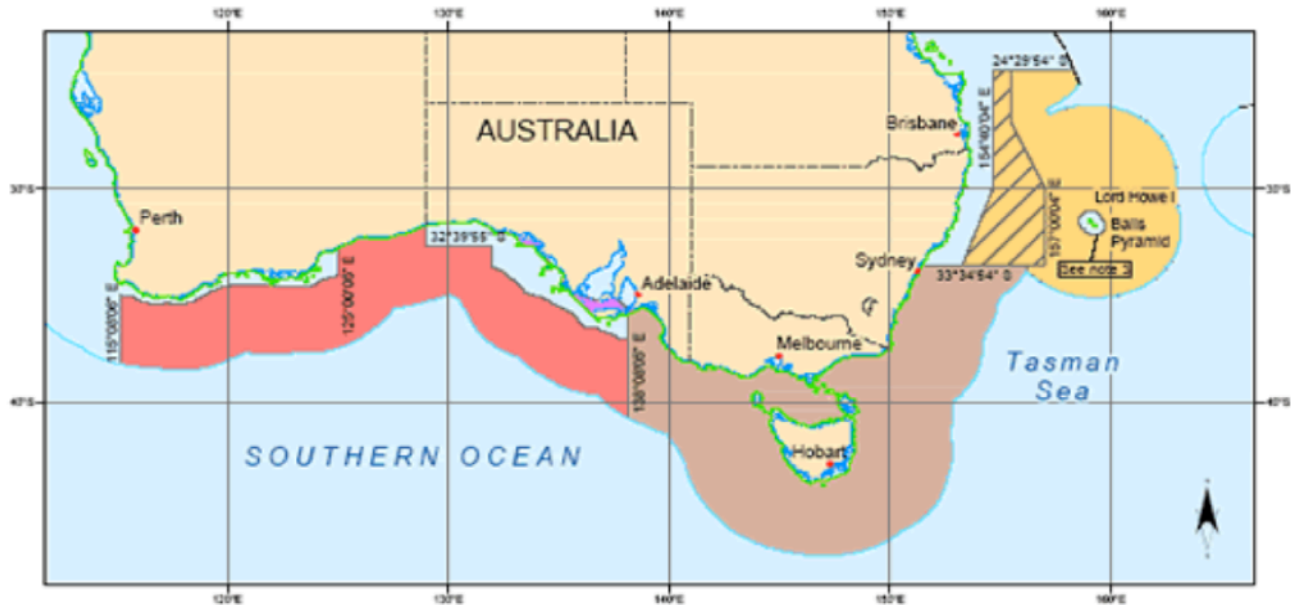


Commonwealth Trawl Sector

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Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Commonwealth Trawl Sectors and south Australian Coastal Waters Sector



FISHING ZONE: Represented in brown the Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS) consists of the following sectors Commonwealth Trawl Sector (CTS) formerly known as the South East Trawl Fishery and the recently amalgamated Commonwealth Victorian Coastal Waters Sector previously known as the Commonwealth Victorian Inshore Trawl. These fisheries cover an area in the Australian Fishing Zone that extends South of Barranjoey Point (Located North of Sydney) around the NSW, Victorian and Tasmanian coastlines to Cape Jervis in South Australia

SPECIES: The principal species caught are [Blue Grenadier *Macrurus novaezelandiae*](#), [Tiger Flathead *Neoplatycephalus richardsoni*](#) and [Silver Warehou *Seriolella punctata*](#)

CONCESSIONS: The number of concessions within this fishery comprises of some 59 CTS Boat SFRs and 21 Victorian coastal waters trawl permits

VALUE: In 2007-2008 SETF (South Eastern Trawl Fishery) had an estimated catch of 15,210.9 tonnes worth approximately \$A 46,397,260 while the CVIT (Commonwealth Victorian Inshore Trawl) had an estimated catch of 165.1 tonnes worth approximately \$A 554,800

MARKETS: The principle markets supplied were on the eastern seaboard with some exports.

FISHING METHODS: The fishing methods used was predominately [Otter Trawl](#) and [Danish Seine](#) methods, with some [Mid-Water Trawling](#). Pair Trawling also permitted under the SESSF Plan.

CURRENT STATUS: The status of the fishery currently stands at 15 species that relatively stable 8 species that are uncertain and 1 species that are over fished. (2007 BRS Fishery Status Report)

Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector

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FISHING ZONE: Depicted in red on the map above the Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector (GABTS) extends from Cape Leeuwin, Western Australia, to Cape Jervis near Kangaroo Island, South Australia. This Sector excludes State (SA and WA) fishery shelf waters to the extreme east and west which have traditionally been fished by State based fishers.

SPECIES: The Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector (GABTS) is based on demersal catches from two distinct depth regions: the shelf / upper slope fishery and the deepwater slope fishery. The shelf fishery extends approximately out to the 400 metre isobath and the predominate species caught at depths of 100-200 metres of the upper slope fishery are [Deepwater Flathead *Neoplatycephalus conatus*](#) followed by [Bight Redfish *Centroberyx gerrardi*](#). While the deepwater slope fishery is seasonal and targets [Orange Roughy *Hoplostethus atlanticus*](#), [Smooth Oreodory *Pseudocyttus maculates*](#), [Spikey Oreodory *Neocyttus rhomboidalis*](#) and sometimes [Black Oreodory *Allocyttus niger*](#) in waters deeper than 600 metres.

CONCESSIONS: The current number of Fishing Concessions in this area stands at 10

VALUE: The estimated catch for the Great Australian Bight Trawl Sector (GABTS) in 2007-2008 was 3,712.5 tonnes with an approximant market value of \$A 12,781,320

MARKETS: Mainly domestic, some export to Europe

FISHING METHODS: The main methods used for catching seafood in this sector has been [Otter Trawl](#) and some [Mid-Water Trawling](#)

CURRENT STATUS: [Deepwater Flathead *Neoplatycephalus conatus*](#) and [Bight Redfish *Centroberyx gerrardi*](#) are not overfished while [Orange Roughy *Hoplostethus atlanticus*](#) remains uncertain.

East Coast Deepwater Trawl Sector

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FISHING ZONE: Displayed in yellow on the previous page the previously managed as part of the South East Trawl Fishery, the East Coast Deepwater Trawl Sector (ECDWTS) now forms a separate sector of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (SESSF).

SPECIES: [Alfonsino *Beryx splendens*](#) is the major target species in the ECDWTS. However [Alfonsino *Beryx splendens*](#), [Orange Roughy *Hoplostethus atlanticus*](#), [Pelagic Armourhead *Pseudopentaceros richardsoni*](#) and [Giant Boarfish *Paristiopterus labiosus*](#) are under competitive Total Allowable Catch (TAC) limits in the ECDWTS.

The AFMA Board has announced that [Alfonsino *Beryx splendens*](#) Statutory Fishing Rights (SFRs) will be allocated in this sector coming into effect from 1 January 2006. Catch of SESSF quota species in the ECDWTS is to be covered by SESSF quota.

CONCESSIONS: The current number of Fishing Concessions in this area stands at 9

VALUE: The estimated catch for 2007-2008 was 25.3 tonnes with an estimated value of \$A 76,000.

MARKETS: Domestic

FISHING METHODS: [Demersal](#) and [Mid-Water Trawling](#)

CURRENT STATUS: No stock assessment has been undertaken