

Professor Gavin Begg

Research Chief, Aquatic Sciences

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Qualifications

BSc (Hons),
University of New South Wales
PhD (Fisheries),
University of Queensland
GAICD

Roles and expertise

Professor Gavin Begg was appointed Research Chief of SARDI Aquatic Sciences in February 2012.

Prior to his move to South Australia in 2012, he was the Assistant Secretary for Fisheries and Quantitative Sciences at the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

He previously led the Bureau of Rural Sciences Fisheries and Marine Sciences Program, and was a Senior Manager at the Australian Fisheries Management Authority. He was a program leader at the CRC Reef Research Centre and CRC Torres Strait at James Cook University, and Research Scientist and Postdoctoral Fellow at the Marine Research Institute Iceland and the National Marine Fisheries Centre, Woods Hole, USA.

The Aquatic Sciences division at SARDI supports the sustainable utilisation and growth of resources and aquaculture industries. The major

science program areas of the division are Fisheries, Aquaculture, Inland Waters and Catchment Ecology, and Marine Ecosystems.

Experience

Prof Begg has more than 20 years of experience in fisheries and marine science, having worked in federal and state agencies, both in Australia and overseas. He has experience in assessment and management of marine fisheries and ecosystems and has led Australian delegations to numerous international fisheries meetings.

He has provided integrated scientific and economic advice, data and assessments to support government priorities and policies, and is involved in a range of advisory committees where he contributes to the shaping of fisheries and environmental research, policy and management outcomes.

With more than 160 scientific publications to his credit, he is passionate about sustainable fisheries and working with industry and other stakeholders to develop and support evidence-based policy, as well as achieve sustainable natural resource management outcomes.



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