

Charge Statement for the Peer Review of the Dusky Sea Snake Status Review Report

Status Review of the Dusky Sea Snake (*Aipysurus fuscus*)

Evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness and application of data used in the Status Review document.

1. In general, does the Status Review include and cite the best scientific and commercial information available on the species, its biology, stock structure, habitats, threats, and risks of extinction?
2. Are the scientific conclusions factually supported, sound, and logical?
3. Where available, are opposing scientific studies or theories acknowledged and discussed?
4. Are uncertainties assessed and clearly stated?

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