



Clownfish

A Snapshot of the **Aquarium Fishery**

Area

The fishery operates in all inland waters and waters seaward of the high water mark to the outer boundary of the Australian Fishing Zone, between the Queensland and Western Australian maritime boundaries.

Licences

There are currently 13 licences in the fishery, all of which are presently non transferable.

Gear

Aquatic species are collected using a variety of passive methods.

Catch

The fishery targets ornamental fresh water and marine species, including many types of fishes, crustaceans and benthic species. Principal fresh water species are Red scats, Silver scats, Catfish, Saratoga and Rainbowfish. Principal marine species are Clownfish, Scribbled angel fish, Margin coral fish, Corallimorphs and Hermit crabs.

Product Form

Live

Markets

The ornamental species are sold Australia wide and internationally.

Season

There is no closed season for the Aquarium fishery.

Management

The fishery is managed under Northern Territory legislation by the Northern Territory Government.

General

This fishery is in an expansion phase and has the potential to be one of significant value. Because the product is live, there are added costs involved in providing the appropriate on shore facilities to maintain product quality.

The value of the ornamental species industry around the world is estimated at tens of billions of dollars annually.

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