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Kangaroo Harvest Program

QUARTER ONE SUMMARY REPORT 2023

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1 Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised by the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2021-2023 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 under the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2023, is 166,750. For 2023, there are four KHP quota release periods, the first release is for three months January – March 2023.

1.1.1 2023 Annual quota figures

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Quota Quarter 2	Quota Quarter 3	Quota Quarter 4	Total Allocation 2023
Central	16,300	16,300	16,300	16,200	65,100
Gippsland	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	13,600
Lower Wimmera	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,200	41,100
Mallee	550	500	500	0	1,550
North East	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,650	11,050
Otway	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,500	15,500
Upper Wimmera	4,750	4,700	4,700	4,700	18,850
Total	42,100	42,000	42,000	40,650	166,750

2 Quota allocation – Quarter one release

2.1 Overview

- There are currently 159 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvest Program
- From January to March 2023, 39,970 tags were allocated across the state which equates to 94.5% of the 42,100 tags available for Quarter One
- 39,970 tags have been allocated across the state equating to 27.93% of the annual 166,750 tags available
- Of the tags that have been allocated, 24,637 tags have been consumed

2.1.1 Allocation and consumption figures – Quarter one release (January to March 2023)

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Total allocated Quarter 1	Quota remaining Quarter 1	Quota consumed Quarter 1	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	16,300	15,020	1,280	8,312	66
Gippsland	3,400	3,400	0	2,202	32
Lower Wimmera	10,300	10,300	0	8,121	44
Mallee	550	300	250	101	1
North East	2,800	2,800	0	1,736	28
Otway	4,000	4,000	0	2,303	34
Upper Wimmera	4,750	4,100	650	1,862	25
Total	42,100	39,970	2,180	24,637	230

¹The number of harvesters with quota may be higher than the total number of authorised harvesters, as harvesters can operate across more than one zone.

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 are often differences between the reported figures and the actual figures.

3.1.1 Harvest summary figures – Quarter on release (January to March 2023)

Number	Number of Western Grey Kangaroos	Number of Eastern Grey Kangaroos	Number of Females	Tagged Carcasses Stored for Processor ²	Tagged Carcasses Left on Property
Total	476	24,161	8,008	24,683	84

²Tagged carcasses for processing figures may be inconsistent with quota consumed figures. This is because harvesters manually enter the data separately from the scanning of tags

4 Compliance figures

4.1.1 Compliance summary figures (January to March 2023)

Number of programmed inspections	5
Number of offences detected/reported	0
Number of investigations	6
Number of Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0