

Octopus Fishery management summary

To Joanne E Klemke (VFA)

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Hi Joanne

I'm concerned that the CPUE is maintained by expanding the range, having to travel further & onto new unfished ground I'm hoping is not been depleted in the area out lined in the 2016 & 2017

In my opinion the 2016 map blocks didn't get fished in 2022 & 2023 is of a concern do the commercial operators know why they used more time & fuel traveling off shore as 2023 diagram seems to indicate

https://vfa.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1030099/Consultation-Paper_Octopus-TACC-2024-25.pdf

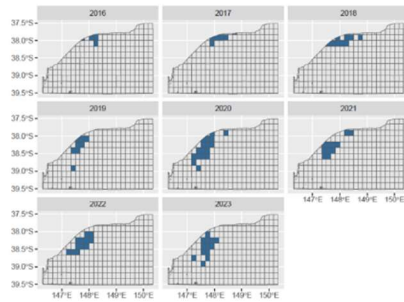


Figure 3: Spread of octopus fishing effort

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Hi Joanne

I'm happy for either one or both to be used as submissions.

""VFA has a long-standing policy in place to not publicly release data which relates to the fishing activities of less than five licence holders – to protect commercial confidentiality of licence holders""

I'm of the opinion that this VFA policy should be revisited, if we are to better understand the state of the fishery, particularly if the CPUE falls below a TRP. maybe the Grid Cells could be coded Red, Yellow & Green, as to there status without giving away commercial hot spots

Kind Regards