



Information Paper

Total Allowable Catch Determination – Red Sea Urchin

Red Sea Urchin – 1 January to 31 December 2022

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 Fishery for the fishing period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The Department of Primary Industries will allocate the determination as quota to each fishing business owner prior to 1 January 2022.

Quota species	TAC determination (kg)	Fishing period
Red Sea Urchin	60,000	1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

The TAF Committee determined that the commercial catch of Red Sea Urchin under this determination should be allocated and controlled by two separate measures:

1. The TAC of 60 tonnes, allocated equally to sea urchin endorsement holders
2. Regional Catch Limits totalling 19 tonnes across five specified regions

Region	Regional Catch Limit 2022
1	2.35
2	4.90
3	6.13
4	5.62
5	0

The TAC of 60 tonnes is the same TAC than has been in place since 2002. The RCLs are set at the same levels as the 2021 fishing period, being levels consistent with historical biomass estimates, recent harvest levels and distribution in respective regions.

Restraining catch under the nominal TAC maintains current quota allocations for the limited number of Red Sea Urchin fishers to support fishery socio-economics whilst supporting regional and broader stock sustainability.

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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