

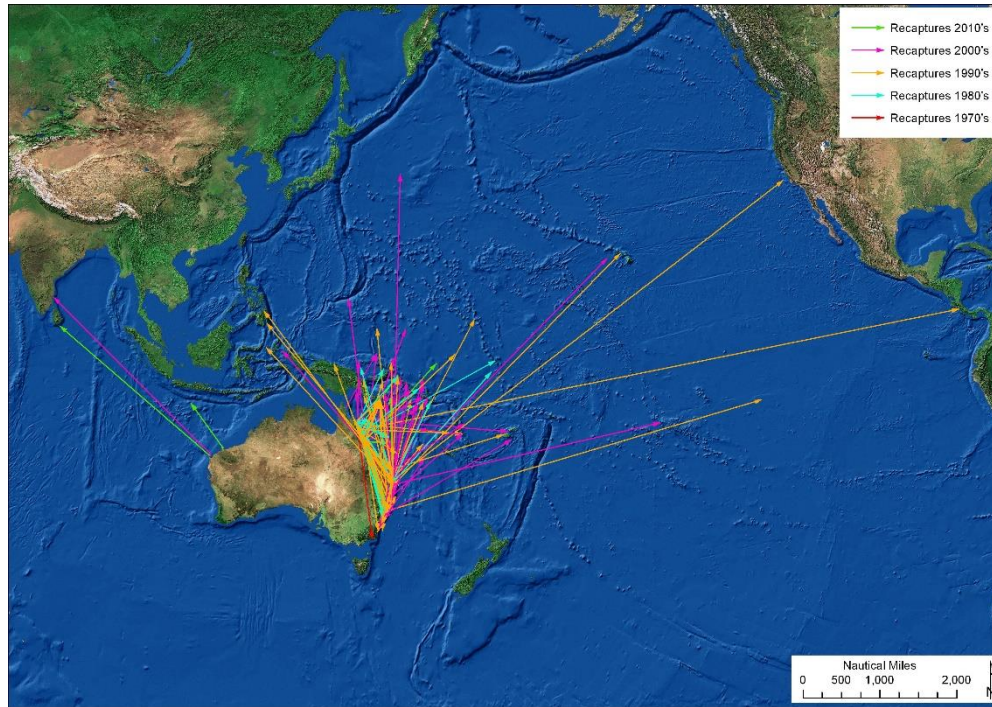


# FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

18 October 2019

Forty Years of Fish Tagging



For over 40 years, recreational anglers have been tagging and releasing thousands of black marlin and other pelagic fishes off the Australian coast. Over time, many tags have been returned, gradually revealing the extraordinary migratory behaviour of these remarkable fishes. Each recapture is represented by an arrow on a map, but who is at the other end of those arrows,

often in remote places scattered throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans?

Friday Environment Forum guest speaker **Dr Julian Pepperell** decided to try to find out by travelling to the ends of those arrows in the hope of finding the fishermen who returned the tags and learn about their fishing culture and the importance of these iconic fish to their way of life. Through these travels, Julian has met fishermen in places as diverse as Taiwan, India, Papua New Guinea and Costa Rica, all with their own stories regarding the black marlin. The tags they returned have not only added immensely to our knowledge of these fish, but also shown how fishers in far flung places are connected by the oceanic web of life.

Learn about these incredible fish and their travels on **Friday October 18** at the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** with well-known marine biologist **Dr Julian Pepperell**. Friday Environment Forum starts at 10.30am with coffee available at 10am, and ends at 12.15pm.



**Investigate the birds of  
Wallace Park with Valda and  
the Interpretive Birding Group.  
Meet at 8.30am in the car park.  
All welcome**