# Wild-caught Australian sardine residue testing annual datasets 2019–20

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## Dataset abbreviations

**LOR** Limit of reporting.

**MRL** Maximum Residue Limit.

**no limit** No Australian standard applicable for the contaminant. The ‘as low as reasonably achievable’ principle applies. Detections at low levels are allowable.

**not defined** Standards are not defined in inedible matrixes (urine, retina and faeces).

**not set** No Australian standard has been set for the chemical in the edible matrix and any detection is a contravention of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

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**Table 1: Metals**

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| **Chemical** | **Matrix** | **LOR (mg/kg)** | **MRL (mg/kg)** | **Number of samples tested** | **>LOR to ≤½MRL** | **>½MRL to ≤MRL** | **>MRL** |
| antimony | flesh | 0.01 | no limit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| arsenic (total) | flesh | 0.05 | no limit | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| cadmium | flesh | 0.01 | no limit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| chromium | flesh | 0.05 | no limit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| lead | flesh | 0.01 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| mercury (total) | flesh | 0.01 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |