



FRDC NEWS
July 2024

Status of Australian Fish Stocks

SAFS sixth edition - released

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Welcome

JULY 2024

Welcome back to (a jam packed) FRDC News!

The feature story for this month is on the [release of the Sixth Status of Australian Fish Stocks Report](#) - showcasing that a majority of Australia's wild caught fish stocks are either sustainable, or recovering!

Other top stories include AFMA's CEO's view on [how we tackle the future of wild fisheries](#), two new sportfishing species [reeling their way towards Queensland's lines](#), the [top research rewarded](#) at glittering galas, and how the Regional Circularity Cooperative plans to [work towards a circular seafood sector](#).

FRDC also congratulates and [welcomes the Hon Julie Collins MP and Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm](#) on their appointments to the Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry Portfolio

As always, your article suggestions and feedback are welcomed. Please submit them in this [form](#) and the [Communications Team](#) will be in touch.



FRDC acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and recognises their continuing connection to lands, waters and culture. We pay our respect to Elders past and present.

Top stories



New leaders appointed Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio

FRDC welcomes the Hon Julie Collins MP and Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio.

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New Status of Australian Fish Stocks reports will help inform the sustainability of Australia fish stocks

The most comprehensive assessment of the biological sustainability of Australian fish stocks has been completed with the release of the Sixth edition of the Status of Australian Fish Stocks (SAFS) reports.

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Rethinking management to tackle the future of wild fisheries

The newly re-appointed CEO of the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) Wez Norris is calling for a major rethink of fisheries management strategies to address the “coalescence of challenges” that will test the future of Australia’s wild fisheries.

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From Recycling to Redesign: How can we achieve a circular sector?

A groundbreaking new report from the Regional Circularity Cooperative charts an innovative path for the fishing and aquaculture sectors to embrace a circular economy.

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Angling for new inland fishing options

Trials will begin this summer on the feasibility of diversifying inland fishing opportunities in Queensland by introducing two trevally species (*Caranx* spp.) to selected dams.

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Top research rewarded at glittering galas

Glittering gala Seafood Awards dinners have been held throughout the country to recognise the contributions of people working in, and in support of, Australian fishing and aquaculture.

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Promising new device to reduce sea snake bycatch in prawn trawling

A sector-led initiative to reduce the bycatch of sea-snakes in prawn trawlers, support by FRDC, is refining a new snake escape device and testing its effectiveness in three major prawn fisheries.

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In Brief

- Contribute to the advancement of Australia's seafood sectors by taking part in the Futures of Seafood: Commercial Industry survey, which seeks to capture the current state and anticipate the future of the seafood sector as part of the FRDC-funded 'Futures of Seafood' project. [Find out more](#)
- FRDC is pleased to have partnered with Oysters Australia and the University of Tasmania to develop a FREE shellfish safety supervisors' course. [Find out more](#)
- Regional Circularity Cooperative and University of Wollongong are recruiting for the next round of the Circular Accelerator program - find out more by joining their Discovery workshop happening on Thursday 15th of August. [Find out more](#)

Movers

- FRDC's own Angela Tsang has departed our communications team after two remarkable stints. Angela was most recently our Digital Communications Lead, a position held since 2019.
- After 40 years of service, Geoff Allan has stepped down from his role at NSW Fisheries. A global leader in fisheries science, Geoff was well renowned for his incredible contributions to aquaculture sciences both nationally and internationally.
- FRDC has announced the newly appointed Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Chairs for the next three years.
 - WARAC = Brett McCallum
 - SARAC = Steve Kennelly
 - VICRAC = Tracey Bradley
 - TASRAC & NTRAC = Heidi Mumme
 - COMRAC, NSW RAC & QLD RAC = Cathy Dichmont
- Senator the Hon. Murray Watt, whilst in his former position as Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry appointed Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) Commissioners:
 - Wez Norris, Chief Executive Officer
 - Mr Scott Spencer, Deputy Chairperson
 - Dr Ian Dutton, Commissioner
 - Dr Sally Troy, Commissioner
 - Mr Brett McCallum, Commissioner
 - Ms Sevaly Sen, Commissioner
- Former Forest Industries Federation WA Executive Director, Melissa Haslam, has been appointed as the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council's (WAFIC) new Chief Executive Officer.
- Scott Hansen has commenced his new role as Chief Executive Officer at the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.
- Jared Greenville has been appointed as Acting First Assistant Secretary – Agvet Chemicals, Fisheries and Forestry Division within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).
- Toby Jeavons has stepped down from his role at the Victorian Fisheries Authority.
- The Seafood New Zealand Board has appointed Lisa Futschek as its new Chief Executive Officer, replacing Dr Jeremy Helson.
- Dr Catherine Ainsworth has been appointed as the new Chair of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board.



Geoff Allan

Events

Stay up-to-date with our schedule of exciting and informative gatherings, from conferences to workshops and more. Whether you're looking to network with like-minded individuals, learn from industry experts, or simply have a good time, you'll find it all here. Browse our events calendar, find one that interests you, and join us for a memorable experience! [Click here for the latest schedule](#)

FRDC Projects

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- navigating to the bottom of any web page and click on *View filter* section to expand the filter options when viewing on mobile devices (see Mobile view image below)

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