



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

17 May 2023

Dear Torres Strait Beche-de-mer Fishery Traditional Inhabitant Boat (TIB) Licence Holder,

Notification of determination of the TAC Date for the 2023 black teatfish fishery

I am writing to inform you that I, as a delegate of the Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA), under section 22 of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*, have determined the total allowable catch date (TAC Date) for black teatfish to be 12:00pm (midday) AEST on 18 May 2023 based on my reasonable belief that the TAC will be reached on or about that date whilst avoiding the risk of an overcatch. **TIB Licence Holders must stop all fishing for black teatfish by 12:00pm (midday) AEST on the TAC Date of 18 May 2023 and land all their black teatfish catches to a licenced fish receiver by 6:00pm AEST.**

This means **you are not permitted to fish for black teatfish after 12:00pm (midday) AEST on 18 May 2023.** This is one of the conditions of your licence as varied on 20 April 2023.

As at 11:30pm AEST on 17 May, a total of 16.366 tonnes of black teatfish has been reported as being caught since the commencement of the black teatfish opening on 15 May 2023. Having considered reported catches since the commencement of the black teatfish opening on 15 May 2023, I have determined the TAC Date in accordance with conditions of your licence, which came into effect on 20 April 2023.

Please be aware that Fish Receiver Licence Holders will not be permitted to receive black teatfish after 6:00pm AEST on 18 May 2023.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Couchman, Senior Management Officer, Torres Strait Fisheries, on 07 4069 1990 or by email at FisheriesTI@afma.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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