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What Happens to Tagged Fish? Something different for Xmas



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On 17/9/00 Mick Dohnt tagged a yellowfin bream J58804 in Coochin Creek at a location where Mick often fishes. He found his way back to the same spot on 11/11/00 where he recaptured the same fish. Nothing all that unusual about that. But then 20 minutes later he caught the same fish and this time it had swallowed the hook. The line was cut off and the fish released again. Mick then proceeded to catch the fish for a third time in the one day. This was another hour later and the fish had swallowed another hook. The line was cut off again and the fish released. Some fish just never learn.



Suntag has been going for 14 years with over 244,000 tagged fish in the database now. There are also a total of over 21,000 recaptures recorded.

In that time 4,600 fishers have participated in the program and tagged at least 1 fish. Also over 8,800 fishers have reported the recapture of a tagged fish.

In order to obtain catch and effort data for ANSA members we now have collected data on 3,600 fishing trips by our members.

Significantly almost all of this has been accomplished through voluntary effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have contributed to making Suntag what it is today. To everyone all the best for Christmas and New Year. May 2001 be a great year for you.

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