



Fisheries services

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Fisheries in the Indian Ocean Territories

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development — Fisheries provides the following services on behalf of the Australian Government:

- commercial and recreational fisheries management;
- fisheries research and assessment;
- fisheries community education and compliance;
- aquatic biosecurity services;
- fish health diagnostic and pathology services;
- fisheries compliance services; and
- licencing and aquaculture management.

What does this mean for me?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development — Fisheries objective is to conserve, sustainably develop and share aquatic resources and their habitats for the benefit of everyone, including future generations. Island-specific recreational fishing arrangements and rules will be introduced in order to help ensure the ongoing sustainability of aquatic resources for the future.

Managing commercial fishing and aquaculture through licences. Assessing applications for new activities within a sustainability framework. Regular monitoring and research of aquatic organisms contributes to understanding the health of local fish populations which supports fisheries management decisions.

Offering school-aged children educational activities focused on understanding the importance of fisheries management and to promote community stewardship of aquatic resources.



The recreational fishing arrangements have been developed in consultation with the community over a number of years. The arrangements aim to ensure that the fish resources at each island are used and conserved for the benefit of the local community.

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