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Welcome to the March issue of FRDC News.

Today, we're celebrating International Women's Day 2022 with an article on [how women are helping to shape the future of Australia's fishing and seafood sector](#).



Starting today, WISA is running a series of free webinars looking at all things seafood and women. You can [register here](#).

Australian seafood scores well on the international scale of microplastics in fish, with much smaller quantities of microplastics in the guts of Australian marine species compared to fish in many other countries.

Good aquatic animal welfare practices are essential to our stewardship of the resource and two FRDC-funded projects have analysed the current state of play for [aquatic animal welfare laws](#).

Finally, [Congratulations to Dr Valentin Thépot](#), winner of the Fishing and Aquaculture Award sponsored by FRDC. We look forward to watching your research and career develop.

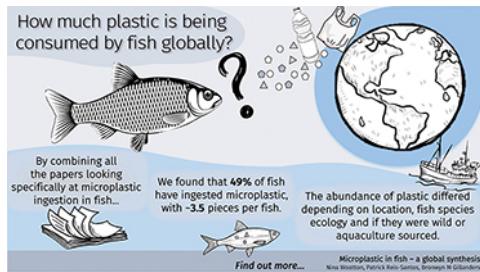
[Watch Patrick's video overview](#)



[Women in Seafood](#)

In celebration of International Women's Day 2022, here are some of the organisations and women helping to shape the future of Australia's fishing and seafood sector.

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[Australian seafood scores well on microplastic scale](#)

An initial investigation into the presence of microplastics in seafood has found much smaller quantities in the guts of Australian marine species compared to those in many other countries.

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Changing perceptions drive fish welfare practices

Changing community perceptions have prompted a review of aquatic animal welfare laws across Australia. Two FRDC-funded projects have analysed the current state of play.

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Winner to test multiple benefits of seaweed for aquaculture

Dr Valentin Thépot is the winner of the Fishing and Aquaculture Award that is sponsored by the FRDC as part of the 2022 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

[Read our media release](#)



Barramundi benefit from ‘gap year’ in fresh water

Recreational fishers may be pleased to know that Barramundi that spend time in fresh water as juveniles grow faster and larger than those that spend their entire lives in salt water.

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Hooked on solutions

PhD candidates Kat Doughty and Isobel Sewell are evaluating insect meal proteins in aquafeeds as a potential solution to addressing food security and climate change.

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FRDC interim performance reporting

We have launched [our first interim performance report](#) for the period 1 July 2021 to 4 March 2022. This report helps connect stakeholders to our monitoring and the impacts of our research. This information also helps us to better understand how we can shape our investments in response to what we are learning.

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Read March FISH magazine online

You can read [March FISH magazine](#) in full, including the articles that first appeared in the January and February issues of FRDC News.

In Brief

How to keep microfibres from clothing out of the ocean

Microfibres from clothing make up the largest portion of plastics ingested by fish in Australian waters. You can help stop microplastics from your clothes entering waterways.

News in brief

Improving crew safety at sea; Seafood Directions 2022 One Voice, One Future; congratulate Matt Hansen OAM; FRDC farewelling [FISH magazine](#).

WISA webinars

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Coastal research vessel survey

Do you use or plan to use Australian coastal research vessels as part of your work? [Have your say](#) on what equipment and capabilities these vessels should have by completing this short survey by **15 March 2022**.

Fish Forever campaign launch

[Register to join](#) the Marine Stewardship Council and the Aquaculture Stewardship Council on **Friday 18 March** for the launch of their Fish Forever campaign.

Seafood Directions 2022 One voice, one future

Seafood Directions 2022 will be held in Brisbane from 13-15 September and the call is out for speakers. For more information and to submit your interest by **Monday 4 April**, visit <https://www.seafooddirections.com.au/program/call-for-speakers>.

New projects

FRDC has recently approved the following research projects.

Final reports

The following final reports have recently been published on www.frdc.com.au

Movers

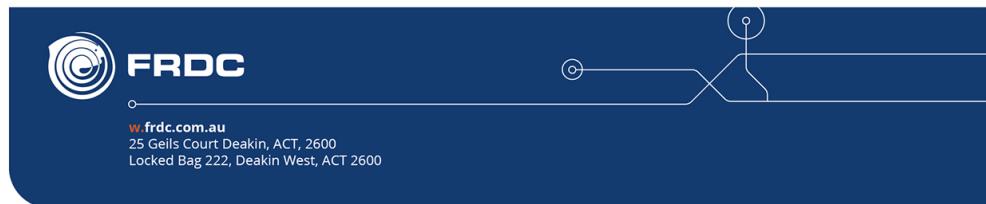
The latest movers in the seafood sector.

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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