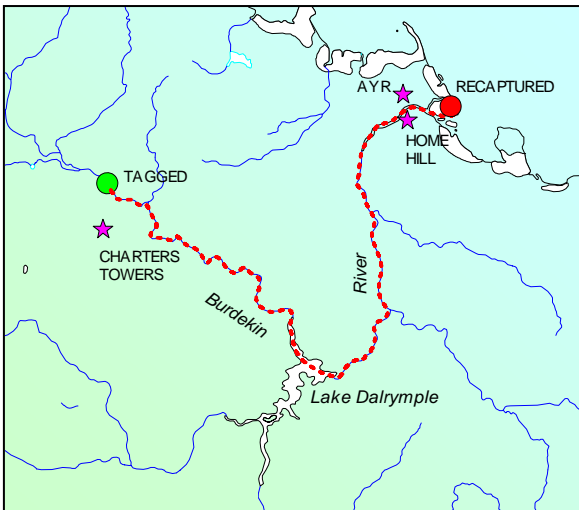




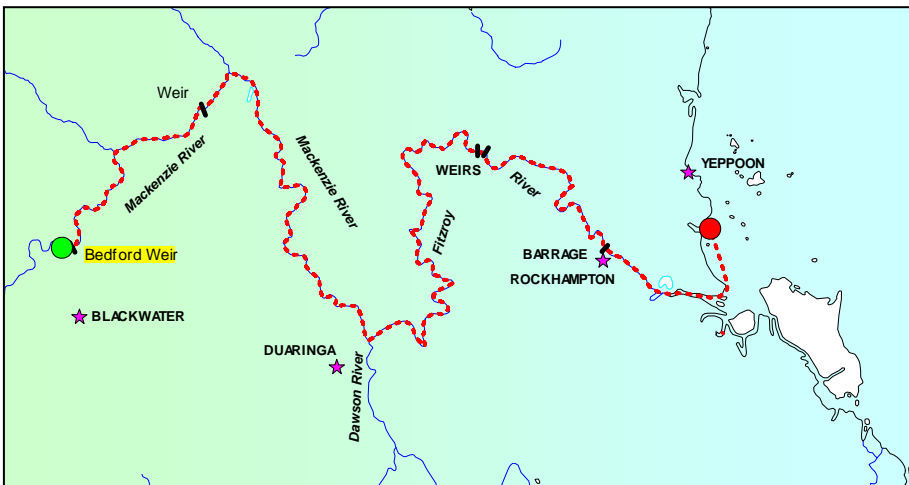
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Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	P87235	
Species	Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)	
Date	30/11/2004	4/2/2009
Length	321mm	930mm
Location	Burdekin River	Hellhole Creek
	Charters Towers	
Fisher	DPI&F	Commercial
Days Out	1527 (4.2 years)	
Growth	609mm (146mm/year)	
Movement	335km down river over weirs and dam	
Released	No	



Floods provide Barramundi with the opportunity to migrate long distances. As fish stocked in rivers mature they use the opportunity to move down to estuaries where they may take part in spawning activities.

The above fish went over 3 weirs and the Burdekin dam wall and ended up in the Burdekin estuary courtesy of the large wet season in the north where many rainfall records have been broken.

The fish to the left went over 5 weirs and then left the Fitzroy River and moved up the coast. The fish most likely travelled down the river during the flooding in February 2008 as other fish from the same site were caught in the Fitzroy estuary after the flood. However it could have come down recently on the small flood in February 2009.

Tag details		Recapture details
Tag	R37121	
Species	Barramundi (<i>Lates calcarifer</i>)	
Date	1/2/2006	21/2/2009
Length	230mm	940mm
Location	Bedford Weir	Entrance Rocks
Fisher	MRFSG	Ian Palfrey
Days Out	1116 (3.06 years)	
Growth	710mm (232mm/year)	
Movement	565km down river and north along coast	
Released	No	

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