



## RMA request for SBT e-tagging project 2026

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Due to difficulties in locating suitably sized 3year old SBT in the Great Australian Bight and surrounds, only a single popup archival tag was released in 2025 under the CSIRO-led / Australian Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) funded project investigating changes in habitat and spatial distribution <https://www.frdc.com.au/project/2022-101>. The difficulties in reliably accessing fish are leading to a reappraisal of the project timelines and focus. To cover likely ongoing tagging over the coming southern hemisphere summer, we would like to request 1 tonne of Research Mortality Allowance (RMA) in 2026.