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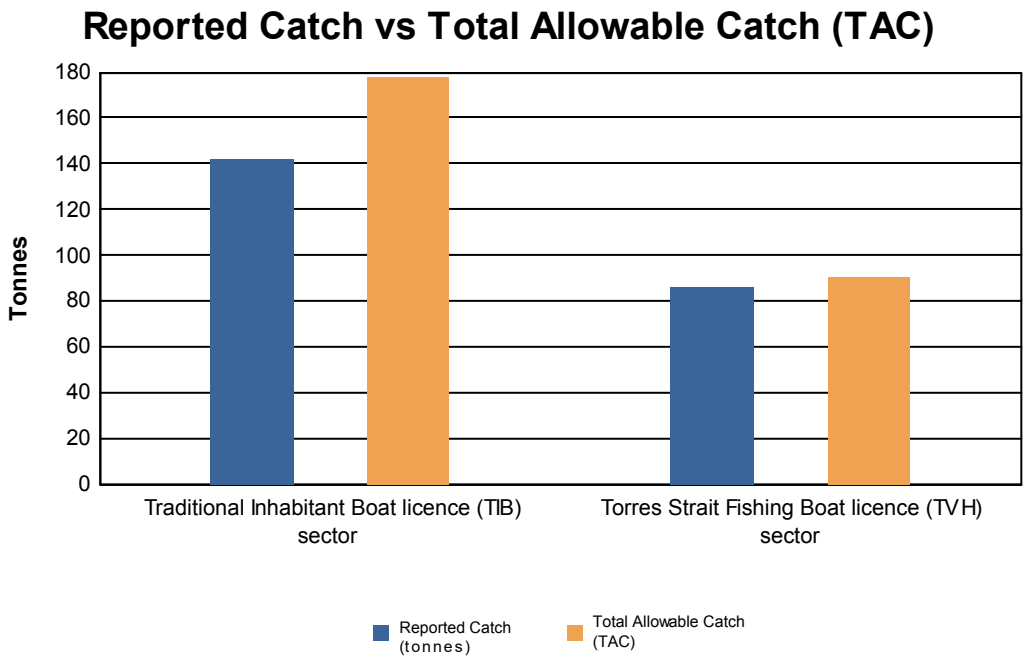
Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Fishery - End of Season - 1 December 2025 to 30 September 2026

Species Name	Total Allowable Catch# (TAC) (tonnes)	Reported Catch^ (tonnes)	Remaining TAC (tonnes)	% caught of TAC
Traditional Inhabitant Boat licence (TIB) sector				
Tropical Rock Lobsters	177.99	141.76	36.22	79.65 %
Torres Strait Fishing Boat licence (TVH) sector				
Tropical Rock Lobsters	90.87	86.06	4.80	94.71 %



Notes:

The TAC of tropical rock lobster in the Australian waters of the TRL Fishery was increased to 268.852 tonnes on 5 February 2026. The TACs displayed for each sector above are calculated based on the total number of quota units available to each sector as determined under the *Torres Strait Fisheries (Quotas for Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaiar)) Management Plan 2018.*

^ Catch reported through TDB02 Catch Disposal Records (CDRs) and does not include any unreported catches or outstanding catches (there is an expected processing delay of 2-3 weeks from when a Fish Receiver completes a CDR and AFMA receives and processes it). All catch data reported as 'tails' is converted to whole weight using the conversion factor of 2.677.

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