

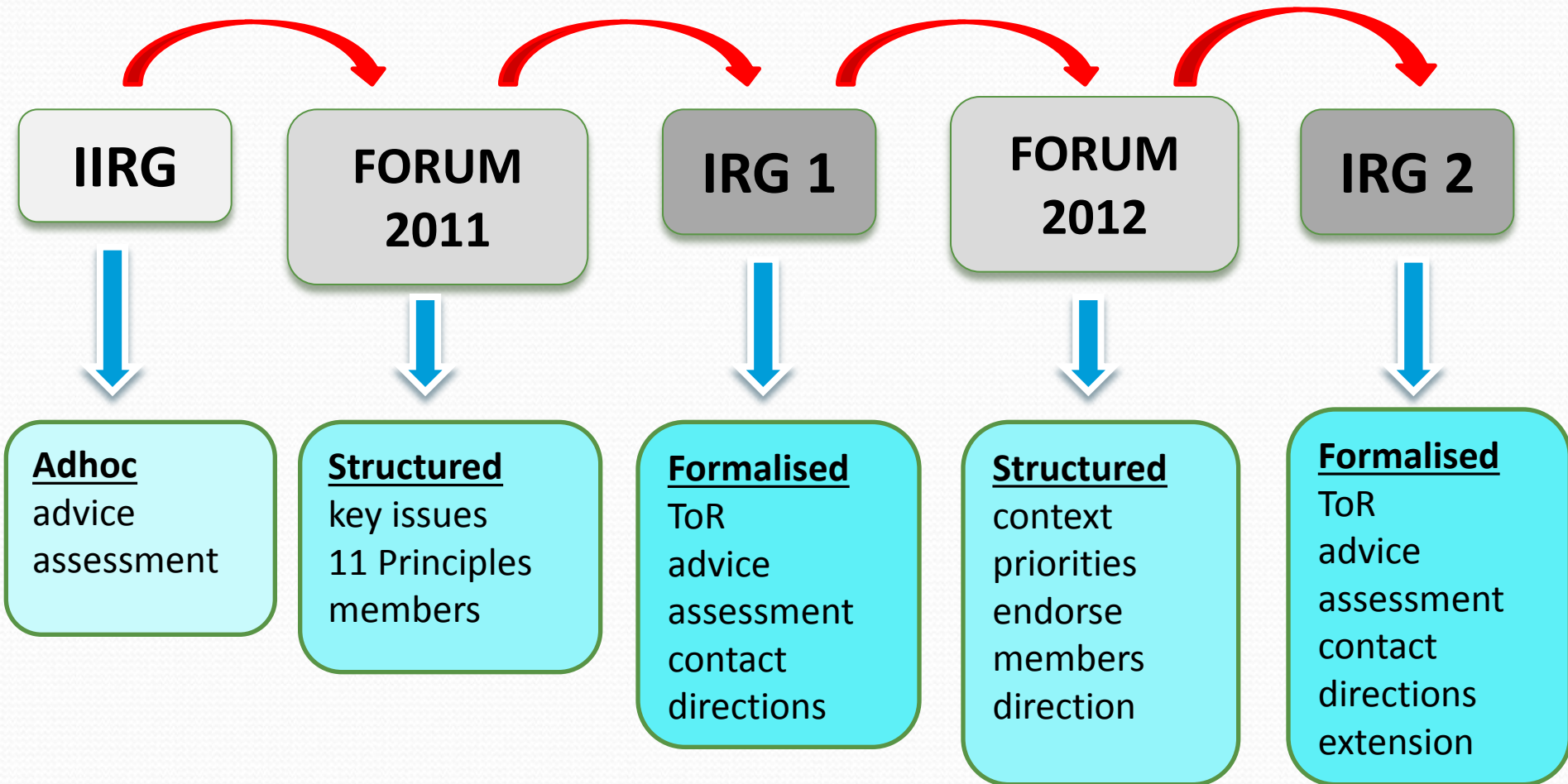


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Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
Indigenous Fisheries Sub-program

How did we get to here?



11 Principles

- Seeks to enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition
- Resolves issues around access
- Improves governance and provide pathways to better representation and management models
- Provides resourcing options in a user friendly and culturally appropriate manner
- Leads to improved capacity that empowers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Leads to Agencies developing capacity to recognise and utilise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander expertise, processes and knowledge
- Leads to recognition of customary rights and knowledge, including processes to incorporate Traditional Fishing Knowledge and Traditional Fisheries Management
- Improves knowledge and awareness of impacts on the environment and traditional harvest
- Provides management arrangements that lead to improved access, protection and incorporation of Traditional Fishing Knowledge and Traditional Fisheries Management input to processes
- Leads to an increased value for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (economic, social, cultural, trade, health, environmental)
- Leads to benefit sharing

What is the IRG and what has it done?

- What is the IRG?
- Key tasks and outputs
 - Point of contact
 - Coordinated responses
 - Provide advice on range of applications/projects
 - Evolve 11 principles into action plan
 - RD&E Priorities for Fishing and Aquaculture from an Indigenous Perspective

5 Strategic Priorities

- Primacy for indigenous People
- Acknowledgement of indigenous Cultural Practices
- Self determination of indigenous rights to use and manage resources
- Economic development opportunities and rights for indigenous people
- Capacity building opportunities for indigenous people are enhanced

Current research projects

- IRG currently oversee a portfolio of 13 projects.
- Some of the projects include:
 - Mapping livelihood values of Indigenous customary fishing.
 - Improving access for Indigenous Australians to, and involvement in the use and management of Australia's fisheries resources.
 - Improving the recognition and integration of traditional owner customary fishing and ecological knowledge in the management of Victoria's fisheries.
 - Building the capacity and performance of Indigenous fisheries.
 - Indigenous cultural fishing and fisheries governance.

Next Steps

- Encourage Agencies, Hubs/Programs to consider indigenous needs in the RD&E process as a standing item not as an add on
- Find new ways to improve two way meaningful engagement
- Find solutions to address the RD&E priorities
- Focus on regional investment to build national outcomes
- Optimise Extension and Adoption opportunities
- Work closely with the new Government to improve engagement with Indigenous Communities