

Coastal line fishery - Logbook instructions

The Coastal Line Fishery return is divided into two (2) forms, Part A: Fishing Session and Catch (catch return) and Part B: Monthly Market Details (market return).

Part A must be completed for each fishing session (each day). Each column refers to a specific activity undertaken at a particular time and location, by one fishing method. If you change location (by more than 1 nautical mile), fishing method, or recommence fishing after a break, you need to complete a new column.

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| <u>Licence Number</u> | Record your Coastal Line Fishery Licence Number (i.e. A1/1234) |
| <u>Approved Operator</u> | The person responsible for undertaking the fishing operations is required to enter their full name. In the absence of an Approved Operator the Licence Holder must enter their full name. |
| <u>Nil Return</u> | Please tick this box if you have not undertaken any fishing activity in the month. You are not required to complete the Fishing Session Details or Catch Details if you have a "Nil" return. |
| <u>Vessel Rego</u> | Enter your Vessel Registration Number (i.e. IL888). |
| <u>Port of Landing</u> | Enter the port you landed your catch (i.e. Darwin). |
| <u>Start Fishing</u> | This is the time you put your lines/traps in the water using a 24-hour clock, e.g. 6:00 am record 0600 and 6:00pm as 1800. |
| <u>Area</u> | Record the name of the general area of your fishing activity (eg Peron Islands). |
| <u>GPS Coordinates</u> | Record the latitude and longitude of your fishing activity to the nearest minute (degrees, minutes) as shown on your GPS. |
| <u>End Fishing</u> | Record the end date and end time of each fishing session using a 24-hour clock. This information, in conjunction with gear type and gear number, provides an estimate of fishing effort. |
| <u>Fishing method</u> | Circle "Vertical Line", "Drop Line" or "Trap" depending on what gear type is used. |
| <u>No. of Lines or Traps</u> | Record the number of lines or traps used. |
| <u>No. of Hooks per Line</u> | Record the number of hooks used per line. |
| <u>Catch</u> | Record the catch by standard name or taxonomic family if the standard name is not known. |
| <u>Cut, Estimated (Total) Weight and Numbers</u> | Record the cut, estimated weight (kg) and numbers of each species at each location. If you catch nothing in a session, please continue to fill in the hours fished, methods used, location etc. and then note no catch for that session. The number and estimated weight of each species caught provides an estimate of the mean size of fishes at that location. This information helps to detect any spatial and/or temporal variation in the mean size of the main target species. |
| <u>Discarded Species</u> | Record the whole weight (kg) of discarded animals for every session. Indicate if the animals were dead or alive when released by marking a 'D' for dead or an 'A' for alive. |
| <u>TEPS Interactions</u> | Record the number of interactions with Threatened, Endangered or Protect Species for every fishing session. Indicate if the animal was dead or alive by marking a 'D' for dead or an 'A' for alive. |
| <u>Comments</u> | This section is primarily for notes which are relevant to your fishing. General observations regarding fish maturity, sex, weather condition, presence of bait fish would also be useful for research purposes. |

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Part B of the logbook is the monthly market summary sheet. Please complete this form at the end of each month and send it to the Returns Officer, accompanied by your completed logsheets, before the 28th day of the following month.

Species

Record the species standard name or taxonomic family if the standard name is not known for the product sold.

Cut, Weight and Storage

Record the **cut** (e.g. either whole, trunked, gilled and gutted or filleted), **weight** (in kilograms) and **storage** (e.g. fresh or frozen) of each species as they are sold. This includes all products from fish taken in the fishery, including swim bladders.

Value

Record the price per kilogram received for the product. This information allows for an accurate estimate of fishery Gross Value Production.

Destination

Record the traders name or licence number and state to which the product was sold.