



What Happens to Tagged Fish?



Tag Details for J66984 Red Emperor (*Lutjanus sabae*)

Tagger	Date	Length	Location
Craig Murphy	31/12/99	340	Keppel Bay

Recapture Details

Angler	Date	Days Out	Length	Growth
Rod Hill	4/11/00	309	340	0
Mick Harris	1/12/00	27	340	0
Mick Harris	8/1/01	38	340	0
Mal English	13/1/01	5	350	10
Mal English	13/6/01	151	400	50
Mick Harris	26/9/01	105	420	20

This fish has been recaptured 6 times over 1.7 years by members of Captag. Note the lack of growth until recently. The fish has been recaptured in the same location each time in a depth of about 20m. The swim bladder has not been deflated.



Tag Details for Z86224 Barramundi (*Lates calcarifer*)

Tagger	Date	Length	Location
Bill Sawynok	8/12/93	500	Fitzroy River

Recapture Details

Angler	Date	Days Out	Length	Growth
Ken Brett	28/4/95	506	650	150
E Baker	29/10/01	2376	1105	455

Most recaptures of larger barramundi are made by commercial fishers, as is the case here just before the closed season started. Both fish were taken in the Fitzroy River. These provide useful additional data, especially on growth, not normally obtained from recreational recaptures.



Tag Details for K63889 Barramundi (*lates calcarifer*)

Tagger	Date	Length	Location
Rick Pearson	6/6/97	340	Woolwash

Recapture Details

Angler	Date	Days Out	Length	Growth
Adam Kelly	24/10/01	1601	1000	660

Note that this fish has been out for 4.4 years and has grown 660mm while the fish above has been out for 7.9 years and has grown 605mm. Both fish were recaptured in saltwater in the Fitzroy River. Both fish spent some time in freshwater with K63889 having spent time in the Woolwash Lagoon while Z86224 was released in the freshwater above the Barrage in 1995. Z86224 was double tagged in 1993 with 2 tags still there in 1995 however only one tag was reported in 2001.