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Information Paper

Total Allowable Catch Determination – Red Sea Urchin

Sea Urchin and Turban Shell Fishery 1 January 2026 – 31 December 2026

The Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee has made the following Total Allowable Catch (TAC) determination for Red Sea Urchin for the fishing period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026:

Quota species	TAC determination (t)	Fishing period
Red Sea Urchin	9.5	1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will allocate the determination as quota equally to each SUTS fishing business prior to 1 January 2026.

The TAF Committee also recommended that the commercial catch of Red Sea Urchin under the TAC determination should continue to be controlled through Regional Catch Limits (RCLs) totalling 9.5 tonnes across five specified regions in accordance with the following table:

Region	Regional Catch Limit 2026 (t)
1	1.18
2	2.45
3	3.06
4	2.81
5	0.0
Total	9.50

When the TAF Committee makes a TAC determination, the Committee provides a Determination Report that explains the reasons for its determination.

A copy of the report and determination for the 2026 fishing period for the NSW Sea Urchin and Turban Shell Fishery is available on the NSW DPIRD website at [Total allowable catch and fishing effort determinations](#).

Where can I find more information about TAC determinations?

- Total Allowable Catch and Effort Determinations - Total allowable catch and fishing effort determinations.
- Commercial Fisheries Hotline – 1300 726 488

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