

The Lake Macdonald

Catch and Release Bass Fishing Competition

SUNDAY 26th June 2016 6.30 am to midday

Mary River Cod Park, Collwood Rd, Cooroy

ENTRY FORM



Name:..... Date of Birth:.....

Address:.....

Suburb:.....Postcode:Amount Paid \$.....

Email address: Phone:

I will be fishing using a kayak, from a boat with an electric motor, from the bank.

Entry Fee: Adult \$20 Child (17 years and under) \$10

Payment can be made via cash, cheque, or electronic funds transfer. Payments may be made in person at Hooked on Angling and Outdoors, Tewantin or at the MRCCC Office, 25 Stewart Terrace, Gympie. Cheques are to be made payable to the Mary River Catchment Coordination Association.

Payments and registration forms must be received by no later than COB, Friday 24th June 2016.

Cheques/money orders can be posted to PO Box 1027, Gympie, 4570 with a copy of the Entry Form.

Electronic Funds Transfer: Bank details: BSB 084-691 Account Name: Mary River CCC

Account Number: 62 122 9975

Reference: Your name

All proceeds support the breeding program for the endangered Mary River Cod

Competition Rules & Conditions

1. All competitors agree to adhere to boating, fishing and safety regulations as set in place by Queensland Government Fishing and Boating Authorities and by Seqwater. All competitors must have a SIPS permit obtainable from tackle shops or online at www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/permits/fishing. (NB No permit required if you are under 18 years of age). It is the responsibility of all competitors to abide by all rules and regulations, to fish in a safe and responsible manner, and to dispose of rubbish and used tackle appropriately.
2. There will be a limit to the number of boats with electric motors permitted to enter the competition.
3. Competitors must have a brag mat and camera/smart phone to photograph their catch. Each competitor will be given an icon and a number, to be displayed with the image of the fish to ensure authenticity.
4. All fish caught must be released as soon as practicable.
5. Winners will be announced on Sunday 26th June at the Lake Macdonald Amphitheatre at the Noosa Festival of Water.
6. The organisers have final say on any dispute or issue that may arise during the competition.



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The Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the following organisations: Noosa Council, Hooked on Angling and Outdoors, Noosa & District Landcare, the Lake Macdonald and Lake Borumba Fish Stocking Associations, Seqwater, Noosa Tewantin Lions, the Bendigo Bank Cooroy and the hundreds of volunteers from community organisations who work to ensure the success of the Noosa Festival of Water every year.

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

c/o PO Box 1027, Gympie, 4570

Phone 07 5482 4766 or 0408 170 102

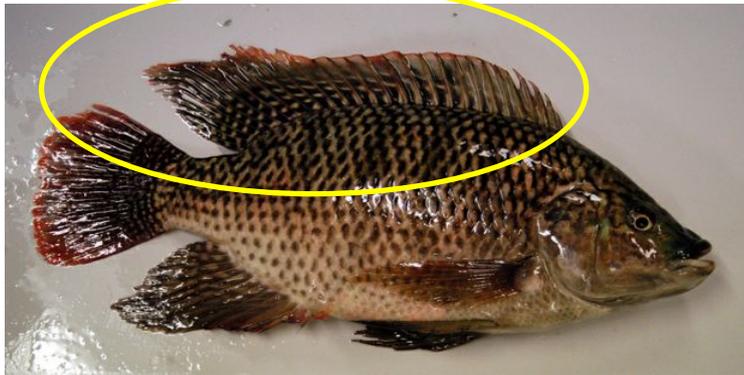
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PEST FISH TILAPIA FACT SHEET

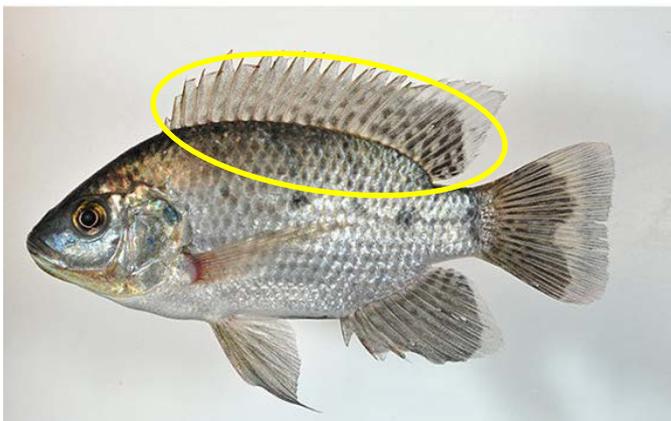


The highly invasive fish species Tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*) has become established in the lower Mary with significant numbers caught in the barrage pondage near Tiaro in October 2014. In early April 2016, a school of Tilapia was caught in the Mary River at Widgee Crossing, just downstream of Gympie.

Tilapia is a predator fish which is included in the Top 100 list of invasive species.

Tilapia have a highly successful breeding strategy (up to 1200 eggs a year, in up to 4 broods) and low juvenile mortality as the female stores the eggs and hatchlings in her mouth. Tilapia can dominate local fish communities and displace local species through aggressive behaviour and competition for food and space. They pose a significant threat to the native fish in the Mary River.

Left: Image of the specimen caught in an offshoot of the Mary River at Tiaro in October 2014.



The images on this page show the many colour variations of Tilapia

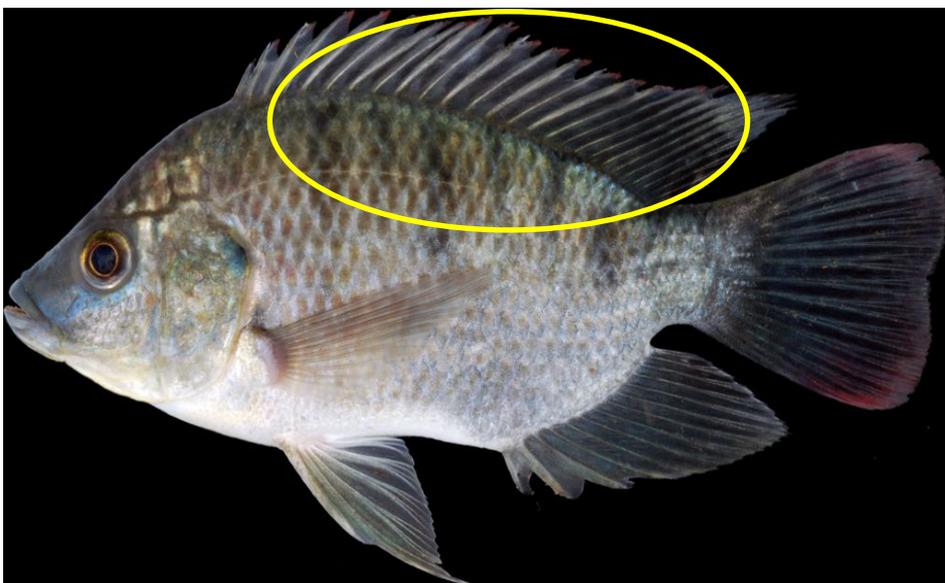
Regardless of colour, all Tilapia have a continuous, unbroken dorsal fin as indicated by the yellow circle. This is probably the easiest way to identify the species.

The Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee would appreciate your help in tracking the distribution and spread of this fish. At this stage knowing where the fish is not yet established is just as important as knowing where it has been observed.

Tilapia can be relatively easily identified by the continuous dorsal fin along its spine (most native fish have a break or dip in



their dorsal fin).



If you catch a Tilapia, do not release it back into the river and please notify MRCCC on 5482 4766 or Boating and Fisheries on 13 25 23.

For more information, visit <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/pest-fish/noxious-fish/tilapia>