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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.

