

Notice

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Section 11 of Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017

Harvest period notice for taking macropods in 2023

This notice is issued under section 11 of Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017 for declaring a period to be a harvest period for taking macropods.

1. 2023 Harvest Period

Under section 11 of the *Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017*, the chief executive declares a 2023 harvest period for the harvest of macropods, subject to conditions of the *Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017* and this notice.

The 2023 harvest period for a harvest macropod in the harvest zones and regions is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Environment and Science (the department) may publish a notice stating the harvest period for a harvest macropod for a zone or region ends on a stated day before 31 December, if the department is satisfied:

- (a) the relevant maximum amount for the harvest macropod in the harvest zone or harvest region will be taken in 2023 by the stated date; or
- (b) it is necessary to end the harvest period for the harvest macropod for the harvest zone or harvest region on the stated day because an event has reduced or is likely to reduce the population size for the macropod in the zone or region.

Examples of an event—

- a flood
- a disease outbreak

If an early closure notice is published, it will be published on the relevant website on or before the day the harvest period ends and macropod harvesters will be notified in writing at least 7 days before the day the harvest period ends.



2. Quota's for a harvest macropod in 2023

This section relates to the relevant maximum amount for the harvest macropod that can be harvested during the 2023 harvest period.

relevant maximum amount means—

(a) for an eastern grey kangaroo—

(i) for zone 3—7.5% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(ii) for zone 4—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(iii) for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(b) for a red kangaroo—

(i) for zone 1—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(ii) for zone 2—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(iii) for zone 3—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(iv) for zone 4—20% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(v) for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(c) for a common wallaroo—

(i) for zone 1—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(ii) for zone 2—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(iii) for zone 3—7.5% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(iv) for zone 4—15% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

(v) for zone 5—10% of the estimated population size for the species in the zone; or

The **estimated population size**, for a harvest macropod in a harvest zone or harvest region, means the population size estimated by the department in 2022 for the macropod species in the zone for 2023.

The estimated population and quota numbers for 2023 are in the table below (Table 1).

Table 1. 2022 estimated populations and 2023 proposed quotas for each macropod species in each harvest zone. Note estimates in red signify a trigger point has been reached.

Species	Population estimate region	2022 estimated population (rounded to the nearest 50)	2023 sustainable use quota (rounded to the nearest 50)	Proportion of population (% rounded to the nearest whole number)
Red kangaroo	Zone 1	1,080,500	108,050	10%
	Zone 2	3,439,150	687,850	20%
	Zone 3	906,800	181,350	20%
	Zone 4	337,950	67,600	20%
	Zone 5	267,300	26,750	10%
	Combined	6,031,700	1,071,600	17.8%
Eastern grey kangaroo	Zone 1	0	NA	NA
	Zone 2	461,050	NA	NA
	Zone 3	499,750	37,500	7.5%
	Zone 4	2,819,700	422,950	15%
	Zone 5	4,486,550	448,650	10%
	Combined	8,267,050	909,100	11.0%
Common wallaroo	Zone 1	480,750	48,100	10%
	Zone 2	672,650	100,900	15%
	Zone 3	118,800	8,900	7.5%
	Zone 4	43,200	6,500	15%
	Zone 5	653,050	65,300	10%
	Combined	1,968,450	229,700	11.7%

3. Conditions on taking or using harvest macropods

The following are conditions on the taking of macropods during the harvest period:

(1) The holder of a macropod harvesting licence must not take—

(a) an eastern grey kangaroo from—

(i) zone 1; or

(ii) zone 2

(2) When taking a harvest macropod, the holder of a macropod harvesting licence must comply with the document called 'National code of practice for the humane shooting of kangaroos and wallabies for commercial purposes' to the extent the document provides for the way in which the macropod may be taken.

4. Minimum area of skin

There is no minimum area of skin of a harvest macropod.

5. Minimum weights

There is no minimum whole weight for the carcass of a harvest macropod.

6. Harvest zones

Part 1 Zone 1

Boulia
Burke
Carpentaria
Cloncurry
Diamantina
Mount Isa

Part 2 Zone 2

Barcaldine
Barcoo
Blackall-Tambo
Flinders
Longreach
McKinlay
Richmond

Winton

Part 3 Zone 3

Bulloo
Murweh
Paroo
Quilpie

Part 4 Zone 4

Balonne
Goondiwindi
Maranoa
Western Downs

Part 5 Zone 5

Banana
Bundaberg
Burdekin
Central Highlands
Charters Towers
Croydon
Etheridge
Gladstone
Isaac
Livingstone
Lockyer Valley
Mackay
North Burnett
Rockhampton
Scenic Rim
Somerset
South Burnett
Southern Downs
Toowoomba
Whitsunday

7. Dictionary

The following is a list of particular words used in this notice and their definition.

harvest macropod means—

- (a) an eastern grey kangaroo (*Macropus giganteus*); or
- (b) a red kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*); or
- (c) a common wallaroo (*Osphranter robustus*).

harvest zone means—

- (a) zone 1; or
- (b) zone 2; or
- (c) zone 3; or
- (d) zone 4; or
- (e) zone 5.

relevant website means—

- (a) the department's website; or
- (b) www.qld.gov.au.

Zone 1 means the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in section 6, part 1.

Zone 2 means the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in section 6, part 2.

Zone 3 means the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in section 6, part 3.

Zone 4 means the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in section 6, part 4.

Zone 5 means the area consisting of each local government area mentioned in section 6, part 5.

8. Expiry

This notice expires on 31 December 2023.