



## THE FISH RECEIVER SYSTEM

The Torres Strait Fish Receiver System (FRS) is used to get accurate and timely records of the weight of commercial catches. The data provided through the FRS is used to ensure commercial catches do not exceed the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) limits or individual quota holdings in a given fishing season. The FRS is mandatory for all Torres Strait fisheries except the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery.

A fish receiver is a licenced person who is required to weigh a fisher's catch when it is unloaded. A list of fish receivers can be found on the Torres Strait Public Licence register on the PZJA website.

Fish receivers can record catch data using either the paper system by filling in a Catch Disposal Record (CDR) (TDB02) or electronically (e-CDRs). The information recorded on a CDR tells AFMA how much fish has been caught and by who. For more information about how to get set up using electronic CDRs, please contact AFMA Licensing.

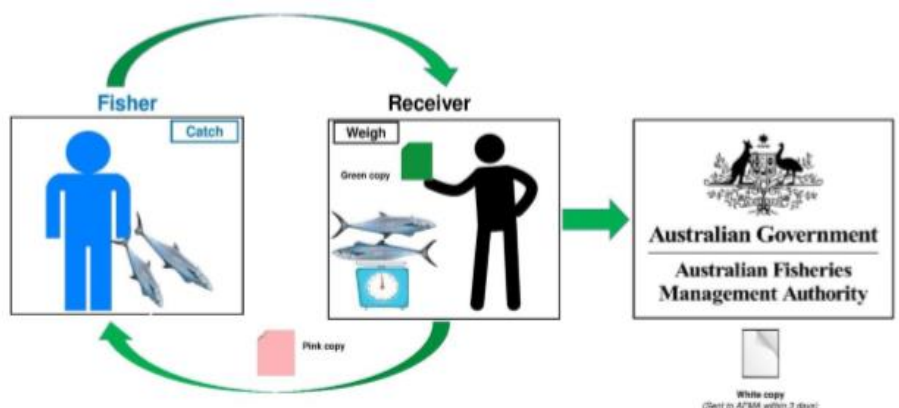
### Checklist for Fishers

Your catch must be weighed and reported in a catch disposal record (CDR) by a licenced fish receiver when it is unloaded (this does not include the catch you keep temporarily in cages or traps at sea (e.g. live kaiar in sea cages) before it is unloaded).

When you land your catch you must:

- ✓ Ensure person weighing the fish and completing the CDR is a licenced fish receiver or a Registered Agent for a licenced fish receiver.
- ✓ Have your fishing licence details ready.
- ✓ If the fish receiver using paper-based CDRs: Sign and date the Fisher Details section of the paper CDR showing your name and fishing licence details and keep the pink carbon copy of the CDR from the receiver.
- ✓ If the fish receiver is using e-CDRs: Provide your name, fishing licence number and boat symbol to the fish receiver. You will receive an SMS or email notification from AFMA with details of your landed catch once the CDR has been submitted by the fish receiver.

Please consider providing important and useful information about your fishing area, method used (e.g. hookah or free dive), or how many people fished from your boat. This information helps to support sustainable Torres Strait Fisheries.





## Checklist for Receivers

When you receive commercial catch from a fisher you must:

- Nominate your fish receiver premises with AFMA and only receive fish at the premises nominated on your fish receiver licence. You can nominate more than one premises.
- Have your paper-based TDB02 Torres Strait Fisheries Catch Disposal Record (CDR) book, or your GoFish account ready to enter your eCDRs. For more information about or to get set up for eCDRs please contact AFMA Licensing.
- Ask whether a CDR has already been filled out by another fish receiver. Do not complete a CDR if one has already been completed.
- Ensure the fisher you are receiving catch from has a current licence.
- Ensure the fish you are receiving are of legal size and do not receive any no-take species.
- Record the fisher's name and licence information correctly. No nicknames please.
- Record the weight by species as soon as you receive the fish. You need to weigh the fish and fill in a CDR immediately after you receive the fish.
- Ask the fisher if they will provide voluntary information about their fishing trip? Providing information about where they went fishing (fishing area), methods they used (e.g. hookah or free dive), or how many people fished from their boat is very important information for managing Torres Strait Fisheries sustainably.
- If using paper-based CDRs:
  - ✓ sign and date the *Receiver Details* section of the CDR showing your name and licence details.
  - ✓ Give the fisher the pink copy of the CDR.
  - ✓ Send the white copy of the CDR to AFMA within 3 days of receiving the fish.
  - ✓ Keep your own green copy of the CDR for 5 years.
- If using eCDRs: Make sure you record the fisher's mobile number or email (if their name is not in the drop down list) so they receive a notification once you have submitted the eCDR.

For more information on the Fish Receiver System, contact AFMA

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