

## Joint SCC/SCFA National Taskforce on the Prevention and Management of Marine Pest Incursions: Terms of Reference and Membership

### Terms of Reference

While recognising that the origin of particular species may be uncertain, the Taskforce will confine its attention to introduced marine species, excluding diseases. It will:

?? Examine:

- existing pre-border and border control arrangements for introduced marine pests;
- existing introduced marine pest incursion management arrangements nationally;
- previous research and recommendations such as the 1997 SCARM Report *Managing Incursions of Exotic Pests, Weeds and Diseases*.

?? Propose short-term actions (eg use of legal powers, protocols etc, drawing on the experience gained as a result of the black striped mussel outbreak and attempted containment of Northern Pacific seastars and Japanese kelps) within existing resources and statutory arrangements to improve existing emergency incursion response arrangements, monitoring and border control measures, and to propose interim cost-sharing arrangements.

?? Prepare a report to Ministers on effective and efficient arrangements for a national system for the prevention and management of all components of introduced marine pest incursions (see **Outputs** below).

?? Identify the resources and stakeholder responsibilities needed to establish a national system for the prevention and management of introduced marine pest incursions.

?? Consult with relevant Commonwealth and State/Territory management agencies and non-government organisations in delivering the various components of its Work Plan.

?? Report by 24 December 1999.

## Outputs

Prepare a report to Ministers covering:

?? Agreement on a national ready response capability within current statutory arrangements and resources that includes:

- agreed emergency administrative procedures in the event of an outbreak of an introduced marine pest, including clearly defined agency roles, responsibilities and legal powers;
- early warning and prevention systems for a short list of non-indigenous marine species that pose a major threat; and
- interim cost-sharing arrangements.

?? The requirements of a comprehensive national system for the prevention and management of introduced marine pest incursions addressing:

- pre-border efforts to reduce the risk of importation of marine pests;
- border and post-border (translocation) control systems for ballast water, hull fouling and other vectors;
- monitoring to detect new incursions or spread of existing introduced marine pests;
- emergency response to incursions ; and
- mitigation/control of introduced marine pests already in Australia;

and make recommendations in these areas relating to:

- administrative arrangements, including national coordination mechanisms;
- legislation, including regulatory reform;
- financial arrangements and resource requirements (eg funding requirements and cost-sharing arrangements);
- supporting research; and
- other relevant components such as stakeholder liaison and cooperation, awareness programs, training, etc.

## Membership

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?? AQIS  
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?? AFFA  
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?? Department of Transport, Western Australia  
?? Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, Tasmania  
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