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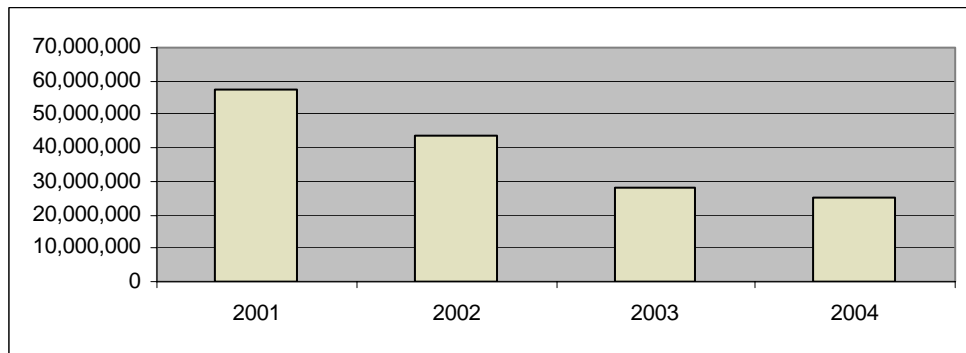
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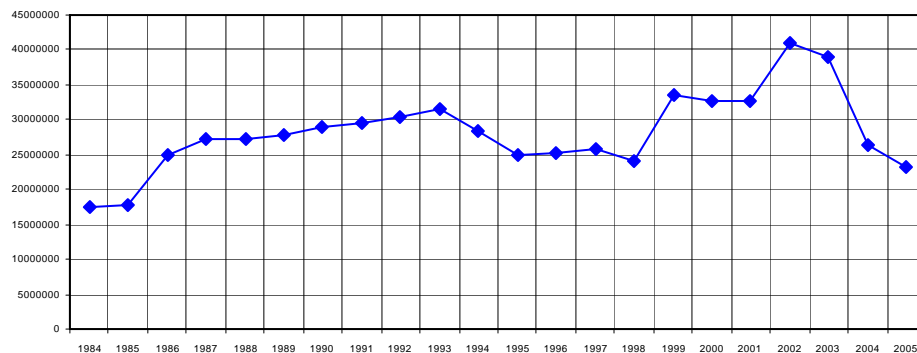
Kangaroo numbers in significant decline

Contrary to popular belief, kangaroos are not in plague proportions. Rather, kangaroo numbers have more than halved in the last four years and are now the lowest since 1985.

According to information provided by the Commonwealth Government, the numbers of kangaroos in areas open to commercial slaughter have dropped from 57,430,026 in 2001 to 25,314,921 in 2004.



Furthermore, the numbers of kangaroos in areas open to commercial slaughter operations is now the lowest since 1985.



Commercial slaughter operations are having a significant impact on wild kangaroo populations. In 2005, up to 3,909,550 kangaroos will be shot for commercial purposes.

This number does not take into account the number of:

- ▶ kangaroos shot under non-commercial or recreational licences;
- ▶ kangaroos shot illegally (ie. without a licence);
- ▶ joeys that will be killed as specified in the industry Code of Practice
- ▶ joeys that will starve to death or die from predator attacks as a result of being orphaned when their mothers are shot

Australian kangaroos are disappearing at an alarming rate.