Kangaroo Harvest Program

QUARTER ONE SUMMARY REPORT 2022



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1 Annual Quota

1.1 Overview

The commercial harvest of kangaroos is authorised by the Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2021-2023 under the *Wildlife Act 1975*. This plan requires the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning (DELWP) to set a yearly quota. The quota is the maximum number of kangaroos that can be harvested commercially under the Kangaroo Harvest Program (KHP), in a year. The KHP quota for 2022 is 127,850. For 2022, there are three quota release periods. The first release is for six months (January - June) and quarterly thereafter.

1.1.1 2022 Annual and release figures

2022					
Zone	Quota released Release 1	Total Quota to be released Release 2	Total Quota to be released Release 3	Total	
Central	23,075	11,540	11,535	46,150	
Gippsland	6,550	3,280	3,270	13,100	
Lower Wimmera	15,275	7,640	7,635	30,550	
Mallee	525	265	260	1,050	
North East	2,475	1,240	1,235	4,950	
Otway	10,325	5,165	5,160	20,650	
Upper Wimmera	5,700	2,850	2,850	11,400	
Total	63,925	31,980	31,945	127,850	

2 Quota allocation - Release one

2.1 Overview

- There are currently 132 harvesters authorised under the Kangaroo Harvest Program.
- From January to March, 44,175 tags were allocated across the state which equates to 69% of the 63,925 tags available for Release One.

2.1.1 Allocation and consumption figures – Release One (January to March 2022)

	Release One (January to March 2022)						
Zone	Initial quota Release 1	Quota Carry Over	Total quota Release 1	Total allocated Release 1	Quota remaining Release 1	Quota consumed Release 1	Harvesters who received allocations ¹
Central	23,075	0	23,075	13,970	9,105	5,522	59
Gippsland	6,550	0	6,550	5,870	680	1,765	35
Lower Wimmera	15,275	0	15,275	12,250	3,025	6,316	37
Mallee	525	0	525	500	25	185	4
North East	2,475	0	2,475	2,475	0	746	54
Otway	10,325	0	10,325	4,850	5,475	1,740	22
Upper Wimmera	5,700	0	5,700	4,260	1,440	1,170	20
Total	63,925	0	63,925	44,175	19,750	17,444	-

¹The number of harvesters with quota may be higher than the total number of authorised harvesters, as harvesters can operate across more than one zone.

3 Quota Allocation - 2022

3.1 Overview

- 44,175 tags have been allocated across the state equating to 34% of the annual 127,850 tags available.
- Of the tags that have been allocated, 17,444 tags have been consumed.

3.1.1 Allocation and consumption figures

2022					
Zone	Total	Total Allocated Quota	Quota Remaining	Quota Consumed	
Central	46,150	13,970	32,180	5,522	
Gippsland	13,100	5,870	7,230	1,765	
Lower Wimmera	30,550	12,250	18,300	6,316	
Mallee	1,050	500	550	185	
North East	4,950	2,475	2,475	746	
Otway	20,650	4,850	15,800	1,740	
Upper Wimmera	11,400	4,260	7,140	1,170	
Total	127,850	44,175	83,675	17,444	

4 Harvest Information

4.1 Overview

Harvesters enter harvest summaries via a mobile phone application hosted by Service Victoria at the completion of each harvest job. As the harvest summary figures are self-reported, there are often differences between the reported figures and the actual figures.

4.1.1 Harvest summary figures - Release One (January to March 2022)

Release One (January to March 2022)					
	Number of Western Grey Kangaroos	Number of Eastern Grey Kangaroos	Number of Females	Tagged Carcasses Stored for Processor ²	Tagged Carcasses Left on Property
Total	4,040	10,938	5,881	17,605	244

²Tagged carcasses for processing figures are inconsistent with quota consumed figures. This is because harvesters manually enter the data separately from the scanning of tags.

5 Compliance figures

Release One (January to March 2022)				
Number of programmed inspections	4			
Number of offences detected/reported	7			
Number of investigations	7			
Number of Authorisations suspended or cancelled	1			