeline of data that helps understanding the dynamics of the fish
- This dashboard covers the past 10 years from 2011-2020
- From 2011-2020 there were 1,200 Barramundi tagged for 61 recaptures (5.1%)
- The tag rate has fluctuated from 1.8 fish/fisher day in 2016 to 3.4 in 2012 and was 2.6 in 2020 which is the same as the 10 year average
- The average length of Barramundi tagged was below the legal limit in all years as legal fish were often kept so the range of sizes is not reflective of the overall fish population
- Of the tagged fish over the 10 years there were 17.6% that were legal sized
- There were only 2 trophy fish tagged over the 10 years with one of 1050mm in 2014 and 1030mm in 2018
- Barramundi growth rate was very variable at 71mm by the end of year 1 and 270mm by the end of year 5
- Barramundi survival is similar to that in other river systems (11-12 years) with the longest time out being 12.8 years
- Recaptures show that most fish were recaptured in the same area as tagged (46%) while fish moved both upstream (20%) and downstream (34%) from where tagged
- Postcodes of fishers recapturing fish show that most come from the Atherton Tableland (28%), Mossman (24%) and Cairns (21%)

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LAKEFIELD	LOCATION	BARRAMUNDI
	Coral Sea QUEENSLAND Brisbane	
MEASURE	ACTUAL	GRAPH or MAP
Lakefield National Park Grid maps BHY LKP LNR LFD LKR LFL LKB LMR	Princess Charlotte Bay Bathurst Bay Normanby River North Kennedy River Bizant River Hann River Morehead River Annie River	Reniery LSB Reniery LSB Renier
Fishing effort (fisher days) and tagged fish 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW TAGGED FISH 2012 2016 2020 224 33 45 EFFORT 2012 2016 2020 65 18 17	LAKEFIELD TAG AND EFFORT 250 100 100 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 PISH © TSHERDAYS
Tag rate Fish tagged/fisher day 2011-2020	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW TAG RATE 2012 2016 2020 3.4 1.8 2.6 10 YEAR AVERAGE 2.6	LAKEFIELD TAG RATE
Barramundi tagged and recaptures from each year's tagging 2011-2020	TAGGEDRECAPTURED120061RECAPTURE RATE5.1%	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI TAGGED AND RECAPTURED 250 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200
Average length (mm) Bars show smallest and largest fish Dots show outliers 2011-2020	HIGHESTLOWESTNOWAVERAGEENGTH2020200920112020282245272LARGEST20092011200920112020420325370	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI LENGTHS (MM) 1200 TROPHY 100 10

Fish length percentage (%)	HIGHEST LOWEST NOW	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI LENGTHS
Undersize <580mm	LEGAL	90%
Legal 580-999mm	2017 2013 2020	70%
Trophy 1000+mm	23.3 7.0 26.7	50%
2011-2020	TROPHY	30%
	No fish over 500mm in any	0% 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
	year	UNDERSIZE LEGAL TROPHY
Barramundi growth based	Recaptures 53	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI GROWTH
on recaptures	Growth at end of year (mm)	500 450
2011-2020	Year 1 72	
2011 2020	Year 2 157	830 4 230 9 150 9 150
	Year 3 207	
		100 50 y=123.35ln(x)-656.09
	Year 4 243	0 365 730 1095 1460 1825 2190 2555 2920 3285 3650
	Year 5 270	DAYS OUT (YEARS)
Barramundi survival based	Year Recaptures	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI SURVIVAL
on recaptures by years out	1 196	
after tagging	5 45	2 3 150
1985-2020	10 2	
	12 1	S3 200 1 200 2 3 200 2 3 2 00 2 3 2 0 2 3 2 0
	Longest time out (years)	0
	12.8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 YEARS AFTER TAGGING
Grid locations of tagged	Grids where most fish caught	
fish	Not for publication	
2011-2020		
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Barramundi movements	Recaptures 59	LAKEFIELD BARRAMUNDI MOVEMENT
2011-2020	Recaptured same area	S ⁴⁰ ●
	27 (46%)	W 20 W 20
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	12 (20%)	45-40 50 -60
	Downriver	-80
	20 (34%)	DOW NRIVER UPRIVER
Postcodes of recapture	Postcode fishers 29	RECAPTURE FISHERS POSTCODES
fishers	Atherton Tableland 28%	NSW 3% 3%
2009-2020	Mossman 24%	TABLELAND 28%
	Cairns 21%	TULLY14%
	Tully 4%	
	NSW 7%	CAIRNS
	770	21% MOSSMAN 24%
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Data sources

Data used in the Lakefield Crystal Bowl are:

• Tag records and recapture records at http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/

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 fish are <580mm, legal fish are >=580 and <1000mm and trophy fish are >=1000mm
- Growth calculated using a logarithmic curve from recaptures where fish were out for 90 days or more and had positive growth
- Locations based on Infofish grid maps Bathurst (BHY), Normanby River (LNR), Kennedy (LKR), Kalpower (LKP), Lakefield (LFD), Morehead (LMR), Koolburra (LKB) and Laura (LFL)
- Survival based on the number of recaptures for each year after tagging