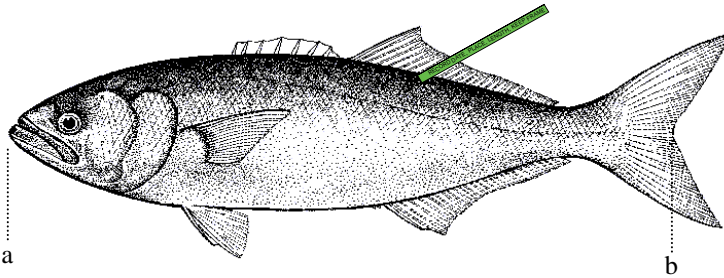




What Happens to Tagged Fish?

WANTED TAGGED TAILOR

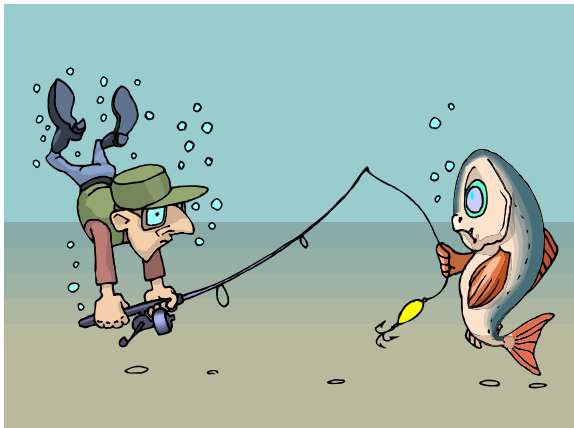


Tailor have been tagged by researchers from the Agency for Food and Fibre Science (AFFS) as part of a study to determine if age estimates are accurate.

During winter 2001 fish were tagged in the Gold Coast and Redcliffe areas and in 2000 at Fraser Island. The tags are light green in colour.

If you catch one of these tailor then we request that you **KEEP** the fish frozen. Ring the hotline number on the tag 1800 077 001 which will get you InfoFish Services. We will then arrange for the researchers to contact you and arrange pickup of the fish. If the fish is over legal size you can fillet it and keep the frame but if undersize then leave it whole.

Measure the length of the fish from a-b as shown in the diagram.



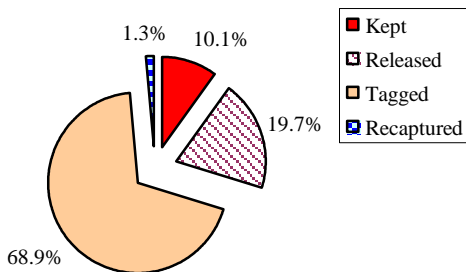
Yes it is that time of year again. Christmas time. And again it is appropriate to reflect on Suntag for the past year.

Suntag has now been going 15 years. For the first time in 2001/02 it has received full funding from Queensland Fisheries Service with a grant of \$69,850 and that support is gratefully acknowledged. A 4 way agreement between QFS, ANSA Qld, Sunfish Qld and InfoFish now forms the basis for its operation.

Some update of Suntag statistics:

- ☛ Over 275,000 fish tagged
- ☛ Over 23,700 recaptures
- ☛ Over 5,300 fishing trips providing catch and effort data
- ☛ Almost 5,000 fishers have tagged a fish for Suntag
- ☛ Almost 9,800 fishers have recaptured a Suntag fish
- ☛ 40 Frequent Taggers have tagged over 1,000 each and over 87,000 fish in total which is 32% of the fish tagged

SUNTAG CATCH SUMMARY



Based on our trip data the average Suntag tagger fishing trip lasts 5.1 hours, involves 1.7 fishers, results in 9.4 fish being caught of which 0.95 fish are kept.

To all those that have contributed to Suntag in 2001 a huge thank you and keep up the great work in 2002.