

COLLABORATING  
TO PROTECT AND  
IMPROVE AQUATIC  
ANIMAL HEALTH

2022-2027

# AQUAPLAN



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# Drivers for a national strategic plan for aquatic animal health

- Aquatic animal production is rapidly growing
- Disease is one of the greatest threats
- Strategic investment reduces the risk of disease and protects and supports the Australian seafood industry.

the recreational fishing resources **enjoyed by more than 3.4 million people** annually and whose activities contribute \$2.56 billion to national, state and territory economies<sup>5</sup>.

the productivity and sustainability of Australia's commercial fisheries and aquaculture sectors, **valued at \$3.15 billion in 2019-20**, with \$1.58 billion (or 49%) of this attributed to wild catch and \$1.60 billion (or 51%) to aquaculture<sup>6</sup>.

the **disease-free status** of Australia's many aquatic animal products, which provides a relative advantage for industry sectors supplying products to the export market, valued at **\$1.41 billion** in 2019-20<sup>7</sup>.

Through **AQUAPLAN 2022-2027**, maximum impact can be made by applying available resources to **targeted, achievable, and nationally shared priorities** that will deliver lasting benefit. These will provide the **greatest return on investment and secure:**

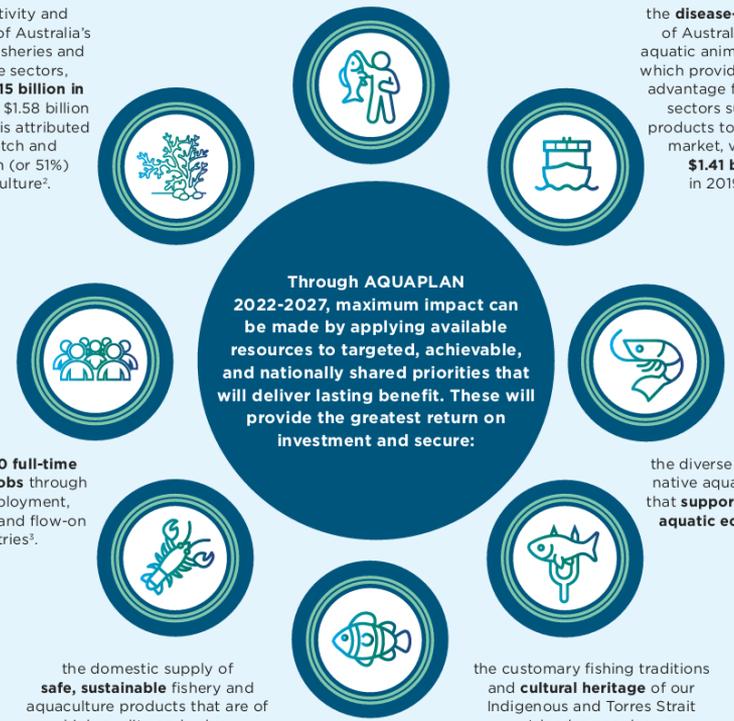
over **41,000 full-time equivalent jobs** through direct employment, processing, and flow-on industries<sup>8</sup>.

the diverse and unique native aquatic animals that **support Australia's aquatic ecosystems**.

the domestic supply of **safe, sustainable** fishery and aquaculture products that are of high quality and value.

the customary fishing traditions and **cultural heritage** of our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

the growth and productivity of the ornamental fish sector, worth an estimated **\$350 million** annually<sup>4</sup>.





# AQUAPLAN and the aquatic animal health system

- A strong aquatic animal health system underpins production and sustainability and reduces the risk of disease.
- Strategic prioritization and investment began in 1998 to build Australia's aquatic animal health system.
- Shaped by the collaborative efforts of:
  - Aquatic animal industries
  - State and Territory governments
  - The Commonwealth Government.





# The guiding principles of AQUAPLAN

- In addition to the industry-government collaboration that has been at the core of AQUAPLAN's success, its development has followed some agreed guiding principles:
  - The plan addresses common national priorities
  - It focuses on strategic issues that will provide enduring benefit to the management of aquatic animal health nationally
  - Its objectives and activities have defined, achievable outcomes.
- AQUAPLAN is designed to complement other strategic plans and national arrangements.



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## For more information:

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[www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/animal/aquatic/aquaplan](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/animal/aquatic/aquaplan)

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