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Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation



INLAND OCEANS TO HELP ADDRESS SALINITY

Increasing salinity of agricultural land could prove beneficial to Australia's seafood industry.

Australian Fisheries and Conservation Minister Senator Ian Macdonald said the Australian Government will provide \$620,000 to fund an innovative project to explore the opportunities to use saline water for growing fish across the Australian coast.

Almost \$260,000 will be provided for the New South Wales based National Aquaculture Action Agenda with a further \$360,000 from the Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC)

Senator Macdonald said the project will explore facilities to grow everything from prawns to finfish.

"They say one man's problem is another man's fortune and if this country can get some good out of the salinity problems it will be a major coup," he said.

In all, \$24.8 million in funding from the FRDC will be poured into new projects across the nation to secure the future of our natural fisheries resources through research and development.

"The funding provides for new projects that will ensure fisheries natural resources are used and developed in an ecologically sustainable manner and that the fishing industry remains profitable and internationally competitive," Senator Macdonald said.

Senator Macdonald said the projects would be managed through the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

Attached is a list detailing all projects to receive FRDC funding.

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