**Kangaroo Harvest Program**

**QUARTER ONE SUMMARY REPORT 2024**

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# **Annual Quota**

## 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 figures

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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** |

# **Quota allocation**

## 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 – Quarter one release (January to March 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2024 Quarter One Figures** | | | | | |
| **Zone** | **Quarter 1 quota available** | **Quarter 1 quota released** | **Quarter 1 quota remaining** | **Quarter 1 quota consumed** | **Harvesters who received allocations1** |
|  |
| **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*

# **Harvest Information**

## 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.

### Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone (January to March 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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 |

# **Compliance figures**

## 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

### Table 5 - Compliance summary data (January to March 2024)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **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 harvesters3 subject to programmed in-field audits** | 0 |
| **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.***

### Table 6 - 2024 monthly audit statistics (January to March 2024)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Zone** | **Jan4** | **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 – Group5** | 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***