Kangaroo harvesting program

Quarter FOUR 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 (DECCA) 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. 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 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**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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 – 2027), for Quarter Four 2024, there are currently 130 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvesting Program.
* From October to December 2024, 15,955 tags were released across the state which equates to 59% of the 27,090 tags available for Quarter Four (being carry over from Quarter One, Quarter Two and Quarter Three) and 15% of the adjusted annual 111,575 tags available.
* Quota consumed in Quarter Four totaled 22,354.

## **2.1.1 Table 2 - Allocation and consumption figures**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2024 Quarter Four Figures** | | | | | |
| **Zone** | **Quota available**  **(Includes carry overs)** | **Quota released**  **(carry over)** | **Quota unallocated** | **Quota consumed** | **Harvesters who received allocations1** |
|  |
| **Central** | 12,390 | 9,085 | 3,305 | 10,221 | 17 |  |
| **Gippsland** | 835 | 360 | 475 | 1,961 | 5 |  |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 5,510 | 5,510 | 0 | 7,400 | 16 |  |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **North East** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 413 | 0 |  |
| **Otway** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,128 | 0 |  |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 8,355 | 1,000 | 7,355 | 1,231 | 7 |  |
| **Total** | **27,090** | **15,955** | **11,135** | **22,354** | **45** |  |

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.
  + 1. **Table 4 - Harvest summary figures per zone**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **2024 Quarter Four Figures** | | | |
| **Harvest Zone** | **Western Grey** | **Female** | **Dependent Young** |
| **Central** | 0 | 3,667 | 3,093 |
| **Gippsland** | 0 | 794 | 545 |
| **Lower Wimmera** | 103 | 2,660 | 2,327 |
| **Mallee** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **North-East** | 0 | 124 | 81 |
| **Otway** | 0 | 427 | 315 |
| **Upper Wimmera** | 128 | 408 | 472 |
| **Total** | 231 | 8,080 | 6,833 |

# 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 Quarter Four Figures** | |
| **Number of Authorisation applications received** | 7 |
| **Number of Authorisations issued** | 3 |
| **Number of audits conducted on harvester return data** | 213 |
| **Number of active harvesters3 subject to programmed in-field audits** | 6 of 58 (or 10.34%) |
| **Number of investigations** | 7 |
| **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**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Zone** | **Jan4** | **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** |

***4 Audits are not undertaken in January or the start of each quarter, as all harvesters are audited prior to being issued with tags. Audits are undertaken on each harvester applying for tags in January prior to issuing tags, to ensure tag allocations per KHP business rules.***