

Queensland shark management plan

2021 to 2025

Implementation update
FY22-23



Queensland
Government

Shark Control Program progress

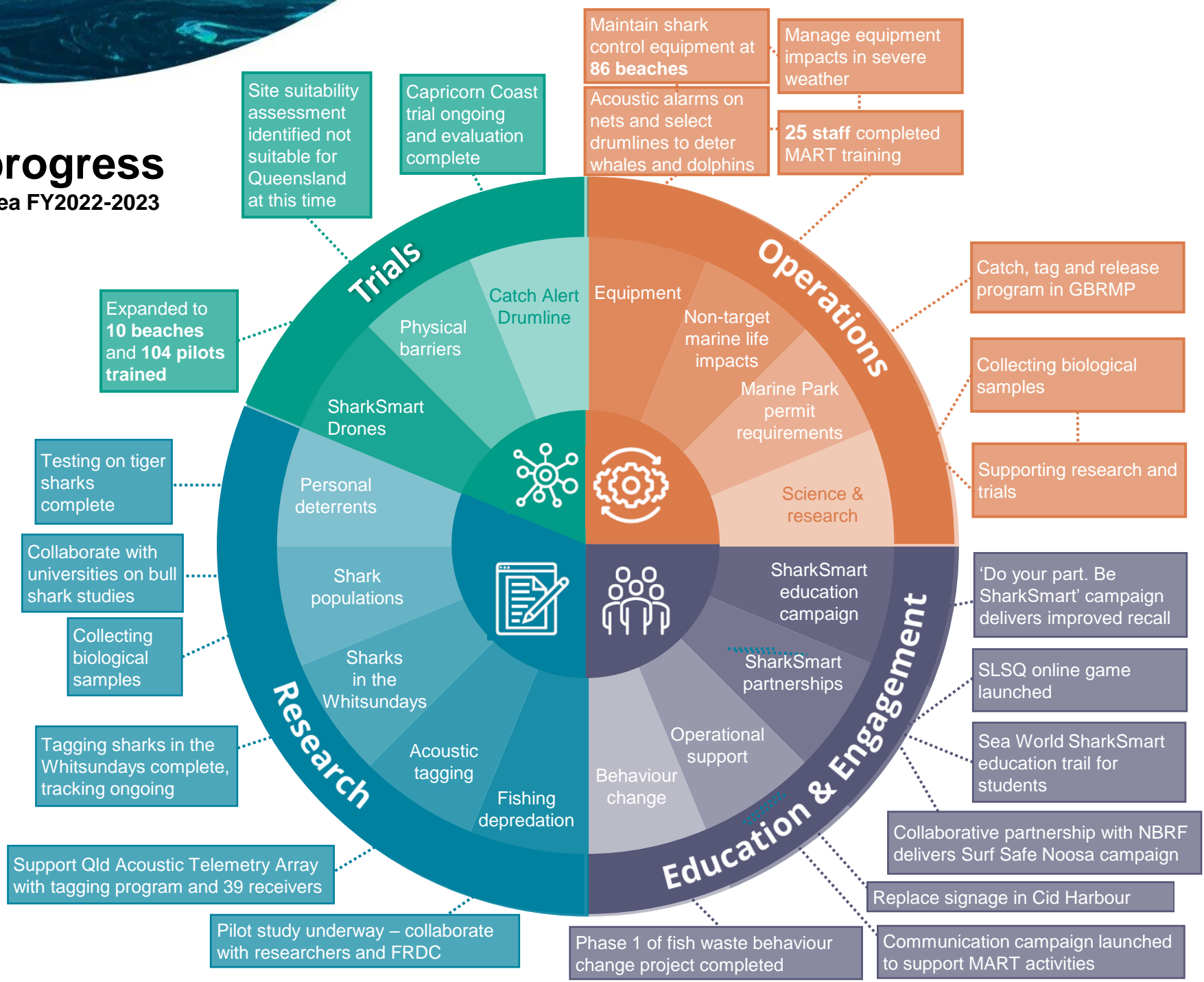
Implementation of initiatives within each focus area FY2022-2023

- ✓ 16 initiatives in total
- ✓ All on track and compliant

Collaborations

The program has worked with many partners over the past 12 months, including:

- 🏛️ Federal government
- 🏛️ State government agencies
- 🏛️ Local government
- 🎓 Universities
- 🏢 Not-for-profit organisations
- 🏢 Corporate sector



GBRMP – Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
SLSQ – Surf Life Saving Queensland
MART – Marine Animal Release Team
NBRF – Noosa Biosphere Reserve Foundation





Implementation activity 2022–23

Focus area		Operations				
Initiative		Monitor and continually improve the effectiveness of shark control equipment	Reduce the impact of shark control equipment on non-target marine life	Support science and research	Tag and release tiger, white and bull sharks in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park	Adopt non-lethal shark control measures in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
Statewide						
Northern Queensland regions	Cairns	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Townsville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mackay	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Whitsundays					
	Capricorn Coast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Tannum Sands	✓	✓	✓		
Southern Queensland regions	Bundaberg	✓	✓	✓		
	Rainbow Beach	✓	✓	✓		
	Sunshine Coast	✓	✓	✓		
	Minjerribah North Stradbroke Island	✓	✓	✓		
	Gold Coast	✓	✓	✓		
2022–23		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
2023–24		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

✓ Initiative location is confirmed.

Implementation activity 2022–23

Focus area		Education and engagement			Trials				
Initiative	Continue the SharkSmart education program	Investigate human behaviour change	Upgrade signage	SharkSmart drone trial	Catch alert drumline trial	Alternative gear trial	Advanced drone cameras trial	Assess physical barriers	
Statewide	✓	✓	✓						
Northern Queensland regions	Cairns			✗	🔍	🔍	🔍	🔍	
	Townsville			✓	🔍	🔍	🔍	🔍	
	Mackay			🔍	🔍	🔍	🔍	🔍	
	Whitsundays								
	Capricorn Coast				🔍	✓	🔍	🔍	
Southern Queensland regions	Tannum Sands			🔍		🔍			
	Bundaberg			🔍		🔍			
	Rainbow Beach			✓		🔍			
	Sunshine Coast			✓		🔍			
	Minjerribah North Stradbroke Island				✓		🔍		
Gold Coast				✓					
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2023–24	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	


 Initiative is confirmed for the location.
  Initiative is being considered for the location but is yet to be confirmed.
  Location was considered but not suitable.

Implementation activity 2022–23

Focus area		Research					
Initiative	Research the prevalence and behaviour of sharks in the Whitsundays	Support the IMOS* Qld Acoustic Telemetry Array	Investigate fishing depredation	Undertake shark population studies	Assess personal deterrents	Barriers to adopting SharkSmart messages – behaviour change	Value contribution of SCP to Queensland economy
Statewide		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Queensland regions	Cairns						
	Townsville						
	Mackay						
	Whitsundays	✓					
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