



# FRDC

FISHERIES RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**We plan, invest in and manage  
research and development for  
fishing and aquaculture and the  
wider community, and ensure  
the resulting knowledge and  
innovation is adopted for impact.**



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## Our mission

To act as a national thought leader, facilitating knowledge creation, collaboration and innovation to shape the future of fishing and aquaculture in Australia for the benefit of the Australian people.

## What we do

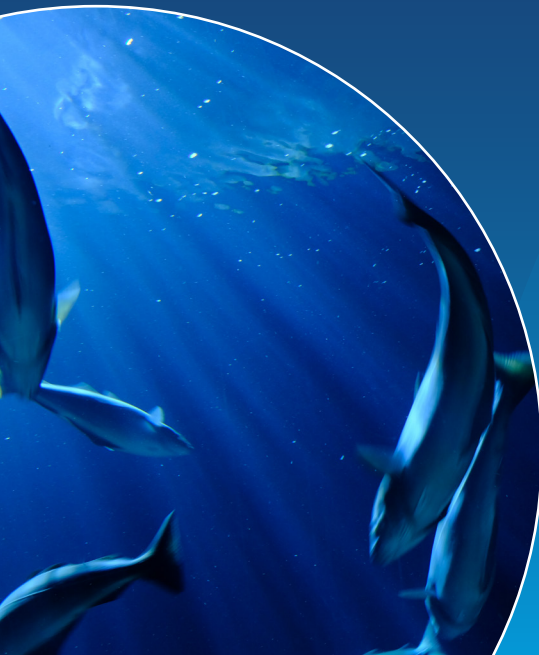
We plan to achieve increased economic, social and environmental benefits for Australian fishing and aquaculture, and the wider community, by investing in research and development to increase knowledge, innovation and adoption.

Our stakeholders include three **Representative Organisations** – Seafood Industry Australia, RecFish Australia and the Commonwealth Fisheries Association.

Our **Industry Partnership Agreements** (IPAs) manage a suite of sectoral projects over a specified time under an agreed industry plan as identified by the industry body.

Our eight **Research Advisory Committees** (RACs) represent each State, the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory. They provide advice on priorities and needs relevant to the public good and for sectors not covered under IPAs.

FRDC also involves the **Indigenous Reference Group** and the **Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation** in all representational organisation activities.



# Our 2020-25 R&D Plan

FRDC's plan seeks to respond to the research, development and extension needs of fishing and aquaculture stakeholders. It focuses on big, cross-sectoral issues of national importance, while also ensuring that jurisdictional and specific sector needs are met.

Here are the five overall outcomes of this plan:

Growth for enduring prosperity



Best practices and production systems



A culture that is inclusive and forward-thinking



Fair and secure access to aquatic resources



Community trust, respect and value



## Our strategic opportunities:

1. Activate a program to improve resilience of fishing and aquaculture to a changing climate
2. Activate a program to aid transitioning of fishing and aquaculture into a circular economy
3. Investigate opportunities to optimise equitable sharing and security of access to Australia's aquatic resources
4. Understand and respond to threats and opportunities presented by alternative proteins
5. Partner to increase opportunities for Indigenous communities in fishing and aquaculture
6. Collaborate across agriculture, fisheries and forestry to target shared strategic issues
7. Bring together a collective to lay foundations for successful digital transformation
8. Explore opportunities to enhance national sustainability reporting
9. Initiate an expanded program to build capability and capacity across fishing and aquaculture
10. Deployment of a regional network to facilitate greater R&D adoption





## Stay up to date

### FRDC News

Our monthly newsletter with the latest on research, resources and opportunities for everyone involved in Australian fishing and aquaculture.

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**FRDC acknowledges** Australia's Indigenous people who are the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.