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GPC releases turtles back into the harbour

Two turtles have been released into Gladstone harbour after they were found trapped inside the bund wall reclamation area at Fisherman's Landing.

Gladstone Ports Corporation CEO Leo Zussino said the two turtles were found on Wednesday morning during routine inspection of the reclamation area.

"The two turtles were a decent size and we believe they were juveniles, which means they were less than 30 years old," Mr Zussino said.

"The shell size of the two turtles was between 40 and 60 cm in diameter.

"Both turtles were in good health."

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) were informed of the discovery and enlisted the assistance of local fishers Joe Maguire and Johnny Mitchell to rescue the turtles from the bund wall and take them to QPWS's headquarters to check on their health.

The two turtles were tagged during their health check by QPWS.

"Both turtles were released in an area where there were healthy seagrass beds and in close proximity to where they were originally found, as they quite territorial," Mr Zussino added.

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