Indigenous economic development in Fisheries and Aquaculture

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Indigenous Fisheries Development Strategy 2012-14

Vision:

Aboriginal Territorians contributing at all levels   of fisheries management, sustainable development and ecological protection.

Strategic Priorities:
- – Economic development
- – Aquatic Resource Management

Indigenous Marine Ranger Program

- Total of 18 ranger groups.

- Fisheries provides financial support to 10 groups.

- Deliver compliance and research services

Indigenous Fishing Mentor Program

- Provide on-country training in fishing practices
- Support economic participation in the seafood industry

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Indigenous Marine Training Program

- Certificate II and III in Compliance
- Certificate II in Fishing Operations
- Certificate II in Measuring and Analysis

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East Arnhem Indigenous Fishing Network

- Developing an Indigenous fishing industry in East Arnhem
- Coordinate education and training
- Establishment of Garngirr Fishing Aboriginal Corporation, a Yolngu commercial fishing business
- Increase the supply of locally produced seafood from Yolngu fishing businesses in the East Arnhem region

Aboriginal Coastal Licences

- Only applies for people who want to sell fish
- Small scale commercial licence to support economic development

Tropical Rock Oyster

- Research to establish a tropical oyster industry
- Two sites: Pirlangimpi and Warruwi
- Initiated by Traditional Owners

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Trepang

- Trepang ranching trial
- Community, Industry and Government partnership

Next steps

- Sustainable Indigenous seafood businesses
- Transitioning research into industries

Key factors

- Supportive legislation
- Established relationships with communities
- Shared vision and long term commitment

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Thank you

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