

Queensland shark management plan 2021 to 2025

Program Activity FY22-23



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Planned activity 2022-23 onwards

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.

Planned activity 2022-23 onwards

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			🔍	✓	🔍	🔍	🔍	
	Tannum Sands				🔍		🔍		
Southern Queensland regions	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.

Planned activity 2022-23 onwards

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 Qld economy
Statewide		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Queensland regions	Cairns						
	Townsville						
	Mackay						
	Whitsundays	✓					
	Capricorn Coast						
	Tannum Sands						
Southern Queensland regions	Bundaberg						
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SCP – Shark control program

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