



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: 
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		Session 1 Sponsored by: 
	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		Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor: 
	Proof on the Water: Deckhand Data Securing Fair Offshore-Wind Compensation Simon Dick, Real Time Data (20min)		
	Revolutionising fisheries stock assessments using whole genome sequencing Adam Miller, Cesar Australia (20min)		
	Measuring crustacea in a snapshot Scott Hadley, University of Tasmania (20min)		
	Advances in protein traceability Rose Elphick-Darling, Aus Ag Traceability Working Group (20min)		
	Panel Discussion and Q&A		
15:30 - 15:40	Quick break		
15:40 - 17:25	Session 3 – Trade and Marketing		Session 3 Supported by: 
	Strengthening China trade relations Tom Parker, Australia China Business Council (20min)		
	Fostering strategic export partnerships Global Victoria (20 mins)		
	Export markets and steading 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	Day 2 Welcome - Veronica Papacosta, Seafood Industry Australia	
	08:10 - 09:30	Session 4 – Fishery Updates	Session 4 Sponsored by: 
		Southern Rock Lobster Lobster , Tom Cosentino, SRL Ltd (20 mins)	
		New Zealand - Mark Edwards, NZRLIC (20min)	
		Western Rock Lobster - Matt Taylor, WRLC (20min)	
		Eastern Rock Lobster - Scott Westley, Eastern Rock (10min)	
		Tropical Rock Lobster - Brett Arlidge, MG Kailis (10min)	
	09:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session: Beth Casoni, Executive Director, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association The evolution of lobster fishery management – a US perspective	
	10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea and Exhibition	Sponsored by: 
	11:00 - 12:45	Session 5 – Climate and Environment	Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor:  Speaker Sponsor: 
		Seasonal climate forecasts to support decision making in Australian fisheries management Claire Spillman, Bureau of Meteorology (20min)	
		Climate Change and Species Range Shifts: Implications for Tasmania's Rock Lobster Fishery Samantha Twiname, University of Tasmania (20min)	
		Modelling lobster stock connectivity Katie Cresswell, University of Tasmania (20min)	
		Managing the impact of urchins on lobster habitat John Keane, University of Tasmania (20min)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A	
	12:45 - 13:45	Lunch and Exhibition	Sponsored by: 
	13:45 - 15:30	Session 6 – Resource Stewardship and Emerging Threats	Session 6 Sponsored by: 
		Industry leadership, collaboration and capacity: critical ingredients for fisheries policy reform Russell Barnett, Western Rock lobster Council (15min)	
		West Australian Campaign 2025 – Resource Access Security Chauncey Hammond, 3 Sticks (10min)	
		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 Zoe Doubleday, University of SA (20min)	
		Does co-existence occur between offshore wind and pot fisheries? Lachlan McKinnon, Brown & May (20min)	
		Shared Seas, Shared Responsibility: Navigating the Global Challenge of Whale Entanglements in Trap Fisheries , Kristen Hoel, OceanWatch (20min)	
		Panel Discussion and Q&A	
	15:30 - 15:40	Quick break	
	15:40 - 16:40	Guest Speakers: Marcelo Hidalgo – Fishing Industry Association of Papua New Guinea Evolution of the PNG lobster fishery	
		Danny Fox – Tasmanian Lobster Fisher Building a community of supporters	
	16:40 - 16:45	Conference Closing - Matt Wassnig, Seafood Industry Victoria	
	18:45 - 23:00	Gala Dinner - Hosted by Lehmo, Entertainment by The Robbie Harts Centre Stage, Rydges Melbourne	Sponsored by: 