



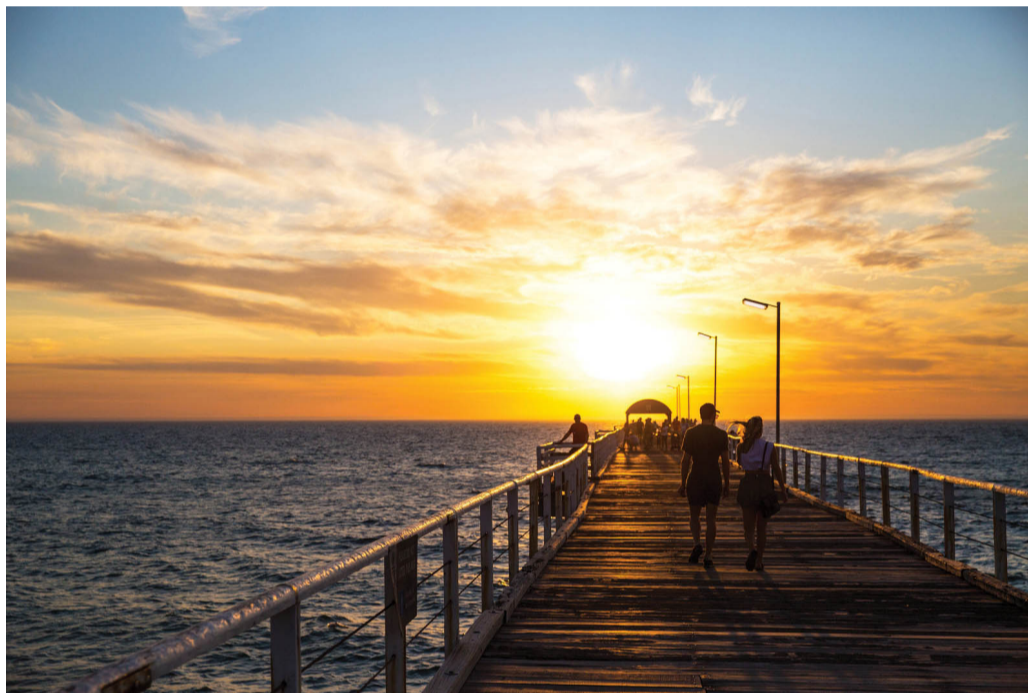
Hello

Welcome to the January 2023 FRDC News.

In this issue we bring you articles on the survival rates of released Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*) and the development of a stock assessment game.

A new year also signals new opportunities for fishing and aquaculture, key to this is the National Seafood Industry Leadership Program (NSILP), more information on how to sign up to this Program is below.

Don't forget, we're always keen to get your feedback and story suggestions. 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.

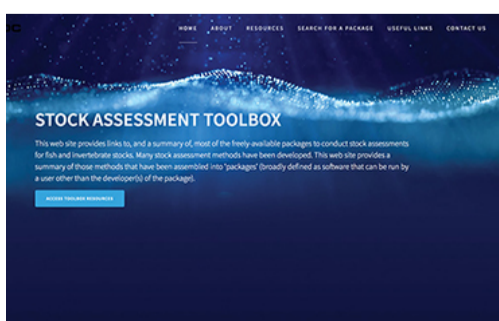


How the numbers stand for Snapper Survival

Strategies to reverse the population decline in Australian Snapper fisheries are the focus of FRDC's latest research on the species, including the impact of 'catch and release' practices.

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The future of Stock Assessment

Stock assessments are the cornerstone of sustainable fisheries, and the latest stock assessment Toolbox update goes a long way to helping assess fish stocks.

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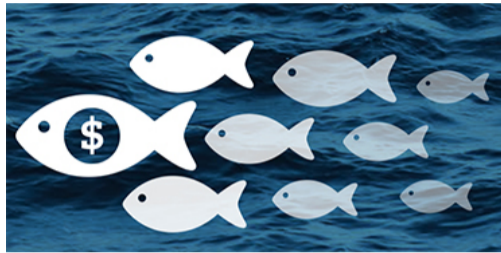
20-22 February
Melbourne, Australia

World Recreational Fishing Conference being hosted 'down under'

The World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC) is celebrating its 10th birthday 'down under', with the event being hosted in Melbourne for the very first time. Sign up to attend this conference now.

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FRDC Investment and Impact Highlights

Check out FRDC's 2021-22 investment and impact highlights, presented in an eye-catching infographic.

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ABARES Outlook 2023 – Global uncertainty, local challenges

"Global uncertainty, local challenges" is the theme of ABARES Outlook 2023 conference on 7 – 8 March 2023 in Canberra. Registrations are now open, with early bird discounts available until 27 January.

FRDC is proud to be sponsoring the fisheries and aquaculture session and looks forward to a robust discussion on how the sector is adapting to a changing world.

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In Brief

- Applications for the **National Seafood Industry Leadership Program 2023 (NSILP)** are now open.

It is the only national industry-specific leadership program designed in consultation with seafood industry leaders and organisations. All sectors of the Australian seafood industry are encouraged to participate.

Two intakes are being offered this year. Participants can complete the program either online or in-person.

- **International Seaweed Symposium** Registrations for the 24th International Seaweed Symposium which will be held in Australia for the first time. It will take place in Hobart, Tasmania, on 19-24 February 2023.
- **AgriFutures evokeAG tickets are now on sale.** This is Asia Pacific's premier agrifood tech event, attracting leaders, farmers, innovators, researchers, universities, corporates, government and investors to one location to connect and collaborate on 21-22 February 2023, in Adelaide, South Australia
- **Apply now for sea time onboard research vessels**
Australian researchers are invited to apply for fully-funded grants offering sea time of up to five days on the MRV Ngerin or RV Naturaliste research vessels.

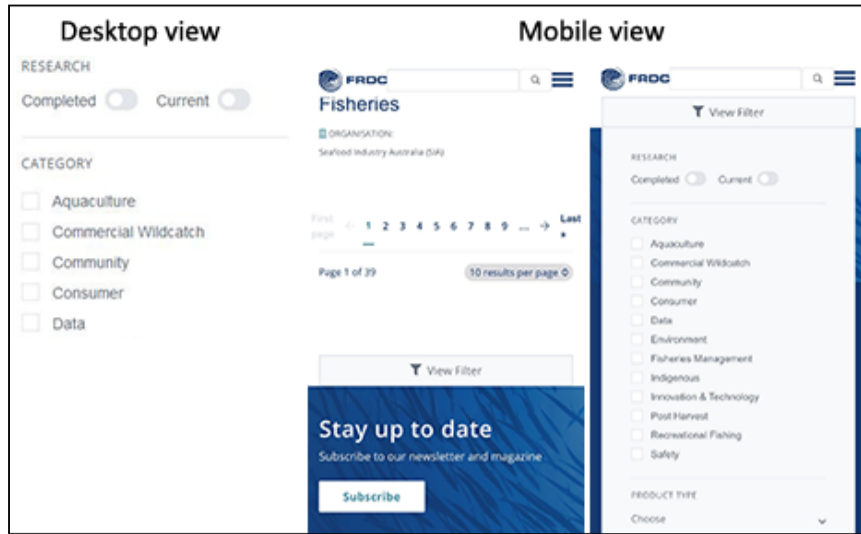
This is a one-off opportunity with options for sea time available in March and April 2023. One grant will be offered per vessel.
- The **Sustainable Seafood Awards Australia** recognise organisations and individuals making a significant contribution to ensure we have fish forever. The annual awards are run by the Marine Stewardship Council in partnership with the Aquaculture Stewardship Council. Applications and nominations are now open.

Upcoming events

Find all the latest events at <https://www.frdc.com.au/upcoming-events>

FRDC projects

Find a dynamic list of our current and completed projects on our website. On these pages, you will also be able to filter our projects by topics, species, organisation and more, using the filter list on the right (on desktop view) or at the bottom of the list (in mobile view).



FRDC website updates

Catch up on the latest updates across our website

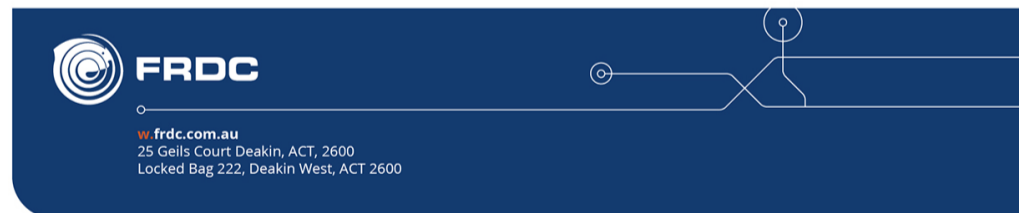
- Blue Carbon
- Energy Efficiency and Renewables
- Inland Saline Aquaculture
- Seaweed Aquaculture in Australia

Movers

- **Cathy McGowan** AO has been appointed to the position of Chairperson of the AgriFutures Australia Board
- **John Adams** will move permanently into the role of Manager of Projects and Partnerships at the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.
- **Kylie Chatfield** has joined the Marine Branch at NRE Tasmania as a Fisheries Engagement Officer.
- Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania has been joined by **Dr Wetjens Dimmlich**, who will be their new Wild Fisheries Branch Manager.
- **Jarrold Edwards** has joined the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania as the Cultural Fisheries Management Officer
- **Brad Evans**, Senior Manager of Breeding and Research has left Tassal, and will join CSIRO.
- **Shane Penny** will be moving on from NT Fisheries to work in the Reef Fisheries and Data Assurance team at the Department of Climate Change Energy, the Environment, and Water.

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