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Australian Fish Names

STANDARD AS 5300

Standardising Fish Names Across Australian Jurisdictions

Publication and development of the
Australian Standard for Fish Names

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Australian Fish Names Standard

The Australian Fish Names Standard (AS 5300) provides guidance on complying with requirements for the use of standard fish names in Australia, and is intended for use by people and businesses involved with fish or seafood in Australia.

Seafood Services Australia (SSA) accepted responsibility for standardising fish names in 2001. The Fisheries Research & Development Corporation was accredited as a Standards Development Organisation in 2013 and continued this responsibility

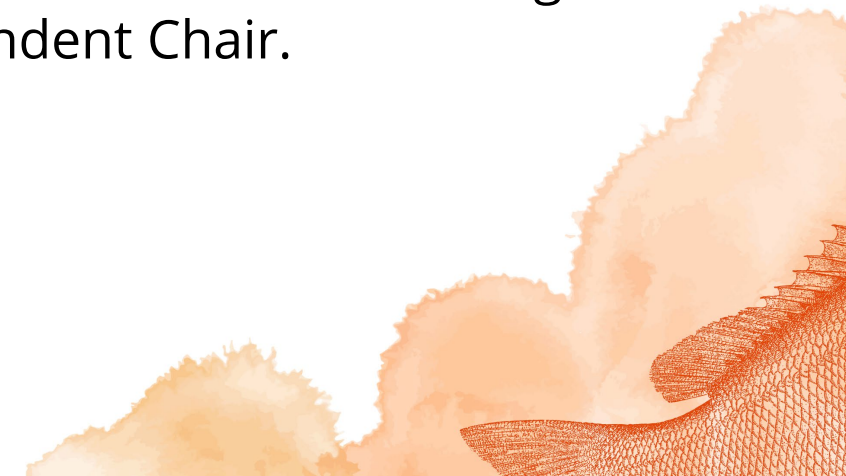




Australian Fish Names Standard

A Fish Names Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of this Standard, which is underpinned by rigorous policies and procedures that have been developed by FRDC.


The Committee, which meets twice a year, comprises representatives from the following industry sectors: harvesting, production, retail and hospitality; representatives from academia; a recreational fishing representative; and an independent Chair.





Need for standard fish names

Adoption of the Fish Names Standard will assist with consistent legislation and policy across Australia. Standard fish names will:

1. Improve management of food safety
 2. Remove confusion when identifying fish by recreational fishers and others
 3. Strengthen recreational fisher and consumer confidence for target species
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Need for standard fish names

4. Create market efficiency in the commercial and recreational fishing sectors

5. Facilitate product recall and traceability

6. Underpin effective species-based fisheries management

7. Improve management of food safety.





Purpose of the Fish Names Standard

The use of the Fish Names Standard achieves outcomes that are consistent with the aims of industry and governments:

1. Improved monitoring and stock assessment enhances the sustainability of fisheries resources

2. Increased efficiency in marketing and promotion improves consumer confidence, industry effectiveness and industry value



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3. Improved accuracy in descriptions enables fishers/consumers to make better informed choices when targeting species for recreational purposes or purchasing seafood for consumption

4. Seafood-related public health incidents and food safety risks can be more efficiently managed through improved labelling and species identification

5. Marketability and consumer acceptability of species are enhanced through the use of standard fish names.





Examples of Standard Names

Crimson Snapper (*Lutjanus erythropterus*)

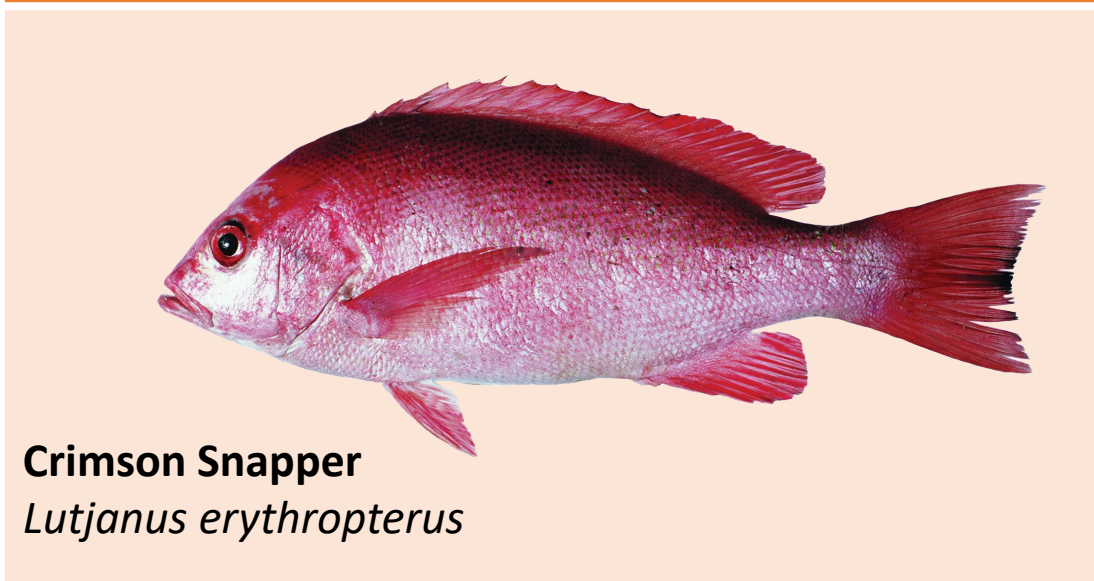
TROPICAL SNAPPERS (*Lutjanus* spp.)

[Capitals signify group names covering more than one species]

Snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*)

Australia has more than 5,000 native species of finfish, and many more crustaceans, molluscs and other invertebrates. The Australian Fish Names Standard now includes agreed names for nearly 5,000 Australian and imported Standard Fish Names.

State/Territory overlap of recreational and commercially important fish species with snapper in their Standard Name



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Golden Snapper
Lutjanus johnii



Saddletail Snapper
Lutjanus malabaricus
































RUBY SNAPPERS
Etelis spp.



Stripey Snapper
Lutjanus carponotatus



State/Territory overlap of recreational and commercially important fish species with snapper in their Standard Name

Standard Name	Western Australia (WA)	Northern Territory (NT)	Queensland (QLD)	New South Wales (NSW)	Victoria (Vic)	Tasmania (Tas)	South Australia (SA)	Commonwealth
Snapper <i>Chrysophrys auratus</i>						*		
Brownstripe Snapper <i>Lutjanus vitta</i>								
Crimson Snapper <i>Lutjanus erythropterus</i>								
Goldband Snapper <i>Pristipomoides multidens</i>								
Golden Snapper <i>Lutjanus johnii</i>								
Saddletail Snapper <i>Lutjanus malabaricus</i>								
RUBY SNAPPERS <i>Etelis spp.</i>								
Stripey Snapper <i>Lutjanus carponotatus</i>								





How is it relevant to me?

Standards produced by FRDC through our dedicated committees benefit the seafood industry and the general community through the use of agreed terminology – a common language understood by all

By using agreed Standard Fish Names throughout recreational fishing activities and the commercial supply chain we can help avoid confusion created by multiple common fish names in our industry and the broader community

You can find the correct fish name on the searchable Fish Names Database which is underpinned by evidence-based science. Visit www.fishnames.com.au

You can submit an application for a new fish name or to change an existing fish name; or comment on an application through the public consultation process. Visit www.fishnames.com.au





Communication and extension

Webpage: www.fishnames.com.au

Searchable Fish Names Database

Chair communiques (following each FNC meeting)

E-newsletters (following FNC meetings or at other times where required)

Presentations at conferences and events





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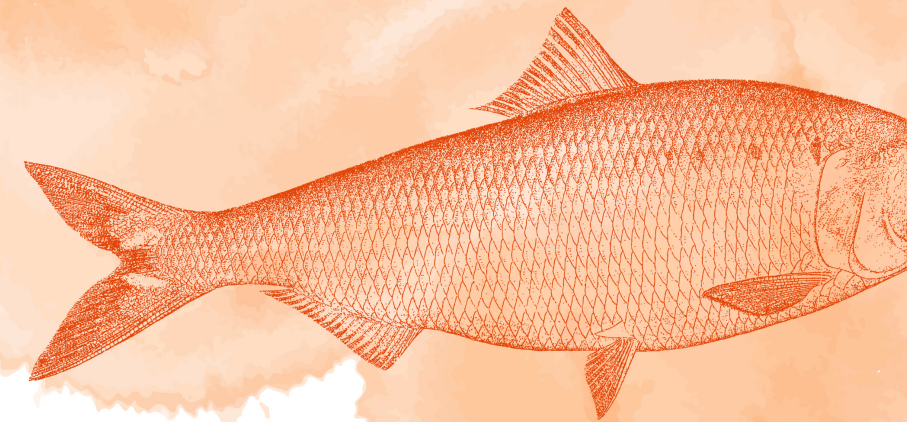
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