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Resources

Two full-time and nine part-time Officers authorised under the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* (the Act) delivered fisheries compliance for the year.

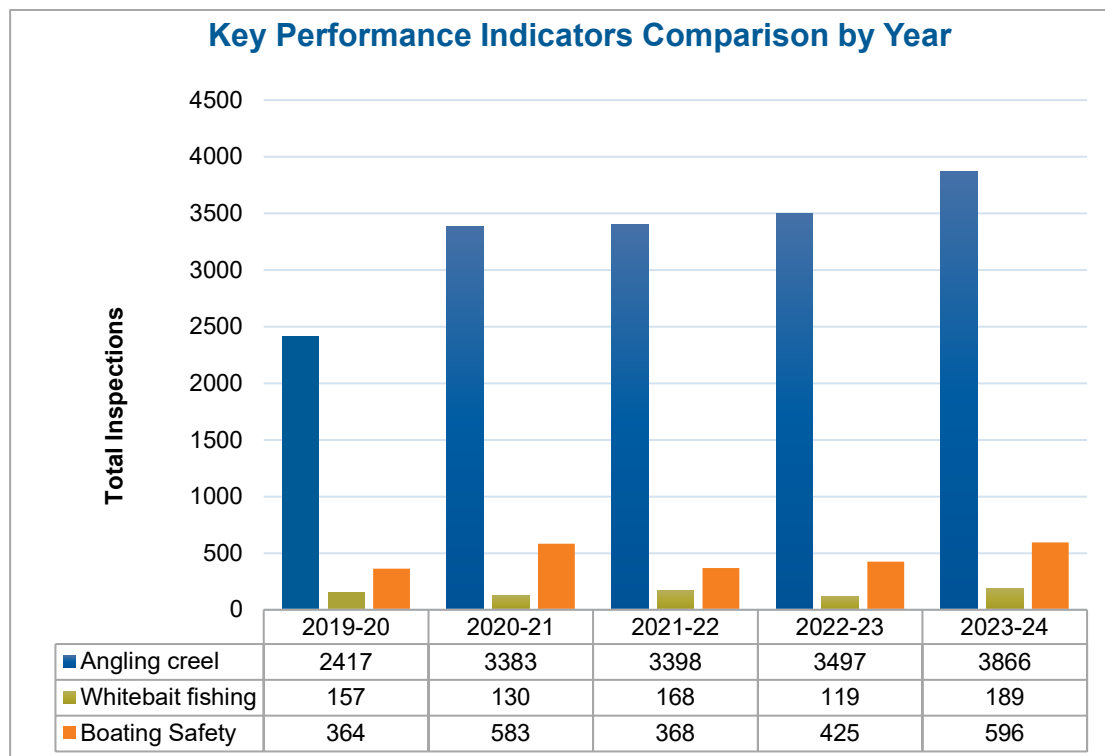
This included enforcement activities, investigations, and prosecutions, as well as education/awareness and public relations activities.

Fisheries Officers enforce a wide range of regulations under the Act and conduct angler creel surveys to help with fisheries assessments. The Compliance Operational Plan guides activities.

The Inland Fisheries Service (IFS) works closely with other State agencies such as Tasmania Police, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) and Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) to patrol remote areas and to detect, and respond to, illegal activity.

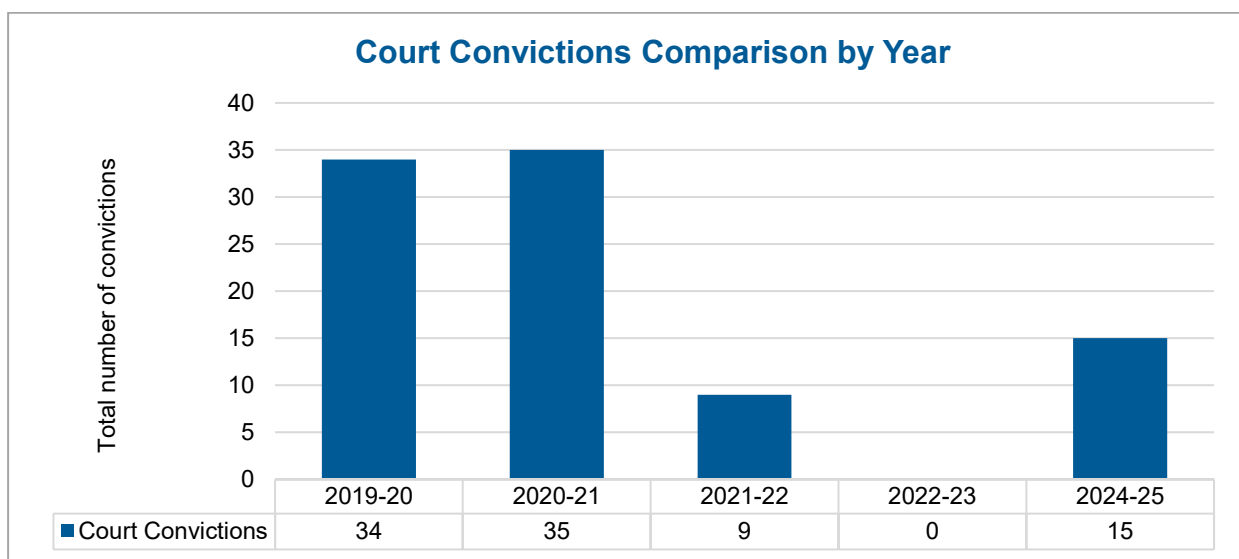
Key Performance Indicators

Inspection type	Total in 2023-24
Angling creel	3,866
Whitebait fishing	189
Boating safety	596



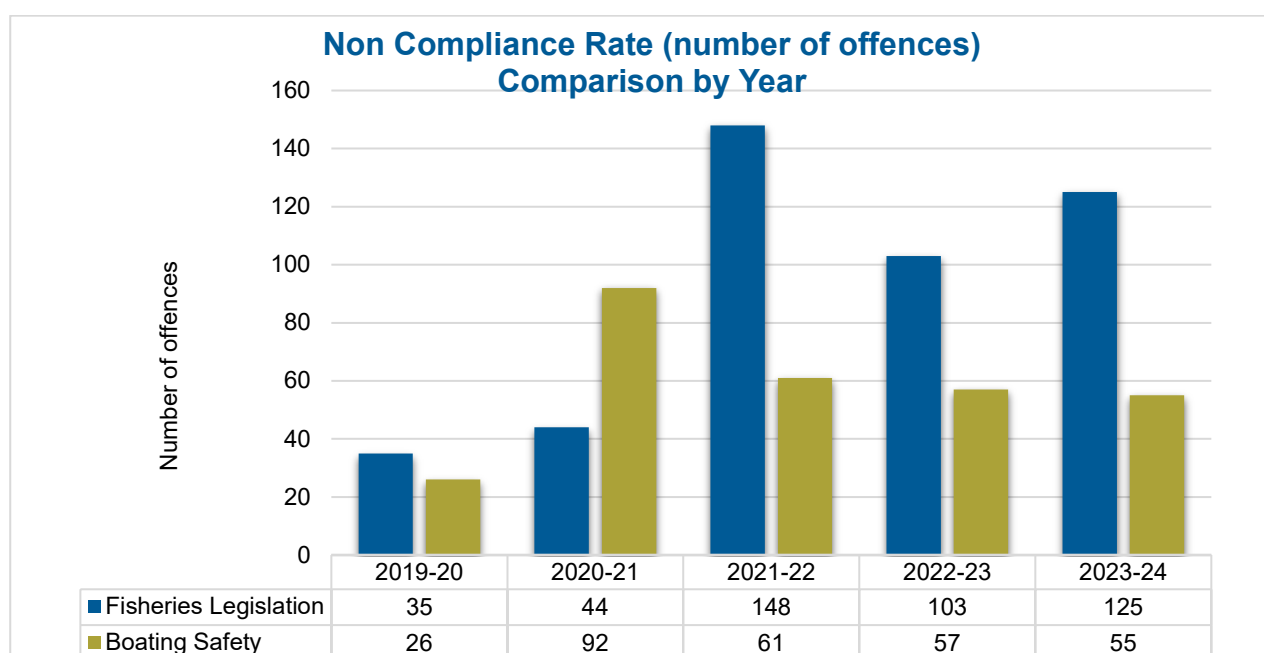
Breakdown – Court Convictions

Prosecution offences (Magistrates Court)	Number
Total	15



Breakdown – Total Offences Detected

Type	Defendants		Offences		Value	
	No.	% of total	No.	% of total	\$	% of total
Court Convictions	4	2.6	15	8.3	6,301	10.0
Infringement Notices Fisheries	48	31.6	59	32.8	21,840	34.8
Infringement Notices Boat Safety	29	19.1	29	16.1	5,650	9.0
Conditional Cautions Fisheries	49	32.2	52	28.9	20,670	32.9
Conditional Cautions Boat Safety	22	14.5	25	13.9	8,385	13.3
Total	152	100	180	100	62,846	100



Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Fishing)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Fish whilst unlicensed	20	0.52	16	0.41
Possess rod/reel/line at inland water without licence	4	0.10	6	0.16
Disturb spawn unless authorised by the Act	0	0.00	3	0.08
Fail to comply with a Ministerial order	8	0.21	7	0.18
Take fish by means other than rod and line	1	0.03	1	0.03
Use more than one rod or more than the permissible baits, lures or flies at a time from inland waters other than Lakes Augusta or Mackenzie	7	0.18	2	0.05
Possess assembled rod reel and line when taking of fish prohibited	3	0.08	0	0.00
Fail to remain 8 metres from a set rod	1	0.03	0	0.00
Take more than 1 salmon 500 mm or more in length from defined waters	0	0.00	1	0.03
Take fish by means other than an artificial fly in defined inland waters	0	0.00	1	0.03
Use fish as bait in non-estuarine inland waters	0	0.00	2	0.05
Total	44	1.87	39	1.02

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Whitebait)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Take or possess whitebait without licence	9	4.76	0	0.00
Use more than one whitebait net, fail to attach defined tag, or be more than 8 metres from net	0	0.00	5	2.65
Possess or use non permitted net in on bank of inland water	6	3.17	6	3.17
Total	15	7.93	11	5.82

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Inland Fisheries – Other)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Deal with applicable fish without or in contravention of a fish dealers certificate	0	N/A	1	N/A
Transport live fish from inland waters without the written consent of the Director	0	N/A	1	N/A
Total	0	N/A	2	N/A

Breakdown – Infringement Offences (Boating Safety)

Offences	Infringement Notice Offence	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)	Infringement notice offences endorsed as Conditional Caution	Detection Rate (total/number of checks undertaken)
Fail to wear life jacket on lightweight craft	2	0.34	0	0.00
Registered operator allow motor boat on marine facility or navigated on any water	0	0.00	2	0.34
Fail to carry, properly store, keep ready for immediate use, and maintain in good order mandatory safety equipment	0	0.00	16	2.68
Fail to wear approved life jacket on motor boat under 6 metres while under power	27	4.53	6	1.01
Exceed 5 knots in speed limited waters	0	0.00	1	0.17
Total	29	4.87	25	4.20



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