

Queensland shark management plan

2021 to 2025

Program activity FY24-25



Queensland
Government





Implementation activity 2024–25

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	✓	✓	✓		

✓ Initiative location is confirmed.

Implementation activity 2024–25

Focus area		Education and engagement			Trials			
Initiative	Continue the SharkSmart education program and partnerships	Investigate human behaviour change	Support operations and trials	SharkSmart drone trial	Catch alert drumline trial	Modified gear trial	Advanced aerial detection trial	
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			✓		✓		


 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 2024–25

Focus area		Research			
Initiative		Shark tagging and tracking research	Support the IMOS Qld Acoustic Telemetry Array	Collaborate on shark population studies	Public sentiment research about shark mitigation
Statewide		✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Queensland regions	Cairns				
	Townsville				
	Mackay				
	Whitsundays				
	Capricorn Coast				
	Tannum Sands				
Southern Queensland regions	Bundaberg				
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We're finalising all of these evaluations and moving on to our end of plan review

Annual progress reports
Show how key initiatives are tracking against implementation schedule

End-of-plan review 2024 to 2025
Review shark control program and all evaluation outcomes of all key initiatives
With advice from scientific working group, provide recommendations to government on long-term shark management options for Queensland

New shark management plan 2025 to 2026

Ongoing input from scientific working group and consideration of community and stakeholder expectations and feedback