
Central Zone Abalone Fishery Compliance Summary 2015-17

Education & Enforcement Branch

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High Risk Priority Themes

Criminal: Detect, investigate, disrupt and dismantle the black market in high value fish species , including serious organised fisheries criminal activity.

Commercial: Ensure the accuracy of catch and effort reporting in commercial licence and permit holders, and detect and prevent quota fraud.

Recreational: Police peak periods and locations of concentrated non-compliance and high-volume fishing activity as identified in the strategic assessment.

Compliance Continuum

	VOLUNTARY	ASSISTED	DIRECTED	ENFORCED
Behaviours	Voluntarily comply and informed	Attempting to comply and uninformed	Propensity to offend (opportunistic) Resistance to compliance Lack of compliance Negligence	Deliberate non-compliance Criminal intent illegal activity
Intervention	Education events Recreational Fishing Guide Stakeholder meetings	Inspections (Commercial & Recreational) Patrols Official Warnings Seizure of fish	Investigations/ Operations Infringements Prosecutions – summary offences Seizure of fish and fishing equipment Commercial license variation and/or suspension	Investigations/ Operations Prosecutions – summary and indictable offences (including Crimes Act charges) Seizure of fishing equipment, boats and vehicles Confiscation Act proceedings Commercial licence cancellation

RISK

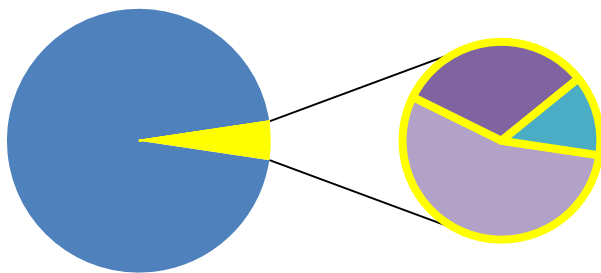
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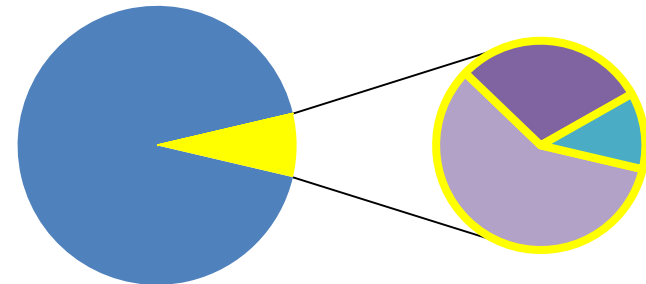
Fisheries Officer Responsibilities

2015/16 Total Abalone Inspections



- 1842 Recreational/Unlicensed Abalone
- 50 Comm. Abalone - CZ
- 29 Comm. Abalone - EZ
- 12 Comm. Abalone - WZ

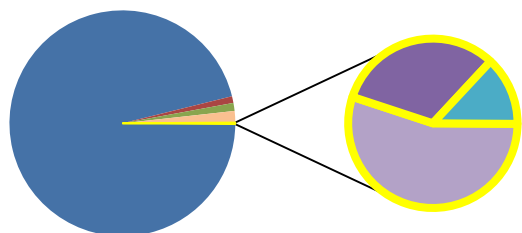
2016/17 Total Abalone Inspections



- 1710 Recreational/Unlicensed Abalone
- 79 Comm. Abalone - CZ
- 40 Comm. Abalone - EZ
- 16 Comm. Abalone - WZ

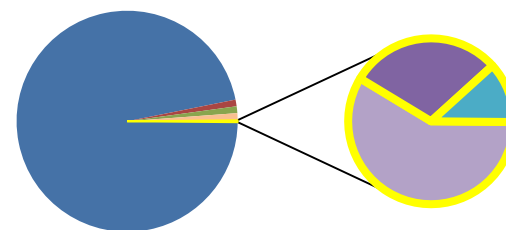
Fisheries Officer Responsibilities

**15/16 Total Inspections –
All Fisheries**



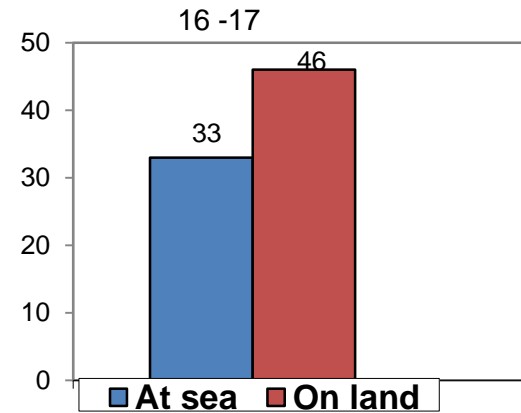
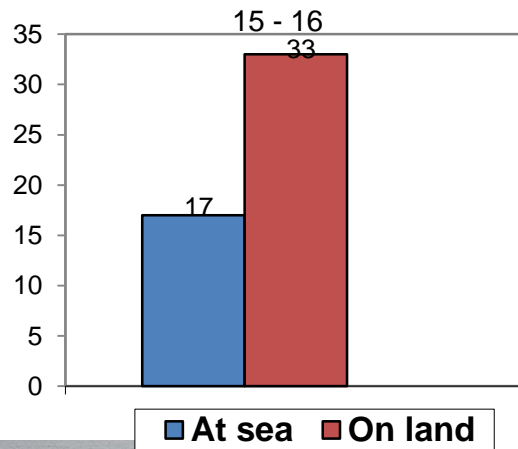
■ 40302	Recreational Fisheries
■ 402	Marine Parks
■ 479	Other
■ 689	Commerical - Other
■ 50	Comm. Abalone - CZ
■ 29	Comm. Abalone - EZ
■ 12	Comm. Abalone - WZ

**16/17 Total Inspections –
All Fisheries**



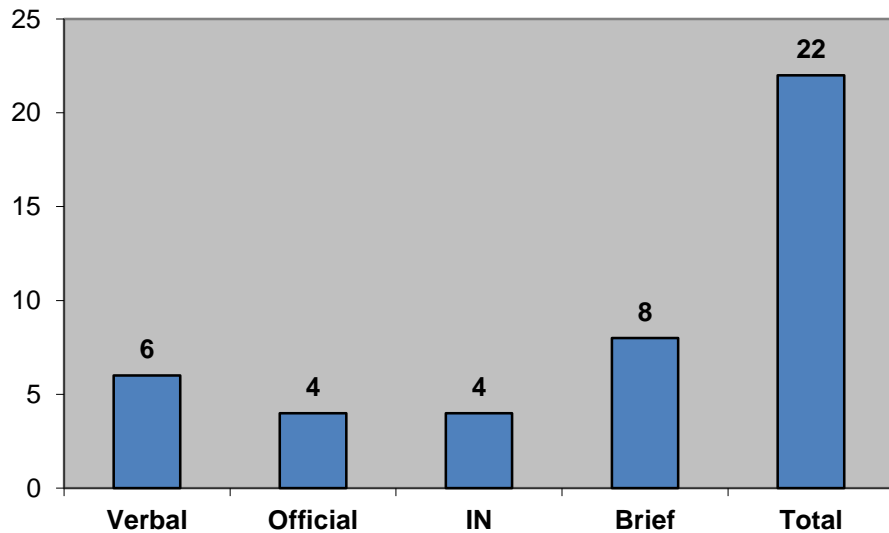
■ 46593	Recreational Fisheries
■ 469	Marine Parks
■ 479	Other
■ 500	Commerical - Other
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CZ Commercial Abalone Inspections 2015/16 & 2016/17

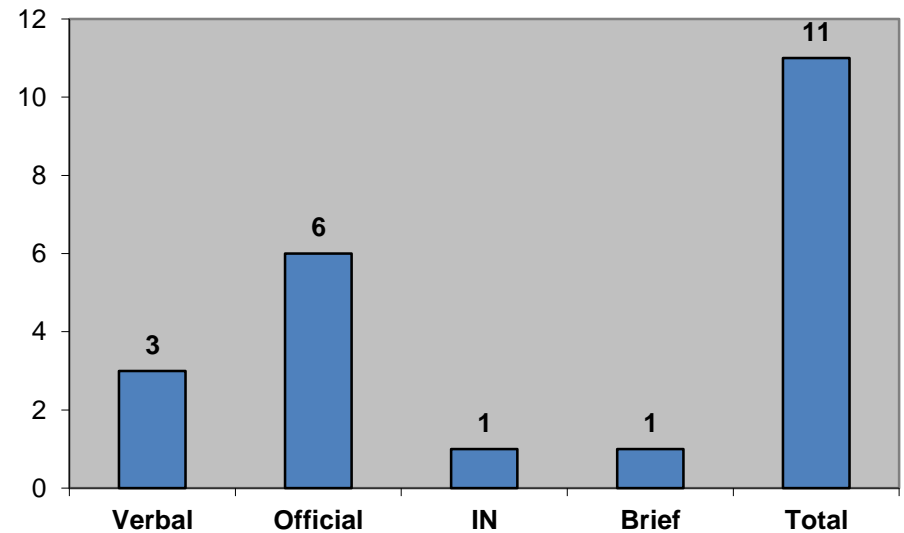


CZ Abalone Commercial Compliance Outcomes

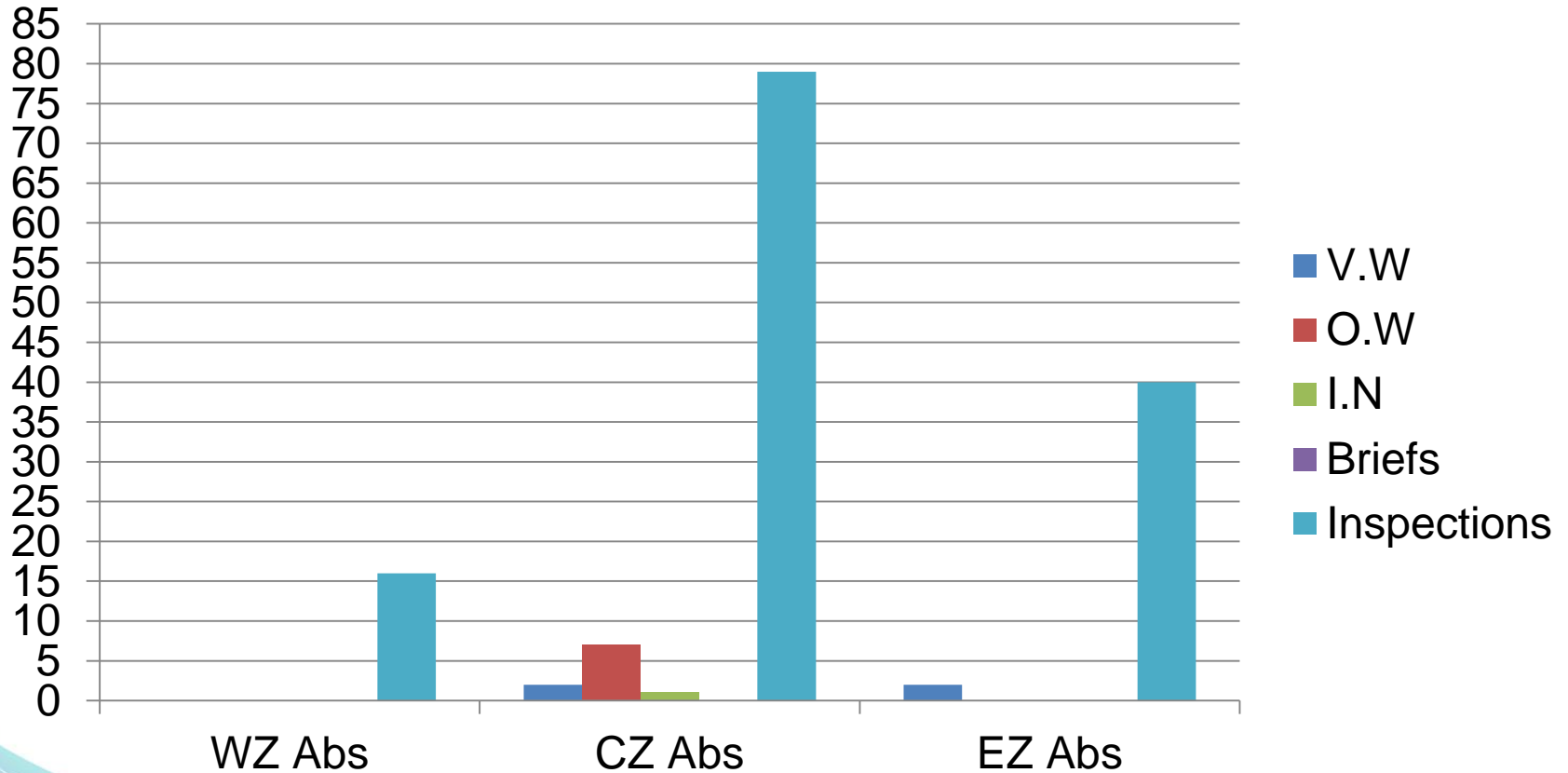
CZ Compliance Outcomes 15 -16



CZ Compliance Outcomes 16 -17



Compliance by Zone 16-17



Offence Breakdown - Central Zone

2015-16,

50 inspections resulted in 22 offences being detected. 8 briefs of evidence were prepared re:

- Exceeding quota;
- Reef code misreporting;
- Inaccurate weights;
- Unauthorised operators/unauthorised take;
- Commercial/Recreational fishing undertaken at same time.

Other offences, dealt with by way of infringement notice, official and verbal warnings included:

- Bin lid security;
- Leave point of landing without confirmation;
- Licence not carried;
- Boat registration.

2016-17

79 inspections resulted in 10 offences being detected. 1 brief of evidence were prepared re:

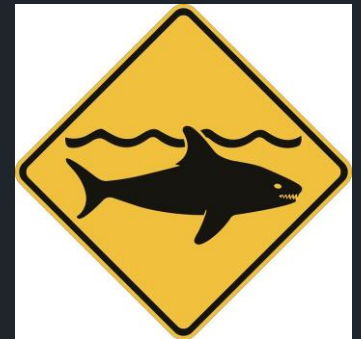
- Exceed quota (Take Greenlip with no quota);
- Commercial/Recreational fishing undertaken at same time;
- Fail to return fish with least possible injury.

Other offences, dealt with by way of infringement notice, official and verbal warnings included:

- Fail to return with least possible injury,
- PF36B OW's issued For exceeding quota on green lipped abalone;
- Failing to notify within 60 mins after landing.
- IN's issued for log book offences (reef code and legibility),
- Bin lid issues
- Inaccurate reporting of beach weight. (Under reporting).

State Shark Hazard Plan

Date



Overview of Shark Hazard Management



- Focus on awareness and personal responsibility
- Community reporting of sightings
- Update of VFA Website
- Utilising the Vic Emergency platform for sightings and warnings
- Focus on White sharks and whalers > 2m in length – 1km from shore
- Interactions and “heightened risk”
 - Whale carcasses
 - Larger numbers of sightings

Be SharkSmart

Shark attacks in Victoria are uncommon and there have been no fatalities in this state since 1987.

While the risk of a shark attack is extremely low, it is important to be mindful of sharks when entering the water.



Following a few simple shark smart tips will keep you safer this summer.



Sharks are a part of a healthy marine environment.

Be SharkSmart

There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of encountering sharks:

1. Always swim, dive or surf with a friend.
2. Keep informed of the latest sightings at www.emergency.vic.gov.au.
3. Swim between the red and yellow flags on patrolled beaches where possible.
4. Avoid areas that attract sharks such as:
 - a. where natural food sources of sharks live, e.g. seals
 - b. where fishing waste is being disposed of
 - c. places where human and animal waste enters the water.
5. Watch for signs of unusual behaviour in wildlife or fish. This can indicate a shark is in the area.
6. Help others be informed. Learn more at www.vfa.vic.gov.au/shark-smart.

Report a shark sighting

You should report shark sightings of concern to '000' or notify lifeguards immediately if you are at a patrolled beach.

Please provide the following information:

- Date & time of sighting
- Location, be as specific as possible
- The type of shark and size, if known
- Your details so the report can be followed up.

In the event of an attack, call '000' immediately and ask for the ambulance service.