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KANGAROO HARVESTING PROGRAM

QUARTER THREE 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 commenced in January, second release occurring in April 2023 and third release commencing July 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 3 release

2.1 Overview

- There are currently 176 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program
- From July to September 2023, 20,257 tags were allocated across the state which equates to 38.3% of the 52,907 tags available for Quarter 3, noting that the tags available for Quarter 3 included some carry-over from Quarter 2.
- Of the tags that have been allocated for Quarter 3, 16,082 tags have been consumed
- Total number of tags allocated from 1 Jan – 30 Sep 2023 = 93,450
- Total number of tags consumed from 1 Jan – 30 Sep 2023 = 61,111

2.1.1 Allocation and consumption figures – Quarter 3 release (July to September 2023)

Quarter 3 (July – September 2023)					
Zone	Quota Released Quarter 3 (includes Q2 carryover)	Total allocated Quarter 3	Quota remaining Quarter 3	Quota consumed Quarter 3	Harvesters who received allocations
Central	24,150	6,570	17,580	6,350	19
Gippsland	3,400	3,100	300	2,147	8
Lower Wimmera	10,400	3,800	6,600	3,418	11
Mallee	1,050	600	450	600	1
North East	2,957	2,957	0	1,536	5
Otway	4,050	2,930	1,120	1,782	10
Upper Wimmera	6,900	300	6,600	249	2
Total	52,907	20,257	32,650	16,082	56¹

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 may be discrepancies between the reported figures and the actual figures due to memory bias.

3.1.1 Harvest summary figures – Quarter 3 release (July to September 2023)

Quarter 3 (July – September 2023)					
	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	600	15,482	5,186	15,757	328

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 Compliance summary figures – Quarter 3 (July – September 2023)

Quarter 3 (July – September 2023)	
Number of programmed inspections	14
Number of offences detected/reported	0
Number of investigations	3
Number of Authorisations suspended or cancelled	0