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## How many fish are released in Australia by recreational fishers?

Until recently that question could not be answered at a national level although some information has been available at a state or regional level for a number of years.

The National Recreational and Indigenous Fishing Survey conducted during 2000/01 provided the first national perspective of the catch of the recreational sector.

Data recently released from the National Survey shows that recreational fishers caught a total of 107.7 million fish. Of these 60.4 million were kept and 47.3 million (43.9%) were released.

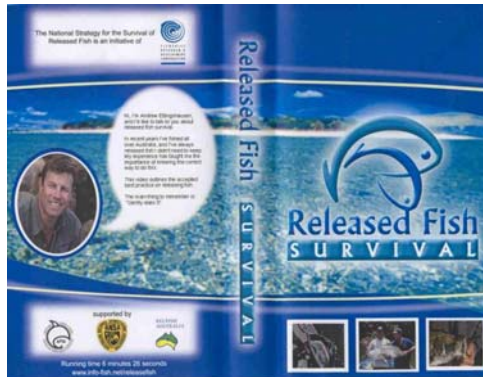


Bream, flathead, whiting and snapper species were the most often released accounting for 22.2 million (42.5% of all fish released).

These species are national strategy priority species for research into survival rates.

For fact sheets on how many fish of different species are released visit the website.

## Best Practices Video and Pamphlet



A best practices video on releasing fish is now available. Andrew Ettingshausen from the "Escape with ET" show takes viewers through accepted current best practices.

The video compliments the best practices pamphlet that is proving to be very popular. To assist in distribution of the pamphlet "Fishing World" magazine will include the pamphlet as an insert in its September edition.

Get a copy of Fishing World from newsagents and outlets where the magazine is normally available.

The video is available from Infofish Services and to get a copy send an email to [infofish@zbc.com.net](mailto:infofish@zbc.com.net).

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