Kangaroo harvesting program

Annual REPORT 2024

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# Annual Quota

## 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 with in a Quarter, it was carried over into the following Quarter.

## **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** |

# Quota allocation

## 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 allocations1** |
|  |
| **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***

# 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 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.***

# Compliance figures

## 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

## **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 harvesters4 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***

## **Table 6 - Monthly audit statistics**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Zone** | **Jan5** | **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.***