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This edition has been compiled from catch and effort data supplied by Victorian commercial fishery access licence holders completing monthly fishing returns and from aquaculture production data supplied by Victorian aquaculture licence holders via 6-monthly aquaculture returns. Production value was estimated from price-at-first-sale data supplied by selected fish processors and, from 1 July 2020, price data has been collected from aquaculture licence holders in their returns. The provision of accurate and timely data from licence holders and processors is greatly appreciated by the Victorian Fisheries Authority.

All data summaries provided have been validated and audited using a vigorous quality control process. It does not include data received or processed after 19 November 2024. Wildcatch fishery production compliance rates for submission of return forms was 100% for 2023/24 whilst Aquaculture was 95%.

Data presented in this Bulletin has been provided in an aggregated form to protect commercial confidentiality of individual licence holders; summary data is not provided where less than five licence holders have supplied the data, unless prior permission was obtained.

To maintain consistency with other States and the Commonwealth, the names for fish used in this Bulletin are those in the List of Standardised Australian Fish Names developed as a National Standard based on the Codes for Australian Aquatic Biota (<http://www.marine.csiro.au/caab/namelist.htm>). Therefore, some fish names are different from those used in previous Bulletins and may be different from the names used on the catch and effort returns completed by fishers. Please refer to the list of names on pages 18 and 19 of the Bulletin to find any previously used species names.

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Fishery Production

Introduction

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA, est. 2016) is a statutory authority with the responsibility of managing and developing Victoria's fisheries resources in a coordinated and strategic way to ensure their ongoing sustainability. The VFA work with government, stakeholders and the community to optimize the social, cultural and economic benefits of Victoria's commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture and recreational boating sectors and ensure that demand for resources and infrastructure can be sustainably supported into the future.

Victoria's commercial fisheries began at the time of European settlement during the 1840s. These fisheries have been managed under various Fisheries Acts since 1859 with fishery catch data collected continuously since 1911. Catch statistic data are used by various stakeholders for assessing stock status, fisheries management, economic analyses, scientific research etc. Since June 1978, catch and effort data has been collected and stored in secure electronic databases with data, statistics and summaries extracted and utilised according.

A commercial fishing licence, issued by the VFA, allows individuals or businesses to legally catch fish for profit. The VFA issues three different classes of commercial fishery licence.

- Access Licence (wild catch)
- Aquaculture Licence (in private or Crown waters)
- Fisher Receiver Licence for abalone fisheries (information not provided below)

There are currently 523 Fishery Access Licences, and 7,198 Southern Rock Lobster Pot Licences issued in Victoria and 100 Aquaculture Licences (see below).

Catch and Effort Data Acquisition

Under the *Fisheries Act 1995*, lodgement of catch and effort return forms is a condition of a Fishery Access and Aquaculture licence. Individual returns are collected under Section 146 of the Act and are treated confidentially according to the *Fisheries Act 1995* and the *Information Privacy Act 2000*.

Depending on the fishery, catch and effort information is currently required to be reported by commercial operators in hard copy or electronic form to the VFA. Data is either entered manually or extracted from a secure server, audited and checked for erroneous inconsistencies prior to producing extracts or summaries. Data is released in aggregated form only. To preserve confidentiality, data is not reported if less than five licence holders have contributed to it.

This information bulletin is designed to meet the data needs of the fishing industry, fishery researchers, the Victorian Fisheries Authority, the Victorian Government, the Commonwealth Government, and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Catch and effort statistics for the Fishery Access and Aquaculture Licences form the content of this Bulletin.

Victorian Fisheries Production Summary

In order of weight for fiscal year 2023/24.

Species	2022/23		2023/24	
	Weight ¹	Value ²	Weight ¹	Value ²
Molluscs and Echinoderms				
Abalone	647	18,375	496	16,493
Octopus	132	nd	106	nd
Squids	28	nd	39	nd
Scallop	17	nd	id	nd
Other	188	na	154	na
Sub-total	1,012	na	796	na
Crustaceans				
Rock Lobster, southern	264	15,111	263	17,368
Prawns	46	nd	124	nd
Crab, giant	id	nd	id	nd
Other	44	na	71	na
Sub-total	354	na	458	na
Teleosts and Chondrichthyans				
Sardine, Australian (Pilchard)	269	nd	id	nd
Australian salmon	550	nd	310	nd
Whiting, King George	168	nd	124	nd
Snapper	65	nd	62	nd
Eels, freshwater	63	nd	37	nd
Garfish, southern (sea)	63	nd	64	nd
Breams	id	nd	0	nd
Chondrichthyans ⁶	47	nd	58	nd
Other	599	na	912	na
Sub-total	1,824	na	1,567	na
Total	3,191	na	2,821	na
Aquaculture⁷				
Inland				
Finfish ⁸	1,370	22,256	1,698	27,079
Shellfish ⁹	2,569	32,654	2,310	31,069
Crustaceans ¹⁰	4	61	3	94
Ornamental finfish ¹¹	no	765	no	805
Total	3,942	55,737	4,011	59,047

¹Weight (tonnes); ²Value (\$'000) from Jan 2011, Melbourne Fish Market price data collection ceased. Selected processors are still providing price data for some species including abalone & rock lobster; ³nd, no data obtained; ⁴na, not applicable; ⁵id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data); ⁶Shark carcass weight (beheaded and eviscerated with fins attached) for Victorian Proclaimed waters only; ⁷Aquaculture weight and value does not include hatchery production; ⁸includes salmonids, warmwater finfish and eels; ⁹includes abalone and blue mussel; ¹⁰includes yabby; ¹¹no, number only of ornamental fish available (485,000 for 2022/23 and 388,000 for 2023/24).

Number of Fishery Access Licences (June 2024)

Abalone, Western Zone	14	Bay & Inlet Fisheries	
Abalone, Central Zone	34	Corner Inlet	18
Abalone, Eastern Zone	23	Gippsland Lakes (Bait)	9
Bait (General)	8	Gippsland Lakes (Mussel Dive)	2
Banded Morwong	2	Lake Tyers (Bait)	1
Giant Crab	9	Mallacoota Lower Lake (Bait)	1
Eel, Fishery A (Transferable)	18	Port Phillip–Western Port	8
Ocean (General)	83	Scallop Dive (Port Phillip Bay)	1
Octopus	11	Snowy River (Bait)	2
Pipi	8	Sydenham Inlet (Bait)	2
Purse Seine (Ocean)	1		
Rock Lobster, Western Zone	67	Total Bay & Inlet	44
Rock Lobster, Eastern Zone	28		
Scallop (Ocean)	88	Total All Fisheries	523
Sea Urchin	9		
Trawl (Inshore)	54		
Wrasse (Ocean)	22		
Total	479		
Permits	70		

Number of Licensed Pots (June 2024)

Rock Lobster		Total All Pots	7,198
Pots, Western Zone	5,162		
Pots, Eastern Zone	2,036		

Victoria Statewide (Teleosts)

Commercial catch for each major species caught during 2015/16–2023/24 (fiscal years).

Excludes landings from Commonwealth waters by the South East Fishery and Southern Shark Fishery.

Selected species	Production (tonnes)								
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Teleosts									
Anchovy, Australian	44	8	9	3	10	43	id ¹	id	id
Australian herring	16	4	0	1	4	3	6	2	0
Australian salmon	450	265	242	443	257	171	82	550	310
Barracouta	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Bream, black	44	47	20	34	22	9	4	id	0
Bream, yellowfin	id	id	0	id	0	id	id	id	nd ²
Carp, European	101	102	103	67	25	47	165	159	131
Eel, longfin	id	id	4	18	8	id	7	1	id
Eel, southern shortfin	39	91	55	50	41	50	50	62	37
Flathead, dusky	16	19	9	5	4	nd	nd	nd	nd
Flathead, rock	45	46	54	62	49	53	54	69	112
Flathead, southern bluespotted	20	21	31	31	25	22	27	35	43
Flathead, southern sand	6	4	2	1	3	5	3	3	5
Flathead, tiger	2	7	2	2	15	21	23	31	21
Flatheads, other	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	3
Flounder, greenback	10	14	13	11	7	7	16	22	21
Garfish, river	id	id	0	id	0	nd	nd	nd	nd
Garfish, southern	28	61	54	59	46	33	63	63	64
Herring cale	id	id	nd	id	0	id	id	id	id
Leatherjackets	15	14	15	18	11	5	6	10	15
Luderick	2	3	3	3	4	id	id	id	0
Mackerel, jack	9	8	15	24	46	59	19	id	25
Morwong, banded	id	id	3	id	2	id	id	id	id
Morwong, dusky	1	0	0	0	1	0	id	0	0
Mullet, red	3	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	2
Mullet, sand	id	id	1	id	0	nd	nd	nd	nd
Mullet, sea	3	14	5	6	5	nd	nd	nd	nd
Mullet, yellow-eye	32	33	32	29	28	13	12	19	22
Mullet, other	1	0	1	id	0	0	id	id	1
Perch, estuary	0	5	1	2	2	2	1	4	3
Pike, unspecified	32	12	11	12	16	16	21	4	6
Sardine, Australian (Pilchard)	1,524	2,344	1,217	1,288	508	651	563	269	id
Snapper	108	54	64	49	39	45	54	65	62
Sprat, sandy	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
Tailor	42	61	53	9	4	1	2	5	7
Trevally, silver	35	48	48	24	29	8	18	28	22
Warehou, blue	1	2	0	0	2	5	6	6	3
Whiting, blue weed	5	5	6	13	15	24	18	17	21
Whiting, King George	213	115	54	118	163	176	208	168	124
Whiting, school	7	7	4	4	10	13	15	16	10
Wrasse, blue throat	26	18	32	30	21	20	19	18	19
Wrasse, purple	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	3
Wrasses	3	5	3	2	2	0	0	1	1
Other teleosts	142	73	197	228	27	49	82	147	416
Sub-total	3,028	3,515	2,368	2,648	1,458	1,558	1,554	1,777	1,509

¹id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data), and the data have been included as 'other'; ²nd, no data obtained.

Victoria Statewide (Molluscs, Echinoderms, Crustaceans & Chondrichthyans)

Commercial catch for each major species caught during 2015/16–2023/24 (fiscal years).

Excludes landings from Commonwealth waters by the South East Fishery and Southern Shark Fishery

Species	Production (tonnes)								
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Molluscs and Echinoderms									
Abalone, Blacklip	725	716	751	689	465	605	632	643	489
Abalone, Greenlip	3	3	5	5	3	5	5	5	8
Calamari, Southern (squid)	44	32	39	61	44	47	37	24	36
Cuttlefishes	0	id ¹	id	id	id	1	2	0	0
Mussel, Blue	0	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
Octopuses	19	45	41	89	136	163	133	132	106
Periwinkles	id	id	id	5	id	7	13	11	10
Pipi	54	42	53	62	47	57	42	48	id
Scallop ²	id	id	60	id	id	242	547	17	id
Black Sea Urchin	5	45	55	59	79	41	37	101	103
White Sea Urchin	id	id	id	27	33	63	44	22	36
Squid, Gould's	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	4	3
Other	55	83	39	40	24	12	3	5	5
Sub-total	907	967	1,044	1,038	831	1,246	1,498	1,012	796
Crustaceans									
Bug (shovelnose lobster)	8	8	10	6	2	3	1	2	3
Crab, Giant	9	id	10	id	10	id	id	id	id
Crab, Sand	57	70	24	14	2	12	28	2	0
Crab, Velvet	2	1	2	2	1	id	0	0	id
Crab (unspecified)	9	10	33	36	67	88	76	31	59
Prawn, Eastern King	56	33	67	97	20	55	15	38	114
Prawn, School	114	40	70	35	24	17	16	8	10
Rock Lobster, Southern	288	262	287	290	260	287	270	264	263
Yabby (freshwater)	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	id
Other Crustaceans	15	18	11	14	2	13	9	8	9
Sub-total	559	444	514	495	389	476	417	354	458
Chondrichthyans³									
Elephantfish	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	2
Shark, Angel	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Shark, Gummy	16	15	17	17	19	15	18	26	30
Shark, Saw	0	0	0	id	0	1	2	1	4
Shark, School	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Shark, Broadnose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Skates and Rays ⁴	15	12	12	16	18	14	17	14	18
Other Chondrichthyans	3	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
Sub-total	39	30	33	39	44	35	41	47	58
Total	4,533	4,956	3,960	4,220	2,722	3,314	3,511	3,191	2,821

¹id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data), and the data have been included as 'other'; ²Scallop live weights (shell weight) reported; ³shark carcass weight (beheaded and gutted with fins attached) for Victorian Proclaimed Waters only; ⁴weight of margins of pectoral fins ('flaps') only.

Port Phillip Bay

Commercial catch for each major species caught in Port Phillip Bay during 1978/79–2023/24.

Excludes data for abalones, blue mussel, southern rock lobster, and commercial scallop

Year	Production (tonnes)														
	Anchovy, Australian (whitebait)	Australian salmon	Australian Sardine (Pilchard)	Calamari, southern (squid)	Flathead, rock	Flathead, southern bluespotted	Flathead, southern sand	Flounder, greenback	Garfish, Southern (Sea)	Mullet, yelloweye	Shark, gummy	Snapper	Whiting, King George	Other	Total
1978/79	142	54	221	5	10	12	22	7	87	46	16	189	39	514	1,364
1979/80	176	103	466	13	21	19	23	9	95	60	11	197	42	344	1,580
1980/81	131	66	496	21	15	16	19	4	106	45	19	207	51	212	1,410
1981/82	145	83	508	31	17	14	13	5	104	45	14	172	40	99	1,290
1982/83	198	111	522	42	15	13	14	5	73	41	9	143	43	87	1,317
1983/84	129	83	592	61	19	12	19	5	73	53	12	129	45	72	1,305
1984/85	69	74	457	56	14	14	21	17	76	67	10	113	33	81	1,102
1985/86	69	67	606	19	16	19	23	14	55	78	8	114	78	79	1,244
1986/87	141	48	1,067	19	11	17	22	11	54	86	7	108	64	137	1,792
1987/88	102	41	1,104	24	11	9	22	13	58	56	7	125	60	73	1,705
1988/89	33	19	1,443	21	6	10	16	17	47	41	6	174	81	109	2,023
1989/90	17	20	836	31	6	10	8	16	47	37	7	139	134	252	1,559
1990/91	46	72	1,363	47	3	11	10	7	59	33	6	146	67	193	2,062
1991/92	46	62	1,487	32	4	12	8	9	56	34	8	93	49	187	2,087
1992/93	89	109	2,058	23	6	15	6	12	52	35	7	63	59	150	2,684
1993/94	105	48	2,035	20	9	19	7	21	53	30	8	65	58	130	2,607
1994/95	86	22	1,451	18	10	11	10	12	38	35	4	47	48	89	1,882
1995/96	165	47	1,339	18	8	11	11	11	18	31	10	42	62	98	1,871
1996/97	491	36	596	26	8	13	13	18	13	29	15	34	90	85	1,468
1997/98	182	38	463	18	12	14	8	12	33	36	22	40	131	98	1,107
1998/99	118	22	38	25	10	6	6	7	29	31	18	59	101	169	640
1999/00	99	80	id ¹	37	15	7	5	7	33	19	12	36	126	314	790
2000/01	162	37	108	52	13	6	4	7	44	19	9	54	85	75	675
2001/02	138	32	145	61	21	15	6	8	31	23	14	55	53	151	753
2002/03	106	33	100	41	13	14	7	11	35	20	15	64	49	89	597
2003/04	61	32	216	46	13	8	4	5	27	12	10	82	57	56	629
2004/05	48	27	id	58	20	12	4	8	25	18	20	95	70	75	479
2005/06	34	18	id	42	19	10	4	8	16	12	13	75	74	84	409
2006/07	32	24	99	31	26	11	4	7	19	16	10	95	65	49	488
2007/08	86	21	186	30	34	9	5	5	24	15	10	94	104	45	668
2008/09	55	29	id	24	30	10	4	5	21	19	4	87	84	124	495
2009/10	44	32	230	35	31	14	2	4	18	18	3	83	86	82	681
2010/11	19	42	id	39	23	14	2	3	29	17	5	111	108	119	529
2011/12	id	36	209	30	22	14	3	6	41	16	5	163	101	134	779
2012/13	id	24	263	21	27	16	2	5	11	17	4	134	65	120	712
2013/14	id	27	208	24	36	16	1	3	4	15	5	140	41	95	612
2014/15	9	45	350	28	21	16	1	4	9	13	6	144	66	110	822
2015/16 ²	id	20	242	23	13	7	1	3	5	7	5	103	71	113	613
2016/17	nd ³	1	id	9	1	1	id	1	1	id	3	43	35	173	268
2017/18	nd	id	id	8	2	1	id	1	1	id	3	53	25	170	265
2018/19	id	1	id	5	1	0	id	id	0	id	3	40	21	163	234
2019/20	id	1	id	3	1	1	id	id	id	id	5	30	24	170	234
2020/21	id	1	id	3	1	1	0	0	0	id	4	37	21	154	222
2021/22	id	2	id	2	1	0	id	0	id	id	3	34	22	121	186
2022/23	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	nd	nd	4	48	nd	3	55
2023/24	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	id	0	nd	nd	nd	3	30	nd	3	36

¹id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data), and the data have been included as 'other'; ²Reduction in licence numbers and introduction of catch limits from April 2016;

³nd, no data obtained.

Western Port

Commercial catch for each major species caught in Western Port during 1978/79—2023/24.

Year	Production (tonnes)														Total
	Australian salmon	Australian Sardine (Pilchard)	Barracouta	Calamari, Southern (squid)	Elephantfish	Flathead, rock	Flounder, greenback	Garfish, Southern (Sea)	Mullet, yelloweye	Shark, gummy	Snapper	Whiting, Blue Weed	Whiting, King George	Other	
1978/79	22	0	2	3	0	39	1	28	36	6	4	7	17	49	215
1979/80	28	7	2	5	0	35	1	39	29	9	4	7	15	44	226
1980/81	37	0	1	11	0	35	1	20	25	6	6	5	19	38	204
1981/82	24	0	1	15	0	22	2	26	29	6	3	4	15	32	179
1982/83	19	1	1	12	0	23	2	13	26	4	3	2	10	26	142
1983/84	22	0	2	14	1	15	4	26	28	5	2	1	13	28	161
1984/85	14	0	1	8	2	12	7	26	31	7	3	0	8	39	158
1985/86	8	0	2	9	2	13	3	16	31	8	2	2	12	20	128
1986/87	16	3	2	13	3	10	4	19	24	8	3	1	15	21	142
1987/88	6	0	4	7	2	12	4	18	19	9	3	2	16	29	131
1988/89	7	1	3	8	2	13	3	27	20	14	2	2	17	23	142
1989/90	10	0	3	10	3	17	3	27	33	16	1	3	22	23	171
1990/91	12	0	4	7	3	20	5	24	33	14	1	4	24	22	174
1991/92	5	0	1	6	3	17	6	28	20	15	1	3	11	22	140
1992/93	9	0	1	7	4	11	4	17	18	7	1	3	9	13	107
1993/94	12	0	2	7	8	14	5	25	17	9	2	2	9	19	132
1994/95	7	8	2	5	10	14	5	26	16	9	1	2	7	16	129
1995/96	6	0	1	7	11	15	3	36	14	10	0	1	9	21	134
1996/97	4	0	0	5	12	17	1	14	13	8	0	1	13	20	108
1997/98	3	0	1	6	10	19	1	11	12	11	0	1	16	22	113
1998/99	3	0	0	6	11	17	1	6	9	9	1	1	17	17	98
1999/00	4	0	0	6	3	9	0	4	5	4	1	0	12	13	62
2000/01	3	0	0	4	2	9	0	2	5	4	0	0	7	8	44
2001/02	2	0	0	7	2	9	1	4	3	3	0	0	7	14	52
2002/03	2	0	0	5	2	10	0	2	3	3	0	1	5	7	40
2003/04	1	0	0	3	1	7	0	1	3	3	0	0	4	3	26
2004/05	4	0	0	7	3	11	0	5	3	5	1	1	10	9	59
2005/06	1	nd ¹	0	7	3	11	0	5	2	6	0	id ²	11	8	56
2006/07	4	nd	id ²	9	4	7	0	12	3	9	1	id	14	8	73
2007/08	id	nd	id	5	id	2	id	3	1	4	id	id	5	5	28
2008/09	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	3
2009/10	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	0
2010/11	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	id	nd	0
2011/12	nd	nd	nd	id	id	id	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	1
2012/13	nd	nd	nd	id	id	id	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	0
2013/14	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	0
2014/15	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	id	nd	id	id	0
2015/16	nd	nd	nd	id	id	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	id	0
2016/17	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2017/18	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2018/19	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2019/20	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2020/21	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2021/22	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2022/23	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2023/24	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd

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Corner Inlet

Commercial catch for each major species caught in Corner Inlet during 1978/79–2023/24.

Year	Production (tonnes)														
	Australian salmon	Calamari, Southern (squid)	Flathead, rock	Flathead, southern bluespotted & Flathead, southern sand	Flounder, greenback	Garfish, Southern (Sea)	Leatherjacket	Mullet, yelloweye	Shark, gummy	Pike, unspecified	Trevally, silver	Whiting, blue weed	Whiting, King George	Other	Total
1978/79	17	0	10	7	30	24	0	14	10	3	2	0	34	25	176
1979/80	78	0	5	8	59	25	0	18	12	1	2	0	13	9	230
1980/81	118	1	6	12	25	31	0	21	15	1	5	0	48	24	307
1981/82	59	1	7	11	15	53	0	38	6	1	9	0	42	8	250
1982/83	98	2	9	12	25	35	1	25	5	1	11	0	35	7	266
1983/84	10	2	9	10	32	25	0	15	4	0	3	0	33	5	148
1984/85	59	1	10	12	35	39	0	18	4	0	5	0	13	5	201
1985/86	3	5	22	13	17	39	1	23	3	2	7	1	61	6	203
1986/87	3	11	11	11	6	39	0	23	2	3	8	1	102	7	227
1987/88	12	9	16	8	14	48	1	23	3	1	3	1	100	115	354
1988/89	0	11	18	12	16	44	1	20	5	2	20	4	91	50	294
1989/90	10	4	23	12	12	49	1	20	6	4	28	12	113	24	318
1990/91	8	13	31	16	7	74	7	27	8	4	20	13	58	29	315
1991/92	2	11	43	15	6	63	5	19	8	5	32	21	121	29	380
1992/93	4	13	62	13	9	41	6	19	7	6	24	13	81	31	329
1993/94	2	9	92	15	20	31	3	14	5	6	27	3	49	28	304
1994/95	4	7	61	10	14	50	4	18	4	2	12	2	37	43	268
1995/96	11	8	32	8	8	28	5	22	7	3	19	1	52	20	224
1996/97	18	6	23	12	19	18	6	23	8	7	11	3	118	22	294
1997/98	32	7	31	16	28	40	3	20	9	4	13	2	99	29	333
1998/99	15	18	26	8	16	50	4	21	10	6	31	3	93	24	324
1999/00	6	24	36	8	9	75	8	24	7	9	31	6	73	29	344
2000/01	8	37	41	12	7	73	12	16	11	6	20	6	36	28	312
2001/02	26	26	46	13	8	79	12	14	6	5	58	2	35	31	362
2002/03	6	17	41	10	6	43	11	14	8	6	26	1	51	21	264
2003/04	5	29	41	11	10	53	7	10	8	7	22	2	73	22	300
2004/05	11	30	51	14	16	70	6	13	10	7	25	2	58	24	337
2005/06	8	25	57	8	16	50	7	9	13	6	21	2	44	26	292
2006/07	13	19	42	7	11	48	4	8	10	3	28	2	80	23	297
2007/08	16	26	37	12	11	44	3	12	10	5	45	2	94	28	345
2008/09	15	30	51	18	9	41	4	17	11	12	54	2	50	42	356
2009/10	12	29	97	22	6	42	6	26	9	6	28	3	39	31	355
2010/11	16	32	77	20	13	40	5	8	15	6	18	2	54	31	339
2011/12	26	10	93	23	15	22	4	13	11	4	19	2	71	30	343
2012/13	15	14	80	18	13	38	2	20	9	7	13	1	37	42	311
2013/14	22	10	44	14	10	43	2	18	10	5	17	1	41	29	265
2014/15	11	28	48	14	9	25	4	14	9	6	16	3	44	31	262
2015/16	8	21	33	16	10	23	5	11	7	6	15	3	131	29	318
2016/17	9	22	45	21	14	60	6	15	9	10	25	5	78	29	346
2017/18	16	30	52	30	13	53	4	17	11	6	22	6	27	35	321
2018/19	16	54	61	31	11	59	11	19	11	11	17	13	94	38	446
2019/20	16	37	49	25	7	45	4	20	9	11	20	15	136	43	438
2020/21	8	41	52	21	7	32	5	13	8	12	8	23	151	27	411
2021/22	22	33	54	27	16	63	6	12	10	15	16	17	182	50	523
2022/23	33	22	69	34	22	63	7	19	15	12	24	17	166	52	555
2023/24	26	36	112	42	21	64	10	22	19	15	21	21	121	73	602

Gippsland Lakes and Lake Tyers

Commercial catch for each major species caught in Gippsland Lakes and Lake Tyers during 1978/79–2023/24.

Year	Production (tonnes)															Total
	Anchovy, Australian (whitebait)	Australian salmon	Bream, black	Carp, European	Flathead, dusky	Garfish, river	Leatherjacket	Luderick	Mullet, sea	Mullet, yelloweye	Mussel, blue	Perch, estuary	Tailor	Trevally, silver	Other	
1978/79	21	4	183	189	6	0	0	13	12	126	0	0	37	10	45	646
1979/80	0	4	194	233	12	1	1	13	37	91	0	2	55	13	38	694
1980/81	53	3	231	175	24	7	4	21	3	81	0	1	51	14	57	725
1981/82	5	3	255	367	26	51	8	28	7	106	0	1	45	17	32	951
1982/83	9	2	278	189	30	21	6	31	8	77	0	0	19	18	30	718
1983/84	27	18	446	105	26	31	0	14	2	97	0	1	13	19	45	844
1984/85	84	8	235	60	35	17	0	13	3	80	1	0	19	11	17	583
1985/86	14	16	274	176	65	6	0	21	7	92	1	0	24	30	48	774
1986/87	40	14	197	262	28	1	1	21	28	79	3	0	20	19	34	747
1987/88	0	12	277	373	25	2	8	39	13	97	2	1	22	10	37	918
1988/89	28	10	206	356	8	3	1	39	12	157	55	1	58	44	63	1,041
1989/90	18	16	213	401	11	17	1	49	15	114	78	7	53	63	130	1,186
1990/91	0	5	167	400	7	12	1	28	14	113	66	4	29	36	54	936
1991/92	0	25	118	367	9	6	0	31	14	90	169	1	35	39	59	963
1992/93	0	1	178	379	13	0	0	37	19	94	100	0	27	13	38	899
1993/94	1	13	170	352	5	1	0	23	28	95	24	3	10	22	39	786
1994/95	10	21	130	334	4	1	1	13	10	62	29	1	13	10	39	678
1995/96	12	11	130	376	6	0	0	15	11	87	18	2	8	9	36	721
1996/97	11	15	89	478	2	0	1	10	11	82	9	0	9	11	37	765
1997/98	8	17	147	575	1	1	2	14	5	26	1	1	9	12	75	894
1998/99	11	13	183	658	1	2	1	21	11	75	0	4	27	24	35	1,066
1999/00	0	19	184	435	2	3	2	13	8	41	1	1	35	22	60	826
2000/01	0	8	159	234	7	2	4	11	18	31	0	2	53	29	68	626
2001/02	4	13	154	38	14	1	2	24	34	44	0	2	49	20	47	446
2002/03 ¹	7	5	28	2	15	1	2	15	4	58	0	0	71	13	90	311
2003/04	6	22	33	73	12	0	4	20	11	49	0	1	58	16	41	346
2004/05	6	30	31	214	13	8	2	16	6	36	3	1	39	31	33	469
2005/06	id ²	13	37	93	48	id	1	21	5	22	id	1	14	14	67	336
2006/07	id	10	49	4	35	id	2	24	7	14	id	0	12	13	81	251
2007/08	0	2	144	49	30	id	id	43	9	24	id	2	13	7	18	341
2008/09	id	4	36	id	20	id	id	12	3	18	0	0	36	8	32	169
2009/10	id	6	37	id	16	id	1	8	3	11	id	0	15	10	94	199
2010/11	0	4	60	15	23	id	1	11	5	17	id	0	39	12	58	245
2011/12	0	2	96	11	21	24	id	12	8	23	id	2	23	6	21	249
2012/13	id	1	83	6	9	id	id	7	6	15	id	1	32	3	33	196
2013/14	id	4	40	5	8	id	id	6	5	15	id	0	26	3	119	231
2014/15	id	1	55	8	9	id	1	5	9	13	id	1	15	5	89	210
2015/16	id	0	33	82	16	id	3	2	3	14	id	0	22	4	32	211
2016/17	id	5	42	97	19	id	2	3	14	18	id	5	56	13	18	291
2017/18	6	2	13	103	9	id	2	3	5	15	id	0	31	16	84	289
2018/19	id	1	27	id	5	id	1	3	6	10	id	0	7	4	91	155
2019/20 ³	id	2	14	id	4	id	1	4	5	8	nd ⁴	0	3	7	85	132
2020/21	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	99	99
2021/22	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	80	80
2022/23	id	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	32	32
2023/24	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	id	nd	nd	nd	60	60

¹Lake Tyers fishery was closed in April 2003; ²id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data), and the data have been included as 'other';

³Gippsland Lakes fishery was closed in April 2020; ⁴nd, no data obtained.

Offshore

Commercial catch for each major species caught offshore during 1978/79–2023/24.

Excludes landings from Commonwealth waters by the South East Fishery and Southern Shark Fishery.

Year	Production (tonnes)															Total
	Australian salmon	Bug (Shovelnose lobster)	Barracouta	Crab, sand	Morwong, banded	Octopuses	Prawn, eastern king	Shark, gummy	Snapper	Trevally, silver	Whiting, King George	Wrasse, blue throat	Wrasse, purple	Wrasses	Other	
1978/79	135	0	11	0	0	0	0	12	10	2	1	0	0	0	979	1,150
1979/80	42	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	859	914
1980/81	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	83	95
1981/82	25	0	8	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	2	0	0	3	34	81
1982/83	30	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	74	118
1983/84	191	0	22	0	0	0	0	2	4	27	3	1	0	2	5,341	5,593
1984/85	153	0	34	0	0	0	0	2	7	4	1	0	0	1	2,047	2,249
1985/86	175	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	11	4	1	0	0	0	135	336
1986/87	270	0	48	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	1	0	0	1	224	553
1987/88	165	0	77	0	0	1	0	14	6	3	2	0	0	2	459	729
1988/89	146	0	57	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	3	0	0	2	1,019	1,238
1989/90	25	0	9	0	0	0	0	4	11	5	4	1	0	6	1,409	1,474
1990/91	126	0	15	0	0	1	0	5	12	6	5	1	0	4	1,531	1,706
1991/92	279	0	25	0	0	1	0	4	15	5	5	3	0	11	1,756	2,104
1992/93	194	1	5	0	0	3	0	2	15	5	4	3	0	22	2,143	2,397
1993/94	70	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	12	3	3	4	0	22	2,069	2,189
1994/95	267	0	4	0	2	0	0	3	8	7	5	6	0	48	2,871	3,221
1995/96	255	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	6	6	3	4	0	62	1,632	1,978
1996/97	211	0	15	1	0	3	0	5	10	9	4	7	1	46	675	987
1997/98	640	6	24	0	4	3	3	7	18	5	5	16	6	55	563	1,355
1998/99	626	14	25	47	12	6	38	25	31	17	12	18	13	58	394	1,336
1999/00	685	11	34	92	12	29	74	20	22	19	9	14	10	35	210	1,276
2000/01	397	14	19	87	10	19	142	6	26	22	7	13	5	28	730	1,525
2001/02	478	40	39	38	10	13	108	9	18	14	4	14	5	33	866	1,689
2002/03	276	25	24	9	9	7	33	5	10	16	5	15	7	28	1,285	1,754
2003/04	326	15	26	21	11	18	45	3	8	11	4	10	8	24	946	1,476
2004/05	459	13	12	6	6	5	5	4	10	16	2	13	2	24	732	1,309
2005/06	604	13	13	id ¹	id	3	12	3	11	5	2	12	4	20	887	1,592
2006/07	856	5	5	id	id	1	18	4	9	3	4	10	4	21	938	1,882
2007/08	395	4	7	8	id	3	15	4	14	7	8	13	4	20	1,633	2,139
2008/09	358	13	4	4	id	5	21	3	6	6	5	9	4	21	1,565	2,027
2009/10	590	13	3	1	id	4	67	3	4	1	3	9	1	13	1,366	2,081
2010/11	352	16	1	id	id	6	47	3	6	3	2	7	2	17	2,710	3,173
2011/12	709	12	1	7	2	7	9	4	38	3	3	7	1	20	1,924	2,747
2012/13	323	16	1	3	id	7	24	3	16	1	2	7	1	18	1,402	1,824
2013/14	329	16	1	32	id	5	56	3	2	1	3	12	1	9	1,397	1,868
2014/15	154	9	1	104	id	6	52	3	3	4	4	26	1	id	833	1,200
2015/16	421	8	1	50	id	4	32	3	4	9	8	25	1	id	1,570	2,136
2016/17	250	8	1	69	id	31	33	3	6	10	2	18	1	0	2,346	2,778
2017/18	223	10	1	16	id	33	49	2	5	7	1	32	3	0	1,409	1,789
2018/19	425	6	0	9	id	80	69	3	4	2	0	30	1	0	1,477	2,110
2019/20	238	2	1	1	id	123	19	4	5	2	1	20	2	0	538	956
2020/21	161	3	0	11	id	151	55	3	4	0	4	20	2	0	1,030	1,447
2021/22	58	1	2	28	id	133	15	5	7	1	4	19	2	0	1,216	1,492
2022/23	516	2	1	2	id	124	38	6	5	3	3	16	1	2	538	1,258
2023/24	284	3	1	0	id	100	114	7	6	2	3	18	3	1	481	1,021

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Southern Rock Lobster (Western Zone)

Catch, effort and value by quota year (April–March) during 1982/83–2009/10 (July–June) during 2009/10–2023/24.

Western Zone - South Australian border to Longitude 143° 40' E (just west of Apollo Bay).

Total Allowable Catch (TACC) quota management was introduced 16 November 2001.

Season	Quota Year	Pot-lifts ('000)	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Target pot-lifts ('000)	Target weight (tonnes)	Target catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)	TACC (tonnes)
1982/83	1 Apr–31 Mar	571	447	443	550	436	0.79	1.01	3,437	
1983/84	1 Apr–31 Mar	590	441	430	565	426	0.75	1.02	3,554	
1984/85	1 Apr–31 Mar	523	390	379	507	382	0.75	1.03	3,797	
1985/86	1 Apr–31 Mar	540	339	341	516	328	0.64	0.99	4,408	
1986/87	1 Apr–31 Mar	562	329	331	522	315	0.60	0.99	5,095	
1987/88	1 Apr–31 Mar	569	348	348	539	334	0.62	1.00	6,450	
1988/89	1 Apr–31 Mar	517	281	286	504	276	0.55	0.98	4,787	
1989/90	1 Apr–31 Mar	596	321	348	564	306	0.54	0.92	6,364	
1990/91	1 Apr–31 Mar	589	297	313	548	277	0.50	0.95	6,005	
1991/92	1 Apr–31 Mar	690	390	422	646	366	0.57	0.92	7,595	
1992/93	1 Apr–31 Mar	726	401	427	650	362	0.56	0.94	8,400	
1993/94	1 Apr–31 Mar	770	454	469	700	430	0.61	0.97	12,827	
1994/95	1 Apr–31 Mar	759	437	444	720	421	0.58	0.98	12,991	
1995/96	1 Apr–31 Mar	771	429	448	744	420	0.56	0.96	12,883	
1996/97	1 Apr–31 Mar	761	394	407	721	380	0.53	0.97	12,180	
1997/98	1 Apr–31 Mar	821	452	472	760	426	0.56	0.96	14,531	
1998/99	1 Apr–31 Mar	836	492	534	748	428	0.57	0.92	14,964	
1999/00	1 Apr–31 Mar	861	515	581	767	446	0.58	0.89	16,125	
2000/01	1 Apr–31 Mar	918	554	632	817	478	0.59	0.88	19,525	
2001/02	1 Apr–31 Mar	769	446	514	726	401	0.55	0.87	19,195	320
2002/03	1 Apr–31 Mar	677	440	505	656	404	0.62	0.87	17,015	450
2003/04	1 Apr–31 Mar	615	436	502	599	428	0.71	0.87	12,159	450
2004/05	1 Apr–31 Mar	638	421	465	608	403	0.66	0.90	12,374	450
2005/06	1 Apr–31 Mar	738	405	451	710	395	0.56	0.90	13,927	450
2006/07	1 Apr–31 Mar	687	329	375	662	317	0.48	0.87	12,820	450
2007/08	1 Apr–31 Mar	685	319	373	647	307	0.47	0.86	12,526	380
2008/09	1 Apr–31 Mar	587	244	275	555	234	0.42	0.88	11,822	320
2009	1 Apr–30 Jun	139	36	36	135	35	0.26	1.00	2,071	55
2009/10	1 July–30 June	611	230	265	582	223	0.38	0.87	12,154	240
2010/11	1 July–30 June	546	237	284	524	231	0.44	0.83	11,871	240
2011/12	1 July–30 June	489	237	286	474	232	0.49	0.83	13,966	240
2012/13	1 July–30 June	476	258	298	464	256	0.55	0.87	14,295	260
2013/14	1 July–30 June	468	261	295	457	258	0.56	0.88	18,114	260
2014/15	1 July–30 June	427	230	250	416	228	0.55	0.92	19,234	230
2015/16	1 July–30 June	371	230	241	358	227	0.64	0.95	19,434	230
2016/17	1 July–30 June	328	209	206	328	209	0.64	1.04	16,517	230
2017/18	1 July–30 June	296	230	226	295	230	0.78	1.02	18,605	230
2018/19	1 July–30 June	298	245	241	292	244	0.83	1.03	22,003	246
2019/20 ¹	1 July–30 June	287	226	210	283	222	0.79	1.06	19,460	246
2020/21	1 July–30 June	284	252	245	278	252	0.91	1.04	12,032	264 ²
2021/22	1 July–30 June	257	249	252	253	249	0.99	1.00	9,002	249 ²
2022/23	1 July–30 June	214	246	237	210	246	1.17	1.04	14,098	246
2023/24	1 July–30 June	205	241	231	200	241	1.21	1.05	15,358	242

¹From March 2020, industry impacted by COVID-19; ²includes quota roll-over provisions.**Southern Rock Lobster (Western Zone)**

Catch, effort and value by month during quota year (July–June) 2023/24.

Year	Month	Pot-lifts ('000)	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Target pot-lifts ('000)	Target weight (tonnes)	Target catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)
2023	July	16	14	12	16	14	0.89	1.15	1,159
2023	August	33	30	26	33	30	0.91	1.14	2,269
2023	September	10	8	6	10	8	0.80	1.20	471
2023	November	13	17	19	12	17	1.38	0.90	1,103
2023	December	32	43	43	31	43	1.36	1.01	2,666
2024	January	37	53	50	36	53	1.45	1.05	3,286
2024	February	28	38	37	27	38	1.41	1.04	2,041
2024	March	20	24	23	20	24	1.23	1.07	1,346
2024	April	12	13	12	11	13	1.17	1.09	828
2024	May	2	2	2	1	2	1.30	0.94	135
2024	June	2	1	1	1	1	0.66	1.35	54

Target pot-lifts is determined by allocating all effort to the species with catch greater than 70% of total catch prior to April 1998, but from April 1998 target species is specified in the logbooks.

Giant Crab (Western Zone)

Catch, effort and value by quota year (April–March) during 1982/83–2023/24.

Western Zone - the South Australian border to Longitude 143° 40' E (just east of Apollo Bay).

Total Allowable Catch (TACC) quota management was introduced 16 November 2001.

Season	Quota Year	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Target pot-lifts ('000)	Target weight (tonnes)	Target catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)	TACC (tonnes)
1982/83	1 Apr–31 Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	3	
1983/84	1 Apr–31 Mar	0	0	0	0	0.75	0.00	3	
1984/85	1 Apr–31 Mar	3	0	0	0	0.02	0.00	15	
1985/86	1 Apr–31 Mar	2	0	0	0	0.19	0.00	8	
1986/87	1 Apr–31 Mar	4	0	1	0	0.38	0.00	47	
1987/88	1 Apr–31 Mar	6	0	0	0	0.17	0.00	31	
1988/89	1 Apr–31 Mar	4	0	0	0	0.22	0.00	18	
1989/90	1 Apr–31 Mar	5	0	3	1	0.31	0.00	19	
1990/91	1 Apr–31 Mar	14	0	6	6	1.03	0.00	64	
1991/92	1 Apr–31 Mar	46	0	10	30	2.93	0.00	202	
1992/93	1 Apr–31 Mar	146	0	30	123	4.14	0.00	680	
1993/94	1 Apr–31 Mar	171	0	35	159	4.55	0.00	1,254	
1994/95	1 Apr–31 Mar	67	0	17	53	3.15	0.00	912	
1995/96	1 Apr–31 Mar	30	0	12	20	1.68	0.00	394	
1996/97	1 Apr–31 Mar	58	0	19	41	2.2	0.00	1,505	
1997/98	1 Apr–31 Mar	58	0	25	35	1.41	0.00	1,613	
1998/99	1 Apr–31 Mar	51	10	17	22	1.28	0.00	1,591	
1999/00	1 Apr–31 Mar	35	10	14	20	1.44	3.37	1,277	
2000/01	1 Apr–31 Mar	25	7	7	11	1.59	3.31	784	
2001/02	1 Apr–31 Mar	9	3	5	7	1.38	3.19	311	18
2002/03	1 Apr–31 Mar	9	3	7	7	0.98	3.21	288	25
2003/04	1 Apr–31 Mar	12	4	6	11	1.93	2.83	270	25
2004/05	1 Apr–31 Mar	27	9	11	20	1.73	2.88	705	25
2005/06	1 Apr–31 Mar	21	8	13	19	1.52	2.62	705	25
2006/07	1 Apr–31 Mar	22	7	10	20	2.07	3.05	725	25
2007/08	1 Apr–31 Mar	23	8	15	21	1.36	2.88	586	25
2008/09	1 Apr–31 Mar	20	6	11	17	1.53	3.28	705	25
2009/10	1 July–30 June	18	5	10	16	1.59	3.34	719	25
2010/11	1 July–30 June	12	4	9	11	1.23	3.13	357	18
2011/12	1 July–30 June	13	4	7	11	1.7	3.56	nd ¹	18
2012/13	1 July–30 June	10	3	4	9	2.11	3.41	nd	12
2013/14	1 July–30 June	7	2	3	6	1.9	3.01	159	9
2014/15	1 July–30 June	id ²	id	id	id	id	id	id	11
2015/16	1 July–30 June	9	3	7	9	1.19	3.25	280	11
2016/17	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	11
2017/18	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	11
2018/19	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	11
2019/20	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	11
2020/21	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	12 ³
2021/22	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	7.5
2022/23	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	7.5
2023/24	1 July–30 June	id	id	id	id	id	id	id	7.5

¹nd, no data obtained; ²id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data); ³includes quota roll-over provisions.

Giant Crab (Western Zone)

Catch, effort and value by month during quota year (July–June) 2023/24.

Year	Month	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Target pot-lifts ('000)	Target weight (tonnes)	Target catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)
2023	July	id ¹	id	id	id	id	id	id
2023	August	nd ²	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2023	September	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2023	November	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2023	December	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2024	January	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2024	February	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2024	March	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2024	April	id	id	id	id	id	id	id
2024	May	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
2024	June	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd

Target species is specified in the logbooks.

¹id, insufficient data to report because there are less than five licence holders (policy requirement to protect commercial confidentiality of data) ²nd, no data obtained.

Southern Rock Lobster (Eastern Zone)

Catch, effort and value by quota year (April–March) during 1982/83–2009/10, (July–June) during 2009/

Eastern Zone - Longitude 143° 40' E (just west of Apollo Bay) to the New South Wales border.

Total Allowable Catch (TACC) quota management was introduced 16 November 2001.

Season	Quota Year	Pot-lifts ('000)	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)	TACC (tonnes)
1982/83	1 Apr–31 Mar	199	140	129	0.71	1.08	1,083	
1983/84	1 Apr–31 Mar	231	149	138	0.63	1.08	1,230	
1984/85	1 Apr–31 Mar	223	136	116	0.61	1.17	1,337	
1985/86	1 Apr–31 Mar	191	111	94	0.57	1.18	1,470	
1986/87	1 Apr–31 Mar	159	96	82	0.56	1.17	1,510	
1987/88	1 Apr–31 Mar	147	89	80	0.58	1.10	1,668	
1988/89	1 Apr–31 Mar	159	79	79	0.52	1.00	1,347	
1989/90	1 Apr–31 Mar	191	93	95	0.47	0.98	1,824	
1990/91	1 Apr–31 Mar	179	75	75	0.42	0.99	1,604	
1991/92	1 Apr–31 Mar	166	65	66	0.40	0.98	1,356	
1992/93	1 Apr–31 Mar	190	65	62	0.35	1.04	1,379	
1993/94	1 Apr–31 Mar	257	83	72	0.33	1.16	2,437	
1994/95	1 Apr–31 Mar	248	70	57	0.29	1.22	2,160	
1995/96	1 Apr–31 Mar	227	62	51	0.28	1.20	1,955	
1996/97	1 Apr–31 Mar	212	56	45	0.27	1.24	1,774	
1997/98	1 Apr–31 Mar	221	67	54	0.31	1.24	2,259	
1998/99	1 Apr–31 Mar	212	63	53	0.29	1.19	1,972	
1999/00	1 Apr–31 Mar	233	75	71	0.31	1.06	2,406	
2000/01	1 Apr–31 Mar	229	73	68	0.31	1.07	2,586	
2001/02	1 Apr–31 Mar	173	59	55	0.30	1.08	2,595	42
2002/03	1 Apr–31 Mar	139	50	45	0.30	1.09	1,974	60
2003/04	1 Apr–31 Mar	127	54	50	0.41	1.07	1,574	60
2004/05	1 Apr–31 Mar	130	53	49	0.41	1.10	1,662	60
2005/06	1 Apr–31 Mar	136	56	47	0.41	1.17	1,921	60
2006/07	1 Apr–31 Mar	118	54	46	0.43	1.11	2,061	60
2007/08	1 Apr–31 Mar	136	50	42	0.37	1.17	1,962	66
2008/09	1 Apr–31 Mar	105	41	33	0.39	1.24	2,075	66
2009	1 Apr–30 June	18	5.8	4	0.31	1.45	334	7
2009/10	1 July–30 June	127	44	36	0.34	1.22	2,300	66
2010/11	1 July–30 June	143	65	63	0.45	1.03	3,523	66
2011/12	1 July–30 June	128	65	60	0.51	1.08	3,908	66
2012/13	1 July–30 June	85	47	42	0.56	1.13	2,705	48
2013/14	1 July–30 June	95	51	44	0.54	1.16	3,596	51
2014/15	1 July–30 June	106	59	49	0.56	1.22	5,062	59
2015/16	1 July–30 June	109	58	45	0.54	1.31	5,148	59
2016/17	1 July–30 June	118	53	37	0.46	1.36	4,275	59
2017/18	1 July–30 June	134	57	39	0.43	1.44	4,672	59
2018/19	1 July–30 June	113	45	30	0.40	1.50	4,044	47
2019/20 ¹	1 July–30 June	89	37	23	0.40	1.52	3,112	40
2020/21	1 July–30 June	85	32	21	0.37	1.60	1,583	43 ²
2021/22	1 July–30 June	58	21	15	0.37	1.37	789	33 ²
2022/23	1 July–30 June	43	15	11	0.34	1.29	1,013	32
2023/24	1 July–30 June	43	17	12	0.40	1.38	1,148	21

¹From March 2020, industry impacted by COVID-19; ²includes quota roll-over provisions.**Southern Rock Lobster (Eastern Zone)**

Catch, effort and value by month during quota year (July–June) 2023/24.

Year	Month	Pot-lifts ('000)	Weight (tonnes)	Number ('000)	Catch rate (kg/pot-lift)	Mean weight (kg)	Value (\$'000)
2023	July	4	1	1	0.29	1.60	104
2023	August	6	2	1	0.26	1.40	116
2023	September	3	1	0	0.22	1.32	33
2023	November	3	1	1	0.33	1.23	55
2023	December	8	4	3	0.48	1.44	244
2024	January	8	5	4	0.65	1.36	310
2024	February	4	1	1	0.36	1.25	79
2024	March	3	2	1	0.51	1.32	93
2024	April	2	0	0	0.28	1.33	79
2024	May	2	0	0	0.22	1.54	25
2024	June	1	0	0	0.17	1.81	11

Target pot-lifts is determined by allocating all effort to the species with catch greater than 70% of total catch April 1998, but from April 1998 target species is specified in the logbooks.

Blacklip Abalone

Catch by quota year and zone during 1995/96–2023/24.

Quota year for all zones was April to March until 2020. Central zone and Western zone quota year changed to July to June from July 2020. Quota year for Eastern Zone is April to March.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) quota management was introduced for the commercial fishery on 1 April 1988.

Western Zone-all Victorian waters west of longitude 148° E (Hopkins River mouth). Central Zone-all Victorian waters between longitude 142° 31' E and 148° E. Eastern Zone-all Victorian waters east of longitude 148° E (Lakes Entrance).

	Western Zone	Central Zone	Eastern Zone	TOTAL
Quota year	Abalone (tonnes)	Abalone (tonnes)	Abalone (tonnes)	Abalone (tonnes)
1995/96	280	695	460	1,435
1996/97	278	695	459	1,433
1997/98	265	697	460	1,421
1998/99	279	696	460	1,436
1999/00	279	695	460	1,434
2000/01	280	695	459	1,433
2001/02	280	695	460	1,434
2002/03	264	663	456	1,383
2003/04	266	654	481	1,401
2004/05	254	616	482	1,352
2005/06	221	618	485	1,324
2006/07	164	615	489	1,268
2007/08	110	570	490	1,169
2008/09	16	462	490	968
2009/10	16	426	460	902
2010/11	16	281	428	726
2011/12	27	328	432	788
2012/13	25	308	436	769
2013/14	49	279	432	760
2014/15	56	307	417	781
2015/16	62	306	376	743
2016/17	62	280	363	705
2017/18	63	274	353	690
2018/19	70	274	346	690
2019/20 ¹	63	233	322	618
2020/21			283	283
2020/21 ²		230		230
2020/21 ³	73			73
2021/22 ⁴	61	241		302
2021/22 ⁵			357	357
2022/23 ⁴	34	253		286
2022/23 ⁵			331	331
2023/24	31	222		253
2023/24			284	284

Please note: Includes catches taken under permits when issued in addition to TACC.

¹From March 2020, industry impacted by COVID-19; ²Quota year for Central Zone is April 2020 to June 2021; ³Quota year for Western Zone is July 2020 to June 2021; ⁴Quota year for Western Zone and Central Zone is July to June; ⁵Quota year for Eastern Zone is April to March.

Greenlip Abalone

Catch by quota year (April–March) and zone during 1995/96–2023/24.

Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) quota management was introduced for the commercial fishery on 1 April 1988.

Western Zone - all Victorian waters west of longitude 148° E (Hopkins River mouth).

Central Victorian waters west of longitude 148° E (Hopkins River mouth).

Central Zone - all Victorian waters between longitude 142° 31' E and 148° E.

Quota year	Western Zone	Central Zone	TOTAL
	Abalone (tonnes)	Abalone (tonnes)	Abalone (tonnes)
1995/96	0.2	3.5	3.7
1996/97	0.2	0	0.2
1997/98	0.2	0	0.2
1998/99	0.7	3	3.7
1999/00	0.9	0.8	1.7
2000/01	0.5	1.9	2.4
2001/02	0	3	3.0
2002/03	0.5	1.1	1.6
2003/04	0.2	2.5	2.6
2004/05	0	0.9	0.9
2005/06	0	0.3	0.3
2006/07	4.2	0	4.2
2007/08	4.2	0	4.2
2008/09	8.8	3.1	11.9
2009/10	10	3.0	12.9
2010/11	19.5	3.2	22.7
2011/12	15.5	2.8	18.3
2012/13	7	2.9	9.9
2013/14	0	3	3.0
2014/15	0	3.1	3.1
2015/16	0	3.1	3.1
2016/17	0	3.3	3.3
2017/18	1.3	3.3	4.6
2018/19	1.4	3.2	4.6
2019/20 ¹	0.6	2.5	3.1
2020/21 ²	2.0	3.5	5.5
2021/22	1.6	2.7	4.3
2022/23	0.5	3.4	3.9
2023/24	1.0	4.9	5.9

Please note: Includes catches taken under permits when issued in addition to TACC.

¹From March 2020, industry impacted by COVID-19; ²Quota year for Central Zone is April 2020 to June 2021 and Quota year for Western Zone is July 2020 to June 2021.

Abalone

History of TACCs for each zone.

	TACC (tonnes)						
	Western Zone			Central Zone			Eastern Zone
	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone	Combined	Blacklip Abalone	Greenlip Abalone	Combined	Blacklip Abalone
April 1999 to March 2000			280			700	460
April 2000 to March 2001			280			700	460
April 2001 to March 2002			280			700	460
April 2002 to March 2003 ¹			280			700	460
April 2003 to March 2004 ²			265			665	465
April 2004 to March 2005			275			673	488
April 2005 to March 2006			254			617	488
April 2006 to March 2007			221			618	489
April 2006 to March 2007 ³	221	0		620	0		489
April 2007 to March 2008	164	4.2		620	0		489
April 2007 to March 2008 ³	110	4.2		620	0		490
April 2008 to March 2009	110	4.2		570	0		490
April 2008 to March 2009 ³	16	4.2		462	3.4		490
April 2009 to March 2010	16	8.4		462	3.4		490
April 2010 to March 2011	16	9.8		429	3.4		460
April 2011 to March 2012	16	12.6		281.5	3.4		428.2
April 2012 to March 2013	27.3	15.4		328.3	3.4		432
April 2013 to March 2014	24.85	7		307.9	3.4		436
April 2014 to March 2015	49	0		279	3.4		432.5
April 2015 to March 2016	56.1	0		307.7	3.4		417.5
April 2016 to March 2017	61.7	0		307.7	3.4		376
April 2017 to March 2018	62.5	0		280.2	3.4		363
April 2018 to March 2019	70	1.4		274	3.4		346.5
April 2019 to March 2020				262.5	3.4		345.5
July 2019 to June 2020	73.2	1.4					
April 2020 to March 2021							337.5
April 2020 to June 2021				252.6	3.4		
July 2020 to June 2021	68.7	1.4					
April 2021 to March 2022		1.6			3.46		357.1
July 2021 to June 2022	66			251.2			
April 2022 to March 2023		1.9			3.4		331
July 2022 to June 2023	33.8			240.8			
April 2023 to March 2024	30.8	1.9		213.1	3.4		284.6

Please Note: TACC for each zone does not include permit allowable catch.

¹Includes reduction to accommodate introduction of marine parks; ²Allowance of 5% increase for introduction of beach weighing regulations; ³Further quota order amends TACC due to abalone disease.

Marketing, Scientific and Previously Used Names for Fishery Production

Marketing name	Scientific name	CAAB Taxon code	Previously used species name
	Teleosts		Scalefish
Anchovy, Australian (whitebait)	<i>Engraulis australis</i>	37 086001	Anchovy, southern
Atlantic salmon	<i>Salmo salar</i>	37 094001	Atlantic salmon
Australian bass	<i>Macquaria novemaculeata</i>	37 311034	Australian bass
Australian herring	<i>Arripis georgianus</i>	37 344001	Ruff
Australian salmon	<i>Arripis trutta & A. truttaceus</i>	37 344900	Australian salmon
Australian Sardine (Pilchard)	<i>Sardinops sagax</i>	37 085002	Pilchards
Barracouta	<i>Thyrsites atun</i>	37 439001	Barracouta
Barramundi	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>	37 310006	Barramundi
Bream, black	<i>Acanthopagrus butcheri</i>	37 353003	Bream, black
Bream, yellowfin	<i>Acanthopagrus australis</i>	37 353004	Bream, yellowfin
Breams	<i>Acanthopagrus butcheri & A. australis</i>	37 353902	
Carp, European	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	37 165003	Carp, European
Catfish, freshwater	<i>Tandanus tandanus</i>	37 192006	Catfish, native
Eel, longfin	<i>Anguilla reinhardtii</i>	37 056002	Eel, long-finned (wild)
Eel, southern shortfin	<i>Anguilla australis</i>	37 056001	Eel, short-finned (wild)
Eels, freshwater	<i>Anguilla reinhardtii & A. australis</i>	37 056000	Eels
Flathead, dusky	<i>Platycephalus fuscus</i>	37 296004	Flathead, dusky
Flathead, rock	<i>Platycephalus laevis</i>	37 296006	Flathead, rock
Flathead, southern bluespotted	<i>Platycephalus speculator</i>	37 296037	Flathead, yank
Flathead, southern sand	<i>Platycephalus bassensis</i>	37 296003	Flathead, sand
Flathead, tiger	<i>Platycephalus richardsoni</i>	37 296001	Flathead, tiger
Flatheads, other	Family Platycephalidae	37 296000	Flathead, other
Flounder, greenback	<i>Rhombosolea tapirina</i>	37 461003	Flounder, greenback
Garfish, river	<i>Hyporhamphus regularis</i>	37 234012	Garfish, river
Garfish, Southern (Sea)	<i>Hyporhamphus melanochir</i>	37 234001	Garfish, southern
Herring Cale	<i>Olis cyanomelas</i>	37 385001	Herring cale
Leatherjacket	Family Monacanthidae	37 465903	Leatherjackets
Luderick	<i>Girella tricuspidata</i>	37 361007	Luderick
Mackerel, jack	<i>Trachurus declivis</i>	37 337002	Mackerel, jack
Morwong, banded	<i>Cheilodactylus spectabilis</i>	37 377006	Morwong, banded
Morwong, dusky	<i>Dactylophora nigricans</i>	37 377005	Morwong, dusky
Mullet, red	<i>Upeneichthys vlamingii</i>	37 355029	Mullet, red
Mullet, sand	<i>Myxus elongatus</i>	37 381003	Mullet, sand
Mullet, sea	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	37 381002	Mullet, sea
Mullet, yelloweye	<i>Aldrichetta forsteri</i>	37 381001	Mullet, yellow-eye
Mullet, other	Family Mugilidae	37 381000	Mullet, other
Murray cod	<i>Maccullochella peelii peelii</i>	37 311076	Murray cod
Perch, estuary	<i>Macquaria colonorum</i>	37 311033	Perch, estuary
Perch, golden	<i>Macquaria ambigua</i>	37 311075	Perch, golden
Perch, silver	<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>	37 321008	Perch, silver
Salmonids	Family Salmonidae	37 094000	Salmonids
Snapper	<i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>	37 353001	Snapper
Snook	<i>Sphyraena novaehollandiae</i>	37 382002	Pike, short-finned
Sprat, sandy	<i>Hyperlophus vittatus</i>	37 085005	Sprat, sandy
Tailor	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	37 334002	Tailor
Trevalla, blue-eye	<i>Hyperoglyphe antarctica</i>	37 445001	Trevalla, blue-eye
Trevally, silver	<i>Pseudocaranx georgianus</i>	37 337062	Trevally, silver
Trout, brown	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	37 094004	Trout, brown
Trout, rainbow	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	37 094003	Trout, rainbow
Warehou, blue	<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	37 445005	Warehou, blue
Whiting, blue weed	<i>Haletta semifasciata</i>	37 385009	Stranger
Whiting, King George	<i>Sillaginodes punctatus</i>	37 330001	Whiting, King George
Whiting, school	<i>Sillago flindersi</i>	37 330014	Whiting, school
Wrasse, blue throat	<i>Notolabrus tetricus</i>	37 384003	Wrasse, blue throat
Wrasse, purple	<i>Notolabrus fucicola</i>	37 384021	Wrasse, saddle
Wrasses	Family Labridae	37 384000	Wrasse, unspecified
Teleosts	Class Pisces	37 000000	Other

Marketing, Scientific and Previously Used Names for Fishery Production

Marketing name	Scientific name	CAAB Taxon code	Previously used species name
Molluscs			Shellfish
Abalone, blacklip	<i>Haliotis rubra rubra</i>	24 038006	Abalone, blacklip
Abalone, greenlip	<i>Haliotis laevigata</i>	24 038004	Abalone, greenlip
Abalones	<i>Haliotis rubra</i> & <i>H. laevigata</i>	24 038000	Abalone
Mussel, blue	<i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	23 220001	Mussel & Mussel, blue
Periwinkle	Class Gastropoda	24 094901	Periwinkles
Scallop	<i>Pecten fumatus</i>	23 270007	Scallop, commercial
Other molluscs (bivalves)	Families Ostreidae & Pectinidae	23 257000 & 23 270000	Other shellfish (bivalves)
Other molluscs	Phylum Mollusca	23 000000	Other
Echinoderms			Cephalopods
Calamari, Southern (squid)	<i>Sepioteuthis australis</i>	23 617005	Calamary, southern
Cuttlefish	<i>Sepia</i> spp	23 607901	Cuttlefishes
Octopus	<i>Octopus</i> spp	23 659901	Octopuses
Squid, Gould's	<i>Nototodarus gouldi</i>	23 636004	Squid, arrow
Squids	<i>Nototodarus gouldi</i> & <i>Sepia</i> spp	"As above"	
Echinoderms			Echinoderms
Black (long-spine) Sea Urchin	<i>Centrostephanus rodgersii</i>	25 211001	Sea urchin, longspine
White Sea Urchin	<i>Heliocidaris erythrogramma</i>	25 247001	Sea urchin, purple
Crustaceans			Crustaceans
Bug (Shovelnose lobster)	<i>Ibacus peronii</i>	28 821901	Balmain bug
Crab, giant	<i>Pseudocarcinus gigas</i>	28 915002	Crab, giant
Crab, sand	<i>Ovalipes australiensis</i>	28 911901	Crab, sand
Crab, velvet	<i>Nectocarcinus tuberculatus</i>	28 911004	Crab, velvet
Crab, (unspecified)	Family Corystidae	28 900000	Crabs
Prawn, eastern king	<i>Melicertus plebejus</i>	28 711052	Prawn, eastern king
Prawn, eastern school	<i>Metapenaeus macleayi</i>	28 711029	Prawns, school
Prawns	<i>Penaeus plebejus</i> & <i>Metapenaeus macleayi</i>	28 711000	
Rock lobster, Southern	<i>Jasus edwardsii</i>	28 820001	Rock lobster, southern
Yabby	<i>Cherax destructor</i>	28 795002	Yabbies
Other crustaceans	Subphylum Crustacea	27 000000	Other
Chondrichthyans			Sharks
Elephantfish	<i>Callorhynchus milii</i>	37 043001	Elephant fish
Shark, angel	<i>Squatina australis</i>	37 024001	Shark, angel
Shark, broadnose	<i>Notorynchus cepedianus</i>	37 005002	Shark, seven-gilled
Shark, gummy	<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i>	37 017001	Shark, gummy
Shark, saw	<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i> & <i>P. nudipinnis</i>	37 023002 & 37 023001	Shark, saw
Shark, school	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	37 017008	Shark, school
Rays	Class Batoidea	37 990001	Skate
Other chondrichthyans	Family Chondrichthyes	37 990027	Other

Marketing names are based on the Codes for Australian Aquatic Biota (CAAB). For information on names, distribution and images of fish and fillets refer to www.marine.csiro.au/caab.

Aquaculture Production

Introduction

This information bulletin is designed to meet the needs of the aquaculture industry, researchers, Victorian Fisheries Authority, the Victorian Government, the Commonwealth Government, and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation. This publication provides data on the quantity; weight of growout production; and area of water licensed for cultivation within the Victorian aquaculture industry.

Under the *Fisheries Act 1995*, lodgement of aquaculture production return forms is a condition of the aquaculture licence. Individual returns are collected under Section 146 of the Act and are treated as strictly confidential. The data is released in aggregated form only.

Number of Aquaculture Licences

The Victorian aquaculture industry consists of eight industry sectors with 90 licence holders.

Industry sector	Number of licences ¹				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Freshwater Eels	13	13	13	12	11
Salmonids	14	13	13	12	13
Warmwater Finfish (Inland)	19	14	13	10	10
Yabby	13	14	16	15	13
Abalone	9	9	9	8	8
Blue Mussel and Other Molluscs (Bivalves)	14	14	16	15	16
Ornamental Fish	7	6	7	8	7
Other	21	21	23	24	22
Total ²	110	104	110	104	100

¹Includes hatchery production and growout production; ²multiple licences are held by some licence holders.

Growout Production

Sector	Fiscal year	Growout		
		Number (‘000)	Weight (tonnes)	Value (\$,000)
Finfish ¹	2019/20	na	1,713	25,819
	2020/21	na	1,684	27,649
	2021/22	na	1,839	28,235
	2022/23	na	1,370	22,256
	2023/24	na	1,698	27,079
Ornamental finfish	2019/20	1,248	na	749
	2020/21	555	na	631
	2021/22	491	na	773
	2022/23	485	na	765
	2023/24	388	na	805
Crustaceans ⁴	2019/20	na	3	180
	2020/21	na	2	56
	2021/22	na	8	57
	2022/23	na	4	61
	2023/24	na	3	94
Shellfish ⁵	2019/20	na	1,573	21,642
	2020/21	na	1,838	23,288
	2021/22	na	2,353	24,872
	2022/23	na	2,569	32,654
	2023/24	na	2,310	31,069
Total	2019/20	1,248	3,289	48,390
	2020/21	555	3,523	51,624
	2021/22	491	4,200	53,937
	2022/23	485	3,942	55,737
	2023/24	388	4,011	59,047

¹includes salmonids, warmwater finfish and eels; ²na, not applicable;
³nd, no data; ⁴includes yabby; ⁵includes abalone and blue mussel.

Area of Water Licensed for Cultivation - Blue Mussel and Other Molluscs (Bivalves)

Industry sector	Fiscal year	Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve				Total
		Flinders	Grassy Point	Clifton Springs	Other ¹	
		Total area (ha)	Total area (ha)	Total area (ha)	Total area (ha)	
Blue Mussel and	2019/20	175	60	75	246	556
Other Molluscs	2020/21	175	60	75	246	556
(Bivalves)	2021/22	173	60	78	245	556
	2022/23	173	60	78	245	556
	2023/24	176	60	81	223	540

¹Includes production from the Pinnacle Channel, Beaumaris, Dromana, Bates Point and Mount Martha aquaculture fisheries reserves.