Black teatfish opening Checklist for fishers



Start date: 29 April 2024

Total allowable catch: 20 tonnes

BEFORE 29 April 2024		
CHECK	 Your new and existing licence conditions That you have a beche-de-mer (BD) entry on your licence 	
RENEW	Your TIB fishing licence if it has expired or is due to expire soon	
UPDATE	Your contact details with AFMA: • mobile phone number • email	
PLAN	Ahead with your licenced fish receiver – know who you are going to land to daily	
NOMINATE	If required, an Authorised Agent to sign the fisher details section of the Catch Disposal Record (CDR). The same person cannot sign the fisher details section and the fish receiver section of the CDR	
DURING black teatfish opening		
LAND CATCHES DAILY	Land your black teatfish catch to a licenced fish receiver on the same day the catch is taken. This means daily Make sure you have mobile phone reception and internet connection to receive updates from AFMA via SMS, email and www.pzja.gov.au	
CHECK	Your mobile phone, email and www.pzja.gov.au for AFMA messages on: 1. Daily catch updates 2. When to stop fishing (the TAC Date#)	

AFTER TAC DATE# DO NOT FISH FOR BLACK TEATFISH

[#] The **TAC Date** is the specific date and time that the PZJA or its delegate determines as the last day of fishing for black teatfish based on its reasonable belief that the TAC will be reached, in order to avoid an overcatch of the TAC. You cannot fish for black teatfish after the TAC Date.

Black teatfish opening Rules for fishers



Fishers MUST

- ✓ Hold a current TIB licence with a beche-de-mer (BD) entry
- ✓ Make sure that all crew are traditional inhabitants*
- Land black teatfish catches to a licenced fish receiver **on the same day** the catch is taken. This means **daily**

Fishers MUST NOT

- Fish for or stockpile black teatfish **before** 29 April 2024
- Use hookah gear
- Take black teatfish that are smaller than 25 centimetres (see ruler for length)
- Fish from a boat greater than 7 metres in length
- Continue to fish for black teatfish after the TAC Date#

For more information, contact AFMA

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Report illegal fishing to CRIMFISH on 1800 274 634

^{*}FAQs for traditional inhabitant identification verification can be found on www.pzja.gov.au