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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

QUARTER ONE REPORT 2024

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1. Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised by the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028 under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action (DECCA) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially and under damage mitigation permits across Victoria. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2024, is 155,650. Quota is released in four batches, at the start of every quarter. Where quota is not fully allocated, it can be carried over into the following quarter.

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual quota and allocation

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Quota Quarter 2	Quota Quarter 3	Quota Quarter 4	Total Allocation 2024
Central	16,000	16,000	16,000	13,700	61,700
Gippsland	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,400	13,700
Lower Wimmera	10,000	10,000	10,000	9,000	39,000
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	2,250	2,000	2,000	1,850	8,100
Otway	4,050	4,000	4,000	3,300	15,350
Upper Wimmera	4,800	4,800	4,800	3,400	17,800
Total	40,600	40,200	40,200	34,650	155,650



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations were valid for three years (2024 – 2027), for 2024, there are currently 113 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
- From January to March 2024, 30,520 tags were released across the state which equates to 75% of the 40,600 tags available for Quarter One and 20% of the annual 155,650 tags available.
- Of the tags that were released, 13,974 have been consumed

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2024 Quarter One Figures					
Zone	Quarter one quota available	Quarter one quota released	Quarter one quota remaining	Quarter one quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	16,000	9,500	6,500	5,269	52
Gippsland	3,500	3,500	0	1,438	32
Lower Wimmera	10,000	8,400	1,600	4,079	47
Mallee	0	0	0	0	N/A
North East	2,250	2,820	-570	1,442	33
Otway	4,050	4,030	20	1,276	39
Upper Wimmera	4,800	2,270	2,530	490	23
Total	40,600	30,520	10,080	13,994	N/A

¹ Harvesters can operate across more than one zone



2.1.2 Table 3 - Monthly consumption figures

Zone	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Central	1,735	1,502	2,032										5,269
Gippsland	273	647	518										1,438
Lower Wimmera	1,066	1,425	1,568										4,059
Mallee	0	0	0										0
North East	609	267	566										1,442
Otway	350	537	389										1,276
Upper Wimmera	168	145	177										490
Total²	4,201	4,523	5,250										13,974

²Total monthly consumption figures may slightly vary from the previous published quarterly reports due to data upload times and reconciliation



3. Harvest Information

3.1 Overview

- Harvesters enter harvest summaries via a mobile phone application hosted by the Department of Government Services at the completion of each harvest job
- As the harvest summary figures are self-reported, there may be discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual figures due to memory bias

3.1.1 Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone

2024 Quarter One Figures				
Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Eastern Grey	Female	Young at foot
Central	0	5,335	1,702	1,555
Gippsland	0	1,470	482	344
Lower Wimmera	68	4,011	1,193	1,067
Mallee	0	0	0	0
North-East	0	1,446	430	369
Otway	0	1,280	364	241
Upper Wimmera	60	430	131	152
Total	128	13,972	4,302	3,728



4. Compliance figures

4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2023 KHP Compliance Plan. This Plan sets out the five compliance priorities, these being:

- Priority 1 – Harvester Competency
- Priority 2 – Animal welfare
- Priority 3 – Sustainability
- Priority 4 – Authorisations
- Priority 5 – Public Safety

4.1.1 Table 5 - Compliance summary data

2024 Quarter One Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	113
Number of Authorisations issued	113
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	624
Percentage of active harvesters ³ subject to programmed in-field audits	
Number of investigations	3
Number of offences substantiated	0
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0

³An active harvester under the approved 2024 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters.



4.1.2 Table 6 - 2024 monthly audit statistics

Zone	Jan ⁴	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Central	-	190	45										235
Gippsland	-	45	7										52
Lower Wimmera	-	95	33										128
Mallee	-	0	0										0
North East	-	34	34										41
Otway	-	34	34										38
Upper Wimmera	-	13	13										17
All Zones – Group ⁵	113												113
Total	113	411	100										624

⁴ Audits are not undertaken in January or the start of each quarter, as all harvesters are audited prior to being issued with tags