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Millions of Fish Dead in Australia in Menindee (Download PDF)

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“Hundreds of thousands” of fish have died in drought-stricken Australia in the last few days and more mass deaths are likely to occur, the authorities warned. “Further fish deaths in the Darling River are anticipated as a significant number of fish have been observed under stress.

Image of Darling River Map

Sea of white of dead fish carpeted the waters near the south eastern Outback town of Menindee with scientists pointing to low water and oxygen levels as well as possibly toxic algae- mass death occurred in the key food growing region.

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Reason Behind the Death

- The Darling River is part of the Murray-Darling River system that stretches thousands of kilometres across several states.
- With temperatures expected to rise and no rain forecast, there remained a high risk of further fish kills over the coming days and week.