

Endeavour Prawns – *PACKED & FROZEN AT SEA*

Species Background Information

Common name:	Blue Endeavour prawn Red Endeavour prawn
Scientific name:	<i>Metapenaeus endeavouri</i> <i>Metapenaeus ensis</i>
Max size:	19 cm.
Max reported age:	12 – 18 months.
Average length:	7 - 14 cm
Grading:	U10, U15, U20, U25, U30
Packing:	3 x 3kg
Climate:	Northern Australia



Biology:

Body pale brown or pink, with bright blue or red edge to the tail fan. Adult endeavours can be found from inshore waters to depths of 50 – 95 m. Larger blue endeavour prawns live over sandy or sand-mud substrates. Red endeavour prawns prefer muddy substrates. Endeavour prawns spawn year round. Benthic feeders. They are primarily carnivorous, their diet including small crustaceans, molluscs, polychaete worms and Foraminifera. The flesh has a stronger flavour than most other prawns.

Fishing grounds:	Northern Prawn Fishery (NPF), FAO Area 71
Fishing method:	Demersal otter trawling
Seasonality:	Caught predominately during May - November.