



TASMANIAN OCEAN SUMMIT

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Catches, targeting and discards

Landings of blue warehou peaked in 1991 at nearly 2500 t. Catch has since declined (Fig 1). The TAC decreased from 365 t in 2008-09 to 183 t in 2009-10 and 2010-11, 133 t in 2011-12, and 118 t in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 and the 2008 Strategy further reduced landings.

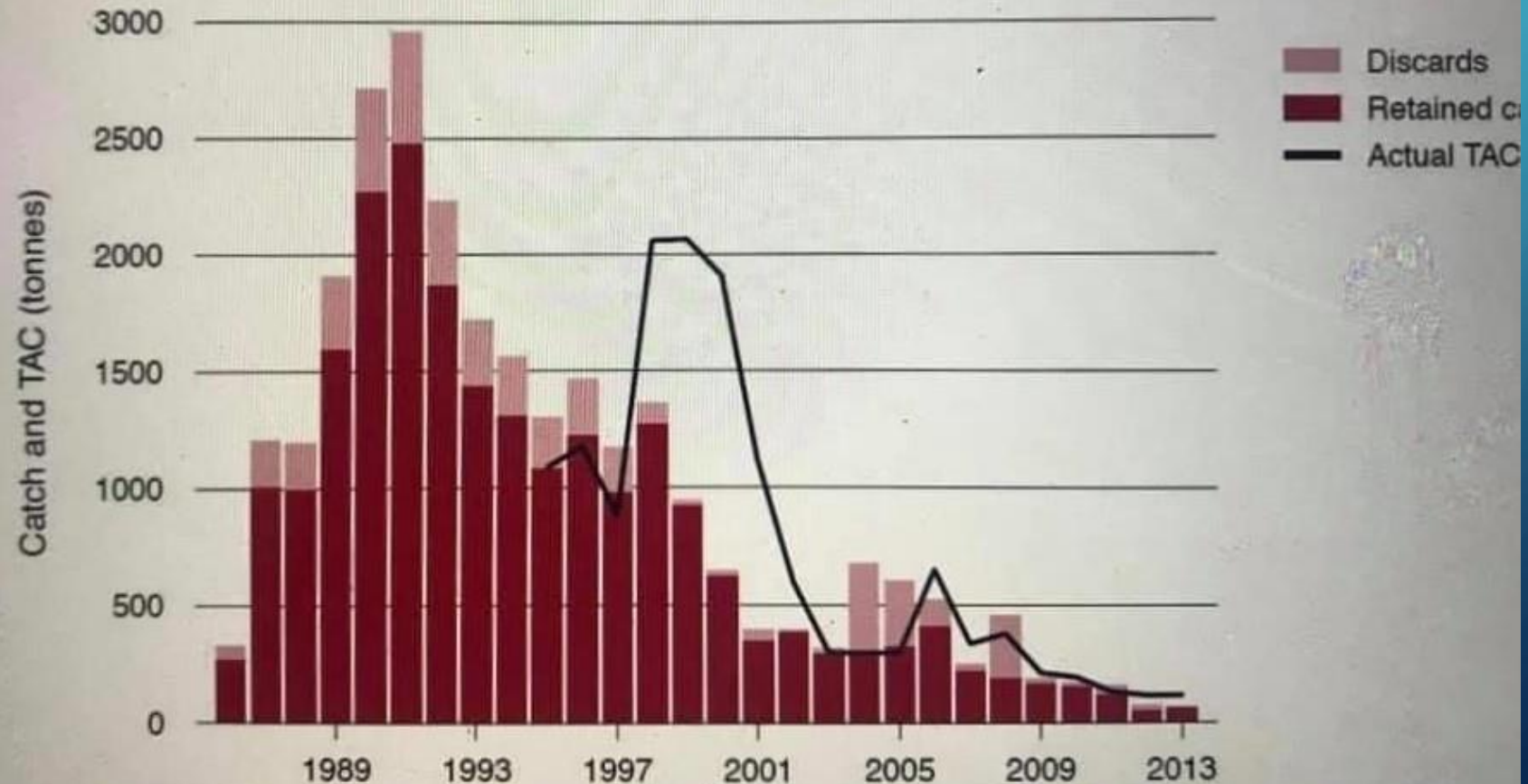
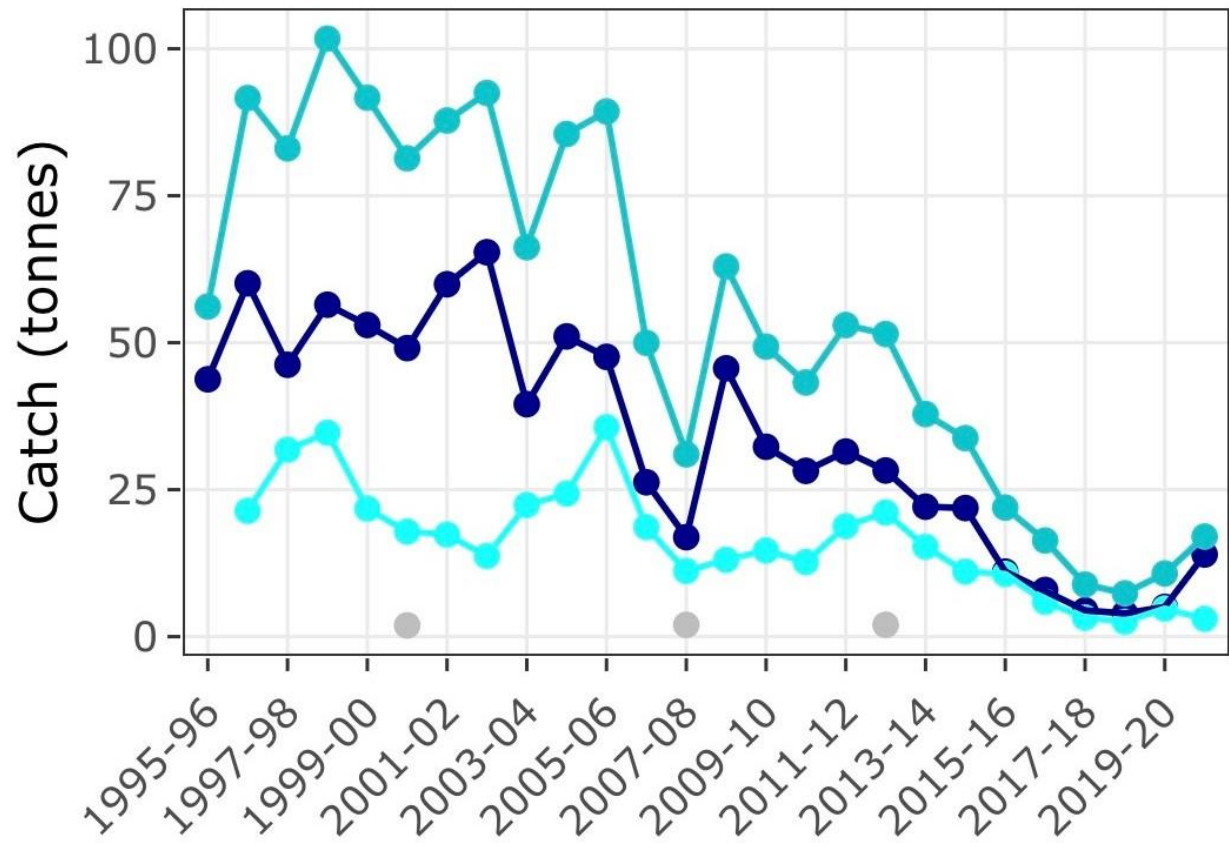


Figure 1: blue warehou annual catches (CTS, GHAT and state combined) and fishing season TACs, 1986 to 2013. Note: 2013 excludes discards and state catch (Georgeson *et. al.* 2014).



Fishing Year

Fishing_Type

- Beach Seine - Commercial
- Dip Net - Commercial
- Total - Commercial
- Total - Recreational

Current stock status

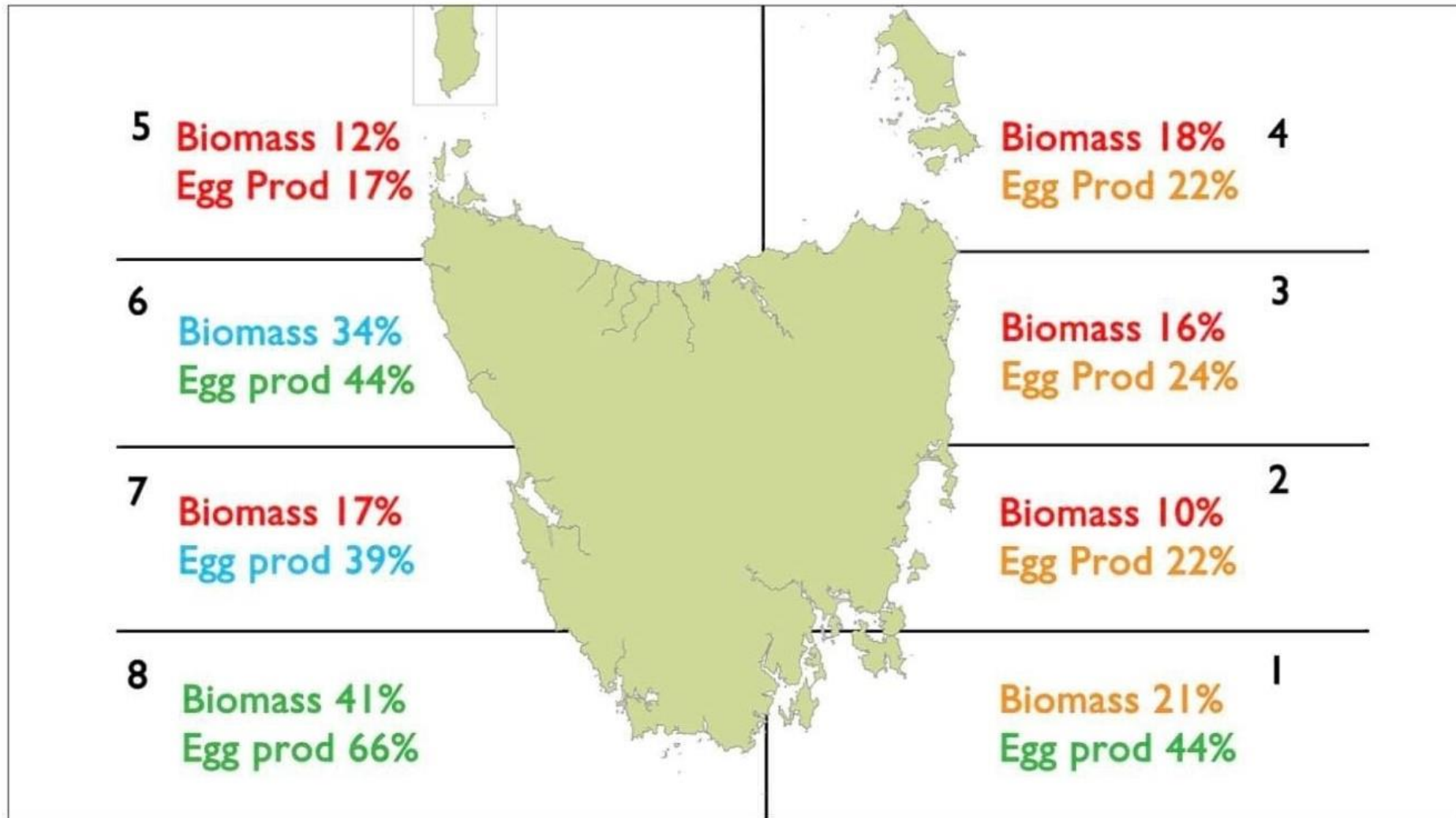


Figure 1: Statewide rock lobster fishery stock status by fishing assessment area as of 2020.

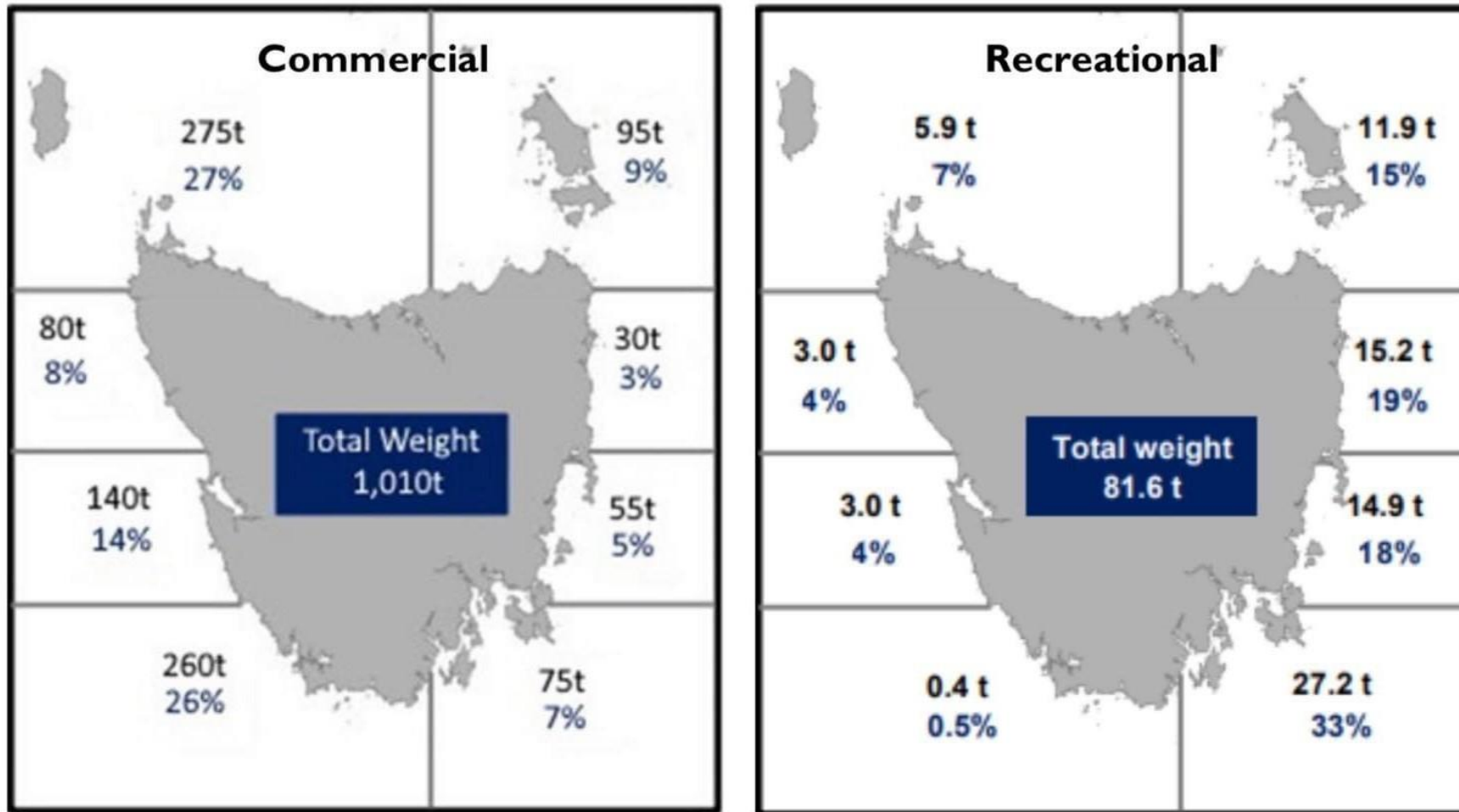
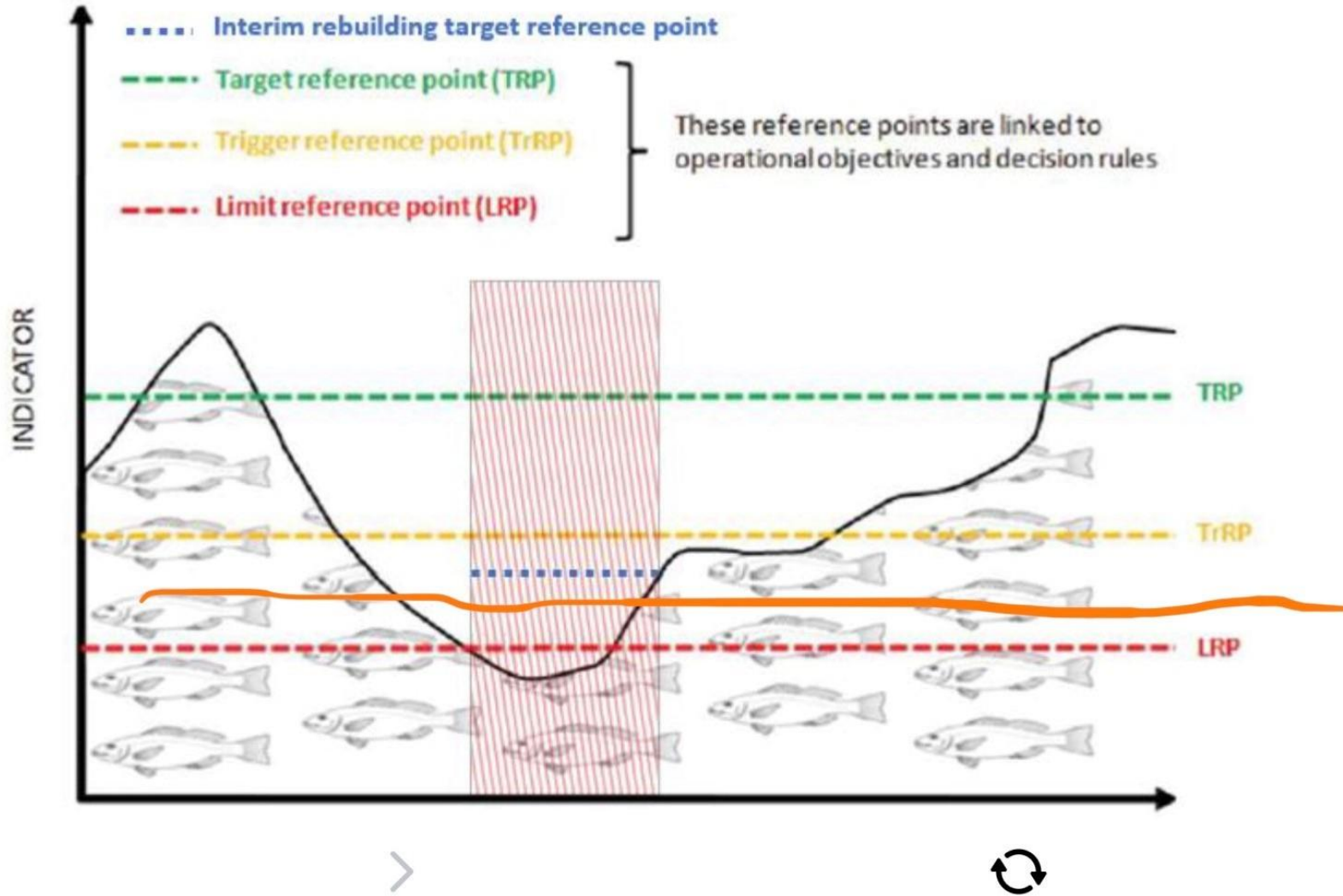


Figure 10: The rock lobster fishery commercial and recreational catch distribution.

In the ECSRZ in 2020-21, commercial fishers caught 120 tonnes (12% of the total allowable commercial catch) and recreational fishers caught 51 tonnes (62% of the total recreational catch).



Implications for the potential Tasmanian Sardine Fishery

The objective of the Harvest Strategy for the SPF is consistent with Tasmanian Government's policy position of providing opportunities for the development of long-term environmentally sustainable, commercially profitable and socially acceptable fisheries to deliver economic growth for the State (DPIPWE 2015b). Many aspects of the SPF Harvest Strategy could be adopted in the management arrangements established for the potential new Tasmanian Sardine Fishery. Additional elements, such as reducing the exploitation rates as the spawning biomass declines towards a point where recruitment may be impaired and establishing an explicit strategy for maximising economic benefit to the Tasmanian community, could also be considered.

“ Recreational fishing contributes over **100,000 jobs** and over **\$11 billion per year** to the Australian economy ”

