Kangaroo Harvesting Program (Accessible version)

QUARTER THREE SUMMARY REPORT 2023

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# Annual Quota

## 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.

### **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** |

# Quota allocation – Quarter 3 release

## 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

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

| Zone | Quota Released Quarter 3 (includes Quarter 2 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** | 56**1** |

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

# 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.

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

|  | Number of Western Grey Kangaroos | Number of Eastern Grey Kangaroos | Number of Females | Tagged Carcasses Stored for Processor2 | 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*

# Compliance figures

## Compliance summary figures – 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 |