



## Information Paper

# Total Allowable Catch Determination – Red Sea Urchin

### Red Sea Urchin – 1 January to 31 December 2023

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination for Red Sea Urchin in the NSW Sea Urchin and Turban Shell (SUTS) Fishery for the fishing period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Quota species	TAC determination (kg)	Fishing period
Red Sea Urchin	30,000	1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

The Department of Primary Industries will equally allocate the determination as quota to each SUTS endorsement holder prior to 1 January 2023.

The TAF Committee also made the recommendation that the commercial catch of Red Sea Urchin under this determination should be controlled by reducing the Regional Catch Limits (RCLs) to 9.5 tonnes across five specified regions, see the table below for further details.

Region	Regional Catch Limit 2022
1	1.18
2	2.45
3	3.06
4	2.81
5	0

The TAF Committee has made this TAC determination and RCL recommendation as a strategy to support the limited number of active Red Sea Urchin fishers by allowing some access to the fishery, whilst also limiting catch to support recovery and rebuilding of the Red Sea Urchin stock to sustainable levels able to support ongoing harvest.

When the TAF Committee makes a TAC determination, a Determination Report explains the reasons for their determination. A copy of the Report and Determination is available on the NSW DPI website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>

#### Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations – <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/TAC>
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline: 1300 726 488

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