



Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery (Total Allowable Catch) Determination 2023

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority makes the following determination in accordance with a decision made by the Commission under section 23 of the *Fisheries Administration Act 1991*.

Dated 14 November 2023

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Chief Executive Officer
for and on behalf of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority

1 Name

This instrument is the *Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery (Total Allowable Catch) Determination 2023*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 1 December 2023.

3 Cessation

This instrument ceases on 30 November 2024.

4 Authority

This instrument is made pursuant to paragraph 17(6)(aa) of the Act and under section 11 of the Management Plan .

5 Definitions

Note 1: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in definitions section of the Management Plan, including the following:

- (a) *fishing year*;
- (b) *fishery*;
- (c) *target species*; and
- (d) *total allowable catch*;

Note 2: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in definitions section of the Act, including the following:

- (a) *take*.

In this instrument:

Management Plan means the *Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery Management Plan 2002*.

Act means the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

6 Determination of total allowable catch

- (1) The total allowable catch for target species and the limits to the amounts that may be taken of other species in the fishery for the 2023/2024 fishing year, commencing on 1 December 2023 and ending on 30 November 2024, are determined in accordance with this section.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection 11(1) of the Management Plan, the total allowable catch for target species is determined to be:
 - (a) 2,400 tonnes for Patagonian toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*); and
 - (b) 714 tonnes for Mackerel icefish (*Champscephalus gunnari*).

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- (3) For the purpose of subsection 11(2) of the Management Plan, the limits to the amounts that may be taken of other species are determined to be:
- (a) 409 tonnes combined for Caml grenadier (*Macrourus caml*) and Whitson's grenadier (*Macrourus whitsoni*); and
 - (b) 360 tonnes combined for Bigeye grenadier *Macrourus holotrachys* and Ridge scaled rattail (*Macrourus carinatus*); and
 - (c) 1,663 tonnes for Unicorn icefish (*Channichthys rhinoceratus*); and
 - (d) 120 tonnes combined for skates and rays (*Bathyraja* spp.); and
 - (e) 80 tonnes for Grey rockcod (*Lepidonotothen squamifrons*); and
 - (f) for all other species caught in the fishery, 50 tonnes for each individual species.