

TORRES STRAIT PRAWN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Meeting No. 16 23-24 June 2015
REPORTS Domestic Compliance Report	Agenda Item No. 3.4 For Noting

RECOMMENDATION

The TSPMAC **NOTES** the domestic compliance arrangements and achievements in the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ) for the 2014/15 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF) through the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol (QB&FP) carry out the domestic compliance program for the Torres Strait.

In December 2012 the QB&FP Thursday Island office closed and compliance activity for Torres Strait is now carried out by the Cairns QB&FP office. The Cairns office is resourced with 9 staff members comprising of a District Manager, an Administration Officer and 7 Field Officers.

This financial year (as of the 12/5/15) a total of 47 at sea patrol days have been undertaken by the QB&FP. This is part of the 60 programmed patrol days utilizing joint operations with the local police & vessel.

Two TSPF trawlers were inspected during this period for the following; licenses, freezer inspections, TED, BRD, Net, VMS compliance and compliance with National Law for Commercial Vessels on behalf of AMSA. No compliance issues were found.

DISCUSSION

At sea patrol target days will be met as agreed to by the end of this financial year. Joint operations utilizing the Qld Police vessel has worked and is subject to a review and fine tuning of the arrangements.