

FRDC IRG CALL FOR PROJECTS

Closing Date 7 October 2018

Priority	Sharing and preserving knowledge through story
Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there is a dearth of information that is suitable for sharing amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI) people and other stakeholders on Indigenous fishing, particularly from an RD&E perspective and on the relevance of the IRG RD&E Priorities and the Cairns Principles (see detail at http://frdc.com.au/Partners/National-Priorities-and-Subprograms/Indigenous-fishing) • ATSI people often prefer spoken or pictorial means to share information rather than written (it should be noted that this is the same for many other fishers) • As the membership of the IRG goes through successional transitional phases the members of the group are leaving and with that goes extensive knowledge and understanding of ATSI fishing and the role that RD&E can play in delivering on the Cairns Principles and RD&E priorities. • In addition, knowledge from many older people is being lost and a process to capture these stories becomes more critical. • It is proposed to support a project to collect and present stories from Indigenous Australians with knowledge of the fishing and seafood sector to share within their own and the broader community.
Planned outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through an open call the IRG will engage a consultant(s) to work with the IRG to undertake this work • Develop short film narratives that provide information suitable for sharing the stories of key Indigenous people that particularly relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Cairns Principles and RD&E Priority Areas ○ additional key material noting each members experience and knowledge • Develop an overarching narrative to tie work together • Stories to include current and past IRG members and subject to budget, up to two Maori stories (e.g. Sir Tipene O'Regan) – total of 10 • Outputs to be documentary style, informative, educative and suitable for sharing • All materials will be made available to the FRDC for use (based on appropriate informed consent) • The successful service provider will document the project methodology in order to provide a framework for future outputs to ensure consistency of approach and promote best practice/continual improvement. • As is standard practice for IRG projects, the IRG will request at least one appropriate ATSI person is involved in the project to build two-way capacity. • The IRG proposes to commence this project in 2019.
Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRG budget allocation.

Priority	Identify and synthesizing key messages from IRG projects
Need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the last few years the FRDC and IRG have supported a number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) focused RD&E projects. • The IRG is aware of the need to ensure that the findings from the projects are accessible and easy to understand. • All projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2018 or early 2019. • All projects have data and information the IRG needs to communicate with Indigenous, commercial and recreational stakeholders, researchers, policy makers, Agencies and the general public. • The IRG is proposing a two phased approach with this scope relating to Phase 1. • A separate project may be considered on completion of Phase 1 to develop material from Phase 1 into user appropriate material (e.g. YouTube, Video, PowerPoint presentations, summary sheets, infographics).
Planned outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1. Through an open call the IRG will engage a consultant(s) to work with the IRG and Principal Investigators from eight key IRG projects (Attachment 1) to identify and synthesize their key messages. • The material must be accurate, succinct, culturally appropriate, easy to understand but also provide adequate substance to be useful to those that seek to enact and/or develop policy and stimulate community driven engagement in Australia's seafood sector. • Phase 1 is expected to produce information/data that can/will be used to develop educational and other extension material that is suitable for direct consumption by stakeholders. • In addition, the consultants will document the project methodology in order to provide a framework for future Principle Investigators on how to prepare their project outputs/reports to ensure consistency of approach and promote best practice/continual improvement. • The IRG proposes to commence this project in 2019. • As is standard practice for IRG projects, the IRG will request at least one appropriate ATSI person is involved in the project to build two way capacity.
Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRG budget allocation.

Attachment 1 Key Projects

Project and Objectives	Status
<p>2016-206. Business Nour – Indigenous business development opportunities and impediments in the fishing and seafood industry. An analysis tool to assess the success elements of indigenous fishing businesses and non-fishing Indigenous businesses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A gap analysis of skills available and skills needed to develop and/or enhance the skills of people involved in Indigenous fishing businesses. 2. Draft and finalise a Business template with conversation and workshop materials to enhance the Indigenous communities connected to Indigenous fishing 3. Enhance the business skills of Indigenous fishing communities through the delivery of workshops, community conversations and virtual information sharing sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected completion early 2019
<p>2016-204. 'Wave to plate' establishing a market for Tasmanian cultural fisheries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adapt successful terrestrial model to marine environments, investigating specific conditions of Tasmanian Government policy relating to Indigenous peoples. 2. Assess cultural fishery extensions within commercial operations and determine best practice for government and industry partners. 3. Explore the network chain opportunities for Indigenous involvement in food tourism. 4. Develop postgraduate Indigenous research capacity and broaden scope of marine studies in academia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected completion early 2019
<p>2016-201. Business opportunities and impediments for Aboriginal community development in supportive fishing industries in the Roper River to Robinson River area of the Northern Territory.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The overarching objective is to build the capacity of the Wurrahiliba Management Committee in identifying well founded opportunities to grow local fishing sector economies, realising impediments and developing a strategy of steps to bring opportunities to fruition. 2. Ensure community based planning approaches inform the project and meet specific needs of the community, particularly Aboriginal social and cultural aspirations in fishing and seafood sectors, which are often missed in mainstream planning stages. 3. Support best practice through informed consent from Traditional Owners in all stages of enterprise development on their land and tidal waters. 4. Develop Traditional Owners networks with fishing industries, local Aboriginal Ranger programs, local business, relevant agencies and other stakeholder interests. 5. Facilitate robust communication and relationship building among Traditional Owners and stakeholders through forums and consultations. 6. Raise community awareness through networks and communication materials. 7. Support a consultative process that facilitates the mapping of existing local fishing activity and services and identifies needs as well as new opportunities and gaps. 8. Refine interests into potential business scenarios that can be used in a second phase of this project, which is to develop and test the feasibility of business cases. 9. Report for the community that will provide a legacy product to assist the Wurrahiliba Management Committee in setting priorities and developing its interests over the next 10-15 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected completion early 2019

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<p>2015-205. Indigenous fishing subprogram: Mapping livelihood values of Indigenous customary fishing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify cultural, social and economic values of Indigenous fishing at selected case study communities 2. Articulate connections between established Indigenous land and sea management regimes 3. Indigenous aspirations in fisheries 4. Support the recognition of Indigenous values and use of aquatic resources in fisheries management 5. Build Indigenous and non-Indigenous capacity for collaborative fisheries research and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed 2018
<p>2014-233. Improving access for Indigenous Australians to and involvement in the use and management of Australia's fisheries resources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review how Indigenous fisheries (ICF) 'issues' are addressed by fisheries management in Australia: (a) broadly, in policy and strategy, legislation, RD&E, reporting etc.; (b) specifically, in the assessment of impacts of non-Indigenous fisheries (nIF) on ICF; both to develop practical guidelines that deliver best practice. 2. Conduct a national Indigenous workshop to develop a methodology to assess impacts of nIF on ICF and the associated risk factors and two Indigenous workshops at state/territory level focusing an iconic species targeted in IF and nIF to trial and refine the methodology. 3. Write reports in appropriate language for activities in objectives 1 and 2 outlining the outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected completion late 2018
<p>2014-226. Improving the recognition and integration of traditional owner customary fishing and ecological knowledge in the management of Victoria's fisheries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a customary fishing database that identifies hunting grounds and use categories of fish species. 2. Develop a structured and targeted approach to engagement with Victoria's Traditional Owner community. 3. Support language retention and knowledge transfer from one generation to the next within a Traditional Owner group. 4. Enables application of the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010. 5. Explore the application of a Traditional Owner Recognition Permit (TORP) into Fisheries Management plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected completion late 2018
<p>2013-218. Building the Capacity and Performance of Indigenous Fisheries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify 8 case study fishing communities, document aspirations and capacity, identify constraints to development outcomes, and test micro development pathways. 2. Evaluate business models, conduct analyses and document development pathways to enhance Indigenous participation in and benefits from fishery development. 3. Establish and document output and extension strategies for the IRG and participating regional Indigenous fishing communities. 4. Document and report learnings case studies, models, performance monitoring arrangements, and recommendations that will enhance future Indigenous fishery performance and community benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed 2018
<p>2013-017. Optimising management of tropical reef fish through the development of Indigenous scientific capability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain information on stock structure of key tropical reef species 2. Develop Indigenous capability in scientific monitoring and participation in co-management through the development of a certified training program 3. Identify appropriate spatial scale of management for tropical reef fish based on biological sustainability and sectoral aspirations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed 2017

