

**TORRES STRAIT PRAWN FISHERY
SHARK BYCATCH RESTRICTION AND SHARK FINNING
PROHIBITION**

The Protected Zone Joint Authority, acting in accordance with the powers conferred on the Authority by paragraph 35(1)(a) of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*, and in accordance with the decisions made by the Authority, make the following Notice under section 16 of the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984*.

Dated this 21 day of February 2002

IAN MACDONALD
Chairman
Protected Zone Joint Authority

CITATION

1. This Notice may be cited as Torres Strait Fisheries Management Notice No. 61.

COMMENCEMENT

2. This Notice commences on gazettal.

THIS NOTICE TO APPLY WITH OTHER NOTICES

3. This Notice applies in conjunction with any other notice in force in the area of the prawn fishery.

INTERPRETATION

4. (a) In this Notice:
"shark" means fish of the class *Chondrichthyes*;
"the Act" means the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984; and
"vessels" means vessels licensed to operate in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery

- (b) terms used but not defined in this Notice have the same meaning as in the Act and the Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations.

SHARK BYCATCH LIMIT

- 5.1 Pursuant to paragraph 16(1)(a) of the Act, the taking, processing or carrying of sharks in excess of the maximum limit set out in 5.2 is prohibited.
- 5.2 For the purposes of paragraph 5.1, the maximum limit is the lesser of 5 sharks or 30kgs of shark.

EXEMPTION FROM BYCATCH LIMIT

6. Pursuant to paragraph 16(1A)(d) of the Act a person engaged in traditional fishing is exempt from the prohibition relating to maximum catch limits in clause 5.

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7. Pursuant to paragraph 16(1)(a) of the Act the processing or carrying of shark fins that are not attached to the trunk of the shark is prohibited.
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