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A new perspective on commercial wild catch

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Dive into the diverse commercial wild catch sector in a new FRDC video series [‘Take a Deep Dive: Commercial wild catch fishing’](#)!

Other top stories include how [First Nations voices took centre stage at the Inaugural Sea Country Conference](#), a trawl project [highlighting our magnificent marine biodiversity](#), [how aquaculture is performing compared to wild catch](#), and much more!

FRDC also [invites you to complete our Stakeholder Survey](#), giving you the opportunity to provide your feedback on FRDC’s processes, systems and overall value.



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.

Top stories



Campaign captures a new perspective on Australia's commercial wild catch fishing

A new series tells stories behind Australian wild catch fishers - showcasing how fishers care for the environment, their important contribution to regional communities through employment and creating economic value as well as the innovative and sustainable practices in place.

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First Nations voices take centre stage at Inaugural Australian Sea Country Conference

First Nations voices led vital discussions on stewardship of sea country, cultural identity and connection to Country at the inaugural Australian Sea Country Conference.

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Aquaculture leads the way in global seafood consumption

FRDC's investment in aquaculture research, development and extension supports a sector setting new production records globally to meet increased demand for seafood.

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Trawling project spotlights marine biodiversity

Some understudied species and thriving biodiversity levels have been identified in a project mapping the marine life of the seabed habitats in southern Queensland and north-central New South Wales

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Harnessing Marine Science to Empower our Oceans

In a world grappling with unprecedented challenges for our oceans, the Australian Marine Science Association (AMSA) conference illuminated the path forward, showcasing the future leaders in marine science.

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In Brief

Interested in the development of aquaculture techniques for *Asparagopsis taxiformis*? Check out a new video produced by JSU and ASSA to see what has been happening at the 'National Hatchery Network (NHN) - Tropical Hub' for the past 10 months!

[Watch the video!](#)

In case you missed it, SafeFish have uploaded a recording of their microplastics in seafood webinar – covering all the risks and implications of microplastics in seafood species.

[Watch the video!](#)

NT Fisheries are hiring a Program Director in the Strategic Aboriginal Policy section. Provide high-level leadership to enhance fisheries management in the Northern Territory through engagement with Indigenous communities, collaboration with ranger groups in aquatic resource managements and integrate Indigenous rights and interests.

[Find out more](#)

The South Australian Research Development Institute is hiring for a Research Scientist – Fisheries Modelling. The successful applicant will provide statistical analysis of data sets and model development and undertake stock assessments for wild-stock fisheries.

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Movers

- **Pauline Jacob** is the new Chair of the [Australian Fisheries Management Forum \(AFMF\)](#) - an informal network for sharing information and enhancing collaboration between state, territory and federal government fishery management agencies. The heads of these agencies are members of the forum, with observers from relevant bodies (including FRDC).
- South Australian grain grower **Sharon Starick** has been announced as the new GRDC Board Chair.
- Research Director **Mike Patane** has left Marine Bioproducts CRC.
- The National Farmers Federation (NFF)'s chief executive officer (CEO) **Tony Mahar** will become the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner in December.
- Former DAFF Secretary, **Andrew Metcalfe AO**, has been nominated as chair-elect of the Gardiner Foundation – which invests in research and development, people capability and community development to benefit the Victorian dairy industry.
- Aquaculture Research and Development Director at DPIRD WA, **Greg Jenkins** is retiring, after an illustrious 40-year career.



Pauline Jacob

In the News

China's ban on Australian rock lobsters is expected to be lifted by the end of the year, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced. Rock lobster fishers say China is "by far" their biggest market and the impact on coastal WA communities will be significant.

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Learn more about marvellous mud crabs in this National Geographic story on female mud crab research which mentions some preliminary science from FRDC Project 2017-006.

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FRDC Projects

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- using the filter list on the right side of the search results page when searching from the desktop (see Desktop view image below) or
- navigating to the bottom of any web page and click on *View filter* section to expand the filter options when viewing on mobile devices (see Mobile view image below)

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