

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:

1. ***fishing year;***
2. ***fishery;***
3. ***target species;*** and
4. ***total allowable catch***;

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

1. ***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 (*Champsocephalus gunnari*).

 (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.