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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Fishing and Aquaculture

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

As the world's oldest living culture, Indigenous Australians have a deep connection to country, passed down through the generations and developed over tens of thousands of years.

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Our mission

On behalf of the Australian Government, FRDC has a significant responsibility to ensure research is undertaken to assist in the management of fisheries and aquaculture resources for their ongoing sustainability.

FRDC is committed to:

- **Acknowledging Traditional Lands and Waters:** Recognising the special relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have with their traditional lands and waters.
- **Valuing Indigenous Contributions:** Appreciating the experiences, knowledge, perspectives and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This includes formally incorporating these elements into projects where appropriate.
- **Respecting Indigenous Australians:** Demonstrating informed respect for Indigenous Australians and collaborating with our partners to ensure the same level of respect in the development and execution of research, development and extension projects.
- **Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge:** Integrating Indigenous knowledge into research projects and the delivery of their outcomes where relevant.

FRDC has also created and funds an Indigenous Reference Group, that works as an expertise-based committee to help advise FRDC on the allocation of funds towards indigenous research, development, and extension priorities. Members of the IRG originate from all over Australia, and work in various aspects throughout the fishing and aquaculture sectors.

Previous and current FRDC-funded Indigenous projects Do you want to work with us, but need some guidance on what kind of work we fund? The following pages showcase some of those projects. Scan the QR code below for more information about each project.



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Fisheries Management and Social Objectives

2010-040

Developing and testing social objectives for fisheries management

2010-304

Impact of management changes on the viability of Indigenous commercial fishers and the flow on effects to their communities: case study in NSW

2010-401

Shaping advice for Indigenous fishing and aquaculture RD&E within the national strategy

2019-143

An investigation of Indigenous knowledges and nutritional health and wellbeing benefits and values of seafood for supporting Indigenous fisheries development

2020-088

Quantifying inter-sectoral values within and among the Indigenous, commercial and recreational sectors

2021-024

Development of an Indigenous Engagement Strategy for fishing interests with a focus on Commonwealth fisheries

2021-090

Developing an Indigenous-led governance blueprint for collaboration in sea country processes

2021-098

Incorporating Aboriginal perspectives into fishery management review processes, using the Northern Territory Barramundi Fishery as a case study

2022-076

Integrating indigenous fishing: extending adoption pathways to policy and management

Aquaculture Ventures and Indigenous Communities

2010-205

Identifying the key social and economic factors for successful engagement in aquaculture ventures by indigenous communities

2010-214

Investigating the development process of a large-scale aquaculture farm incorporating Indigenous cultural considerations

Business

2010-230

Tactical Research Fund: identifying indigenous business opportunities in the recreational fishing tourism industry on Cape York Peninsula

2016-204

Indigenous business development opportunities and impediments in the fishing and seafood industry - 'Wave to plate' establishing a market for Tasmanian cultural fisheries

2020-121

Indigenous Branding in the Fishing and Seafood Industry - Economic Creation and Capture

Capacity Building and Governance

2011-215

Resource access and resource allocation - guidelines

2012-215

Research and Development for the modelling and establishment of a South Australian Aboriginal Sea Ranger program

2012-216

Indigenous cultural fishing and fisheries governance

2017-069

Indigenous Capacity Building Program

2021-050

Maintaining cultural practices and building knowledge and capacity to support sustainable fishing of the Gynburra on Narungga Sea Country

Mapping Livelihood Values and Access Improvement

2014-233

Indigenous Fishing Subprogram: Improving access for Indigenous Australians to and involvement in the use and management of Australia's fisheries resource

2015-205

Indigenous fishing subprogram: mapping livelihood values of Indigenous customary fishing

Knowledge Sharing and Preservation

2018-135

Sharing and preserving knowledge through story

2018-183

Identifying and synthesising key messages from projects funded by the FRDC Indigenous Reference Group

2019-124

Shared science and Indigenous knowledge to support fisheries capacity building in Torres Strait

Contact us

Contact your local FRDC Extension Officer who can help you to engage with our research, development and extension opportunities.

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