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Hello

Happy New Year and congratulations to all those involved in research, fisheries management and industry whose work contributed to the status of [Southern Bluefin Tuna](#) move to green (sustainable) in December 2021.

Welcome to our new FRDC News where we'll bring you more of the stories that you want more regularly. FRDC News replaces Message in a Bottle and will, progressively, replace FISH magazine. Please [drop us a line](#) to let us know what you'd like to see in FRDC News.

If you're interested in joining the FRDC team, [applications are open now for up to seven FRDC Extension Officers and a Strategic Partnerships Manager](#) (see the stories below).

[Watch the video](#)



Fish & Chips Awards celebrate healthy Australian seafood

The Great Australian Fish & Chips Awards highlight the importance of buying fresh, local, Australian seafood and remind customers to ask for Australian seafood when they're buying fish and chips.

Fish and chips are an important route to market for Australian seafood, and the awards celebrate those businesses that excel in delivering delicious and excellent meals. [Read the article](#)



The power of science-based management

Southern Bluefin Tuna's sustainability rating has moved to sustainable in the FRDC's Status of Australian Fish Stocks reports, demonstrating that consistent, scientifically sound management can bring back stocks that had previously been overfished.

Globally, there is a growing number of initiatives to help consumers make sustainable choices. But they are not all created equal, nor do they measure and report on the same parameters. [Read the article](#)

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New ideas born from disruptive times

The FRDC's National Seafood Industry Leadership Program (NSILP) faced an uphill challenge when COVID-19 disrupted its face-to-face format. The program, however, was adapted for the uncertain times, its participants rallied to support each other and a promising new model of operating emerged.

NSILP, the seafood industry's premier leadership development program, spans six months with three blocks of three-day workshops. These are usually held in a regional area, then at the Sydney Fish Market and finally in Canberra, where participants meet decision-makers and attend Parliament. [Read the article](#)



Exciting opportunities in extension and adoption

As Patrick outlined in his welcome, extension and adoption are priorities for the FRDC, and we are hiring up to seven new Extension Officers to improve the impact of fisheries research and development.

These exciting new positions, based around the country, will engage with stakeholders to better understand [R&D needs](#) and to improve the uptake of our research products and findings. The Extension Officers will also apply their extension expertise to national R&D challenges identified by the sector.

[Applications are open now](#)



New Strategic Partnerships Manager role

Do you have an entrepreneurial mindset, experience in creating and nurturing partnerships and opportunities, and a keen interest in delivering value to fishing and aquaculture sectors and the Australian public?

The FRDC is recruiting a Strategic Partnerships Manager to help establish and maintain new partnerships to realise fresh opportunities, acquire additional resources and/or enable co-investment. Securing new partnerships and funding will help to achieve the outcomes described within our ambitious [R&D Plan 2020–25](#).

Applications are open now



Hatch program 2022 is now open

If you are a fisheries manager, aquaculturist, sole operator or someone with an innovative business idea that could positively impact fisheries or aquaculture, then you can apply to the Hatch Program to get your concept tested.

Hatch is a six-week program that will allow you to rapidly validate your business idea with real customers, boost your confidence, build your skills and network to progress through your entrepreneurial journey.

The [Farmers2Founders program](#) focuses on providing tailored resources and tools, one-on-one coaching and access to a network of producers and community.

Applications close on 6 February 2022



Seaweed Research Assistant jobs

If you missed out on applying for the Whitsunday Coast-based Research Assistant positions at the University of the Sunshine Coast (that closed yesterday), don't despair.

The team is keen to hear from suitably qualified and experienced Research Assistants to work on the [FRDC-funded seaweed project](#) 'Nature-based solutions for prawn farm effluent using seaweed'.

Please contact Alexandra Campbell acampbel@usc.edu.au or Nick Paul npaul@usc.edu.au.

In Brief

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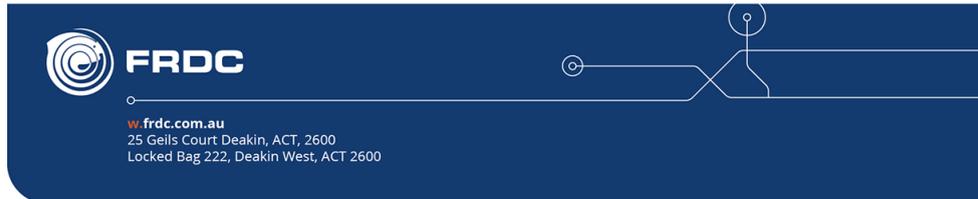
The NSW Government is seeking [stakeholder and community feedback](#) on its draft Management Plan for the NSW Mainland Marine Park Network (2021–2031).

As always, we love your feedback and story suggestions, which you can submit on our website <https://www.frdc.com.au/contact-us>

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