

OzFish?

 National not-for-profit, specialising in supporting recreational fishers to make a tangible difference to the health of their local waterways!



- Registered Charity with Australian Charities & Not for Profit Commission
- We are 7 years old, operationally.
- Board: Fundraising Committee, Finance Committee, WHS & Risk Committee
- Executive Team

Craig Copeland – Founder
Cassie Price – CEO
Jeff Bonnick – Director of Habitat Programs
Tim Davenport – Director of Fundraising & Sponsorship
Victoria Elmsly – Business Manager

Program Managers, Project Managers, Project Officers



51 Chapters around Australia

There are 51 OzFish
Chapters operational in
every state & territory

We have 11,150 supporters





Our Mission

To protect and restore fish habitat and support recreational fishers in these actions.



How has habitat been affected

Over **4,000 ha** seagrass lost

Up to **60% loss** of saltmarsh

over **5,000**barriers to fish
passage in
the wet
tropics

Most major rivers

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What's happened to fish habitat in Australia?

Over **4500 unscreened**irrigation pumps

Over 94% of shellfish reefs lost

(Less than 4% of all shellfish reefs remain Australia-wide CONSIDERED FUNCTIONALLY EXTINCT) 95% of giant kelp forests in Tasmania have disappeared CONSIDERED FUNCTIONALLY EXTINCT

Over **70**% of coastal fish habitat loss

Geographe Chapter







Local Projects







Seeds for Snapper

Community Driven Seagrass Restoration



Community Action

- 2018 trial program started by University of Western Australia and OzFish
- Project has grown to now include hundreds of recfishers and volunteers
- Largest community driven seagrass restoration project in Australia

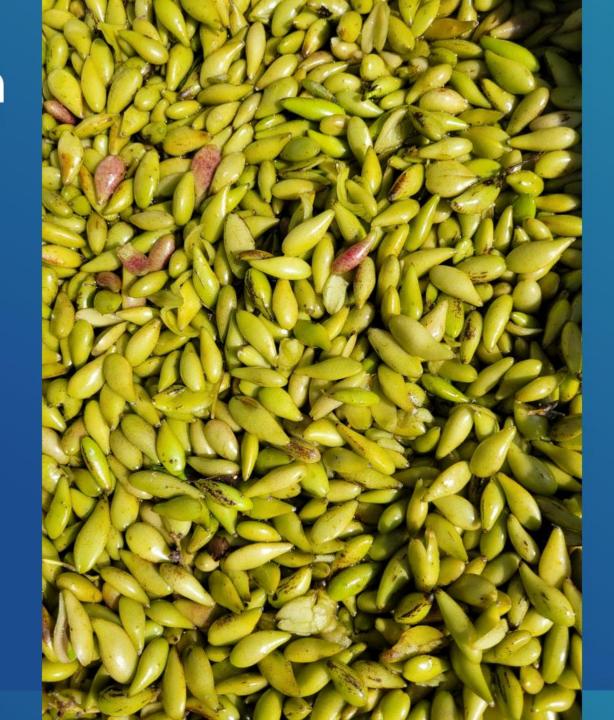




Method - Collection

- Posidonia australis, commonly found around much of southern Australia
- More than 90% of fruit lost naturally
- Fruit is collected from beaches and boats but mostly by volunteer divers using nets













Method - Processing

- Fruits float, seeds sink
- Fruit is circulated in tanks until they split open to release the seed
- Constant flow of seawater is required to regulate temperature
- Onshore volunteers help with fruit and seed counts and cleaning tanks



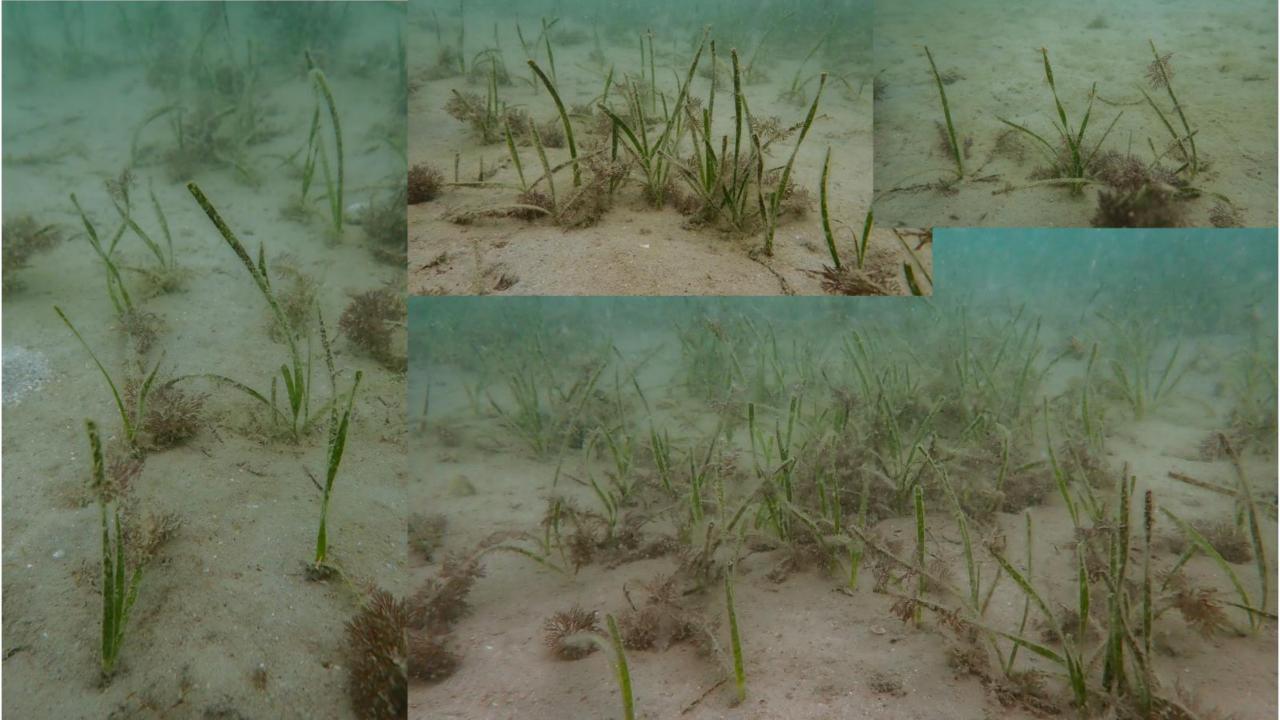


Method - Dispersal

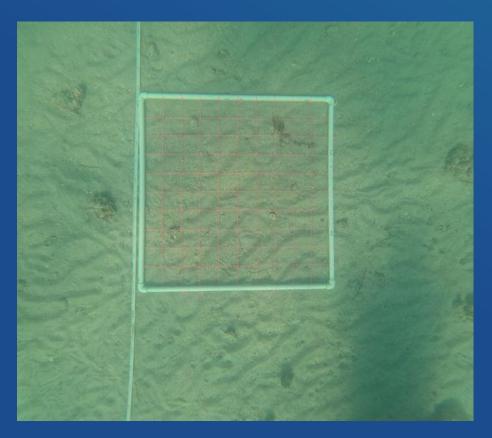
- Simple dispersal technique to spread seeds in the local area
- Recfishers assist by collecting seeds then heading to GPS point







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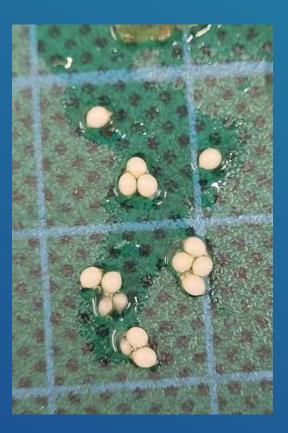




Seagrass for Swimmers Leschenault Estuary Trial











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