

# National Snapshot

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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY AND FISHERIES

# National Indigenous Fishing Recognition & Initiatives

## 'SUCCESS STORIES' - PROGRESS AGAINST THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL 2004 COMMUNIQUE ON INDIGENOUS FISHING

Jurisdiction	Legislative Recognition	Policies or Strategies	Practices & Initiatives	Specific Customary Take or Allocation	Management Engagement	Capacity Building	Licence Allocation	Employment & Training
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AFMA	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Red

Note: Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT), Blue Mud Bay case.

# NEW SOUTH WALES

## Legislative: YES

- But limited to recreational catch.
- Section 37 Permit Applications for ceremonial harvest.

## Programs/Initiatives:

- Indigenous Fishing Strategy 2002.
- Traineeships.

## Management:

- Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council.



# QUEENSLAND

## Legislative: YES

- Legislative defence provision for customary take.

## Programs/Initiatives:

- Indigenous Fishing Strategy 2002.
- Indigenous Fishing Permit.

## Management:

- Management recognition - Indigenous as a separate sector.
- Nil licence or catch allocation.



# VICTORIA

Legislative: Nil

- Traditional Owner Recognition Permit.

Programs/Initiatives:

- Aboriginal Fishing Strategy.
- VIC Fisheries target 5% Aboriginal employment.

Management:

- Developing engagement practices in Fisheries Management.



# TASMANIA

Legislative: YES

- But limited to recreational fishing limits.

Programs/Initiatives:

- Permits for customary or communal fishing.

Management: Nil



# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Legislative: Nil

- Recognition via Ministerial exemptions only.

Programs/Initiatives:

- Indigenous Land Use Agreements.
- Developed model for Sea Ranger Program.
- Traineeships and Scholarships.

Management:

Minister may create Indigenous management plans.

- Indigenous recognised as a Sector
- Indigenous allocation in each fishery



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Legislative: YES

- Catch shares allocated to Customary sector (Lobster & Abalone)

Programs/Initiatives:

- Customary Fishing Policy 2009.

Management:

- Joint Management and Native Title Agreements.





# NORTHERN TERRITORY

## Legislative: YES

- Catch shares allocated to Customary sector (Spanish Mackerel).
- Customary harvest is exempt from *Fisheries Act*.
- Indigenous Sea Rangers with Compliance Powers (2017).
- Aboriginal Community Licences; small scale commercial.

## Programs/Initiatives:

- Fisheries Research Indigenous Engagement Policy.
- Indigenous Development Strategy 2012-14.
- Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program; funding and operational support undertaking coastal surveillance and fisheries research.
- Commercial fishing development, East Arnhem Land.
- Indigenous Maritime Training Program, Nhulunbuy.
- Fisheries Indigenous Development Unit within the Department.
- Apprenticeships.
- Cadetships.
- Current NT Fisheries Indigenous employment rate is 22%.

## Management:

- Indigenous Resource Management Committees.
- Aboriginal representation in fishery management committees.
- Aboriginal representation on NTFRAB.



# AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Legislative: YES

- Torres Strait *Fisheries Act*.
- Right to take fish for commercial or trade.

Programs/Initiatives:

- Torres Strait Treaty 1985.
- Licence allocation; 100% fin fished owned by Torres Strait communities.
- Sea Ranger Program assistance

Management:

- Protection Zone Joint Authority; Australia and PNG.
- Indigenous recognised as a Sector.



# Thank you

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