New South Wales Game Fishing Association

Marlin & Shark Length/Weight Curves

2014
IF IN DOUBT “TAG IT”

TYPICAL DIMENSIONS
60KG Black Marlin in good condition
X to X 190cm (6.2ft) (74in)

TYPICAL DIMENSIONS
80KG Black Marlin in good condition
X to X 212cm (7.0ft) (84in)

60kg Striped Marlin in good condition
X to X 210cm (6.10ft) (82in)

80kg Striped Marlin in good condition
X to X 230cm (7.6ft) (90in)

What marlin is that?

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**Blue Marlin Length/Weight Curve**

**Length (Lower Jaw to Tail Fork) cm**

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Length (Lower Jaw to Tail Fork) cm

Whole Weight (Kg)

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