



Northern Territory Government

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
FISHERIES GROUP
AQUACULTURE BRANCH

Aquaculture Strategic Plan

2011 - 2015

Our vision

A growing, viable and economically sustainable aquaculture industry

Our Values

- Professional delivery of services and research
- Excellence in our field
- Dedicated and professionally nurtured team

Our mission

To stimulate and sustain economic development and employment through aquaculture

Our Core Business

- Delivery of services and priority research to industry
- Developing aquaculture enterprises in partnership with Indigenous communities
- Facilitating business investment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

KEY ACTIONS

MAJOR OUTCOMES

Facilitate economic growth and viability of existing and emerging aquaculture industries

- Develop strong partnerships with existing and emerging aquaculture sectors.
- Ensure all programs and services of the Aquaculture Branch are aligned with industry priorities.
- Maintain a responsive and effective aquatic animal health diagnostic service.

A profitable and expanding aquaculture industry.

Attract high-quality investment in aquaculture

- Develop a planned approach to aquaculture development by identifying regions with economic, social and environmental potential for aquaculture.
- Identify and address major barriers to venture implementation and expansion.
- Develop enabling policies and a positive regulatory framework.

A favourable business environment that provides greater certainty for investment in aquaculture in the Territory.

Facilitate Indigenous economic development and employment opportunities

- Identify and address constraints to involvement of Aboriginal people in aquaculture.
- Partner with Indigenous communities to conduct pilot programs for farming a range of target species to assess their suitability for culture in remote locations.
- Integrate aquaculture planning into development plans for the coastal Territory Growth Towns (A Working Future).
- Produce an aquaculture development plan for at least one key Territory region.

Successful aquaculture enterprises that provide employment and business opportunities for Indigenous people.

Optimal use of the Darwin Aquaculture Centre

- Deliver high quality R&D that delivers against industry and Indigenous economic development priorities.
- Continue to develop and strengthen linkages with other tropical R&D institutions and programs to maximise the benefits to the Territory's aquaculture industry.
- Grow the Darwin Aquaculture Centre's research capacity through strategic staff and student development programs.

The Darwin Aquaculture Centre is highly valued by government and industry for its capacity to deliver against identified priorities.

Ensure a high standard of environmental sustainability

- Develop and implement risk-based environmental assessment frameworks in collaboration with other agencies.
- Ensure the Territory's aquaculture industry operates within current and relevant environmental management plans.
- Prepare an annual report on environmental management of aquaculture in the Territory.

The Territory's aquaculture industry operates according to environmental best practice.