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## Research Mortality Allowance and SRP Mortality Allowance

### Purpose

(i) To advise members of the mortalities associated with scientific surveys and the Scientific Research Program (SRP) in the 2007-08 fishing season.

(ii) For the Extended Commission to consider proposals for Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) and SRP mortalities in the 2008-2009 fishing season.

### Mortalities in 2007-2008.

At CCSBT14, the Extended Commission agreed to a RMA of 5 tonnes for Australia to tag 20 adult SBT with pop up satellite archival tags and 1 tonne for Japan to conduct trolling and acoustic tagging surveys.

The Extended Commission also agreed to a RMA of 10 tonnes for Australia stereo-video trials to be undertaken as part of the Australian SBT Farming Study.

The following mortalities have been reported (in tonnes) against these allowances in 2007-08:

- Japanese acoustic and trolling surveys .154 tonnes
- Australian pop-up tagging nil
- Australian stereo-video SBT Farm Study 9.6 tonnes

## **Proposals for Mortalities in 2008-09**

The following mortality allowances have been endorsed by the Extended Scientific Commission for consideration by the Extended Commission:

One tonne for Japanese recruitment surveys including trolling surveys

Ten tonnes for Australian pop up tagging in collaboration with New Zealand, Taiwan and South Africa and a possible pilot project involving gene tagging

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