



Australian Government

Australian Fisheries Management Authority

02 May 2024

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

Notification of determination of the TAC Date for black teatfish for the 2024 fishing season

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 in the Torres Strait Beche-de-mer Fishery (BDM Fishery) for the 2024 fishing season to be 2359 AEST (midnight) on 02 May 2024. This is based on my reasonable belief that the TAC will be reached on or about that time and date whilst avoiding the risk of an overcatch. **TIB Licence holders must stop all fishing for black teatfish by the TAC Date of 2359 AEST (midnight) on 02 May 2024 and land all their black teatfish catches to a licenced Fish Receiver by 2359 AEST (midnight) on 02 May 2024.**

This means **you are not permitted to fish for black teatfish after 2359 AEST (midnight) on 02 May 2024.** This is one of the conditions of your licence as varied on 28 March 2024.

As at 2318 AEST on 01 May 2024, a total of 12.996 tonnes of black teatfish has been reported as being caught since the commencement of the black teatfish opening on 29 April 2024. Having considered reported catches since the commencement of the black teatfish opening on 29 April 2024, I have determined the TAC Date in accordance with conditions of your licence, which came into effect on 28 March 2024.

Please be aware that Fish Receiver Licence holders will not be permitted to receive black teatfish after 2359 AEST (midnight) on 02 May 2024.

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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