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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) provides information on how the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) implements cost recovery for the South Australian seafood industry, in accordance with the *Australian Government Cost Recovery Policy 2014*.

The CRIS is an explanatory document that provides key information on how cost recovery for a specific government activity is implemented.

The South Australian Government has implemented a Cost Recovery Policy for fisheries and aquaculture for approximately 20 years. This policy is based on the understanding that the State owns South Australia's aquatic resources, with PIRSA managing them on behalf of the community.

Costs incurred by PIRSA services due to commercial access or farming of these resources in State waters are recovered from commercial licence/farm lease holders.

Services covered include management, policy formulation, scientific monitoring, stock assessment, compliance and licensing as per the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and the *Aquaculture Act 2001*.

1.2 Reviews

PIRSA must conduct periodic reviews of all existing and potential cost recovered charging activities within its portfolio. Historic reviews have shaped PIRSA's seafood cost recovery approach, with findings from various reviews:

- 2009 Deloitte Review: Highlighted the necessity for transparency in costs, especially those pertaining to recreational fishing, Indigenous use and community benefits. Suggested regular benchmarking.
- 2015 Deloitte Review: Found PIRSA's approach efficient yet complex. Recommended simplification of charges and policy updates for accurate cost allocation.
- 2016 Productivity Commission Review: (Applicable to Commonwealth agencies) Recommended best practice implementation in cost recovery.
- 2018 KPMG Review: Recognised progress in policy transparency and accountability but stressed the need for detailed costing processes.
- 2021 Heilbron Cost Recovery Analysis and Case Studies – Aquaculture and Fisheries (Updated 2023): Proposed a Gross Value of Production (GVP) based model for fair risk sharing and reduced complexity, while noting potential inequities.

In March 2022, the Government committed to an independent review of the current seafood sector's cost recovery policy/model to ensure its sustainability and appropriateness. That review was undertaken by an Independent Panel in alignment with ongoing efforts to enhance the cost recovery process, considering industry feedback and expert insights. The key findings of this independent review were:

- Strong overall support and goodwill from PIRSA and industry for the concept of cost recovery and desire to improve the cost recovery system in South Australian fisheries and aquaculture.
- Review of alternative revenue models in other jurisdictions found no better alternative consistent with Australian and South Australian cost recovery policies.

- Areas for improvement primarily focused on the application of cost recovery and the need for a transparent approach to determine cost attribution for services and activities, as well as a need for benchmarking of compliance and science services.

Further information relating to past Cost Recovery Reviews can be found at https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/commercial_fishing/pirsa_services_to_fisheries_industry.

1.3 Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC)

A Cost Recovery Implementation Committee (CRIC) has been formed to implement the Independent Panel's recommendations endorsed by government on cost recovery from the commercial fishing and aquaculture sectors, including to manage all costs effectively and ensure the sustainability of these vital sectors. The CRIC is made up of representatives from PIRSA, Seafood Industry South Australia (SISA) and nominated representatives for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

The CRIC is tasked with guiding the evolution and implementation of sustainable and equitable cost recovery mechanisms within South Australia's seafood sector. The CRIC's work has been instrumental in aligning the state's policies with contemporary practices, ensuring the longevity and prosperity of the industry and will be informed by independent benchmarking advice on efficient and cost effective programs and cost attribution.

Further information relating to the CRIC can be found at https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/fisheries_aquaculture_cost_recovery_review.

1.4 2025-26 Cost Recovery Process

Initially the CRIC sought to deliver benchmarking of compliance and science services prior to determining the 2025-26 cost recovery process, however due to the breadth of the work and availability of appropriately experienced consultants this had to be pushed out to later in 2025. Given the expected time required to undertake the benchmarking activities, the CRIC endorsed rolling over the current (2024-25) cost recovery framework with indexation for 2025-26, including any planned changes that had previously been discussed with industry sectors. This transitional arrangement allows time for thorough benchmarking and alignment with evidence-based recommendations, as well as consideration of other recommendations of the Independent Panel.

The benchmarking intends to answer two fundamental questions; firstly, are the compliance and science programs at the right level by fishery or sector, and secondly, are the associated costs appropriate? The details of the benchmarking exercises can be found in their respective Terms of References at: https://pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/fisheries_aquaculture_cost_recovery_review

This CRIS includes cost attributions and cost recovery principles. Three key improvements identified by the CRIC:

1. Clearly articulating the statutory authority to charge and the principles of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and *Aquaculture Act 2001*.
2. Incorporating the Risk-Catch-Cost trade off principles.
3. Focusing on strategic outputs for performance measures, specifically relating to PIRSA delivered initiatives and projects.

2 Cost Recovered Activity Groups

For each sector, the program required to manage the fishery has the following components:

2.1 Science Projects

The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) helps deliver the sustainable growth of South Australian fisheries and aquaculture industries and protects and grows our fisheries' resources and their environments through innovative science, monitoring and stock assessment. SARDI core skills and expertise include fisheries monitoring, stock assessment, modelling and harvest strategies, threatened, endangered and protected species (TEPS) assessment, oceanography, aquatic biosecurity and health, fisheries biology, marine and freshwater ecological and ecosystem processes research, environmental assessment, and aquaculture nutrition, genetics, propagation, and algal production.

SARDI undertakes research and development activities on the fisheries and habitats of the South Australian continental shelf and gulfs for the government on behalf of all stakeholders in those fisheries – principally Greenlip and Blacklip Abalone, Southern Rock Lobster, Western King Prawns, Blue Swimmer Crabs, Australian Sardine, and a broad range of marine finfish including King George Whiting, Snapper, and Southern Garfish. SARDI undertakes stock assessments and carries out biological and ecological research to assist fisheries managers dealing with sustainable utilisation of these fisheries' resources.

SARDI also undertakes externally funded contract research directly for industry and other funding bodies, such as the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC), Department for Environment and Water (DEW), Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), and fisheries management agencies in other jurisdictions.

Outputs/examples:

- Stock assessments and monitoring
- TEPS monitoring and assessment
- Research and science services
- Aquatic animal health.

2.2 Management and Legislation

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture's core business is the ecologically sustainable development (ESD) of the South Australian seafood industry, through the administration of *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and the *Aquaculture Act 2001*. Key activities include the development, implementation and review of legislative and policy frameworks for the South Australian fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Controls are in place for sustainable fishing and farming activities, with arrangements to match the characteristics of individual sectors and areas. Although the management of aquaculture activities in South Australia is undertaken predominantly through implementation of the Act, there are also a number of other related State, national and international legislative instruments and policy initiatives that apply to the activities undertaken by PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Legal and legislative services include strategic advice on management arrangements, review of draft documentation and correspondence, statutory interpretation and the provision of general advice, in consultation with the Crown Solicitor's Office where necessary, regarding any legal issues relating to proposed actions and the implementation or administration of the fisheries and aquaculture management

and regulatory arrangements through existing legislative frameworks and licence conditions. Consideration is also given to the impacts and effects of other related legislation, if and when required.

Outputs/examples:

- Fisheries management
- Aquaculture environment and resource management
- Policy
- Legal services and legislative interpretation
- Administration of the Act and Regulations
- Reform Initiatives
- Strategic advice and facilitation of policy development.

2.3 Compliance Activities

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture coordinate compliance activities to build awareness and behavioural outcomes that have a long-term beneficial impact in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. The objective of the compliance activities is to minimise the risks to aquatic resource sustainability, resource allocation and access rights, and ultimately commercial economic viability.

The coordination of the compliance outputs is guided by an industry specific compliance plan which was developed in consultation with each sector. These outputs are aimed at educating fishers, deterring opportunistic and financially motivated crimes, enforcing the rules and regulations and reducing overall compliance risks to resource sustainability.

Outputs/examples:

- Operational planning and implementation
- Education awareness
- Effective deterrence, monitoring and surveillance
- Enforcement
- Offshore Patrol Vessel
- Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).

2.4 Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems

The Leasing and Licensing Unit is responsible for the management of leasing, licensing and support services including the timely processing and management of information leading to the issue and variation of licences. The Unit administers a licensing call center for licence inquiries and other administrative services, and provides a range of quota management reports to update stakeholders, including the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) returns and end of season quota holdings.

The Business Services Unit coordinates the cost recovery process, establishing agreements with service providers, coordinating program provider reports and providing audit, financial and human resource functions. The Unit provides support services to government and industry, as well as advice and facilitation of corporate related policy and management issues.

The Information Services Unit is responsible for the management of fisheries quota, catch, effort, value of production, and Survey and Wildlife Interaction data. This Unit provides a range of services including the collection, collation, processing, data entry, quality control, and reporting of complex fisheries related records and data.

Spatial information is also used to map all aquaculture sites, to ensure these meet the requirements of various parameters including aquaculture zone policies (including exclusion zones), Conservation Parks, National Parks, Reserves, Seal and Sea Lion sites, Historic Shipwrecks locations, associated buffer areas and bathymetry.

Through the administration of these three Units, continual business process and system improvement initiatives are identified and delivered, i.e. Online Quota Transfer Platform and myPIRSA enhancements.

Outputs/examples:

- Identify and implement business process and systems improvements
- Management of information systems and databases
- Data integrity and confidentiality management
- Timely and accurate data reporting for decision making
- Quota monitoring
- Processing and management of information leading to the issue and variation of licences
- Collect licence fees and associated payments
- Coordinate and facilitate cost recovery processes and program agreements
- Manage major service providers' contractual agreements
- Management of industry funds and services.

2.5 Other Costs

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture recover other costs that provide additional services to help manage and support the sectors, such as Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) funding and Co-Management Services.

FRDC invests in research, development and extension activities to increase economic, social and environmental benefits for Australian fishing and aquaculture, and the wider community. There are research projects that occur within each sector that require a contribution from industry and is collected from licence holders through the South Australian Government cost recovery process.

Co-Management Services is where an industry association receives support from the majority of the sector's licence holders, to manage their fishery in collaboration with PIRSA, industry and key stakeholders. The association representative is to provide and offer services that are consistent with PIRSA's Co-management Services Policy and the *Fisheries Management Act 2007*.

Other PIRSA expenses include ICT, finance, human resources, WHS, accommodation, insurance and other costs incurred corporately in providing services, in accordance with PIRSA's cost recovery policy.

2.6 Recreational and Aboriginal Traditional Fisheries

2.6.1 Recreational Fisheries

South Australia's fishery resources are community owned. As the State's custodian, PIRSA manages fisheries resources to keep them biologically sustainable. Recreational fishing is regulated by the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017*.

PIRSA receives state appropriation funding to support the management of recreational fisheries. This funding is complemented by registration fees from the recreational fishing sector. Specifically, there are three types of recreational registrations contributing to this revenue:

- Recreational Rock Lobster Pot Registration.
- Recreational Lake George Mesh Net Registration.
- Recreational Net Registration. It is important to note that new registrations are unavailable for this category. Instead, existing non-transferable registrations are renewed every three years, and over time, the number of these registrations has been decreasing.

The total revenue from the recreational sources is allocated as follows:

- **Compliance:** Funds contribute to ensuring compliance with fishing regulations and guidelines, including monitoring activities, enforcement, and other regulatory measures to maintain sustainable fishing practices.
- **Fisheries management and licensing:** Funds support the administrative aspects of fisheries management, as well as the processing of licenses and registrations for recreational fishing activities.
- **Research:** Funds are dedicated to research activities such as fish stock assessments and monitoring conducted by SARDI, thereby informing management decisions and strategies for recreational fishing.

2.6.2 Aboriginal Traditional Fisheries

Aboriginal traditional fishing in South Australia is recognised by the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* (the Act). This provides for the development of Aboriginal traditional management plans in conjunction with existing or new Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Under the Act, Aboriginal traditional fishing means fishing engaged in by an Aboriginal person for the purposes of satisfying personal, domestic or non-commercial, communal needs, including:

- Ceremonial, spiritual, and educational needs.
- Using fish and other natural marine and freshwater products according to Aboriginal custom.

Key priorities have been established to support the sustainable growth of the Aboriginal traditional fishing sector. These include:

- Developing appropriate methods for collecting Aboriginal traditional catch and effort information.
- Analysis of the impact of Aboriginal traditional fishing on key species.
- Integration of management of Aboriginal traditional fishing with the management of the recreational sector.

2.7 Fish Processing

A fish processor is anyone involved in processing, storing, transporting, or dealing with fish or other aquatic resources, for commercial purposes. Anyone processing fish or aquatic resources from South Australian commercial fishers or aquaculture farmers must be registered as a fish processor PIRSA.

Commercial fishers and aquaculture farmers processing their own products for sale to recipients, other than fish processors or to the general public, in the case of non-quota species, must also be registered with PIRSA.

PIRSA offers two types of fish processor registrations:

- **Fish processor registration (full);** A licensed fish processor (full) may buy product from:
 - a licenced aquaculture authority holder.
 - a licenced commercial fisher.

- a registered fish processor.
- a fish wholesaler.
- **Fish processor registration (restricted);** Fish processor registration (restricted) is only available to persons who hold a commercial fishing or aquaculture licence. Licenced fish processors (restricted) may only:
 - purchase from their own fishing or aquaculture licence.
 - sell their product to a person who is not a registered fish processor and sells the product as a meal or part of a meal directly to the public.
 - not permitted to sell product to a fish processor (full).
 - *Note Marine Scalefish and Southern Zone Rock Lobster restricted fish processor registration holders are not restricted in whom they can sell their processed catch to.*

The costs collected from Fish Processor registrations are accumulated and contribute towards the following services:

- Information Services Unit process, validate and enter fish processor data to produce reports, along with other administrative functions.
- Leasing and Licensing Unit process applications and attend to enquiries relating to fish processor registrations.
- Compliance ensures registered fish processors are complying to the regulations.
- Fisheries Management request data to make informed discussions/changes to all fishing sectors.
- Digital Transformation to convert paper logbook forms to online submissions.

3 Cost Contributions

3.1 Resource Management

The principal benefit of fisheries and aquaculture management is the achievement of optimal utilisation of the marine resources. This involves considering resource management, and improved efficiency in use of fishery resources in both the short- and long-term. It requires efficient and effective management of the resource, the respective industries, recreational fishing, Aboriginal traditional fishing and other uses of the marine environment, from tourism to conservation and environmental protection.

3.2 Industry and PIRSA Contributions

The table below reflects the total cost for the fisheries and aquaculture industry for the 2025-26 financial year, along with the estimated cost contributions by industry, the recreational fishing sector and PIRSA.

Cost Activity	Total Cost	Industry	Rec	PIRSA	Industry %
SARDI Project Scopes	13,497,383	6,365,081	-	7,132,302	47%
Management and Legislation	1,793,689	1,547,899	-	456,345	86%
Compliance	9,100,069	5,695,999	-	3,404,069	63%
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	4,409,904	2,146,670	-	2,263,235	49%
Recreational and Traditional Fisheries	1,310,555	-	1,100,000	210,555	0%
Other Costs (FRDC Contribution and Co-Management Services)	2,508,319	2,508,319	-	-	100%
PIRSA Projects	1,550,000	-	-	1,550,000	0%
Total	34,169,919	18,263,968	1,100,000	15,016,506	53%

Notes:

- Fee relief accounted for: Snapper \$875,000 and Marine Scalefish Fishery (MSF) \$475,000.
- Does not include all fees (i.e., applications), which are reflected in Section 5.2; only the \$1.1m specifically recovered from recreational applications (primarily Recreational Rock Lobster Pot applications).
- PIRSA funds recreational and Aboriginal traditional fisheries from State appropriation across all cost activities, as a portion of the total PIRSA contribution. The \$210,555 relates to PIRSA's specific contribution towards recreational SARDI projects (primarily Marine Scalefish, Blue Crab and Rock Lobster fisheries).

4 Policy and Statutory Authority to Cost Recover

4.1 Cost Recovery Policy

For cost recovered activities, PIRSA has:

- A Cost Recovery Policy that establishes principles that enable PIRSA to make consistent decisions on the appropriate recovery of goods and services.
- Statutory authority from the South Australian Government to charge.
- Alignment between expenses and revenue.
- Maintained up-to-date, publicly available documentation and reporting.

The cost recovery policy is underpinned by three principles that must be applied across all stages of the cost recovery process:

1. Efficiency and effectiveness.
2. Transparency and accountability.
3. Stakeholder engagement.

The South Australian fisheries and aquaculture industry is managed in accordance with the [PIRSA Cost Recovery Policy](#). This policy requires commercial operators to fund services related to management costs. PIRSA continue to manage the process of consulting with service providers and relevant industry associations to establish fishery- and sector-based management programs, which form the basis of annual licence fees.

4.2 Statutory Authority to Charge

PIRSA aims to recover all appropriate costs from industry authorised and established under the following Acts and Regulations:

- *Aquaculture Act 2001.*
- *Aquaculture Regulations 2016.*
- *Fisheries Management Act 2007.*
- *Fisheries Management (General) Regulations 2017.*

5 Cost Recovery Model

5.1 Principles

It is PIRSA's responsibility to manage South Australia's fisheries and aquaculture resources in accordance with the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and the *Aquaculture Act 2001*. Both Acts have been established to protect, manage and develop the aquatic resources of the State in a manner that is consistent with ecologically sustainable development (ESD). PIRSA is required to regulate commercial, recreational and Aboriginal traditional fishing activities to ensure sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture resources and to maximise returns to the community of South Australia from their utilisation.

Key principles as prescribed through the relevant Acts:

- Section 7(3) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* sets out that the fisheries resources of the State are to be managed in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
- Section 8(1)(c) of the *Aquaculture Act 2001* prescribes the efficient and effective regulation of the aquaculture industry.

The Cost Recovery Policy operates from the premise that South Australia's aquatic resources are owned by the community and the costs associated with any Government services that arise as a direct result of commercial access to the resources, should be recovered from the direct beneficiaries of those services.

The principles are:

- **Transparency** – is about openness and means making available key information about the activity for those who pay charges.
- **Performance** – relates to effectiveness, risk mitigation, sustainability and responsiveness. Engagement with stakeholders is a key element of managing performance.
- **Equity** – where specific demand for an activity is created by identifiable individuals or groups they should be charged for it, unless PIRSA has decided to fund that activity.
- **Simplicity** – whereby charges should be straightforward, practical, easy to understand, and collect.
- **Policy Consistency** – charges must be consistent with the South Australian Government policy priorities and policies, including the intended outcomes objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and the *Aquaculture Act 2001*.

5.1.1 Risk-Catch-Cost

The Risk-Catch-Cost framework is a fundamental principle guiding fisheries management, ensuring a balance between ecological sustainability, economic viability, and cost-effective regulatory oversight. This framework is built upon three core elements:

- **Risk** – The potential ecological and environmental consequences of fishing activities. The goal is to ensure fisheries operate within safe biological limits while maintaining ecosystem health.
- **Catch** – The volume of fish harvested. Catch levels are determined by stock assessments, economic factors, and sustainability considerations, ensuring long-term resource availability.
- **Cost** – The financial implications of fisheries management, including compliance monitoring, scientific assessments, and administrative functions.

Application in PIRSA's Cost Recovery Model

PIRSA applies the Risk-Catch-Cost framework to balance sustainability with industry economic efficiency, consistent with the principles outlined in the FRDC's *Operationalising the Risk-Cost-Catch Trade-Off* report ([FRDC Project No. 2012-202](#)). The FRDC report supports the structured evaluation of fisheries management strategies and highlights how cost, catch, and ecological risk can be better aligned using tiered harvest strategies and management simulations. PIRSA's approach is aligned with these insights, while being tailored to South Australia's policy settings, legislative frameworks, and sector maturity.

This framework complements the objectives of the *Fisheries Management Act 2007* and *Aquaculture Act 2001*, which emphasise ESD and cost-effective management.

Key considerations for PIRSA's implementation of the framework include:

1. **Operational changes** – Adjustments to cost recovery mechanisms, compliance programs, or digital enhancements that improve efficiency without altering fundamental policy settings.
2. **Policy changes** – Revisions to harvest strategies, Total Allowable Commercial Catches (TACCs), and quota allocation models that influence long-term fisheries management objectives.

Trade-Offs and Decision-Making

The Risk-Catch-Cost trade-off requires balancing scientific uncertainty, economic pressures, and sustainability goals. PIRSA aims to achieve risk equivalency across different management tiers (where implemented), ensuring that:

- **Data-rich fisheries** can support a more precise harvest strategy with minimal risk trade-offs.
- **Data-limited fisheries** may require conservative catch limits and additional monitoring efforts to mitigate uncertainty.

Industry Engagement and Future Considerations

The CRIC continues to refine PIRSA's application of the Risk-Catch-Cost framework, particularly in areas such as:

- Multi-year TACCs to stabilise industry costs while ensuring sustainable stock management.
- Digital transformation projects that improve compliance monitoring and data collection.
- Benchmarking exercises to align stock assessment and management arrangements with cost recovery models.

5.1.2 Digital Transformation

Recently, PIRSA has committed \$2.65 million on digital initiatives to the benefit of the seafood industry:

- \$710,000 eCDR – now complete, fishers submit Catch and Effort Returns electronically which enables them to monitor their quota holdings in real time.
- \$130,000 Quota Trading Platform – now provides a user-friendly platform that enables fishers to trade quota privately, or to advertise quota for trade.
- \$1.27 million eLogs – will enable fishers to record and submit required catch and effort data on a daily basis, allowing PIRSA stock status reporting to be created using the most up to date information.
- \$300,000 Recreational Fishing App – will streamline current processes for recreational users and contribute to the development of more robust recreational catch data to supplement the approximately five yearly surveys that are conducted by SARDI.
- \$240,000 myPIRSA Enhancement – aims to deliver a simple electronic payment experience via myPIRSA.

These initiatives are funded from PIRSA's internal capital and come at no cost to industry.

PIRSA has a strategic goal of undertaking a digital transformation for the provision of services to industry. To achieve this vision, PIRSA is committed to create a contemporary and flexible management system, that promotes validated real time catch and effort data, efficient and integrated transactional platforms to provide a simple and contemporary alternative to legacy systems and processes.

The longer-term vision is to facilitate transactions in a timely manner with greater efficiency, to both industry and government, due to less manual form processing. This requires sufficient uptake from industry in digital systems to realise the full benefits, and an ongoing commitment by PIRSA and industry to deliver technological enhancements.

Currently, PIRSA charges a fee-for-service for applications which are based on the manual effort required to complete the associated regulated activity. As systems are digitally transformed and manual processes can be abolished, the cost base for that activity will be reviewed.

Upcoming Digitalisation

For the 2025-26 financial year, PIRSA will progress the following initiatives equaling \$1.55 million:

- \$250,000 for eLog – to finalise and enhance the catch and effort reporting for fisheries. Primarily this initiative will ensure that eCatch accurately reflects real-world fishing practices and facilitates the adoption by fishers and additional integrated reporting functions.
- \$400,000 for myPIRSA Enhancement (Aquaculture) – aims to enhance the capabilities of the myPIRSA Portal – the home of PIRSA's online services – to address feedback made by the aquaculture industry regarding their experiences submitting legislated Environmental Monitoring Program (EMP) and Production Return (PR) reporting requirements and lease renewals.
- \$900,000 VMS – a valuable tool in complementing existing compliance approaches to ensure commercial fishing activity is monitored, to increase operational efficiencies and safety, gather real-time fishing and spatial data for accurate resource management and meet growing community expectations regarding sustainable fisheries.

5.2 Activity-based Costing and Charges to Industry

PIRSA commences an annual cost recovery process to determine sector service requirements and costs for the upcoming financial year. The PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Cost Model is structured on an activity-based costing process and the costs of activities are composed of direct costs, indirect costs and overheads costs.

Direct Costs are largely based on employee expenses and staff utilisation to provide the services required for each activity area.

Indirect Costs are those costs allocated to an entire sector for a specific purpose, service or function. For example, some sectors have an industry association representative to manage their fishery in collaboration with PIRSA (Co-Management Services).

Overhead Costs are costs that cannot be directly linked to a specific activity or program. These cost include ICT, finance, human resources, WHS, accommodation, insurance and other costs incurred by PIRSA in providing services in accordance with PIRSA's cost recovery policy.

PIRSA reviews which sector(s) use/benefit from each activity/program and applies an activity-based costing process to allocate the cost proportionally. The regulatory costs for fisheries and aquaculture are recovered appropriately through a combination of fees for service (transactional/user-initiated). These are separate to the annual leasing and licencing fees for ongoing regulatory programs, and are charged when a good, service or regulation (in certain circumstances) is provided directly to a specific fishery or aquaculture sector.

Outlined in the table below are the annual average fees between 2021-22 to 2023-24 that fall within PIRSA's broader charging framework.

PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture Fee for Service	Revenue (\$)
Fisheries	1,542,600
<i>Rec Apps</i>	1,100,000
<i>Fish Processors</i>	36,500
<i>Lake George</i>	126,700
<i>Quota Transfers*</i>	218,200
<i>Boat Apps</i>	21,600
<i>Master Apps</i>	10,100
<i>Licence Transfers</i>	24,000
<i>Other Apps</i>	5,500
Aquaculture	255,200
<i>Renewals</i>	30,700
<i>Transfers</i>	107,700
<i>Variations</i>	23,200
<i>Nominated Interest</i>	31,100
<i>Division</i>	17,900
<i>New</i>	14,400
<i>All Others</i>	30,200
Total Fisheries and Aquaculture	1,797,800

Notes:

- Annual average between 2021-22 to 2023-24.
- *Noting that MSF had 3-year fee free period for Quota Transfers. Average cost over 3 years if fees were applied.

5.3 Explanation of Program Costs and Definitions

Stock Assessment and Monitoring:	
Payment to industry for surveys	Direct costs of using industry vessels and staff to undertake surveys
Fieldwork	Fieldwork costs including vessels, travel and WHS requirements
Laboratory	Costs for processing samples
Travel	Costs for attending meetings with industry, PIRSA F&A and stakeholders

Office and communication	Stationery, communications and publications
SARDI Overhead	Indirect costs that cannot be directly attributed to a specific business activity, product, or service
SARDI in kind	SARDI investment through supporting costs for specific equipment, capital depreciation, infrastructure and research facilities

Programs:

Economic Assessment	As per contracted services for 2025-26 with BDO Services Pty Ltd
Other Research	Contribution towards Threatened, Endangered and Protected Species (TEPS) - Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program, Wildlife Interaction Reporting
PIRSA Related Costs	The indexation rate of 3.1% confirmed by the Department of Treasury and Finance has been applied to the 2025-26 PIRSA program costs
FRDC	Fisheries: Funding based on 0.25% of rolling three-year average GVP Aquaculture: Funding requested by Association for FRDC contribution
Co-Management Services	Co-Management Services requested for 2025-26
(\$)	Figures rounded to nearest dollar
MSF Offset Arrangements	MSF Quota unit fee offset arrangements are in place for three years (2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27)
Observer Coverage	Sardine Observer Coverage program as contracted with Kempwilson Pty Ltd (trading as Seatec) until 30 June 2026
Sardine-Dolphin Interactions	As per year 1 research project scope
Environmental Monitoring Program	Tuna and Finfish Aquaculture Environmental Program 2023-24 to 2026-27

Note: Indexation of 3.1% provided by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is subject to change by DTF if revision is required. If so, indexation rate will be updated, as will the final CRIS and associated costs.

6 Stakeholder Engagement

Consistent with the PIRSA Cost Recovery Policy, engagement with stakeholders is an essential part of the cost recovery process. In line with the recommendations made by the Independent Cost Recovery Review Panel, PIRSA will establish a 5-yearly review cycle for the CRIS.

The 2025-26 stakeholder engagement process has varied slightly from previous years, as described in Section 1.4 of this document, and further detailed (with indicative dates) in the table below.

Date	Activity
Oct	The CRIC proposed rolling over the current cost recovery framework with indexation for 2025-26, including any planned changes that had previously been discussed with industry sectors.
Nov	SISA liaised with industry representatives and their sectors to communicate the 2025-26 cost recovery process and potential scenarios, and come to an agreement on the cost recovery process.
Dec	PIRSA sent out correspondence to SISA, industry Executive Officers, sector representatives, and Lease and Licence holders noting the revised 2025-26 cost recovery process.
April	Finalise work programs and costs.
May	Submit proposed licence fees to Minister. Prepare Ministerial Notice briefing to vary and prescribe lease and licence fees for the next financial year.
June	Invoices raised and applied to leases and licences.

The CRIS will be published on the PIRSA website each year:

- [Services to industry - PIRSA](#)
- [Services to aquaculture industry – cost recovery - PIRSA](#)

7 Annual Performance Reporting and Reviews

7.1 Deliverables, Initiatives and Project Scopes

Each fishery and aquaculture sector has their own section on deliverables, initiatives and projects scopes (**Attachments A – X**).

PIRSA does not operate under a strict “overs and unders” cost model, whereby services are acquitted annually and licence fees are retrospectively adjusted to reflect actual delivery. While this model is used in some Commonwealth jurisdictions (e.g., Australian Fisheries Management Authority, AFMA), it is not required as part of the Commonwealth or South Australian Government Cost Recovery Guidelines. In South Australia it is not practical because of different budgeting practices from AFMA.

While PIRSA remains committed to providing full transparency in service delivery, it is recognised that the application of ‘overs’—whereby PIRSA may impose additional costs on industry for services delivered beyond the agreed scope—is unlikely to be broadly supported.

7.2 Review Cycle

With the streamlined process of preparing an individual CRIS for each sector annually, the aim is to develop a simplified version that is sustaining through a 5-year duration of the CRIS, and thereby avoid the need for annual cost recovery discussions. Exceptions arising from specific fisheries or aquaculture sectors would then be managed as annual exceptions to the agreed CRIS. The finer details of what this will look like requires further consideration by the CRIC, and consultation with SISA and industry more broadly.

It is anticipated that the 5-year review cycle will commence after the benchmarking exercise is finalised.

8 Program Costs

Sector	Compliance	Science	Mgt & Legislation	Licensing, Business Support, Data Mgt & Systems	Other Costs	Total Cost
Fisheries	5,433,229	5,796,187	1,010,120	1,407,024	2,306,527	15,953,086
Southern Zone Abalone*	17,049	229,004	6,668	5,120	9,978	267,819
Central Zone Abalone	142,072	247,747	16,411	21,850	9,473	437,553
Western Zone Abalone	511,458	488,548	64,374	89,212	194,776	1,348,368
Blue Crab	83,822	171,301	49,457	57,790	0	362,370
Charter	146,320	64,585	83,557	79,031	60,000	433,493
Giant Crab	17,049	14,587	14,614	7,511	0	53,761
Lakes & Coorong (Pipi)	71,036	215,359	44,214	42,610	47,413	420,633
Lakes & Coorong (Finfish)	56,829	214,588	44,214	29,822	146,242	491,695
Miscellaneous	34,097	441	29,229	17,875	0	81,643
Marine Scaefish	1,419,642	702,484	224,830	309,923	198,345	2,855,224
Vongole	53,987	63,103	34,471	30,625	2,913	185,099
Northern Zone Rock Lobster	774,727	321,487	92,929	151,034	346,018	1,686,197
Southern Zone Rock Lobster	1,665,081	857,966	103,414	368,479	782,969	3,777,911
Spencer Gulf Prawn	121,809	577,547	54,329	83,226	343,066	1,179,976
West Coast Prawn	8,983	32,972	8,843	5,534	2,959	59,291
Gulf St Vincent Prawn	28,414	312,521	44,892	20,604	86,768	493,198
Sardines	280,854	1,281,945	93,672	86,777	75,607	1,818,854
Aquaculture	247,960	452,839	537,780	735,472	270,000	2,244,051
Abalone	0	4,123	9,624	35,036	0	48,784
Finfish	16,623	110,574	102,497	100,842	0	330,535
Landbased	28,400	19,942	47,152	82,644	0	178,139
Marine Algae	5,671	6,902	30,191	45,903	0	88,668
Mussel	5,670	10,426	26,787	45,411	0	88,294
Oyster	149,739	99,424	172,710	195,634	100,000	717,507
Tuna	41,856	201,447	148,819	230,002	170,000	792,125
F&A Total	5,681,189	6,249,026	1,547,899	2,142,496	2,576,527	18,197,137

Note: * PIRSA has calculated revised management costs for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) in order to continue to deliver associated stock recovery monitoring, management and compliance activities during the closure, at no cost to industry.



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Program Costs and Project Scopes
2025-26

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Attachment A: Abalone Fishery - Central Zone

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	119,166	243,558	124,392	104.39
Economic Assessment	3,798	3,949	151	3.98
TEPS	233	240	7	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	14,175	14,614	439	3.10
Legislation	1,743	1,797	54	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	137,800	142,072	4,272	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	5,604	5,778	174	3.10
Information Services	3,923	4,045	122	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	8,769	9,041	272	3.10
Directorate	2,897	2,987	90	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	9,681	9,473	-208	-2.15
Co-Management Services				
Total	307,789	437,553	129,764	42.16

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	10,260	14,585	4,325	42.16
Unit Fee	410	583	173	42.29
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	6	6	0	0.00
Blacklip Quota Units	237.90	237.90	0	0.00
Greenlip Quota Units	289.56	289.56	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Fee (\$)	Quota Fee (%)
Compliance	6,601	45.26	264.02	45.26
Science	5,764	39.52	230.57	39.52
Management and Legislation	762	5.23	30.50	5.23
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	1,015	6.96	40.61	6.96
Other Costs	443	3.04	17.71	3.04
Total	14,585	100.00	583	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Abalone Fishery - Central Zone

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Provide PIRSA with a stock status report for Greenlip Abalone (GL) in the Central Zone (CZ) including biomass estimates for Tiparra Reef and the West Yorke Peninsula (Corny Point only; both surveyed in 2025).
- Data management and analysis from the Blacklip Abalone (BL) monitoring program.
- Provide PIRSA and industry with 'year-to-date', catch and effort data summaries to support TACC setting.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Fishery-independent surveys at Tiparra Reef and West Yorke Peninsula (Corny Point only) completed	30 November 2025	This SLA
Stock Status report for GL in Central Zone delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA
Data management and analysis from the BL monitoring program	30 June 2026	This SLA
Stock Status presentations, including year-to-date data, to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Industry delivered as required	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project	Total Funded	Total In-kind	Total Project Cost
Tiparra Reef fishery independent survey (FIS)	\$96,068	\$14,482	\$110,550
West Yorke Peninsula FIS	\$36,493	\$5,780	\$42,273
BL data management and analysis	\$13,445	\$2,408	\$15,853
Stock Status report for GL	\$97,552	\$26,390	\$123,942
TOTAL	\$243,558	\$49,060	\$292,618

Project Cost Summary: *(Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)*

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.8	
Salaries (\$)		\$127,891
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		\$32,297
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		\$17,894
Office and communication (\$)		
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$65,476

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SARDI inkind (\$)		\$49,060
Total Cost (\$)		\$292,618
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	83%	\$243,558
Total Revenue (\$)		\$243,558
SARDI Investment (\$)	17%	\$49,060

Attachment B: Abalone Fishery – Southern Zone

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	165,598	224,815	59,217	35.76
Economic Assessment	3,798	3,949	151	3.98
TEPS	233	240	7	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	18,900	4,871	-14,029	-74.23
Legislation	1,743	1,797	54	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	82,680	17,049	-65,631	-79.38
VMS	5,946	0	-5,946	-100.00
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	6,405	0	-6,405	-100.00
Information Services	3,923	1,078	-2,845	-72.52
Leasing and Licensing	8,769	1,055	-7,714	-87.97
Directorate	2,897	2,987	90	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	9,978	9,978	0	0.00
Co-Management Services				
Total	310,870	267,819	-43,051¹	-13.85

¹PIRSA has calculated revised management costs for the Southern Zone Abalone Fishery (SZAF) to continue to deliver associated stock recovery monitoring, management and compliance activities during the closure, no cost to industry.

²Due to the spread and impact of AVG within the abalone fishing zones of South Australia, the SZAF will be closed for the 2025-26. SZAF licence holders will have no annual licence fees in 2025-26.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	11,155	0²	-11,155	-100.00
Unit Fee	194	0²	-194	-100.00
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	6	6	0	0
Blacklip Quota Units	1,200	1,200	0	0
Greenlip Quota Units	60	60	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Unit (\$)	Quota Unit (%)
Compliance	0	28.88	0	28.88
Science	0	53.97	0	53.97
Management and Legislation	0	6.73	0	6.73
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	0	7.17	0	7.17
Other Costs	0	3.25	0	3.25
Total	0	100.00	0	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Abalone Fishery - Southern Zone

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Undertake line-based fishery-independent surveys to determine the abundance of BL and GL at the Cape Northumberland, Gerloffs Bay, Middle Point, Number 2 Rocks, Douglas Bay, Breaksea Reef and Ringwood Reef sites in 2025/26;
- Undertake fishery-independent timed swim surveys at Admella, Carpenters Rocks, Southend, Nora Creina and Beachport sites in 2025/26;
- Provide PIRSA with an Advice Note on the fishery-independent survey results for BL and GL in the SZ.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Fishery-independent surveys at Breaksea Reef, Cape Northumberland, Ringwood Reef, Gerloffs Bay, Middle Point, Number 2 Rocks, Douglas Bay, Admella, Carpenters Rocks, Southend, Nora Creina and Beachport completed	30 June 2026	PIRSA
Advice Note for Southern Zone abalone fishery-independent results	30 June 2026	PIRSA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: *(Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)*

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.84	
Salaries (\$)		\$126,701
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		\$7,164
Laboratory (\$)		\$500
Travel (\$)		\$19,715
Office and communication (\$)		\$200
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$70,535
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$41,974
Total Cost (\$)		\$266,789
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	84%	\$224,815
Total Revenue (\$)		\$224,815
SARDI Investment 15% (\$)	15%	\$41,974

Attachment C: Abalone Fishery - Western Zone

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	514,485	472,575 ¹	-41,910	-8.15
Economic Assessment	14,471	15,050	579	4.00
TEPS	895	923	28	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	55,755	57,483	1,728	3.10
Legislation	6,683	6,890	207	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	496,080	511,458	15,378	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	24,551	25,312	761	3.10
Information Services	17,259	17,794	535	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	33,613	34,655	1,042	3.10
Directorate	11,107	11,451	344	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	26,259	26,476	217	0.83
Co-Management Services	168,300	168,300 ²	0	0
Total	1,369,458	1,348,368	-21,090	-1.54

¹ \$39,556 refunded to the WZ Abalone sector for the Blacklip Abalone survey at Point Westall, which was not delivered in 2024-25.

² Co-Management Services requested for 2025-26 from the Abalone Industry Association of South Australia Inc.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$11,908	12,258	350	2.94
Unit Fee	\$453	446	-7	-1.55
Sector Numbers			#	%
No. Licence	22	22	0	0
Blacklip Quota Units	1,106.25	1,106.25	0	0
Greenlip Quota Units	1,216.88	1,216.88	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Unit (\$)	Quota Unit (%)
Compliance	4,496	36.68	163.58	36.68
Science	4,690	38.26	170.64	38.26
Management and Legislation	566	4.62	20.59	4.62
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	784	6.40	28.53	6.40
Other Costs	1,722	14.05	62.66	14.05
Total	12,258	100.00	446	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Abalone Fishery - Western Zone

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Provide PIRSA with a stock assessment report for BL;
- Provide PIRSA with stock status (Harvest Strategy) report for GL;
- Provide PIRSA and industry with 'year-to-date', catch and effort data summaries to support TACC setting; and
- Continue fishery-independent surveys to monitor stock status and possible disease incursions. Surveys for GL at Anxious Bay, Avoid Bay, and The Gap, to be completed by 30 June 2026. There are no BL surveys in 2025/26.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Stock assessment report for BL and stock status report for GL delivered	30 November 2025	This SLA
Stock assessment presentations, including year-to-date data, to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, The AIASA Executive Committee and Industry delivered as required.	30 November 2025	This SLA
Surveys for GL at Anxious Bay, Avoid Bay and The Gap completed.	30 June 2026	This SLA
Provision of aggregated data/information to the Executive Officer, AIASA	30 June 2026	This SLA

Species	Site	Number of lead lines	Expected days of diving	Expected delivery timeframe	Survey cost funded by licence holders (\$)	SARDI In-kind to Survey cost (\$)
Greenlip	The Gap	26	5	Summer 2026	\$40,570	\$6,574
Greenlip	Anxious Bay	14	3	Summer 2026	\$33,107	\$5,057
Greenlip	Avoid Bay	12	2	Autumn 2026	\$26,797	\$4,551
TOTAL					\$100,474	\$16,182

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		1.85
Salaries (\$)		\$306,975
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		\$29,278
Laboratory (\$)		

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Travel (\$)		\$21,427
Office and communication (\$)		
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$154,451
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$93,050
Total Cost (\$)		\$605,181
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	85%	\$512,131
Total Revenue (\$)		\$512,131
SARDI Investment (\$)	15%	\$93,050

\$39,556 refunded to the WZ Abalone sector for the Blacklip Abalone survey at Point Westall, which was not delivered in 2024-25.

Provision of aggregated data/information to Executive Officer, AIASA:

1. By month (for the period 1 January to 30 June), total GL catch, number of fishing days when GL harvested and GL CPUE amalgamated for all SAUs East of Cape Carnot. Due 31 August 2025.
2. A copy of the pre-TACC presentation made by SARDI to AIASA. To include the assessment and status reports, harvest strategy outcomes and wildlife interactions (TEPS). Due 30 November 2025.
3. Provisional Harvest Strategy output tables, by species. To be provided 30 days after 50% and then 75% of the TACC has been harvested each year.

Attachment D: Blue Crab Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	157,906	162,415	4,509	2.86
Economic Assessment	8,197	8,525	328	4.00
TEPS	350	361	11	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	37,800	38,972	1,172	3.10
Legislation	10,170	10,485	315	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	81,302	83,822	2,520	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	24,284	25,037	753	3.10
Information Services	17,782	18,333	551	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	10,230	10,547	317	3.10
Directorate	3,756	3,872	116	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Co-Management Services				
Total	351,777	362,370	10,593	3.01

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$5,529	5,751	222	4.02
Unit Fee	\$27.75	28.75	1.00	3.60
Unit Fee (MSF)	\$32.50	33.50	1.00	3.08
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	9	9	0	0
Gulf Saint Vincent Quota Units	4,245	4,245	0	0
Spencer Gulf Quota Units	6,609	6,609	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Unit (\$)	Quota Unit (%)	Quota Unit (MSF) (\$)	Quota Unit (MSF) (%)
Compliance	0	0.00	7.85	27.30	7.83	23.36
Science	952	16.55	14.91	51.85	15.66	46.75
Management and Legislation	1,164	20.24	3.65	12.69	4.62	13.78
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	3,636	63.21	2.34	8.15	5.40	16.11
Other Costs	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	5,751	100.00	28.75	100.00	33.50	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Blue Crab Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: South Australian Blue Crab Pot Fishers Association

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Undertake fishery independent surveys (FIS) of the BCF to obtain a measure of relative abundance independent of changes in fishing patterns with data to be incorporated into annual stock assessments.
- Analyse fisher logbook information with data incorporated into annual stock assessments.
- Provide an Advice Note on survey results assessed against the performance indicators for the fishery.
- Provide a stock assessment report.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Surveys for Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent zones of the BCF completed	30 April 2026	This SLA
Advice Note on FIS results delivered	15 May 2026	This SLA
Stock assessment report delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA
Advice Note and fishery assessment presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and South Australian Blue Crab Pot Fishers Association (SABCPFA) representatives delivered as required	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.82
Salaries (\$)		\$112,786
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		\$34,000
Fieldwork (\$)		\$13,000
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		\$200
Office and communication (\$)		\$1,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$71,035
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$41,468
Total Cost (\$)		\$273,489
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	60%	\$162,415
PIRSA F&A (\$)	25%	\$69,606
Total Revenue (\$)	85%	\$232,021
SARDI Investment (\$)	15%	\$41,468

Attachment E: Charter Boat Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	35,622	36,410	788	2.21
Economic Assessment	24,083	25,046	963	4.00
TEPS	3,035	3,129	94	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	70,875	73,072	2,197	3.10
Legislation	10,170	10,485	315	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	82,680	85,243	2,563	3.10
VMS				
Vessel	59,240	61,076	1,836	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	43,148	44,486	1,338	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	30,690	31,641	951	3.10
Directorate	2,817	2,904	87	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Co-Management Services	60,000	60,000¹	0	0
Total	422,360	433,493²	11,133	2.64

¹ Co-Management Services costs requested for 2025-26 from the Charter Boat Association SA.

² Total costs are reflected above, noting 50% reduction (\$216,747) to all Charter licence holders fees due to the snapper management arrangements from 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2026.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$2,070	2,115	45	2.15
Category 1	\$518	529	11	2.06
Category 2	\$1,035	1,057	22	2.15
Category 3	\$2,070	2,115	45	2.15
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licences Holders	75	75	0	0.00
Category 1	15	15	0	0.00
Category 2	27	29	2	6.90
Category 3	4	5	1	20.00
In Abeyance	29	26	-3	-11.54

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	%
Compliance	714	179	357	714	33.77
Science	313	78	156	313	14.79
Management and Legislation	408	102	204	408	19.28
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	386	96	193	386	18.24
Other Costs	295	74	147	295	13.93
Total	2,115	529	1,057	2,115	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Charter Boat Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Provide statistics and reports on Charter Boat Fishery operations; and
- Respond to the needs of PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry to support ongoing management of the fishery.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Data summary report delivered.	31 March 2026	This SLA
Report presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and Industry delivered as required.	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: *(Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)*

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.15
Salaries (\$)		\$22,420
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		\$200
Office and communication (\$)		\$1,200
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$12,590
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$7,585
Total Cost (\$)		\$43,995
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	83%	\$36,410
Total Revenue (\$)		\$36,410
SARDI Investment (\$)	17%	\$7,585

Attachment F: Marine Scalefish Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	529,239	662,425	133,186	25.17
Economic Assessment	29,920	31,114	1,194	3.99
TEPS	8,676	8,945	269	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	207,900	214,345	6,445	3.10
Legislation	10,170	10,485	315	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	1,332,526	1,373,834	41,308	3.10
VMS				
Vessel	44,430	45,807	1,377	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring ¹	0	0¹	0	0.00
Information Services	193,510	199,509	5,999	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	92,070	94,924	2,854	3.10
Directorate	15,024	15,490	466	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	49,354	50,595	1,241	2.51
Co-Management Services	147,750	147,750²	0	0.00
Total	2,660,570	2,855,224	194,654	7.32
Total Subsidies		782,730³		

¹ Quota Monitoring costs are not included in Leasing and Licensing costs.

² Co-Management Services costs requested for 2025-26 from the Marine Fishers Association (MFA) and South Australian Professional Fishers Association (SAPFA).

³ Subsidies include:

- \$1.55 million in licence fee relief over 2024–25 to 2026–27 to assist MSF licence holders transition to the new quota-based fee structure.
- \$2.4 million in targeted fee relief for fishers affected by the Snapper closure from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026.

Licence Fees (includes offset arrangements and Snapper subsidies)	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Total Units	\$/kg
Garfish GSV Quota Unit Fee	69.00	35.00	2,120.83	\$0.98
Garfish SPG Quota Unit Fee	69.00	49.25	2,069.02	\$0.98
Calamari GSV Quota Unit Fee	35.50	35.50	4,070.06	\$0.98
Calamari SPG Quota Unit Fee	35.50	42.50	4,068.92	\$0.98
KG Whiting GSV Quota Unit Fee	70.50	22.60	2,014.54	\$0.98
KG Whiting SPG Quota Unit Fee	70.50	54.50	2,107.45	\$0.98
Snapper SE Quota Unit Fee	25.00	26.00	1,991.23	\$0.98
Base Fee	2,536	4,776		
No. Licences Holders	197	197		
MSF Access Fee ¹	1,787	2,013		

¹ 50% MSF Base Fee for LCF & RLF – does not include Co-Management Services costs.

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (45%)	%	Total Quota Unit Fees (55%)	%
Compliance	2,111	44.20	780,803	52.43
Science	1,045	21.87	386,366	25.95
Management and Legislation	334	7.00	123,657	8.30
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	461	9.65	170,457	11.45
Other Costs (includes FRDC and Co-Management Services costs)	825	17.28	27,827	1.87
Total	4,776	100.00	1,489,111	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Marine Scalefish Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- To provide an assessment report for Southern Garfish;
- To provide a 'Stock report' for a suite of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 species;
- To undertake assessments and monitoring programs to meet the needs of a reformed Marine Scalefish Fishery and support implementation of the new HSF; and
- Improve engagement and collaboration with industry through regular communication and updates on relevant research projects.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Advice Note on species stock summaries presented to the MSFMAC	30 April 2026	This SLA
Fully integrated assessment report for Southern Garfish delivered	30 May 2026	This SLA
Stock status and assessment presentations, and advice to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Industry, MFA, SAPFA, and the MSFMAC as required (including video-recorded presentation(s) to the MSFMAC)	30 June 2026	This SLA
Stock report for a suite of Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 species	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Program Milestone	Industry Contribution (\$)*79.5%	PIRSA F&A Contribution (\$)*20.5%	SARDI In-Kind (\$)	Total Program Cost (\$) no GST
Size and Age Structures	\$330,385	\$0	\$78,385	\$408,770
Assessment reports (incl. fully integrated assessment of the Southern Garfish)	\$332,040	\$85,620	\$82,936	\$500,596
TOTAL	\$662,425	\$85,620	\$161,321	\$909,366

*The 79.5 / 20.5 split applies to the 2025-26 Garfish Stock Assessment component only.

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	3.19	
Salaries (\$)		\$440,335
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		\$19,500
Travel (\$)		\$19,100
Office and communication (\$)		\$1,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$268,110
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$161,321
Total Cost (\$)		\$909,366
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence Holders	73%	\$662,425
PIRSA F&A	9%	\$85,620
Total Revenue (\$)	82%	\$748,045
PIRSA/SARDI Investment (\$)	18%	\$161,321

Attachment G: Miscellaneous Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring				
Economic Assessment				
TEPS	428	441	13	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	28,350	29,229	879	3.10
Legislation				
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	33,072	34,097	1,025	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	5,230	5,392	162	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	10,230	10,547	317	3.10
Directorate	1,878	1,936	58	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Co-Management Services				
Total	79,188	81,643	2,455	3.10

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	7,199	7,422	223	3.10
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	11	11	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)
Compliance	3,100	41.77
Science	39	0.53
Management and Legislation	2,658	35.81
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	1,625	21.90
Other Costs	0	0.00
Total	7,422	100.00

Attachment H: Miscellaneous Fishery – Giant Crab

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	14,266	14,587	321	2.25
Economic Assessment				
TEPS				
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	14,175	14,614	439	3.10
Legislation				
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	16,536	17,049	513	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	4,670	4,815	145	3.10
Information Services	2,615	2,696	81	3.10
Leasing and Licensing				
Directorate				
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Co-Management Services				
Total	52,262	53,761	1,499	2.87

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee <i>(includes \$1,016 for VMS)</i>	8,190	8,438	248	3.03
Giant Crab Unit Fee	26.25	26.00	-0.25	-0.95
Sector Numbers			#	%
Giant Crab - NZ	950	950	0	0
Giant Crab - SZ	949.98	949.98	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Unit (\$)	Quota Unit (%)
Compliance	2,688	31.85	8.28	31.85
Science	2,262	26.81	6.97	26.81
Management and Legislation	2,304	27.30	7.10	27.30
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	1,184	14.03	3.65	14.03
Other Costs	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	8,438	100.00	26.00	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Miscellaneous Fishery – Giant Crab

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- To provide PIRSA with an Advice Note on the commercial CPUE in the northern and southern management zones of the GCF by 15 August 2025.
- To provide PIRSA with a status report by 28 February 2026.
- To provide PIRSA with ongoing and *ad-hoc* advice relating to the Giant Crab fishery including advice to inform the harvest strategy and management policy in 2025/26.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Advice Note – commercial CPUE delivered	15 August 2025	This SLA
Status report delivered	28 February 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.05
Salaries (\$)		8,890
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		500
Office & communication (\$)		1,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		4,197
SARDI inkind (\$)		2,528
Total Cost (\$)		17,115
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	85%	14,587
Total Revenue (\$)		14,587
SARDI Investment (\$)	15%	2,528

Attachment I: *Pipi Fishery (Lakes and Coorong)*

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	200,725	205,448	4,723	2.35
Economic Assessment	9,529	9,911	382	4.01
TEPS				
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	37,800	38,972	1,172	3.10
Legislation	5,085	5,243	158	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	68,900	71,036	2,136	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	18,680	19,259	579	3.10
Information Services	14,121	14,559	438	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	6,650	6,856	206	3.10
Directorate	1,878	1,936	58	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	14,858	15,428	570	3.84
Co-Management Services	18,417	31,985¹	0	0
Total	396,643	420,633	23,990	6.05

¹Co-Management Services costs requested for 2025-26 from the Southern Fishermen's Association Inc.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$3,560	\$4,121	561	15.76
Pipi Base Fee	\$8,145	\$8,999	854	10.48
Pipi Unit Fee	\$307	\$322	15	4.89
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders (<i>Pipi Quota Holders</i>)	36(11)	36(11)	0	0
Pipi Units	1000.61	1000.00	-0.61	-0.06

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Pipi Base Fee (\$)	Quota Unit (\$)
Compliance	0	0	71.11
Science	384	0	215.60
Management and Legislation	0	4,201	0.00
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	0	1,623	19.28
Other Costs	3,737	3,174	16.01
Total	4,121	8,999	322

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Pipi Fishery (Lakes and Coorong)

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Goolwa Pipi Harvesters Association

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- To provide PIRSA with an Advice Note on the status of the Pipi stock (May 2026).
- To provide PIRSA and the LCFMAC with an update/presentation on the status of the Pipi stock (May 2026).
- Conduct fishery-independent surveys to provide annual estimates of relative abundance of Pipi, presence/absence of Pipi pre-recruits and size/age frequency information to characterise the demographic structure of Pipi
- Refine the method for estimating relative abundance of pre-recruits to the Pipi stock.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Fishery independent biomass surveys completed	31 May 2026	This SLA
Advice Note on survey biomass and Pipi stock status delivered	31 May 2026	This SLA
Fishery pre-recruit surveys completed	31 May 2026	This SLA
Survey biomass and stock status presentation to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, Industry and the LCFMAC delivered as required.	30 June 2026	This SLA
Advice Note on bycatch from 2025/26 SARDI Pipi surveys delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.72
Salaries (\$)		102,263
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		29,250
Fieldwork (\$)		6,500
Laboratory (\$)		1,000
Travel (\$)		5,000
Office & communication (\$)		1,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		60,435
SARDI inkind (\$)		36,411
Total Cost (\$)		241,859
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	85%	205,448
Total Revenue (\$)	85%	205,448
SARDI Investment (\$)	15%	36,411

Attachment J: Finfish Fishery (Lakes and Coorong)

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	192,438	202,558 ¹	10,120	5.26
Economic Assessment	10,178	10,586	408	4.01
TEPS	1,401	1,444	43	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	37,800	38,972	1,172	3.10
Legislation	5,085	5,243	158	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	55,120	56,829	1,709	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	20,397	21,029	632	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	6,650	6,856	206	3.10
Directorate	1,878	1,936	58	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	10,358	9,919	-439	-4.24
Co-Management Services	116,583	136,323 ²	19,740	16.93
Total	457,888	491,695	33,807	7.38

¹ Total revenue reduced by \$9,556 from \$212,114 to reflect refund to industry for FIS work not completed in 2024-25.

² Co-Management Services costs requested for 2025-26 from the Southern Fishermen's Association Inc.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	3,560	4,121	561	15.76
Net Sector Base Fee	2,282	2,332	50	2.20
Net Sector Unit Fee	215	226	11	5.12
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	36	36	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Net Base Fee (\$)	Net Fee (\$)
Compliance	0	0	47.75
Science	334	0	178.25
Management and Legislation	0	1,473	0.00
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	0	684	0.00
Other Costs	3,787	176	0.00
Total	4,121	2,332	226

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Finfish Fishery (Lakes and Coorong)

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Southern Fishermen's Association

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- To provide PIRSA with a fishery assessment report that includes a stock assessment for Mulloway, determines stock status for five other finfish species, describes patterns in fleet dynamics, standardizes CPUE and provides estimates of the environmental and biological performance indicators to inform the Harvest Strategy for finfish and the Black Bream Recovery Strategy.
- Coordinate fishery-independent surveys (FIS) for Black Bream, with PIRSA and industry.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
LCF assessment report that includes a stock assessment for Mulloway.	15 May 2026	This SLA
Presentations of LCF assessment report and other research to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, industry and the LCFMAC as required.	30 June 2026	This SLA
Three (August/September, December/January, April/May) fishery-independent surveys for Black Bream in conjunction with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry.	30 June 2026	This SLA
Work with PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and industry to support the recovery of Black Bream.	30 June 2026	PIRSA
Support development of an adaptive management strategy for Greenback Flounder.	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.80
Salaries (\$)		\$115,760
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys		\$13,500
Travel (\$)		\$2,000
Office and communication (\$)		\$1,000
Laboratory (\$)		\$1,200
Fieldwork (\$)		\$11,500
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$67,154
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$40,457
Total Cost (\$)		\$252,571
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders	84%	\$212,114
Total Revenue (\$)		\$212,114
SARDI Investment (\$)	16%	\$40,457

Total revenue reduced by \$9,556 to reflect refund to industry for FIS work not completed in 2024/25.

Attachment K: Prawn Fishery – Gulf St Vincent

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	296,023	301,062	5,039	1.70
Economic Assessment	10,633	11,058	425	4.00
TEPS	389	401	12	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	42,525	43,843	1,318	3.10
Legislation	1,017	1,049	32	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	27,560	28,414	854	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	13,075	13,480	405	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	4,092	4,219	127	3.10
Directorate	2,817	2,904	87	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	6,764	6,868	104	1.53
Co-Management Services	80,000	79,900¹	-100	-0.13
Total	484,895	493,198	8,303	1.71

¹ Co-Management Services costs requested for 2025-26 from the Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners' Association Incorporated.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$48,490	49,320	830	1.71
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licences Holders	10	10	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)
Compliance	2,841	5.76
Science	31,252	63.37
Management and Legislation	4,489	9.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	2,060	4.18
Other Costs	8,677	17.59
Total	49,320	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Saint Vincent Gulf Prawn Boat Owners' Association Incorporated

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Collect and analyse Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) data;
- Analyse fisher logbook information; and
- Deliver Advice Notes, including on FIS design options

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Advice Note on 2024/25 Standardised annual commercial CPUE delivered	15 September 2025	This SLA
Advice Note on FIS design options	31 December 2025	This SLA
November/December Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) completed	31 December 2025	This SLA
March Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) completed	31 March 2026	This SLA
April/May Fishery Independent Survey (FIS) completed	31 May 2026	This SLA
Advice Note on March and April/May 2026 FIS delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.65	
Salaries (\$)		106,501
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		130,000
Contractors		
Fieldwork (\$)		9,000
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		
Office & communication (\$)		1,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		54,561
SARDI inkind (\$)		32,871
Total Cost (\$)		333,933
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	90%	301,062
Total Revenue (\$)		301,062
SARDI Investment (\$)	10%	32,871

Attachment L: Prawn Fishery – Spencer Gulf

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	567,910	556,425	-11,485	-2.02
Economic Assessment	18,806	19,558	752	4.00
TEPS	1,517	1,564	47	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	42,525	43,843	1,318	3.10
Legislation	10,170	10,485	315	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	44,096	45,463	1,367	3.10
VMS				
Vessel	74,050	76,346	2,296	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	45,240	46,642	1,402	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	20,460	21,094	634	3.10
Directorate	15,024	15,490	466	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	76,029	66,028	-10,002	-13.15
Co-Management Services	242,038	277,038¹	35,000	14.46
Total	1,157,865	1,179,976	22,111	1.91

¹ Co-Management Services requested for 2025-26 from the Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Association.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	29,689	30,256	567	1.91
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	39	39	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)
Compliance	3,123	10.32
Science	14,809	48.95
Management and Legislation	1,393	4.60
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	2,134	7.05
Other Costs	8,797	29.07
Total	30,256	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Spencer Gulf Prawn Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Association

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Collect and analyse FIS and fishery-dependent (FDS) data.
- Analyse fisher logbook information.
- Monitor bycatch in the fishery.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Stock Status Advice Note delivered	30 September 2025	This SLA
November Fishery-independent survey (FIS) & bycatch data collection completed	30 November 2025	This SLA
March FIS (including length-frequency) & bycatch data collection completed	31 March 2026	This SLA
April FIS completed	30 April 2026	This SLA
Bycatch Advice Note delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA
Provision of aggregated data to the Executive Officer, SGWCPA	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		1.44
Salaries (\$)		\$198,401
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		\$211,000
Fieldwork (\$)		\$13,450
Laboratory (\$)		\$1,200
Travel (\$)		\$6,400
Office & communication (\$)		\$5,100
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$120,874
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$72,823
Total Cost (\$)		\$629,248
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	88%	\$556,425
Total Revenue (\$)		\$556,425
SARDI Investment (\$)	12%	\$72,823

Appendix 1. Provision of aggregated data to Executive Officer, SGWCPA

	Primary data source	Data fields/outputs	Grouping	Delivery date (Annual)
1.	Skipper's logs (stock assessment surveys)	Replicate shot data as presented in stock assessment survey reports (i.e. Year, Survey Month, Vessel, Shot ID, Shot Location No., Total Catch, Total Catch Rate, 20+ Catch Rate, Bucket Count, Tide, Comments) plus Trawl Duration, Trawl Distance, No. Nets	None (data requested for individual survey trawl shots)	30 June
2.	Stock assessment report (data underpinning figures)	Year, Region (aggregation of blocks), Catch, Effort, CPUE (Figs 3.6–3.10)	Year	30 June
		Year, Grade, Grade Proportion (by Wt) (Fig. 3.11)	Year	
		Year, Bucket Count Category, Proportion of Nights, Mean Bucket Count (weighted) (Fig. 3.12)	Year	
		Standardised Catches (fishing and survey) Means and standard errors for survey catch rates for adults/recruits, egg production, recruitment (Figs 3.1–3.4, 3.13 and 3.14)	Month (for survey catch rates and recruitment) and Year	
3.	Commercial fishing logbook – WKP	For the fleet: Year, Month, Departure Date, Catch (kg, adjusted), Effort (hours), Grade, Grade Wt	Night, Month and Year	On request via email or by 30 June
		For the fleet: Year, Month, Region, Catch (kg, adj.), Effort (h), CPUE, No. Nights, No. Vessels	Month, Year and Region	
		For the fleet: Year, Month, Departure Date, Catch (kg, adj.), Effort (h)	Night, Month and Year; filtered for Committee-At-Sea (CAS) members only	
4.	Commercial fishing logbook – Southern Calamari and Balmain Bug	For the fleet: Year, Month, Species, Region, Catch (kg, adj.)	Month, Year and Region	30 June
5.	Wildlife Interaction Logbook and SARDI Observer data sheet	For the fleet: Year, Month, Region, TEP Species, Nature of Interaction, Status, Fate	Month, Year and Region	30 June

Attachment M: Prawn Fishery – West Coast

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	34,031	31,945¹	-2,086	-6.13
Economic Assessment	872	906	34	3.90
TEPS	117	121	4	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	7,560	7,794	234	3.10
Legislation	1,017	1,049	32	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	8,268	8,524	256	3.10
VMS				
Vessel	14,810	459²	-14,351	-96.90
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring				
Information Services	5,492	1,488³	-4,004	-72.90
Leasing and Licensing	2,046	2,109	63	3.10
Directorate	1,878	1,936	58	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	3,077	2,959	-118	-3.83
Co-Management Services				
Total	79,168	59,291	-19,877	-25.11

¹ Costs offset by \$3,048 given Ceduna March FIS survey in March 2025 was funded but will not be done in 2024-25.

² Fisheries Patrol Vessel Days – a reduction of \$14,810 for two days of service for patrol vessels that were not delivered in 2024-25.

³ Logbook Monitoring Program – a \$4,174 reduction on the associated costs of the logbook program for nights fished in 2024-25.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	26,389	19,764	-6,625	-25.11
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	3	3	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)
Compliance	2,994	15.15
Science	10,991	55.61
Management and Legislation	2,948	14.91
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	1,845	9.33
Other Costs	986	4.99
Total	19,764	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

West Coast Prawn Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Spencer Gulf and West Coast Prawn Association

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Undertake fishery independent surveys (FIS) of the WCPF and incorporate the data into biennial stock assessments.
- Analyse commercial logbook data and incorporate into biennial stock assessments.
- Provide advice on PIs specified in the Harvest Strategy to inform management arrangements and stock status for the fishery.
- Deliver stock status report (biennial – delivered in 2025/26).
- Data provision to industry as per Appendix 2.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Annual advice note reporting on performance indicators delivered	30 November 2025	This SLA
Advice Note on potential adjustments to reference points in the Harvest Strategy to account for modified surveys delivered	30 November 2025	This SLA
March FIS completed	31 March 2026	This SLA
June FIS completed	30 June 2026	This SLA
Stock status report delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA
Provision of aggregated data to the Executive Officer, SGWCPA	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0.14
Salaries (\$)		\$18,803
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		\$4,340
Office & communication (\$)		\$100
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		\$11,750
SARDI inkind (\$)		\$7,080
Total Cost (\$)		\$42,073
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence Holders (\$)		\$34,993
Total Revenue (\$)*	83%	\$34,993
SARDI Investment (\$)	17%	\$7,080

*Note revenue to be offset by \$3,048 given Ceduna March FIS survey in March 2025 was funded but will not be done in 2024-25.

Appendix 2. Provision of aggregated data to Executive Officer, SGWCPA

Primary data source		Data fields/outputs	Grouping	Delivery date
1.	Skipper's logs (stock assessment surveys)	Replicate shot data as presented in stock assessment survey reports (i.e. Year, Survey Month, Vessel, Shot ID, Shot Location No., Total Catch, Total Catch Rate, 20+ Catch Rate, Bucket Count, Tide, Comments) plus Trawl Duration, Trawl Distance, No. Nets	None (data requested for individual survey trawl shots)	30 June
2.	Stock assessment report (data underpinning figures)	Year, Region (aggregation of blocks), Catch, Effort, CPUE, FIS CPUE (Figs 3.1 to 4.1)	Year/Region	30 June
3.	Commercial fishing logbook – WKP	Year, Month, Departure Date, Catch, Effort, Grade, Grade Wt	Night, Month and Year	30 June
		Year, Month, Region, Catch, Effort, CPUE, No. Nights, No. Vessels	Month, Year and Region	
4.	Commercial fishing logbook – Southern Calamari, Balmain Bug, Arrow squid and octopus	Year, Month, Species, Region, Catch	Month, Year and Region	30 June
5.	Wildlife Interaction Logbook and SARDI Observer data sheet	Year, Month, Region, TEP Species, Nature of Interaction, Status, Fate	Month, Year and Region	30 June

Attachment N: Rock Lobster Fishery – Northern Zone

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	292,284	306,954	14,670	5.02
Economic Assessment	11,390	11,846	456	4.00
TEPS	2,607	2,688	81	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	85,050	87,687	2,637	3.10
Legislation	5,085	5,243	158	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	689,000	710,359	21,359	3.10
VMS	62,433	64,368	1,935	3.10
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	46,700	48,148	1,448	3.10
Information Services	28,504	29,388	884	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	56,265	58,009	1,744	3.10
Directorate	15,024	15,490	466	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	32,689	38,393	5,704	17.45
Co-Management Services	307,625	307,625¹	0	0
Total	1,634,656	1,686,197	51,541	3.15

¹ Co-Management Services requested for 2025-26 from the South Australian Northern Zone Rock Lobster Fishermen's Association Incorporated.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	4,133	4,263	130	3.15
Inner Region Quota Fee	19.80	20.40	0.60	3.03
Outer Region Quota Fee	1.95	2.00	0.05	2.56
Giant Crab Unit Fee	26.25	26.00	-0.25	-0.95
By-Catch Fee	10.80	15.50	4.70	43.52
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	63	62	-1	-1.59
Inner Region Units	58,545	58,545	0	0.00
Outer Region Units	58,545	58,545	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Inner Quota Unit (\$)	Outer Quota Unit (\$)	%
Compliance	1,959	9.37	0.92	45.95
Science	813	3.89	0.38	19.07
Management and Legislation	235	1.12	0.11	5.51
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	382	1.83	0.18	8.96
Other Costs	875	4.19	0.41	20.52
Total	4,263	20.40	2.00	100.00

Attachment O: Rock Lobster Fishery – Southern Zone

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	807,406	823,194	15,788	1.96
Economic Assessment	26,456	27,512	1,056	3.99
TEPS	7,042	7,260	218	3.10
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	85,050	87,687	2,637	3.10
Legislation	15,255	15,728	473	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	1,615,016	1,665,081	50,065	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	193,338	199,331	5,993	3.10
Information Services	66,160	68,211	2,051	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	71,610	73,830	2,220	3.10
Directorate	26,292	27,107	815	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	173,021	182,693	9,672	5.59
Co-Management Services	600,276	600,276¹	0	0.00
Total	3,686,922	3,777,911	90,989	2.47

¹ Co-Management Services requested for 2025-26 from the South Eastern Professional Fishermen's Association Inc.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	8,071	8,270	199.00	2.46
Unit Fee	187	191	4.00	2.31
Giant Crab Unit Fee	26.25	26.00	-0.25	-0.95
By-Catch Fee	10.80	15.50	4.70	43.52
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	180	180	0	0.00
SZ Rock Lobster Units	11,882	11,882	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Fee(\$)	Quota Fee (%)
Compliance	3,645	44.07	84.18	44.07
Science	1,878	22.71	43.38	22.71
Management and Legislation	226	2.74	5.23	2.74
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	807	9.75	18.63	9.75
Other Costs	1,714	20.72	39.58	20.72
Total	8,270	100.00	191.00	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Rock Lobster Fishery – Northern & Southern Zone

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Deliver annual reports (stock assessment and stock status) on performance indicators for the Northern and Southern Zone fisheries.
- Monitor annual levels of puerulus settlement and to link settlement patterns to pre-recruit abundance and model estimates of recruitment as a potential indicator of future fishery performance.
- Undertake a Fishery Independent Monitoring Survey (FIMS) in the Southern Zone.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
End-of-season (2024/25) SZ and NZ presentations provided to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and the RLFMAC	31 July 2025	This SLA
Status report for SZ and NZ (2024/25 season) delivered	31 October 2025	This SLA
SZ August FIMS completed	31 October 2025	This SLA
SZ August FIMS Advice Note delivered	31 December 2025	This SLA
SZ January FIMS completed	28 February 2026	This SLA
SZ January FIMS Advice Note delivered	30 April 2026	This SLA
Stock Assessment report for Southern Zone and Northern Zone (2024/25 season) delivered	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcomes:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Project	Total Funded	Total In-kind	Total Project Cost
STOCK ASSESSMENT	\$1,055,027	\$207,341	\$1,262,368
SZ FIMS	\$130,930	\$5,057	\$135,987
TOTAL	\$1,185,957	\$212,398	\$1,398,355

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	4.20	
Salaries (\$)		624,625
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		88,080
Fieldwork (\$)		104,000
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		11,000

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Office & communication (\$)		4,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		354,252
SARDI inkind (\$)		212,398
Total Cost (\$)		1,398,355
Revenue – PRICE		
NZRL Licence holders (\$)	22%	306,954
SZRL Licence holders (\$)	59%	823,194
PIRSA F&A (\$)	4%	55,810
Total Revenue (\$)	85%	1,185,957
SARDI Investment (\$)	15%	212,398

Attachment P: Sardine Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	930,597	1,027,774 ¹	97,177	10.44
Economic Assessment	17,525	18,226	701	4.00
Observer Coverage	224,350	235,945 ²	11,595	5.17
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	75,600	77,944	2,344	3.10
Legislation	15,255	15,728	473	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	206,700	213,108	6,408	3.10
VMS	13,874	14,304	430	3.10
Vessel	51,835	53,442	1,607	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	20,548	21,185	637	3.10
Information Services	35,564	36,666	1,102	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	21,483	22,149	666	3.10
Directorate	6,573	6,777	204	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	70,173	75,607	5,434	7.74
Co-Management Services	0	0	0	0
Total	1,690,077	1,818,854	128,777	7.62

¹ Stock Assessment and Monitoring costs are for both Sardine Fishery and Dolphin Interactions.

² Observer Coverage program as contracted with Kempwilton Pty Ltd (trading as Seatec) until 30 June 2026.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	8,715	9,379	664	7.62
Unit Fee	56.00	40.25	-15.75	-28.13
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	14	14	0	0.00
Spencer Gulf Units	14,000	14,000	14,000	100.00
Gulf Saint Vincent Units		14,000		
Outside Units	14,000	14,000	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Base Fee (%)	Quota Unit (\$)	Quota Unit (%)
Compliance	1,448	15.44	6.22	15.44
Science	6,610	70.48	28.37	70.48
Management and Legislation	483	5.15	2.07	5.15
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	447	4.77	1.92	4.77
Other Costs	390	4.16	1.67	4.16
Total	9,379	100.00	40.25	100.00

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Sardine Fishery

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Deliver 2025 spawning biomass report;
- Deliver 2024 Stock Assessment report;
- Undertake catch sampling;
- Complete 2026 DEPM survey; and
- Ecosystem modelling progressed for delivery in November 2026 (i.e. next SLA)

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Work with industry and Seatec to ensure representative catch sampling (10%) given 20% observer coverage	1 July 2025	This SLA
2025 Egg and Adults surveys (DEPM) biomass report delivered	31 October 2025	Previous SLA
End-of-season presentations to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and stakeholders	30 November 2025	This SLA
2026 Egg survey completed for DEPM	30 April 2026	This SLA
Ongoing processing of catch samples for catch-at-size/age and other biological data for stock assessment	30 June 2026	This SLA
Trophodynamic modelling completed for 2026 Ecological Assessment (EA to be delivered in November 2026)	30 June 2026	This SLA
Stock assessment report delivered	30 November 2025	Previous SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Project	Total Funded	Total In-kind	Total Project Cost
2026 DEPM Survey and Spawning Biomass Report (2025 survey)	\$592,140	\$80,913	\$673,053
Catch sampling	\$130,731	\$30,342	\$161,073
Trophodynamic modelling for Ecological Assessment	\$243,336	\$48,043	\$291,379
TOTAL	\$966,207	\$159,298	\$1,125,505

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Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		3.15
Salaries (\$)		432,298
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (Ngerin; \$)		245,000
Laboratory (\$)		9,000
Travel (\$)		11,000
Office & communication (\$)		4,500
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		264,409
SARDI inkind (\$)		159,298
Total Cost (\$)		1,125,505
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	86%	966,207
Total Revenue (\$)		966,207
SARDI Investment (\$)	14%	159,298

Appendix 1: Proposed Research Program – based on Tier 2 in the Sardine Management Plan

Management Plan Year	Financial Year	Stock Assessment	Catch Sampling	DEPM	Adult Sampling	Ecological Assessment
1	2023-24		Unfunded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered	
2	2024-25	Funded	Included in Stock Assessment	Funded & Delivered		
3	2025-26	Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered		Funded
4	2026-27	Funded	Included in Stock Assessment	Funded & Delivered		Delivered
5	2027-28	Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered	
6	2028-29	Funded	Included in Stock Assessment	Funded & Delivered		
7	2029-30	Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered		Funded
8	2030-31	Funded	Included in Stock Assessment	Funded & Delivered		Delivered
9	2031-32	Delivered	Funded & Delivered	Funded & Delivered		

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Sardine Fishery – Dolphin Interactions

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Assess the efficacy of the CoP in mitigating interactions with dolphins in the presence and absence of observers.
- Compare rates of dolphin encirclement and mortality recorded by observers and in fishery logbooks when an observer was not present.
- Use a stratified ratio approach to estimate the total number of encirclements per year from observer data and compare these to the total number recorded in fishery logbooks.
- Report on the degree to which observer coverage represent commercial fishing for the calendar year being reported.
- Compare CPUE_{net-set} for observed and unobserved net-sets for the calendar year being reported.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
End-of-season (2024) presentation to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture and stakeholders	30 November 2025	This SLA
SASF dolphin interactions (2025) report delivered.	30 June 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.23	
Salaries (\$)		41,166
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		2,000
Office & communication (\$)		
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		19,305
SARDI inkind (\$)		12,535
Total Cost (\$)		74,102
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence Holders (\$)	83%	61,567
Total Revenue (\$)	83%	61,567
SARDI Investment (\$)	17%	12,535

Attachment Q: Vongole Fishery

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	\$	%
Science Projects				
Stock Assessment and Monitoring	19,730	52,095 ¹	32,365	164.04
Economic Assessment	10,584	11,008	424	4.01
TEPS	0	0	0	0
Management and Legislation				
Fisheries Management	28,350	29,229	879	3.10
Legislation	5,085	5,243	158	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	52,364	53,987	1,623	3.10
VMS				
Vessel				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Quota Monitoring	10,274	10,592	318	3.10
Information Services	7,322	7,549	227	3.10
Leasing and Licensing	10,230	10,547	317	3.10
Directorate	1,878	1,936	58	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	2,786	2,913	127	4.54
Co-Management Services				
Total	148,603	185,099	36,496	24.56

¹ One year West Coast research program – \$59,189 split over 3 years (2025-26: \$19,730). One year Coffin Bay research program – \$64,729 split over two years (2025-26: \$32,365). Total = \$52,095 for 2025-26.

Licence Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Base Fee	\$3,397	3,511	114	3.35
Coffin Bay Unit Fee	\$60	94.50	34.50	57.50
West Coast Unit Fee	\$47.75	48.75	1.00	2.09
Sector Numbers			#	%
Licence Holders	12	12	0	0.00
Coffin Bay Units	1,000	1,000	0	0.00
West Coast Units	1,000	1,000	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Base Fee (\$)	Coffin Bay Unit (\$)	West Coast Unit (\$)
Compliance	0	39.87	14.23
Science	917	32.43	19.76
Management and Legislation	924	11.72	11.71
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	1,669	8.22	2.39
Other Costs	0	2.26	0.66
Total	3,511	94.50	48.75

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Vongole Fishery – West Coast

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
NIL in 2025/26	Not applicable	Not applicable

Project Cost Summary: *(Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)*

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)		0
Salaries (\$)		0
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		0
Fieldwork (\$)		0
Laboratory (\$)		0
Travel (\$)		
Office & communication (\$)		0
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		0
SARDI inkind (\$)		0
Total Cost (\$)		0
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)		0
Total Revenue (\$)	0%	0
SARDI Investment (\$)	0%	0

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Vongole Fishery – Coffin Bay

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- Apply survey design informed by the independent review of the 2009/10, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2015/16 and triennial (2016/17 to 2018/19) sampling designs and implement an industry-based survey of Vongole populations on commercially important fishing grounds in the Coffin Bay fishing zone;
- Determine estimates of the harvestable biomass of Vongole in 2025/26 from the area sampled;
- Provide PIRSA with biomass estimates in a risk analysis framework; and
- Provide PIRSA with scientific advice to support the sustainable management of the South Australian Vongole Fishery, including TACC setting.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Survey of commercially important fishing grounds in Coffin Bay completed	February 2026	This SLA
Vongole biomass Advice Note delivered	May 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fishery.

Project Cost Summary: (Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.27	
Salaries (\$)		34,321
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		6,000
Fieldwork (\$)		1,225
Laboratory (\$)		100
Travel (\$)		
Office & communication (\$)		
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		23,083
SARDI inkind (\$)		13,907
Total Cost (\$)		78,636
Revenue – PRICE		
Licence holders (\$)	83%	64,729
Total Revenue (\$)		64,729
SARDI Investment (\$)	17%	13,907

Stock Assessment and Monitoring Program

Wildlife Interaction Reporting

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

Objectives:

- To analyse TEPS interactions logbook returns.
- Prepare and provide an Advice Note of TEPS interactions to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- Respond to *ad-hoc* queries as required.
- Provide presentations to PIRSA and/or industry as required.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Advice Note on Interactions with Threatened, Endangered or Protected Species (TEPS) in South Australian Managed Fisheries in 2024/25 delivered.	30 April 2026	This SLA

Outcome:

- Scientific advice and information to support management of the fisheries.

Project Cost Summary: (*Scope and Costing costed at a Discounted rate*)

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.10	
Salaries (\$)		17,757
Operating		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Fieldwork (\$)		
Laboratory (\$)		
Travel (\$)		
Office & communication (\$)		2,000
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		8,395
SARDI inkind (\$)		5,451
Total Cost (\$)		33,209
Licence holders (\$)	84%	27,758
Total Revenue (\$)	84%	27,758
SARDI Investment (\$)	16%	5,451

Attachment R: Abalone Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	3,079	3,175	95	3.10
Other Activities	920	949	29	3.10
Environmental Monitoring				
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	3,099	3,195	96	3.10
Legislation	3,315	3,418	103	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	2,921	3,012	91	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance				
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	10,474	10,798	325	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	19,916	20,533	617	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	3,593	3,705	111	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Total	47,317	48,784	1,467	3.10

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	14,197	14,637	440	3.10
Lease Fee	9,461	9,755	293	3.10
Sector Numbers			#	%
Leases	2	2	0	0.00
Licences	2	2	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee (\$)	Licence Fee (%)	Lease Fee (\$)	Lease Fee (%)
Compliance	0	0.00	0	0.00
Science	1,239	8.47	822	8.43
Management and Legislation	2,887	19.73	1,925	19.73
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	10,511	71.81	7,007	71.84
Other Costs	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	14,637	100.00	9,755	100.00

Attachment S: Landbased Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	15,542	16,024	482	3.10
Other Activities	3,800	3,918	118	3.10
Environmental Monitoring				
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning				
Legislation	3,445	3,551	107	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	42,290	43,601	1,311	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	27,546	28,400	854	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	26,118	26,927	810	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	21,687	22,359	672	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	32,355	33,358	1,003	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Total	172,783	178,139	5,356	3.10

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Land-based Category A Fees	1,209	1,393	184	15.23
Land-based Category B Fees	2,607	2,823	215	8.25
Land-based Category C Fees	4,741	4,399	-342	-7.21
Land-based Category D Fees	7,485	7,717	232	3.10
Sector Numbers			#	%
Category A Licence Holders	19	17	-2	-10.53
Category B Licence Holders	21	20	-1	-4.76
Category C Licence Holders	9	10	1	11.11
Category D Licence Holders	7	7	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Category A (\$)	Category B (\$)	Category C (\$)	Category D (\$)
Compliance	84	568	710	1,217
Science	71	253	611	1,082
Management and Legislation	426	589	1,179	2,332
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	812	1,412	1,899	3,086
Other Costs	0	0	0	0
Total	1,393	2,823	4,399	7,717

Attachment T: Marine Algae Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	14,998	5,155	-9,843	-65.63
Other Activities	1,695	1,747	53	3.10
Environmental Monitoring				
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	8,817	9,090	273	3.10
Legislation	2,672	2,755	83	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	53,702	18,346	-35,356	-65.84
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	13,511	5,671	-7,840	-58.03
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	28,696	26,683	-2,013	-7.01
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	15,305	15,780	475	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	3,337	3,440	103	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Total	142,733	88,668	-54,065	-37.88

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	9,012	4,926	-4,086	-45.34
Lease Fee	5,264	3,944	-1,320	-25.08
Hectare Fee	1,084	673	-411	-37.88
Sector Numbers			#	%
Lease Holders	4	4	0	0.00
Licence Holders	4	4	0	0.00
Licence Hectare Numbers	79	79	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee		Lease Fee		Hectare Fee	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Compliance	284	5.76	284	7.19	\$43	6.40
Science	606	12.30	87	2.19	\$52	7.77
Management and Legislation	1,741	35.34	1,278	32.41	\$229	34.05
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	2,295	46.60	2,295	58.20	\$349	51.78
Other Costs	0	0.00	0	0.00	\$0	0.00
Total	4,926	100.00	3,944	100.00	673	100.00

Attachment U: Mussel Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	9,049	9,330	281	3.10
Other Activities	1,063	1,096	33	3.10
Environmental Monitoring				
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	4,960	5,113	154	3.10
Legislation	3,228	3,328	100	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	17,794	18,345	552	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	5,500	5,670	170	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	25,881	26,683	802	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	15,229	15,701	472	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	2,936	3,027	91	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC				
Total	85,639	88,294	2,655	3.10

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	1,513	1,560	47	3.10
Lease Fee	1,006	1,037	31	3.10
Sector Numbers			#	%
Lease Holders	34	34	0	0.00
Licence Holders	34	34	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee		Lease Fee	
	\$	%	\$	%
Compliance	100	6.42	67	6.43
Science	186	11.89	121	11.68
Management and Legislation	473	30.31	315	30.38
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	801	51.38	534	51.51
Other Costs	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	1,560	100.00	1,037	100.00

Attachment V: Oyster Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	82,298	84,849	2,551	3.10
Other Activities	14,137	14,575	438	3.10
Environmental Monitoring				
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	37,475	38,637	1,162	3.10
Legislation	49,871	51,417	1,546	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	80,171	82,657	2,485	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	145,237	149,739	4,502	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	32,737	33,752	1,015	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	97,422	100,442	3,020	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	59,592	61,439	1,847	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	80,000	100,000	20,000	25.00
Total	678,940	717,507	38,567	5.68

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	601	618	17	2.78
Lease Fee	548	541	-7	-1.20
Hectare Licence Fee	327	359	32	10.03
Hectare Lease Fee	73	75	2	3.60
Sector Numbers			#	%
Lease Holders	276	288	12	4.35
Licence Holders	322	323	1	0.31
Lease Hectare Numbers	837	833	-4	-0.48
Licence Hectare Numbers	837	833	-4	-0.48

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee (\$)	Hectare Fee (\$)	Lease Fee (\$)	Hectare Fee (\$)
Compliance	232	0	260	0
Science	135	59	0	8
Management and Legislation	0	160	0	47
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	251	20	281	20
Other Costs	0	120	0	0
Total	618	359	541	75

Attachment W: Tuna Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	32,128	33,124	996	3.10
Other Activities	18,258	18,824	566	3.10
Environmental Monitoring	135,791	149,499	13,708	10.09
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	38,433	39,625	1,191	3.10
Legislation	39,329	40,548	1,219	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	66,582	68,646	2,064	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	40,598	41,856	1,259	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	57,328	59,105	1,777	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	116,333	119,939	3,606	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	49,426	50,958	1,532	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	169,000	170,000	1,000	0.59
Total	763,206	792,125	28,919	3.79

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	45,971	40,626	-5,346	-11.63
Lease Fee	30,431	26,892	-3,539	-11.63
Hectare Fee	200	210	10	4.84
Sector Numbers			#	%
Lease Numbers	6	7	1	14.29
Licence Numbers	6	7	1	14.29
Lease Hectare Numbers	1,522	1,522	0	0

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee		Lease Fee		Hectare Fee	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Compliance	3,588	8.83	2,392	8.89	0	0.00
Science	4,454	10.96	2,967	11.03	98	46.79
Management and Legislation	12,756	31.40	8,504	31.62	0	0.00
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	19,828	48.81	13,029	48.45	0	0.00
Other Costs	0	0.00	0	0.00	112	53.21
Total	40,626	100.00	26,892	100.00	210	100.00

Attachment X: Finfish Sector

Program	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Science Projects				
Aquatic Animal Health	23,976	24,720	743	3.10
Other Activities	5,194	5,355	161	3.10
Environmental Monitoring	73,272	80,499	7,228	9.86
Management and Legislation				
Resource Management and Planning	24,344	25,098	755	3.10
Legislation	17,264	17,799	535	3.10
Environment and Resource Management	57,807	59,599	1,792	3.10
Compliance Activities				
Compliance	16,123	16,623	500	3.10
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems				
Program Management and Administration	28,497	29,381	883	3.10
Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing	49,153	50,677	1,524	3.10
Aquaculture Systems	20,160	20,785	625	3.10
Other Costs				
FRDC	0	0	0	0
Total	315,789	330,535	14,746	4.67

Fees	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	Variance	
			\$	%
Licence Fee	11,516	\$12,134	618	5.37
Lease Fee	5,104	\$5,262	158	3.10
Sector Numbers				
Lease Holders	19	19	0	0.00
Licence Holders	19	19	0	0.00

Breakdown of 2025-26 Costs	Licence Fee		Lease Fee	
	\$	%	\$	%
Compliance	525	4.33	350	6.65
Science	5,188	42.76	632	12.00
Management and Legislation	3,237	26.67	2,158	41.00
Licensing, Business Support, Data Management and Systems	3,184	26.24	2,123	40.34
Other Costs	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	12,134	100.00	5,262	100.00

Project Scope and Costing

Tuna and Finfish Aquaculture Environmental Program 2023-24 to 2026-27

Aquaculture (Zones - Lower Eyre Peninsula) Supplementary Feed Environmental Program

Subcontractor/Collaborator: Not Applicable

Timeframe: 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

** Note this CRIS refers to the above financial year within the four-year project.*

Objectives:

- Monitor changes in key physical, water quality parameters and lower pelagic ecosystem structure at key sites inside and outside aquaculture zones and the modelled aquaculture nutrient emission plume in the Port Lincoln region.
- Assess spatial and temporal changes in water quality and pelagic ecosystem structure to determine if there are statistically significant differences between sites and their relation to aquaculture nutrient emissions and physical drivers.
- Update and validate ocean biogeochemical models used to (i) understand the regional transport and connectivity of aquaculture nutrient emissions and, (ii) optimize future aquaculture lease siting monitoring program design and estimates of carrying capacity.
- Assess status of seagrasses at key sites inside and outside aquaculture nutrient plumes in the Port Lincoln region to determine if there are statistically significant ($\alpha=0.05$) differences between sites inside and outside the plume.
- Assess historical changes in seagrass distribution at the inshore margin in the Port Lincoln region using aerial and/or satellite imagery, and to determine if these changes differ between sites inside and outside the aquaculture plume.

Deliverables	Due Date	Funding Source
Pelagic/Oceanography Monitoring: - Laboratory processing and reporting of Y2 February and May results completed - Field sampling (August and November) Y2 completed. - Coupled hydrodynamic biogeochemical model update for Yr1 and Yr2 completed Seagrass monitoring: historical seagrass mapping completed	28 November 2025	This SLA
Pelagic/Oceanography Monitoring: - Field sampling (February and May) Yr 3 completed Seagrass Monitoring: - Field sampling (May) completed for Yr 3 and historical change analysis completed	19 June 2026	This SLA

Outcomes:

- Improved understanding of the influence of aquaculture on marine ecosystem health in the Port Lincoln region, including identifying if aquaculture is having an impact on either the pelagic ecosystem or seagrasses. This will allow management to implement changes to reduce any negative impacts documented.

Project Cost Summary: The following table outlines the funding structure, between the Finfish and Tuna sectors, for this research project scope (GST exclusive):

Sector	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Program Total
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Tuna	135,791	135,791	149,499	149,499	570,580
Finfish	73,272	73,272	80,499	80,499	307,542
Total	209,063	209,063	229,998	229,998	878,122

*The total program cost was \$836,250 over the four year period, and has now increased by \$41,873 to include the additional sampling location (BRN) near Louth Bay be included in the program as it would be beneficial to understand any downstream impacts form aquaculture in the region, and assist with the ongoing management of the supplementary fed aquaculture industry. As \$418,126 has already been allocated in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 cost recovery cycles, the remaining \$459,996 will be split over the remaining two years of the program.

Cost	Detail	2025-26 Total (\$) exGST
Salaries (FTE)	0.69	
Salaries (\$)		98,903
Operating (\$)		
Payment to industry for surveys (\$)		
Field and Laboratory (consumables and equipment use) (\$)		68,263
Travel (\$)		12,484
Office & communication (\$)		
Capital equipment (\$)		
SARDI overhead (\$)		57,383
SARDI inkind (\$)		34,556
Total Cost (\$)		271,589
Carry forward from 2024-25	3%	7,035
Licence holders (\$)	85%	229,998
Total Revenue (\$)		229,998
SARDI Investment (\$)	13%	34,556

