

Tiger Prawns – *PACKED & FROZEN AT SEA*

Species Background Information

Common name:	Brown tiger prawn Grooved tiger prawn
Scientific name:	<i>Penaeus esculentus</i> <i>Penaeus semisulcatus</i>
Max size:	30 cm.
Max reported age:	18 – 24 months.
Average length:	11 - 20 cm
Grading:	U6, 6/8, 9/12, 13/15, 16/20, 21/30
Packing:	3 x 3kg
Climate:	Northern Australia



Biology:

Light brown or pink (sometimes greenish) with many dark brown or red bands. Brown tiger prawns are endemic to Australian waters. Adult brown tiger prawns are found in depths of 200 m, but are mostly trawled in 20 – 45 m of water over coarse sediments. Both brown and grooved tiger prawns feed at night and have similar diets dominated by molluscs, crustaceans and polychaete worms. The flesh has reddish bands and its delicate, sweet flavour is highly regarded.

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