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1. Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised under the *Wildlife Act 1975* and administered in accordance with the Victorian Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2024-2028. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action (DEECA) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially and under the Authority to Control Wildlife system across Victoria. The commercial quota for the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP) for 2024, was set at 155,650, however, this figure was reduced in June 2024 to 142,350. On 25 September 2024, the quota was further reduced to 111,575 removing all Quarter 4 allocations. Quota (including carry over quota amounts from earlier quarters) was released in four batches, in January, April, July, and October 2024. Where quota was not fully allocated within a Quarter, it was carried over into the following Quarter.

1.1.1 Table 1 - Annual and quarterly quotas

Zone	Quota Quarter 1	Quota Quarter 2	Quota Quarter 3 (adjusted)	Quota Quarter 4 (adjusted)	Total Quota 2024 (adjusted)
Central	16,000	16,000	11,900	0	43,900
Gippsland	3,500	3,400	2,475	0	9,375
Lower Wimmera	10,000	10,000	8,600	0	28,600
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	2,250	2,000	975	0	5,225
Otway	4,050	4,000	2,950	0	11,000
Upper Wimmera	4,800	4,800	3,875	0	13,475
Total	40,600	40,200	30,775	0	111,575



2. Quota allocation

2.1 Overview

- Authorisations are valid for three years (2024 – 2026), for 2024, there were 130 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
- A total of 100,440 tags were released which is 90% of the annual tags available (111,575).
- For Quarter 1, 30,470 tags were released; 28,480 tags were released in Quarter 2; 25,535 tags in Quarter 3, and in Quarter 4 15,955 tags were released.
- Of the tags that were released, 81,160 were consumed.

2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures

2024 Annual Figures					
Zone	Annual quota	Total quota released	Quota remaining	Total quota consumed	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	43,900	40,595	3,305	33,801	54
Gippsland	9,375	8,900	475	6,903	27
Lower Wimmera	28,600	28,600	0	23,904	44
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0
North East	5,225	5,225	0	4,246	24
Otway	11,000	11,000	0	8,354	31
Upper Wimmera	13,475	6,120	7,355	3,952	19
Total	111,575	100,440	11,135	81,160	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	1,737	1,504	2,036	2,381	3,096	3,425	3,014	3,319	3,068	3,503	3,435	3,283	33,801
Gippsland	273	659	525	384	543	750	540	803	465	470	656	835	6,903
Lower Wimmera	1,066	1,424	1,568	1,829	2,521	2,190	2,036	1,989	1,881	2,368	2,567	2,465	23,904
Mallee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	609	267	576	487	369	627	290	384	224	81	115	217	4,246
Otway	350	537	390	957	707	876	1,344	875	1,190	621	169	338	8,354
Upper Wimmera	168	145	177	274	476	340	295	502	344	461	148	622	3,952
Total²	4,203	4,536	5,272	6,312	7,712	8,208	7,519	7,872	7,172	7,504	7,090	7,760	81,160

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 zone³

Harvest Zone	Western Grey	Female	Dependent Young
Central	0	11,474	10,089
Gippsland	0	2,662	1,921
Lower Wimmera	855	7,689	6,963
Mallee	0	0	0
North-East	0	1,285	1,073
Otway	0	3,156	2,233
Upper Wimmera	642	1,048	1,209
Total	1,497	27,314	23,488

³Total reported harvest figures may slightly vary from the previous published quarterly reports due to data cleanup.



4. Compliance figures

4.1 Overview

Compliance actions are undertaken in accordance with the approved 2024 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 Annual Figures	
Number of Authorisation applications received	17
Number of Authorisations issued	13
Number of audits conducted on harvester return data	1,152
Percentage of active harvesters ⁴ subject to programmed in-field audits	75%
Number of investigations	18
Number of offences substantiated	0
Number Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0

⁴An active harvester under the approved 2024 KHP Compliance Plan is defined as a harvester who is active throughout the previous four quarters. For 2024, there were 29 active harvesters. As Q4 quota was suspended by DEECA these figures were taken from the 3 quarters up to Sept 30, 2024



4.1.2 Table 6 - Monthly audit statistics

Zone	Jan ⁵	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Central	-	190	45	31	69	41	32	23	22	15	23	31	522
Gippsland	-	45	7	4	6	2	2	2	1	13	4	18	104
Lower Wimmera	-	95	33	22	27	12	8	17	7	23	21	23	288
Mallee	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North East	-	34	7	3	10	1	2	3	2	0	1	8	71
Otway	-	34	4	9	5	12	13	11	8	5	4	18	123
Upper Wimmera	-	13	4	1	5	2	2	3	9	0	1	5	45
Total	-	411	100	70	122	70	59	59	49	56	54	103	1,153

⁵ Audits are undertaken on each harvester applying for tags in January prior to issuing tags, to ensure tag allocations per KHP business rules.