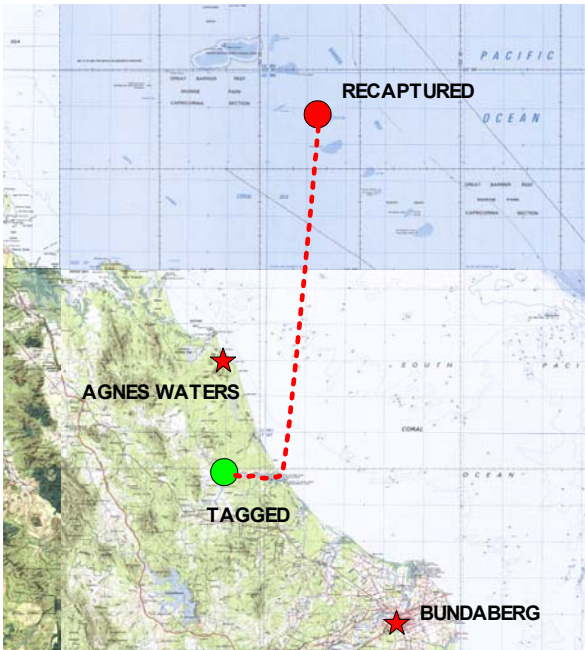


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Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	R11060	
Species	Mangrove Jack (<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>)	
Date	18/1/2006	26/1/2007
Length	460	520
Location	Baffle Creek	Fitzroy Reef
Fisher	Kerrod Anderson	Neil Conway
Days Out	373	
Growth	60mm (58mm/year)	
Movement	125km from creek to reef	
Released	No (speared)	

Another Mangrove Jack that has moved from a coastal estuary to an offshore reef. This fish was only at liberty for about a year so it provides some additional data on the size at which Mangrove Jack move offshore.



Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	N08724	
Species	Mangrove Jack (<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>)	
Date	18/1/2001	17/1/2007
Length	183	430
Location	Crystal Creek	Elliot River
Fisher	Northern Fisheries	Andrew Fitzgerald
Days Out	2190	
Growth	247mm (41mm/year)	
Movement	210km south along coast	
Released	Yes	

Just when you think you know what fish might do along comes one that does something different. As they become adults most Mangrove Jack migrate to offshore reefs. Every now and then one turns up in a different estuary. However this one has moved much further between estuaries than any previously recorded. This was a small fish tagged during an electrofishing survey by the QPI&F.

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