

AIMS Annual Report 2024-2025

External Committees and Non-Government Organisations and Positions

In 2024/25 the Australian Institute of Marine Science participated in the following domestic and international fora:

Table 1: Domestic Fora

Domestic fora		AIMS personnel and role
Organisation	Committee or Position	
Academy of Collaborative Research Infrastructure (ACRI)	Advisory Group	Craig Humphrey, Member
AIMS@CDU	Management Committee	Dr Claire Streten, Member Andrea Felix, Secretariat
	Research Project Committee Advisory	Dr Richard Brinkman, Member Andrea Felix, Secretariat
AIMS@JCU	Executive Committee (EC)	AIMS is Partner Dr Cherie Motti, Research Director Dr Kameron Christopher, Member Rebecca Clancy, Secretariat
	Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)	Dr. Claire Streten, Member David Mead, Member Libby Evans-Illidge, Member Dr Line Bay, Member Tara McLaren, Member Rebecca Clancy, Secretariat
AIMS@UWA	Executive Committee	AIMS is Partner
AusSeabed	Executive Board	Dr Claire Streten, AIMS representative
Australasian Research Management Society	Board Member	Tara McLaren, Board Member

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Australian Acoustical Society	Committee Western Australia chapter	Dr Miles Parson, Member
Australian Association for Uncrewed Systems	Maritime Working Group	AIMS is Gold Corporate Member
Australian Coral Reef Society	Council Member	Dr Sven Uthicke, Councillor, AIMS representative Dr Saskia Jurriaans, Treasurer Dr James Gilmour, Councillor
Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO), Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	Permanent Committee on Tides and Mean Sea Level	AIMS No longer represented.
HydroScheme Industry Partnership Program (HIPP), Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO), Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	HydroScheme Review Panel	Dr Richard Brinkman
Australian Marine Sciences Association	AMSA Council	Amy Carmignani, Secretary
	AMSA 2025 Conference	Madeleine van Oppen, Organising Committee member
Australian Ocean Data Network (AODN)	Technical Advisory Group	David Crossman, Member
Australian Society for Fish Biology	Executive Council	Dr Leanne Currey-Randall, Conference and Workshop Coordinator Dr Tiffany Sih, Secretary
	ASFB 2025 Conference	Grant Johnson, Organising Committee member Katherine Cure, Scientific Committee member
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and TSRA	Climate Change impacts on key fisheries resources in the Torres Straits – Project Steering Committee	Dr Neal Cantin, Scientific Committee member
Defence and National Security Science & Technology (S&T)	Publicly Funded Research Agency (PFRA) Round Table	David Mead, Member
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	Marine Pest Sectoral Committee (MPSC)	Dr Eric Trembl, Observer representing AIMS

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) – Water Policy Division	shinyssdtools Technical Committee (sTC)	Dr Rebecca Fisher, Member
Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters , Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Healthy Rivers to Reefs Partnership , Wet Tropics Waterways	Regional Report Card Technical Working Group	Angus Thompson, Member
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)	Board	Ms Manuwuri (Traceylee) Forester, Director
Fitzroy Partnership for River Health	Independent Science Panel	Dr Barbara Robson, Member
Great Barrier Reef Foundation		AIMS is Research Partner
	International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC)	AIMS is a Member
	Pacific Reefs Steering Committee for the TED Audacious Project	Dr Eric Treml, Member
	Traditional Owner Advisory Group - Crown-of-thorns starfish Control and Reef Restoration and Adaptation Science Co-Design Group	Bob Muir, Chair Manuwuri Forester, Member Libby Evans-Illidge, Member
	COTS Control Innovation Program - Steering Committee	Dr Claire Streten, AIMS representative
	Local Marine Advisory Committee for the Capricorn Coast	Bob Muir - Indigenous Community, Chair
Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP)	Independent Science Panel	Partner Dr Barbara Robson, Member
Government Scientists Group		Dr Karen Miller, Member
Invertebrates Australia (IA)	Scientific Advisory Committee	Dr Katharina Fabricius, Member
Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS)	Board Member	Dr Selina Stead, CEO

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	Animal Tracking Facility Data and Scientific Committee	Dr Leanne Currey Randall, Member Dr Stacy Bierwagen, Member
	Coastal Wave Buoys Facility – Steering Committee	Dr Bozena Wojtasiewicz, Member
	Estuarine and Coastal Moorings – Steering Committee	Dr Paolo Calil, Member Dr Renee Gruber, Member
	Ocean Glider Facility Scientific Steering Committee	Dr Jessica Benthuisen, Member Dr Barbara Robson, Member until June 2025 Paulo Calil, Member from June 2025
	Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC)	Dr. Lyndon Llewellyn, Chair
	Sub-facility for Event Based Sampling – Steering Committee	Dr. Lyndon Llewellyn, Chair Dr. Jessica Benthuisen, Member Dr. Neal Cantin, Member
	Sub-facility Marine Microplastics	Dr Cherie Motti, Lead Dr Marina Santana, Member
	National Mooring Network	Simon Spagnol, Member – Steering Committee John Luetchford, Member – NRS2NRT working group Shaun Byrnes, Member – NRS2NRT working group
	Mooring Network Biogeochemical (BGC) Steering Committee	Dr Renee Gruber, Member Dr Marina Santana, Observer representing AIMS
International Indian Ocean Expedition-2 (IIOE-2)	Australian National Committee	Camille Grimaldi, AIMS representative
James Cook University (JCU)	Electrical Engineering Advisory Board	Melanie Olsen, Member

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Keiran McNamara World Heritage PhD Research Top Up Scholarship	Selection Committee	Dr Luciana Cerqueira Ferreira, Member
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	Laynhapuy IPA advisory committee	Dr Claire Streten, AIMS representative
Lions Marine Research Trust	Scientific Advisory Committee	Dr. Lyndon Llewellyn, Scientific Advisor
Marine National Facility	Steering Committee	Dr Lyndon Llewellyn, Deputy Chair - National Marine Science Committee (NMSC) Ex officio
The Fish Collective (National BRUVS Working Group)	Steering Committee Working group	Dr Dianne McLean, Co-Chair Dr Leanne Currey-Randall, Member Dr Conrad Speed, Member Dr Ben Radford, Member Dr Shaun Wilson, Member
Nano and Microplastic Research Consortium		AIMS is a Partner Dr Cherie Motti, Founding Member Dr Marina Santana, Founding Member.
National Marine Science Committee (NMSC)		Executive Members: • Dr Lyndon Llewellyn, Deputy Chair • Dr Karen Miller White Papers development: • Libby Evans-Illidge • Dr Line Bay • Melanie Olsen • Dr Aleksandar Zivaljevic • Dr Matthew Nitschke • Dr Yun Kit Yeoh • Dr Heidi Luter • Dr Wing Yan Chan

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		• Dr. Kamran Shafi • Dr Barbara Robson • Dr Sven Uthicke • Dr Renee Gruber • Dr Chinenye Ani • Dr Camille Grimaldi • Dr Eric Treml • Prof David Bourne
	Coastal Research Vessel Fleet Working Group	Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative
	Southern Coastal RV Fleet - Modular Capability Working Group	Patrick Bunday, Facilitator Gary Brinkman, Technical Advisor
National Environmental Science Program		AIMS is a Partner
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	Directors Forum	Craig Humphrey, Member
	National Earth and Environmental Sciences Facilities Forum	Craig Humphrey, Member
Northern Territory (NT) Government – Department of Lands, Planning and Environment	Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC)	Dr Claire Streten, Chair
	Darwin Harbour Integrated Marine Monitoring & Research Program Coordination Committee (IMMRP)	Dr Claire Streten, Member
Port of Townsville	Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)	Dr Richard Brinkman, Deputy Chair Dr Ross Jones
	Port Environment Working Group	Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative
	Townsville Marine Decarbonisation Working Group	Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative

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Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan)	Reef 2050 Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program (RIMReP) Executive Group	Dr Selina Stead, AIMS CEO
	Independent Expert Panel	Dr Richard Brinkman, Member Dr Katharina Fabricius, Member
	Advisory Committee	Dr Manuel Gonzalez Rivero, Member
	Reef Advisory Committee (RAC)	Dr David Wachenfeld, Member
	GBR Water Quality Targets Review Technical Advisory Group	Dr Barbara Robson, Member Dr Britta Schaffelke, Member Dr Rebecca Fisher, Member
	Reef Water Quality Protection Plan Independent Science Panel	Dr Peter Doherty, AIMS Fellow
Reef and Rainforest Research Centre Pty Ltd (RRRC)		Dr David Wachenfeld, Non-executive Director
Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program (RRAP)	Board	Dr Selina Stead, AIMS CEO
	Steering Committee	Dr Line Bay
Research Vessels of New Zealand and Australia (RVONZA)	Technical and Operations Working Forum	AIMS is Member Contributing participants: • Dr Richard Brinkman • Patrick Bunday • Gary Brinkman • Justin Rees
Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI)		AIMS is a Partner

Table 2: International Fora

International fora		AIMS role
Organisation	Committee or Position	
Australia New Zealand Marine Biotechnology Society	Management Committee	Dr Jordan Ivey Dr Samuel Mc Cormack Dr Libby Evans-Illidge (ex-officio)
Climate and Ocean – Variability, Predictability, and Change (CLIVAR)	Research Focus - Marine Heatwaves in the Global Oceans	Dr Jessica Benthuisen, Member
Coral Research and Development Accelerator Program (CORDAP)	Initiative Governing Committee	Prof Selina Stead, Member
	Scientific and Advisory Committee (SAC)	Dr David Mead, Chair Dr Rachel Pears, Member
Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)	Host Organisation	Dr Britta Schaffelke, Global Coordinator til June 2025 Dr Manuel Gonzalez Rivero, Global Coordinator from June 2025 Amanda Brigdale, Member
Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)	Steering Committee	Dr Marina Santana, Observer representing AIMS
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Oceanic Engineering Society	Executive Committee, Australia chapter	Melanie Olsen, Chair
Integrated Marine Debris Observing System (IMDOS)	Steering Committee	Dr Cherie Motti, Member
International Coral Reef Society (ICRS)	Science Committee for ICRS Auckland 2026	Dr Matthew Nitschke, Chair Dr Manual Gonzalez Rivero, Member
The British Phycological Society	Council	Dr Pranali Deore, Ordinary Council Member
International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES)	Working Group for Greening of the Fleet	Gary Brinkman, AIMS representative Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative

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International Research Ship Operators (IRSO)	Technical and Operations Working Forum	AIMS is Member Contributing participants: • Dr Richard Brinkman • John Chappell • Patrick Bunday • Gary Brinkman
International Quiet Ocean Experiment	Science Committee	Dr Miles Parsons, Member
	Acoustic Measurement of Ocean Biodiversity Hotspots Working Group	Dr Miles Parsons, Member
	Global Hydrophone Network Working Group	Dr Miles Parsons, Member
Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) (International Science Council)	National Committee - Australia	Dr Barbara Robson, Member
	Working group for Global Library of Underwater Biological Sounds	Dr Miles Parsons, Chair
Ocean Best Practices System (IOC/IODE/GOOS)	Steering Group Committee	Dr Virginie van Dongen-Vogels, Member
Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)	SETAC World Council	Dr Darren Koppel, Non-voting member
Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Asia-Pacific	SETAC Asia Pacific	Dr Darren Koppel, Vice President
	Advisory Panel on Chemical Management (CheM)	Dr Darren Koppel, Member
Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Australasia	SETAC Australasia Council	Dr Rebecca Fisher, regional representative Dr Mikaela Nordborg, regional representative
International Environmental Modelling and Software Society (iEMSs)	iEMSs Office	Dr Takuya Iwanaga, Society Secretary