

Inventory of data on recreational activities on Victoria's public land

VEAC was requested to prepare an inventory of data on the broad range of recreational activities on Victoria's public land. This data informed VEAC's assessment of the suitability of the data for Victorian government planning, reporting and decision-making and the identification of knowledge gaps. The inventory focuses on outdoor recreation on natural or semi-natural settings, and includes a range of sources including details of licencing, permits, surveys and reports which contain recreational data. Many of the reports and surveys included in the inventory contain only limited data on the extent of activities or locations but are included for their insights into the demand for recreation on public land.

The Victorian Government encourages the availability of Victorian government data for the public good and most data held by individual agencies is available on request. Not all data is suitable for public access, for example, personal details collected with licence applications are protected for privacy reasons.

If you would like the ability to filter results a copy of the inventory is available as an excel spreadsheet through our office on request at veac@delwp.vic.gov.au.

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Survey of visitors to State Forests	Understanding State Forest Visitation and Tourism, 2020	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)	state	Research on the visitation to State Forests in Victoria. Including numbers of visitors, their satisfaction and reasons for or barriers to visiting State Forests	Victoria – state-wide	General recreation in state forests	Survey	An online survey conducted between 16 August and 3 September 2019. 1,996 surveys completed by visitors and non-visitors to State Forests. Data was weighted by age, gender and location based on 2016 ABS data	Percentage of Victorians that visited a State Forest in last six months. Provides numbers of visitors to State Forests generally with data reported by regions	
Survey of visitor attitudes and connectedness to nature	Victorians Value Nature – Survey Results	DEECA with BehaviourWorks Australia	2018	Survey of the public's level of connection to nature and awareness of biodiversity. Also measures activity levels of 'pro-environmental behaviour'	Victoria - state-wide	Nature based recreation	Survey	Sampling methods ensure a representation of the population is represented. 3090 surveys completed	Demonstrates the level of interest within the community to 'connect with nature'	
Vehicle counters at selected State Forest sites	Data stored and presented in a dashboard accessible by DELWP staff	DEECA	Ongoing since 2022	Not applicable	Victoria - state-wide	General recreation in state forests	Vehicle counters	Vehicle counters placed at selected sites. Counters also placed along popular walking tracks	Collects number of vehicles entering and exiting specific sites. Can identify cars and bikes	
Summary of recreation in Box-Ironbark forests	Recreation framework for Box-Ironbark Public land, October 2003	DEECA	2003	Describes popular recreational activities undertaken in the Box-Ironbark region	Victoria – state-wide	General recreation in state forests	Not applicable	Not applicable	Finds that use of the Box-Ironbark forests for recreation is relatively low in comparison to many other public lands	
Four wheel driving	Camp Host Survey	Four Wheel Drive Victoria	Long weekends since 2007	Visitor surveys at campgrounds to understand demand for and satisfaction of facilities	Victoria - state-wide	Four wheel driving, camping, bushwalking, mountain biking	Survey	Survey sites selected for their high volume of visitors, participants selected at random from these sites	Visitors surveyed at preselected campgrounds. Some demographic data including ages and residence location. Records number in group, motivation for coming to location, what facilities appeal in location, what could be improved. Frequency of visits recorded and if they belong to a club	
Size of four wheel driving market in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia	Research on Four-Wheel Driving on Public Land, 2020	Instinct and Reason for DEECA	2020	Looks at the size of four wheel drive market and assesses the current and potential economic contributions. Looks at current experiences and areas for improvement. Provides insights into the attitudes of current and potential four wheel drive users	Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia	Four wheel driving	Surveys, interviews, focus groups	The Victorian survey included 700 responses from Melbourne and 300 from Regional Victoria. Ensured a mix of gender and ages as well as novice and experienced users	Provides some demographic information and economic data. Finds that there are opportunities to create new products and packaged experiences	
Permit bookings for State Forests	Database maintained by DEECA	DEECA	Ongoing	Not applicable	Victoria – selected parks	Events	Permit applications	Not applicable	Shows locations for events activities in State Forests. Numbers of participants attending events and locations	Contains personal information that is not publicly available
Alpine resorts visitor satisfaction surveys	Winter End of Season Reports	Alpine Resorts Victoria	Annual (winter) collection since 2009	Visitor satisfaction survey for the winter season in partnership with the Alpine Resorts Industry Advisory Group and lift companies.	Alpine resorts	Skiing, snowboarding, snow play etc	Survey	Paper based and online surveys depending on the approach of each resort. Survey participants are self-selecting. The survey periods vary across resorts but all conducted between July to early September	Provides information on visitors to Alpine resorts for defined periods and records data on types of activities. Some demographic data; age, gender, income, ethnicity. Also gives the reason for visit	
Number of visitors to Alpine resorts during winter season, collected as daily entry fees to resorts	Alpine Resorts Victoria Annual Reports	Alpine Resorts Victoria	Data collection began in early 1980's. With more detailed weekly figures collected since 1990's	Not applicable	Alpine resorts	Skiing, snowboarding, snow play etc	Entrance fees	Daily entrance fees recorded for accessing resorts, does not capture level of use from season pass holders	Collects numbers of visitors to Alpine resorts. Does not include demographic data on visitors	
Alpine resorts visitor counts (Summer)	Alpine Resorts Victoria Annual Reports	Alpine Resorts Victoria	Data on summer visitors collected since 2009	Numbers of vehicles accessing resorts for period from Melbourne Cup public holiday to ANZAC day	Alpine resorts	Bushwalking, nature observation etc	Vehicle counters	Limited to vehicles not number of actual visitors	Collects count of vehicles entering Alpine resorts	
Game licences	Game Management Authority (GMA)	Game Management Authority (GMA)	Ongoing	Not applicable	Victoria state-wide	General recreational hunting	License applications	Data gathered from license applications	Collects demographic data on licence holders including age, gender and residence location	Contains personal information that is not publicly available

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Game harvest data	Data held by Game Management Authority and Arthur Rylah Institute (ARI)	Arthur Rylah Institute	Ongoing	Looks at hunter activity including location, type of hunting and success rates (catch per unit effort)	Victoria state-wide	Hunting	Survey	Surveys completed by licence holders	Information collected includes: catch per unit effort, areas of activity, areas of take, methods of use and some demographic information including gender.	Provides information on numbers of visitors to some public land sites for hunting
Economic contribution of recreational hunting	Economic contribution of recreational hunting in Victoria, June 2020	Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	2019	Looks at the economic, health and wellbeing benefits of recreational hunting	Victoria - State-wide	Recreational hunting	Survey	Online survey with targeted telephone interviews to license holders. 1671 completed surveys	Collects demographic data on licence holders including age, gender and income. Reports an average of 6 trips per hunter in a 12 month period	
Social and economic contributions of recreational hunting	Economic and social impacts of recreational hunting and shooting, September 2019	RM Consulting Group	2013, 2019, 2024	Looks at the economic and social benefits of recreational hunting and shooting	Australia wide	Recreational hunting	Survey	Online survey advertised through websites and social media. 16,576 completed surveys	Looks at the economic impact of expenditure by recreational hunters and sport shooters in Australia	
Miners Rights	Licence data held by Earth Resources	Earth Resources, DEECA	Ongoing	Not applicable	Victoria state-wide	Prospecting & Fossicking	License applications	License applications	Numbers if licence holders	Contains personal information that is not publicly available
Victorian fishing licences	Licence data held by Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	Ongoing	Database containing number of fishing licences sold in Victoria	Victoria – state-wide	Fishing	License applications	License applications	Numbers if licence holders	Contains personal information that is not publicly available
Recreational fishing surveys	Recreational fishing survey - Report of overall results, 2009	Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	2009	Survey of views and attitudes of recreational fishers	Victoria - state-wide	Fishing	Survey	Carried out by Australian Survey Research for Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA). People who had applied for a recreational fishing licence online in the previous 12 months were invited to complete an online survey. 4,411 completed surveys	Reports on fishers' priorities for improving recreational fishing. Contains some demographic details of fishers	
Recreational fishing surveys	Recreational fishing in Victoria: Report of survey findings, September 2018	Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	2018	Survey of views and attitudes of recreational fishers	Victoria - state-wide	Fishing	Survey	Carried out by Australian Survey Research for Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), people who had purchased a Victorian fishing licence between 2013 and 2018 were invited to complete an online survey. Survey was also available through the VFA website and social media. 14,121 completed surveys	Gathers fishers' views on their priorities for improving recreational fishing. Contains some demographic information	
Understanding the participation patterns of recreational fishers	Victorian Fishing analytics report, 2018	Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	2017	Looks at trends and drivers in numbers of recreational fishing licence sales. Looks at the success of VFA's Target One Million program	Victoria – state-wide	Fishing	Survey	Respondents selected from fishing licence applicants to complete automated phone surveys. 14,121 completed surveys	Identifies trends in license numbers and demographic data including age, location and socioeconomic profiles	
Surveys collected from fishers at boat ramps	Data held by Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)	Ongoing	Satisfaction surveys from fishers at boat ramps	Victorian waterways (Boat ramps)	Fishing	Survey	Participants selected on site at boat ramps	Collects demographic data on fishers and fishing satisfaction	VFA are exploring the use of existing cameras installed at boat ramps to record recreational fishing numbers
Social and economic contribution of recreational fishing (Australia wide)	National Social and Economic Survey of Recreational Fishers, 2018-2021	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	2018 - 2021	Estimates the gross economic contribution of recreational hunting and sport shooting in Australia. Explores the impact of recreational hunting and sport shooting activity on health and wellbeing of hunters and sport shooters	Australia wide	Recreational fishing	Survey	Online and paper surveys	Estimates the proportion of Australian adults who engage in recreational fishing. Captures some demographic data including gender, age, household income, location of residence. Comparability to Australia's 2016 Census of Population and Housing, using Census data as the population benchmark	
Study of recreational fishing	Economic Study of Recreational Fishing in Victoria, 2015	VRFish	2015	Estimates the economic contribution of recreational fishing in Victoria	Victorian - state-wide	Fishing	Survey	Uses data from the 2014 Victorian Recreational Fishing Survey and information collected from other industry stakeholders, desktop research, market research and consultation	Looks at the economic contribution and net benefit of recreational fishing in Victoria. The report contains data on regional distribution of fishing trips and some demographic data of recreational fishers	
Parks Victoria visitor surveys	State of the Parks reports & Parks Victoria Annual Reports	Parks Victoria	Approx. 20 years of data (conducted alternate years with visitor satisfaction monitoring)	Provides numbers and details of visitors to various types of parks	Victoria – state-wide	Visitors to parks for general recreation	Survey, Interviews	Participants selected at random	Provides information on number of visitors and some demographic information	Provides visitor numbers by type of Park, including piers and metro parks
			Approx. 20 years of data (conducted						Focuses on visitor satisfaction with	

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Parks Victoria visitor satisfaction monitoring	State of the Parks reports & Parks Victoria Annual Reports	Parks Victoria	Approx. 20 years of data (collected in alternate years with visitor number monitoring)	Visitor Satisfaction Monitoring. Collected at 30 high profile and popular parks	Victoria – state-wide	Visitors to parks for general recreation	Survey	Face to face interviews. 4,000 surveys completed over summer at visitor nodes	the parks. Includes visitor numbers for a selection of specific parks and types of activities carried out	
Parks Victoria Segmentation studies	Parks Victoria Segmentation Study, Dec 2018	Parks Victoria	Study produced annually since 2005	Understanding the attitudes and behaviours of visitors to parks	Victoria – state-wide	Visitors to parks for general recreation	Survey	An online survey carried out between 27 October to 5 November 2018. 1650 completed surveys	Provides data on the distance travelled to parks, participants knowledge of parks, the length of visits. Includes types of activities carried out	Does not provide data on visitor numbers
Vehicle counters in Parks Victoria managed parks	Database managed by Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria	Ongoing collection since 2002	Vehicle counters in parks	Victoria – selected parks	Visitors to parks for general recreation	Vehicle counters	Counters placed in 18 parks	Numbers of vehicles entering selected popular parks	
Pedestrian counters in parks	Database managed by Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria	Ongoing collection since 2002	Pedestrian counters in parks	Victoria – selected parks	Visitors to parks for general recreation	Pedestrian counters	Counters placed along selected walking trails	Numbers of visitors to selected popular trails	
Camping booking system in parks	Database managed by Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria	Ongoing collection	Not applicable	Victoria – selected parks	Camping	Booking system	Numbers of sites booked, only includes those that require booking	Number of camping sites booked including number of occupants	Contains personal information that is not publicly available
Permit bookings for Parks	Database managed by Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria	Ongoing collection	Not applicable	Victoria – selected parks	Events	Permit applications	Not applicable	Details of events in areas managed by Parks Victoria. Includes numbers of participants for events and locations	Contains personal information that is not publicly available
Interpretation & Education delivery report	Interpretation & Education delivery report, Parks Victoria	Parks Victoria	2013	Looks at the type of visitor to the marine environment	Victoria - marine parks	General visitation	Survey	Written questionnaires given to school students, other students and families	Assesses Victorians' perceptions about the values and threats relevant to Victorian marine environment	
Tourism numbers	Melbourne's Top Attractions	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Overnight visitors to Victoria who attended places or attractions in Melbourne	Melbourne	Tourism	Survey	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Provides number of visitors for top tourist destinations many of which are on public land, for example MCG, Museum and Exhibition building	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Tourism numbers	Regional Victoria's Top Attractions	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Overnight visitors to Victoria who attended places or attractions in regional Victoria	Victoria – state-wide (excludes metro)	Tourism	National and International Visitor Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports.	Provides number of visitors for top tourist destination some of which are on public land, for example 12 Apostles	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Tourism numbers	Visitor Experiences in Victoria	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Visitors to Victoria by type of activity including, nature-based, cultural, events, food & wine, wineries and golf experiences	Victoria – state-wide	Tourism	National and International Visitor Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed. 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Report finds that nature-based experiences are the most popular. Provides an indication of the level of interest in nature-based activities, many of which would occur on public land	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Tourism numbers	Visitor Information Centres	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Provides estimates of visitors to Visitor Information Centres in Victoria	Victoria – state-wide	Tourism	National and International Visitor Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Numbers of tourists who visit an information centre. Also provides demographic information. Provides an indication of popular regions, but no specific information on public land	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Tourism numbers	Aboriginal activities in Victoria	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Estimates visitor numbers and spend by visitors who participated in an Aboriginal activity on their trip to/within Victoria	Victoria – state-wide with comparisons to national figures	Tourism	Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Describes the types of experiences undertaken. Includes demographic information on types of visitor. Demonstrates that there is a demand for Aboriginal activities that Victoria is not being met	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Tourism numbers	Understanding visitor regional dispersal in Victoria, 2019	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Part of an Australian wide study in partnership with tourism organisations from every state and territory. Looks geographic dispersal visitors to regional Victoria	Regional Victoria	Tourism	Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed. 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Provides statistics on travel patterns and trends, understanding the motivations for, and barriers to, regional dispersal. Provides an indication of which regions are most likely to be visited, but no specific information on public land	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.

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Tourism numbers	Event Visitors to Victoria	Tourism Research Unit, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	Annual data collection - ongoing	Estimates visitor numbers and spend by visitors who attended a sporting event or a cultural event or festival	Victoria – state-wide	Tourism	Surveys	Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), 120,000 surveys completed. 40,000 face to face interviews completed from international short-term visitors (less than one year) who depart Australia through one of the major international airports	Provides numbers of visitors and estimated economic value and some demographic data. Provides numbers of visitors to some public land sites, for example the MCG	This data is generally designed for use at a state or regional level for marketing and the planning of accommodation and transport infrastructure, and may not include all visitors. Day trip visitors for example, are defined as those that have travelled for a round trip of at least 50 kilometres and are away from home for at least four hours.
Types of activities enjoyed on waterways	My Victorian Waterway, 2011	DEECA, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Victoria University	One off survey in 2009	Investigates the social importance of rivers, creeks, wetlands and estuaries	Victoria – state-wide	Water-based recreation, passive recreation, nature observation	Survey	Representative sample surveyed of gender, employment, education, urban and rural residents Participants selected from every catchment across Victoria and a wide variety of commercial and recreational users of waterways surveyed. 7140 surveys completed	Identifies various activities that people carry out on and around waterways	No visitor numbers for specific public land areas
Number of participants engaged in river activities	River Connect	Greater Shepparton City Council and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Ongoing collection since 2005	Details a broad range of programs to that involve the community including volunteering and education	Goulburn and Broken Rivers	General recreation including volunteering	Event participation, trail counters	Numbers registered for events Trail counters at selected sites	Participation numbers for events. Trail counters also used to record numbers	Catchment Management Authorities run community and volunteer programs for which they record information on participation numbers
National Sailing Census	National Sailing Participation Census report	Australian Sailing	2015, 2017	Census measuring the level of participation of sailing across Australia, results shown by state and territory	Australia wide	Sailing (within clubs)	Survey	Surveys / interviews completed by sailing clubs	Provides figures on size of sailing club memberships	
Community sports programs	The value of community sport & active recreation, 2020	KMPG for Sport and Recreation Victoria	2020	Looks at the economic, health and social benefits of sport to individuals, communities and society more broadly	Victoria – state-wide	General sport including organised sports	Survey, consultation / interviews	Information collected through literature review, community consultation with sport and recreation providers and surveys	Identifies benefits in investment in community sports infrastructure, such as improved social capital, reduced crime and anti-social behaviour and greater national and elite sporting outcomes	No visitor numbers for specific public land areas
Mountain biking in Victoria	Victorian Mountain Bike Strategy, 2021	AusCycling	2020	Provides an overview of the existing and projected demand for mountain biking. Provides segmentation analysis of participants	Victoria – state-wide	Mountain Biking	Not applicable	Not applicable	The report gives an overview of the extent of mountain biking and future projections for the activity	
Cycling in Victoria	Growing cycling tourism in Victoria	EY Sweeny for Tourism Research Australia in partnership with Tourism Victoria	2015	Evaluates the impact of cycling tourism to regional areas	Victoria – state-wide, with comparisons to nation-wide figures	Cycling	Survey	Online survey. Randomised selection of 2,000 participants, with a minimum of 400 people who have previously engaged in cycling tourism	Finds that most cycling tourism is city sightseeing, although many cited Victoria's natural environment as a factor when selecting locations	Provides an indication of which regions are most likely to be visited, but no specific information on public land
Number of visitors to Marine National Parks (MPAs) and Marine Sanctuaries	Awareness and usage of MPAs and Marine Sanctuaries, July 2012	Market Solutions	2012	Measures 'appreciation' of no-take Marine Protected Areas from both users and non-users	Victoria - Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries	General visitation to Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries	Survey	Survey of visitors and non-visitors. Visitors were interviewed at sites; non-visitors a random selection of households from metropolitan, coastal and other non-metro areas. 312 visitors and 200 non visitors completed surveys	Records the attitudes and behaviour of users and non-users for Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries	This study also conducted previously in 2005
Numbers of visitors to the marine environment	Coastal Values Survey, 2008	Dolphin Research Institute	2008	Survey of visits to the marine environment, also assesses Victorians' perceptions about the values and threats relevant to Victorian marine areas	Eastern Victoria - marine environment	General visitation to Marine environment	Survey	School students and other students surveyed		
Percentage of Victorian's who visit the coast and the types of activities they enjoy	Marine and Coastal Community Attitudes and Behaviours Research, 2018	DELWP	Studies conducted in 1996, 2000, 2007, 2011 and 2018	Looks at community views toward the Victorian coast and marine environments	Victoria - coastal areas	Coastal activities (i.e. boating, fishing etc)	Survey, focus groups	Six focus groups held in metro and regional areas with participants selected for a mix of gender and age. 1500 surveys conducted online and 1001 via telephone interview (quotas set for age and gender set based on ABS data). Weighting was applied to adjust the results to ensure they are a true reflection of the Victorian population.	Measures the percentage of population who visit the coast. Lists the most common activities for Victorians when spending time on the coast	
Survey of community values for marine and coastal areas	Coastal and marine environment community attitudes & behaviour Report	Victorian Coastal Council	Carried out in four waves from 1995 - 2011	Looks at community values and perceptions of Victorian marine and coastal environments	Victoria - coastal areas	Coastal activities (i.e. boating, fishing etc)	Survey, focus groups	1001 households completed surveys using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing technology. 8 qualitative focus groups also carried out	Measures the perceptions and behaviours of visitors to marine environments	

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Marine (boating licences)	Database managed by VicRoads	VicRoads	Ongoing	Not applicable	Victoria – state-wide	Boating	VicRoads licenses	License applications	Number of Maritime licenses (includes PWC endorsements) Details on applicants include, age, gender, residential location	VicRoads data is deemed sensitive, as it holds personal information, therefore, distribution of this is not for public use and currently for internal inter-agency use
Great Victorian Fish Count	Great Victorian Fish Count - uploaded to an online database	Victorian National Parks Association	Annual since 2002	Citizen scientist record the numbers of a selection of important fish species found in the area as part of this long-term monitoring of fish across the Victorian coast	Victoria - coastal sites	Citizen science	Record of participation	Not applicable	Shows locations for where the count occurs and numbers involved providing an indication of interest in the marine environment	Other citizen science programs exist run by community groups and other organisations
Numners of volenteers on public land	Volunteering Naturally	DEECA	2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022	Collects data about active environmental volunteer groups and organisations in Victoria.	Victoria – state-wide	Volunteering	Survey, desktop studies	A short survey forwarded to a large number of groups and organisations. Also desktop research and cross-checking with program managers, groups, NGOs and others including local government	Data includes volunteer locations and, where possible, the number of volunteers and/or volunteer hours contributed	
Membership records for recreation & other community groups	Not applicable	Individual groups hold their own data on membership	Ongoing	Not applicable	Victoria – state-wide	Most activities covered	Not applicable	License applications	Contains the number of members; organisations may hold demographic and postcode data	
Study of visitors and visitor experiences in coastal tourism sites	Not applicable	Collaboration with Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, DEECA, Parks Victoria and Regional Tourism Boards	Future study	A pilot study is proposed to assess and monitor the carrying capacity and visitor experience in high-use areas of the Great Ocean Road, and other popular sites. The pilot will run from 2022 to 2026	Victoria - coastal sites	Coastal tourism	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined	Potential to show visitor numbers for specific public land sites