

VERTICAL LINE, DROPLINE, LONGLINE AND FISH-TRAP LOGBOOK PROCEDURES

The licence holder must sign the daily logbook (catch return) and the market summary logbook (market return). Fill in the date, licence number, vessel registration, licence holder name and trip ID number. Note trip ID # is obtained by adding the number of trips the vessel has taken for the year to the last four digits of your licence number. For example, if the Vessel has completed 3 trips for the year and your Licence number is A6/6012, then the trip ID # for the current trip would be 60124, for the next trip, it would be 60125 and so on. A separate page should be used for each day that fishing is carried out.

FISHING METHOD:

Record the fishing method used. For dropline, record the number of lines per shot, number of hooks per line and hook size/type. For longline, record the length of the mainline, number of hooks on the line and hook size/type. For traps, record the number of traps on the vessel. Record the average soak time per line or trap.

FISHING DETAILS:

Record each unit of effort and catch in columns.

Shot Number (trap/longline): Record every shot number for the day, i.e. the first shot for the day will be recorded as No.1, the next shot No.2 and so on.

Number of Traps Record the number of traps used in each shot.

Number of shots (dropline) Record the number of shots at each location. Please aggregate shots and catch if fishing in the same location, e.g. if fishing 4 shots of six droplines within a 2 minute radius (2 nm), then only fill out one column. Record 4 as the number of shots and aggregate the total number of Goldband etc. caught from this area. If the fishing location changes by more than 2 minutes of the start fishing lat/long then start a new column in your logbook.

Start of Fishing:

Start Fishing Time Enter the start time of each shot (or group of shots) being set, using a 24-hour clock e.g. 6:00 am record as 0600 and 6:00 pm record as 1800.

Latitude/Longitude Record the position of the droplines, or the start of a shot of traps or longline, by latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes rounded down **to the nearest minute**, as shown on GPS e.g. latitude **9°28'35"** will be recorded as **0928** on the logbook.

Depth Fished (m) Record the average depth of water in which the gear is set for each shot.

End of Fishing:

Stop Fishing Date Enter the date when the gear was hauled, if different to start date.

Stop Fishing Time Enter the time when the gear was completely hauled from the water, using a 24-hour clock, e.g. 6:00 am record as 0600 and 6:00 pm record as 1800.

Latitude/Longitude Record the position of the last trap in the shot, or the end of the longline, by latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes rounded down **to the nearest minute**, as shown on GPS e.g. longitude **129°30'45"** will be recorded as **12930** on the logbook.

Catch by Number and Species Record the **number** of each species for each shot. Please aggregate numbers for each species if dropline fishing within 2nm of start location.

Discards Record the species and **weight (kg)** of discards for each shot.

SPECIES NAMES:

Goldband Snapper = *Pristipomoides multidens*

Saddletail Snapper = *Lutjanus malabaricus*

Crimson Snapper = *Lutjanus erythropterus*

Red Emperor = *Lutjanus sebea*

Yellowspotted Rockcod = *Epinephelus areolatus*

Rankin Cod = *Epinephelus multinotatus*

Cod - General = All other cod types

Moses Snapper = *Lutjanus russelli*

Robinsons Seabream = *Gymnocranius grandoculus*

OTHER - record name and number of other non-target species caught for each shot.

REMARKS:

This section is primarily for notes which are relevant for you; however general observations regarding fish maturity, sex, weather, condition, presence of bait fish etc. would also be useful for research purposes. Also record protected species interactions in this area (note: interactions must still be reported to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities on 1800 641 806 or protected.species@environment.gov.au within 7 days).

TRIP MARKET DETAILS:

At the back of logbook are market summary sheets. Record your species as they are sold e.g. either whole, gilled and gutted, fillet, etc. Record the licence number / trading name of who the fish is sold to, on which trip they were caught (i.e. trip ID#), which species, price received and the amounts sold. Please complete the log forms, and send them to the Returns Officer accompanied by your completed daily catch and effort log sheets before the 28th day following the last month.