

# SUN TAG NEWS

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Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	U20267	
Species	Barramundi ( <i>Lates calcarifer</i> )	
Date	9/2/2011	31/8/2011
Length	1050mm	1050mm
Location	Awoonga spillway	Ross River
Fisher	Thomas Hayes	Zak Kerkhof
Days Out	203 (0.5 year)	
Growth	0mm	
Movement	760km north along coast	
Released	No	

Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	Z07074	
Species	Barramundi ( <i>Lates calcarifer</i> )	
Date	24/4/1989	23/2/1993
Length	470mm	-
Location	Fitzroy River	Bowling Green Bay
Fisher	Shane Lidstone	Morris
Days Out	1401 (3.8 years)	
Growth	-	
Movement	650km north along coast	
Released	No	

Suntag News 181 featured a Barramundi that was tagged in Lake Awoonga and then recaptured in the Burnett River at Bundaberg 180km to the south. This news bulletin features another Awoonga fish. This time one tagged just below the dam spillway (see picture) was recaptured in the Ross River at Townsville some 760km to the north. All checks were made to ensure that the tag number and other details were correct. There were no numbers remotely like that number for fish tagged in the Townsville area. Also the lengths match making it difficult for there to be a mistake.

However this is not the first recapture of a Central Queensland fish in the Townsville area. Back in 1993 there was a fish from the Fitzroy River recaptured in Bowling Green Bay. For both fish there was major flooding between the tagging and recapture. There was a major flood in the Fitzroy River in 1991 and then there were the floods in 2011. Following the latest flooding there have been a large number of movements of fish that are likely to have occurred during the flooding. It is likely that there are more surprises to come.

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