## QUEENSLAND FISH TAGGED AND RECAPTURED 2014-2023 QUEENSLAND FISHER ACTIVITY REVIEW 2019-2023

| QUEENSLAND STATEWIDE REVIEW 2023 |  |
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| INFORMATION RATING |  |

This dashboard is a 10-year summary of key species tagged and recaptured over the past decade from 2014-2023 and a 5-year summary of taggers and those recapturing fish from 2019-2023 in Queensland. Detailed regional dashboards are also available for coastal estuaries and inland impoundments.
Fisher activity includes taggers and those recapturing fish covering month and day of fishing activity. At the statewide level there is little difference in their monthly and weekday activity. As tagging is predominantly in estuaries and impoundments fish are not highly mobile so recaptures are made in the same area as fish are tagged. Tag locations are associated with waterways in close proximity to population centres and cover most areas of the state where recreational fishing occurs.
At the statewide level fishing effort, based on days fished by taggers and those recapturing fish, suggests that Covid restrictions had little overall impact on fishing in 2020 and 2021 although there were some regions that were impacted more than others, particularly those fished by travelling fishers.

Travel by intrastate and interstate fishers was down in 2020 when Covid travel restrictions were in place and down again in 2023, possibly a reflection of the impact of cost-of-living pressures, with the numbers of those fishers and the proxy distance for travel both down. While recaptures are up $9 \%$ on 2022 the cumulative proxy travel distance is down by $22 \%$.

Interstate fishers are mostly from NSW and Vic accounting for $91 \%$ of recaptures made by interstate fishers.

Overall tag and recapture details are provided for the 3 species tagged the most being Barramundi, Bass and Flathead. These species account for $55 \%$ of the total tagging effort. Based on recaptures of legal sized fish by other than taggers, $50 \%$ of Barramundi, $12 \%$ of Bass and $57 \%$ of Flathead were kept.
Tag rates and fish lengths at the statewide level have remained steady over the past decade and have not shown any particular trend.

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| QUEENSLAND |  |  |  | STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE |
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| All of Queensland |  |  |  | Coral Sea |
| FISHERS | ACTUAL |  |  | GRAPH or MAP |
| DATA RELIABILTY |  |  |  |  |
| Sample size (days fished) <br> Recaptures (blue arrow) <br> Tag days (orange arrow) <br> Confidence \% <br> Error \% <br> 2019-2023 | Reliability level <br> Samples <br> Confidence <br> Eror | LOW <br> ${ }^{41}$ <br> $80 \%$ <br> $20 \%$ |  |     |
| ACTIVITY |  |  |  |  |
| Month fished <br> Taggers $(19,117)$ <br> Recapture fishers $(7,156)$ 2019-2023 | Taggers <br> Recaps | Month <br> Oct <br> Sep <br> Oct <br> Sep | $\begin{array}{r} \% \\ 12 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 9 \% \end{array}$ | MONTH FSSHE 2019:2023 |
| Month fished <br> Taggers $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2 8 4})$ <br> Recapture fishers $(1,368)$ $2023$ | Taggers <br> Recaps | Month <br> Sep <br> Oct <br> Oct <br> Nov | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ 12 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 13 \% \\ 10 \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Weekday fished <br> Taggers $(\mathbf{3 , 2 8 4})$ <br> Recapture fishers $(1,368)$ 2019-2023 | Taggers <br> Recaps | Day Weekends Weekdays Sat $\quad 20 \%$ Sun $\quad 20 \%$ | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ 40 \% \\ 60 \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Weekday fished <br> Taggers $(3,284)$ <br> Recapture fishers $(1,368)$ $2023$ | Taggers <br> Recaps | Day <br> Weekends <br> Weekdays <br> Weekends <br> Weekdays | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ 42 \% \\ 38 \% \\ 40 \% \\ 60 \% \end{gathered}$ |  |



| EFFORT |  |  |  |
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| Recapture fishers Cumulative recaptures 2019-2023 | Year 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 | Recaptures 1685 1475 1305 1251 1366 | statewio cumulative ecaparunes |
| Recapture fishers Monthly recaptures 2021-2023 | Year 2021 2022 2023 $21-22$ $22-23$ | Recaptures 1305 1251 1366 $-4.1 \%$ $+9.2 \%$ | STAITWOE ERECATURES 20212023 |
| Fisher effort <br> Days fished per month <br> Taggers <br> Recapture fishers 2019-2023 | MONTHIVEFFORT TAGGERS AND RECAPTURE ESHERS 2019.2023 |  |  |
| TRAVEL |  |  |  |
| Cumulative distance where fishers live to recapture location (travel proxy) 2019-2023 | Year 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 $22-23$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Distance }(\mathrm{km}) \\ 147526 \\ 110778 \\ 163498 \\ 164264 \\ 128180 \\ -22.0 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| Distance (km) address or postcode to recapture location <br> Travel proxy <br> Local (1-59km) <br> 2019-2023 | $\begin{aligned} & 2019 \\ & 2020 \\ & 2021 \\ & 2022 \\ & 2023 \end{aligned}$ | Distance $(\mathrm{km})$ 20 20 23 23 25 | quil local travel proxy (kM) |
| Distance (km) address or postcode to recapture location <br> Travel proxy <br> Intrastate <br> 2019-2023 | $\begin{aligned} & 2019 \\ & 2020 \\ & 2021 \\ & 2022 \\ & 2023 \end{aligned}$ | Distance $(\mathrm{km})$ 255 238 303 331 251 |  |
| Distance (km) address or postcode to recapture location <br> Travel proxy <br> Interstate 2019-2023 | $\begin{aligned} & 2019 \\ & 2020 \\ & 2021 \\ & 2022 \\ & 2023 \end{aligned}$ | Distance (km) 1342 910 1249 1464 1140 |  |


| Average distance where fishers live to recapture location (travel proxy) <br> Local (L) <br> Intrastate (QLD) <br> 2019-2023 |  | Av distance (km) | Fisher's average istance (kM) |
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|  |  | L QLD |  |
|  | 2019 | 20255 | 200 $\Sigma_{20} 200$ |
|  | 2020 | $20 \quad 238$ | $\bar{z}_{30} 50$ <br> 100 |
|  | 2021 | $23 \quad 303$ | ${ }_{\text {so }}^{1+1}$ |
|  | 2022 | $23 \quad 331$ | $2020 \quad 2021$ |
|  | 2023 | $25 \quad 251$ |  |
| Average distance where fishers live to recapture location (travel proxy) Interstate 2019-2023 |  | Av Distance (km) | Interstate fisher's Average iltance (KM) |
|  | 2019 | 1342 |  |
|  | 2020 | 910 |  |
|  | 2021 | 1249 |  |
|  | 2022 | 1464 | ${ }_{40}^{60}$ |
|  | 2023 | 1140 | ${ }^{20} 0$ |
| DEMOGRAPHICS |  |  |  |
| Where recapture fishers live Local (1-59km) (L) Intrastate (QLD) Interstate 2019-2023 |  | L QLD | WHERE RECAPTURE FIIHERS LIVE |
|  | 2019 | 1243312 | ${ }_{\substack{1200 \\ 1000}}$ |
|  | 2020 | 1117293 |  |
|  | 2021 | 899356 |  |
|  | 2022 | 961210 | ${ }_{20}{ }_{20}^{40}$ |
|  | 2023 | 1007273 |  |
| Recapture fisher's category Local (1-59km) Intrastate Interstate 2019-2023 |  | L QLD | Where recapture fishers live |
|  | 2019 | 78\% 20\% |  |
|  | 2020 | 78\% 20\% |  |
|  | 2021 | 70\% 28\% |  |
|  | 2022 | 79\% 17\% |  |
|  | 2023 | 77\% 21\% | $\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 \% & & & & \\ 2019 & 2020 & 2021 & 2022 & 2023 \\ & \square \text { LOCAL } & \square \text { INTRASTATE } & \text { ■INTERSTATE } & \end{array}$ |
| Interstate of origin 2019-2023 |  | State | INTERSTATE FISHERS 2019-2023 |
|  | NSW | 65\% |  |
|  | VIC | 26\% |  |
|  | NT | 4\% |  |
|  | SA | 2\% |  |
|  | WA | 2\% |  |
|  | TAS | 1\% |  |
|  | Overseas | 1\% |  |
| Recapture fisher's (extaggers) gender 2019-2023 |  | Male Female | ReCAPTURE FISHER'S Gender |
|  | 2019 | 95\% 5\% | (tam |
|  | 2020 | 94\% 6\% | ${ }_{\substack{\text { com } \\ \text { bex }}}$ |
|  | 2021 | 94\% 6\% |  |
|  | 2022 | 93\% 7\% |  |
|  | 2023 | 93\% 7\% | $$ |

Where fishers live (red stars) that recaptured fish $(5,785)$
2019-2022


Where fishers live (pink stars) that recaptured fish $(1,366)$
2023


| FISH | ACTUAL | GRAPH or MAP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BARRAMUNDI | AUSTRALIAN BASS | DUSKY FLATHEAD |
|  |  |  |
| EFFORT |  |  |
| Catch and effort taggers Tagged fish Days fished 2014-2023 | $\left.\begin{array}{lcc}\text { High } & \text { Low } & \text { Now } \\ \text { lagged } & & \\ 2015 & 2020 & 2023 \\ 28280 & 17075 & 20086 \\ \text { Days fished } & & \\ 2019 & 2022 & 2023 \\ 5574 & 3495 & 3284\end{array} \begin{array}{ll} & \end{array}\right)$ |  |
| Fish tagged Recaptured 2014-2023 | Tagged Recaptured <br> 212360 15711 <br> Recapture rate  <br> $7.4 \%$  |  |
| TAG RATE |  |  |
| Tag rate Fish/day 2014-2023 |  |  |
| SPECIES |  |  |
| Species composition Numbers tagged 2014-2023 | Top 3 species  <br> Barramundi 61137 <br> Bass 41656 <br> Flathead 16430 <br> Other species 93137 | olo secties Tagei |
| Species composition Percentage tagged 2014-2023 | Barramundi $29 \%$ <br> Bass $20 \%$ <br> Flathead $8 \%$ <br> Top 3 $56 \%$ |  |




## LOCATIONS

## Barramundi

Tagged (red-orange
heatmap) $(61,209)$
Recaptured (blue dots)
$(5,721)$
2014-2023



## LOCATIONS

## Bass

Tagged (red-orange
heatmap) $(41,656)$
Recaptured (blue dots)
$(3,659)$
2014-2023



## TAG LOCATIONS

## Flathead

Tagged (red-orange
heatmap) $(16,430)$
Recaptured (blue dots)
(834)

2014-2023

## Data sources

Data used in the Queensland Crystal Bowl are:

- Tag and recapture records for Queensland from Suntag records from Fishtag Australia database from http://crystalbowl.infofishaustralia.com.au/infofish/f infofish.htm.
- Postcodes from Australia Post website at https://auspost.com.au/postcode.


## Data analysis

- Data reliability for fishers based on the sample size over the past 5 years for days fished by taggers and by fishers recapturing fish.
- Data reliability for fish based on average number of fish tagged and recaptured per year over the past 5 years.
- Catch rates calculated as number of fish tagged/day for taggers with a minimum of 12 fisher days (at least 1 per month) to provide a reliable catch rate.
- For Barramundi undersized fish are $<580 \mathrm{~mm}$, legal fish are $>=580$ and $<1000 \mathrm{~mm}$ and trophy fish are $>=1000 \mathrm{~mm}$.
- For Australian Bass undersized fish are $<300 \mathrm{~mm}$, legal fish are $>=300$ and $<500 \mathrm{~mm}$ and trophy fish are $>=500 \mathrm{~mm}$.
- For Dusky Flathead undersized fish are $<400 \mathrm{~mm}$, legal fish are $>=400$ and $<700 \mathrm{~mm}$ and trophy fish are $>=700 \mathrm{~mm}$.
- Locations based on Infofish grid maps for Queensland.
- Distance from where fishers live to recapture location is the straight-line distance between locations based on Google Earth coordinates with Local <60, Intrastate >=60 and Qld postcode, Interstate postcode other than Qld.

