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Dear Travis,

***Re: VRFish Submission - Draft 202324 Further Quota Order for the Banded Morwong Fishery***

VRFish has consulted with recreational fishers and supports the proposed 30% reduction of the Banded Morwong TACC to be implemented for the 2023/24 fishing season.

Banded Morwong is an important species for the spearfishing segment of the recreational fishing community. Advice from the scuba dive segment is that Banded Morwong also have a high value for non-extractive users.

Localised depletions of this species will have a negative impact on the experiential values of recreational fishers<sup>i</sup> and scuba divers.

VRFish therefore supports and encourages the current management position that a precautionary approach is appropriate for this fishery.

If you require further information, please contact me via email at [ben@vrfish.com.au](mailto:ben@vrfish.com.au) or call 0416945759.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>i</sup> <http://fishingmonthly.com.au/Articles/Display/22096-Getting-around-Gabo-Island>

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