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Sea urchin

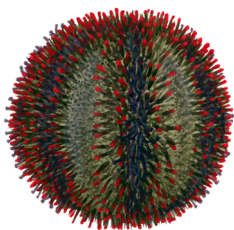
Recreational fishing guide



Please note:

NEW Fishing for sea urchin is permitted statewide all year-round for recreational fishers in Western Australia (WA).

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Sea urchin recreational fishing rules

- No licence is required.
- There are no sea urchin size limits.
- The **daily bag limit** for sea urchin is **20** per fisher.
- If using a powered boat to reach your fishing spot, a Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence (RFBL) is required.
- Fishing for sea urchin is prohibited in marine protected areas. Further information about fishing activity allowed in all marine protected areas is available on our website and from select DPIRD offices.



Possession of abalone

You must not take abalone whilst fishing for sea urchin, unless all of the following are followed:

- you have a recreational fishing for abalone licence
- the limited abalone season is open (check the relevant open season dates and times for the area you intend to fish)
- all other abalone fishing rules as per the *Abalone recreational fishing guide* are followed.

Marine conservation areas

NO take of urchins or turban snails



Sea urchin



Turban snail

Marmion and Shoalwater Islands

Marine Parks: Fishers may **not** take sea urchin or other shellfish in sanctuary zones and the Murray Reef special purpose (scientific reference) zone in Warnbro Sound.

Watermans Reef Observation Area –

no fishing: This area surrounds the old WA Marine Research Laboratories at Watermans. It runs from the northern side of Elsie Steet to the southern side of Malcolm Street and extends 300 m seawards of the high-water mark (beach).

All reef life is protected in this area at all times. You may not take any species including sea urchin, abalone, any other shellfish, crab, rock lobster and octopus.

Rottnest Island: You may not take sea urchin or other shellfish.

Cottesloe area: You may not fish for or take sea urchins, abalone, or any other shellfish from the Cottesloe area. This closure runs south of the main Cottesloe groyne to Rous Head.

Ngari Capes Marine Park: This marine park is between Busselton and Augusta. You may not fish for or take sea urchins, abalone, or any other shellfish in the sanctuary zones.

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