

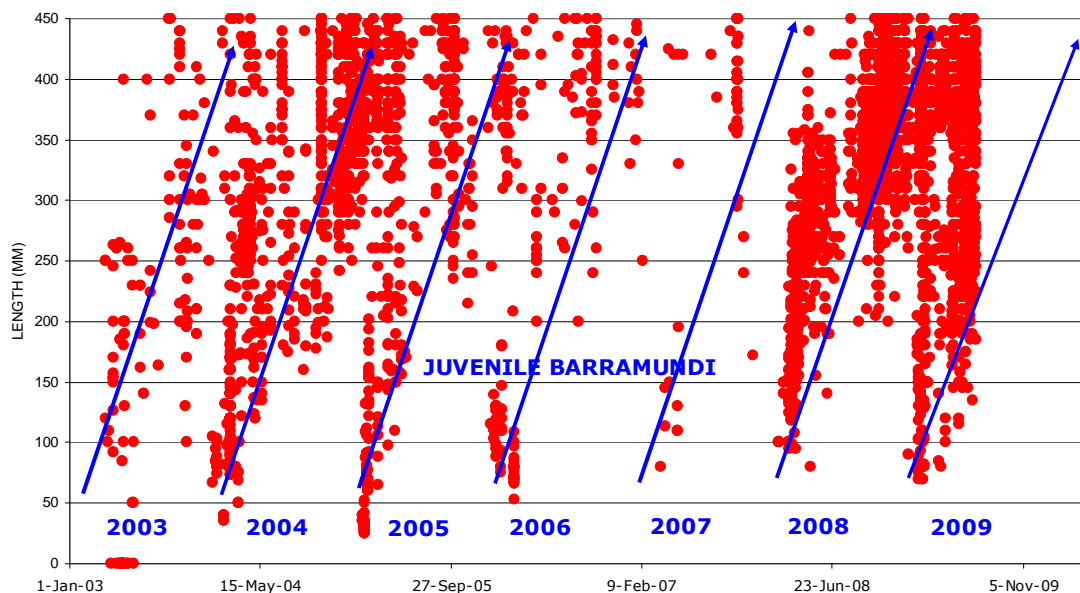
# Rocky Barra Bounty 2009

## BARRAMUNDI EXPECTATIONS

We are trying something new to help you prepare for fishing the Bounty this year. We are providing a forecast of what to expect fishwise.

Captag and other local sportfishing clubs have been assisting Suntag and CapReef to develop an understanding of what shape local fish stocks are in, particularly Barramundi. Stocks of Barramundi are dependent on recruitment (survival of juvenile fish) which is dependent on river flows and local coastal rainfall.

The good news is that 2008 and 2009 resulted in a bumper crop of Barramundi and there are more small fish around now than anytime in the past 20 years. The graph shows the number of juvenile fish recorded each year since 2003. The density of dots indicates the number of fish while the arrows show the fish growing each year over time.



**FOR 2009 THERE WILL BE LARGE NUMBERS OF BARRAMUNDI FROM 300-600MM WITH LOW NUMBERS OF LARGER FISH.**