

*OceanWatch Australia works with the seafood industry and the community to ensure Australia's marine environment is healthy, productive, valued and used in a responsible way.*



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## **Recreational Fishing Catch and Release**

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Catch and release is the activity of releasing fish and invertebrates that have been caught using recreational fishing gear.

Catch and release fishing activities are practiced to ensure compliance with bag limits and/or as a conservation measure.

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## **Recreational Fishing Catch and Release Guidelines**

- ❖ Follow [best practice catch and release guidelines](#) when returning fish to the water

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## **Minimise stress and physical damage to released fish to maximise fish survival**

Many fish are released after capture, including target and non-target species, juveniles less than the minimum legal length and large breeding fish. It is responsible practice to ensure that released fish have the best chance of survival.

- ❖ [Learn more](#)
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