

NEWS BULLETIN 9

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Reef fish research project seeking assistance

One of the projects in the National Strategy for the survival of released line-caught fish is looking at tropical reef fish.

The research team is being lead by Dr Ian Brown of the Agency for Food and Fibre Science Fisheries and Aquaculture section of the Queensland Department of Primary Industries.

Enclosed is a flyer the team has produced to promote awareness of the research and to seek assistance from anyone that would like to be involved in tagging reef fish to examine long-term survival.



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Reef fish under the spotlight

The reef fish research project is putting a number of key tropical reef fish species under the spotlight to determine the effects of barotrauma (the fish equivalent of the bends in divers) and increase the survival of released fish.

The species under the spotlight are:

- Coral trout
- Redthroat emperor
- Red emperor
- Spangled emperor
- Largemouth nannygai
- Smallmouth nannygai

The National Recreational and Indigenous Fishing Survey undertaken in 2001 estimated that, for reef fish species covering this group, 1.54 million fish were kept and 1.89 million released annually.

For more information on this project refer to the attached flyer.

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