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**Senator Siewert, Rachel asked:**

**Senator SIEWERT:** What I am after is: are aquatic collectors permitted to take potato cod from sites in Coral Sea reefs within the Coral Sea fishery?

**Mr Murphy:** We would like to take that on notice.

**Dr de Brouwer:** We will pass it on to AFMA or others.

**Senator SIEWERT:** And what I would like to know is: did that commence after the commencement of the review?

**Mr Murphy:** Okay.

**Answer:**

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority advises that potato cod are permitted to be taken in its Coral Sea fishery. The last time a potato cod was reported taken in the fishery was 2009.