

NESP Marine and Coastal Hub

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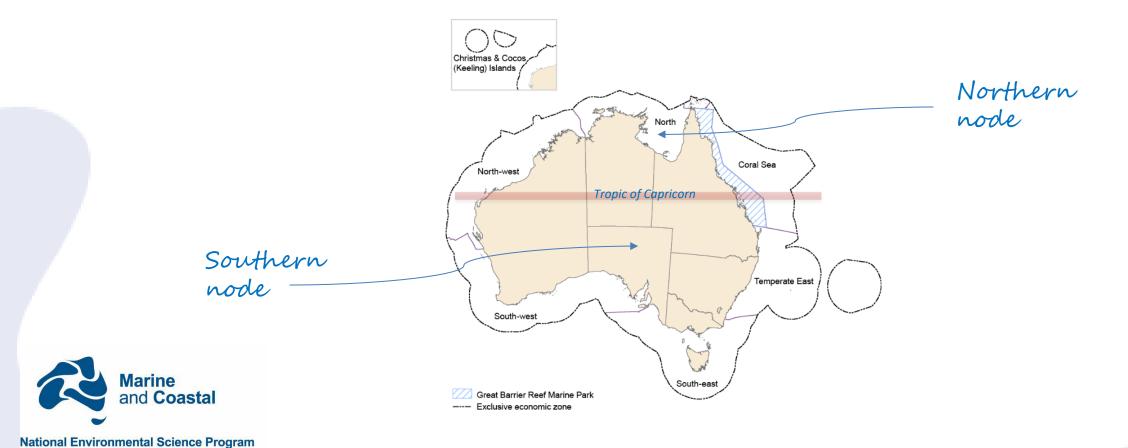
- NESP is a long-term Commonwealth Government investment in Australia's environmental research capacity
- NESP phase 2 continues from previous programs CERF (2006-2010), NERP (2011-2015) and NESP first phase (2015-2021)
- Current NESP (2021-2027) is investing \$149 million into 4 research hubs
- NESP Marine and Coastal Hub is a collaboration across 30 research partners to deliver practical outcomes for Australia's marine and coastal environment and communities

The program is intended to:

- Fund highly applied research that enables evidence-based policy and better management decisions for the future
- Be co-designed and co-delivered with key stakeholders. The process starts with evaluating the needs of key research users
- Builds enduring research partnerships that outlive the program

NESP Marine and Coastal Hub is co-delivered by north and south nodes

- Northern node administered by Reef and Rainforest Research Centre (RRRC)
- Southern node administered by University of Tasmania (UTAS)





Marine and Coastal Hub Key Outcome Areas

Natural capital supporting economic and social values

Supporting Regional Planning, Understanding values at regional/national scale

> Developing Northern Australia Offshore Renewable Energy

Capability building
Indigenous-designed and led
Jobs and economic control

Improving indigenous futures

Innovation in monitoring and decision making

New tech (drones, eDNA, AI) Citizen Science Indigenous-led monitoring

Informing Policy and Decision Making

Decision-making, assessment, real-time information, de-risking coastal and marine development



Knowledge Systems

Monitoring, technology, indicators, valuing knowledge systems – Traditional ecological knowledge, citizen science, industry knowledge, data mining and wrangling



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