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Co-author Professor Caleb Gardner said that when partial data for the current season is included, over the last three seasons the annual catch has exceeded the average increase in Longspined sea urchin biomass of around 150 tonnes per annum.

“Commercial harvesting is one of a number of actions taken to reduce the number of these invasive urchins, with most interventions based on IMAS research and supported by the State Government and the Tasmanian Abalone Council under the Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund (AIRF),” Professor Gardner said.

“Other measures underway that will assist in controlling urchin numbers include rebuilding the fishery.”