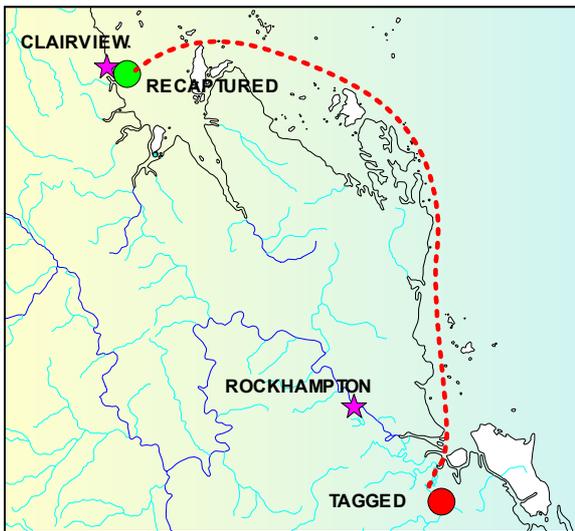




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| Tag details | | Recapture details |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Tag | J62654 | |
| Species | Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>) | |
| Date | 10/2/00 | 8/4/02 |
| Length | 860mm | 980mm |
| Location | Raglan Creek | Flock Pigeon Island |
| Fisher | John Neal | Darren Keating |
| Days Out | 788 | |
| Growth | 120mm (0.15mm/day) | |
| Movement | 315km north along coast | |
| Released | No | |

Another long distance movement for a barramundi. Most such movements are associated with big wet seasons however this one has occurred over a very dry period.



| Tag details | | Recapture details |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| Tag | N13007 | |
| Species | Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>) | |
| Date | 5/1/02 | 21/4/02 |
| Length | 310mm | 420mm |
| Location | Fitzroy River | Nankin Creek |
| Fisher | Bill Sawynok | Illegal Net |
| Days Out | 106 | |
| Growth | 110mm (1.04mm/day) | |
| Movement | Found in the same area | |
| Released | No | |



It is not often that we get details of tagged fish taken in an illegal net however this net was discovered about a week after it had been abandoned. It contained 20 dead catfish, 6 dead barramundi, 2 live catfish and 12 live mud crabs. Most of the fish were in an advanced state of decomposition however the net was still catching fish as some were still alive or only recently dead. The mud crabs were likely feeding on the fish remains when caught. All live fish and crabs were released. The net was completely strung across the creek and had also caught quite a bit of debris that was floating in the creek. It was removed to prevent any further fish and crabs being caught.

These photos are provided to show the damage this form of activity can produce. The barramundi shown is the tagged one. Note the dead fish on the surface.

