



## PROGRAM

DAY ONE	Tuesday 19 August 2025		
	17:00 - 19:00	Registration and Speaker Support	
	17:30 - 19:30	Welcome Reception - Meeting Place, Rydges Melbourne	Sponsored by: 
DAY TWO	Wednesday 20 August 2025		
	08:00	Registration, Speaker Support and Barista Coffee	
	09:00	MC Introduction - Emma Germano	Barista Sponsor: 
	09:05	Conference Welcome - Wayne Dredge, Conference Committee Chair	
	09:10	Official Conference Opening - Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism	
	09:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session: Darren Lim, Australian National University Maximizing economic prosperity in the Indo-Pacific	
	10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea and Exhibition	Sponsored by: 
	11:00 - 12:45	Session 1 – Global Trends	
		Tightening belts and getting transparent – what’s it to do with fisheries management? Kate Brooks, Kal Analysis (20min)	
		Harvesting insight: Data-smart thinking for sustainable value Jannat Maqbool, Y5 (20 mins)	
		Opportunities and Trends in Sustainable Seafood Markets An Yan, Marine Stewardship Council (20min)	
		The Global Blue Economy Irene Penesis, Blue Economy CRC (20min)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A	
	12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Exhibition	Sponsored by: 
	13:45 - 15:30	Session 2 – Technology and Innovation	
		Proof on the Water: Deckhand Data Securing Fair Offshore-Wind Compensation Simon Dick, Real Time Data (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Revolutionising fisheries stock assessments using whole genome sequencing Collin Ahrens, Cesar Australia (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Measuring crustacea in a snapshot Scott Hadley, University of Tasmania (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Advances in protein traceability Rose Elphick-Darling, Aus Ag Traceability Working Group (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		Panel Discussion and Q&A	Speaker Sponsor: 
	15:30 - 15:40	Quick break	
	15:40 - 17:25	Session 3 – Trade and Marketing	
		Strengthening China trade relations Tom Parker, Australia China Business Council (20min)	
		Fostering strategic export partnerships Ivan Veljkovic, Global Victoria (20 mins)	
		Export markets and steadying the ship Lee McLean, Australian Grape & Wine (20min)	
		Branding within Ecommerce Platforms Jonathan Cox, Stratforms (20 mins)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A	
	17:30 - 19:30	Trade Drinks - Meeting Place, Rydges Melbourne	Supported by: 



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Thursday 21 August 2025			
DAY THREE	07:30	Registration, Speaker Support and Barista Coffee	Barista Sponsor: 
	08:00 - 08:10	<b>Day 2 Welcome</b> - Veronica Papacosta, Seafood Industry Australia	
	08:10 - 09:30	<b>Session 4 – Fishery Updates</b>	
		<b>Southern Rock Lobster</b> - Tom Cosentino, SRL Ltd (20 mins)	Session 4 Sponsored by: 
		<b>New Zealand</b> - Mark Edwards, NZRLIC (20min)	
		<b>Western Rock Lobster</b> - Matt Taylor, WRLC (20min)	
		<b>Eastern Rock Lobster</b> - Scott Westley, Eastern Rock (10min)	
		<b>Tropical Rock Lobster</b> - Brett Arlidge, MG Kailis (10min)	
	09:30 - 10:30	<b>Plenary Session: Beth Casoni, Executive Director, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association</b> The evolution of lobster fishery management – a US perspective	
	10:30 - 11:00	<b>Morning Tea and Exhibition</b>	Sponsored by: 
	11:00 - 12:45	<b>Session 5 – Climate and Environment</b>	
		<b>Seasonal climate forecasts to support decision making in Australian fisheries management</b> Claire Spillman, Bureau of Meteorology (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		<b>Climate Change and Species Range Shifts: Implications for Tasmania's Rock Lobster Fishery</b> Samantha Twiname, University of Tasmania (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		<b>Larval dispersal and connectivity of southern rock lobster across Australia and to New Zealand</b> Katie Cresswell, University of Tasmania (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		<b>Managing the impact of urchins on lobster habitat</b> John Keane, University of Tasmania (20min)	Speaker Sponsor: 
		<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>	
	12:45 - 13:45	<b>Lunch and Exhibition</b>	Sponsored by: 
	13:45 - 15:30	<b>Session 6 – Resource Stewardship and Emerging Threats</b>	
		<b>Industry leadership, collaboration and capacity: critical ingredients for fisheries policy reform</b> Russell Barnett, Western Rock lobster Council (15min)	Session 6 Sponsored by: 
		<b>West Australian Campaign 2025 – Resource Access Security</b> Chauncey Hammond, 3 Sticks (10min)	
		<b>From weeds of the sea to cognitive supremacy: tackling the changing face of animal welfare for commercially exploited cephalopods and what this could mean for other marine invertebrates</b> Zoe Doubleday, University of SA (20min)	
		<b>Does co-existence occur between offshore wind and pot fisheries?</b> Lachlan McKinnon, Brown & May (20min)	
		<b>Shared Seas, Shared Responsibility: Navigating the Global Challenge of Whale Entanglements in Trap Fisheries</b> , Kristen Hoel, OceanWatch (20min)	
		<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>	
	15:30 - 15:40	<b>Quick break</b>	
	15:40 - 16:40	<b>Guest Speakers:</b> <b>Marcelo Hidalgo – Fishing Industry Association of Papua New Guinea</b> Evolution of the PNG lobster fishery	
		<b>Danny Fox – Tasmanian Lobster Fisher</b> Building a community of supporters	
	16:40 - 16:45	<b>Conference Closing</b> - Matt Wassnig, Seafood Industry Victoria	
	18:45 - 23:00	<b>Gala Dinner - Hosted by Lehmo, Entertainment by The Robbie Harts</b> Centre Stage, Rydges Melbourne	Sponsored by: 