

AIMS Annual Report 2025-2026

External Committees and Non-Government Organisations and Positions

In 2025-26 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, AIMS representative Libby Evans-Illidge, Member Dr Line Bay, Member Tara McLaren, Member Rebecca Clancy, Secretariat Dr Kamran Shafi, Member
AIMS@UWA	Executive Committee	AIMS is Partner Dr Karen Miller, AIMS Representative
AusSeabed	Executive Board	Dr Claire Streten, AIMS representative

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Organisation	Committee or Position	
Australasian Research Management Society	Board Member	Tara McLaren, Board Member
Australian Acoustical Society	Committee Western Australia chapter	Dr Miles Parsons, 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 Marine Sciences Association	AMSA Council	Amy Carmignani, Secretary
	AMSA 2026 Indigenous Working Group	Dr Hannah Allan, Member
	AMSA 2026 Scientific Committee	Dr Luke Thomas, Member Dr Renata Ferrari, 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 Luke Lythgoe, Communications Manager Dr Tiffany Sih, Secretary
Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (CMERC)	Advisory Committee	Dr Libby Evans-Illidge, 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
Contaminants Advisory Group	MOU	Dr, Darren Koppel, Member
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)	Marine Pest Sectoral Committee (MPSC)	Dr Eric Treml, AIMS Representative
	Marine Pest Plan Working Group	Dr Eric Treml, Member

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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	International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC)	AIMS is a Member
	Pacific Reefs Steering Committee for the TED Audacious Project	Dr Eric Trembl, Member
	Local Marine Advisory Committee for the Capricorn Coast	Bob Muir, Member
	COTS Control Innovation Program - Steering Committee	Dr Claire Streten, Member
Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP)	Independent Science Panel	AIMS is a Partner Dr Barbara Robson, Member
Government Scientists Group		AIMS is a member
HydroScheme Industry Partnership Program (HIPP) , Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO) , Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	Review Panel	Dr Richard Brinkman, Member
Indigenous Knowledge Working Group (IP Australia)	Advisory Committee	Dr Libby Evans-Illidge, Member Bob Muir, Member
Indigenous rangers cross jurisdictional working group (NIAA)	Advisory Committee	Dr Libby Evans-Illidge, Member Dr Jordan Ivey, Member
International Biologging Society	Communication Team	Dr Luciana Cerqueira Ferreira, Member

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International Coral Reef Society (ICRS)	Science Committee for ICRS Auckland 2026	Dr Matthew Nitschke, Chair Dr Manuel Gonzalez Rivero, Member
International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES)	Working Group for Greening of the Fleet	Gary Brinkman, AIMS Representative Patrick Bunday, AIMS Representative
	Working Group Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries	Dr Andrew Gill, Co-Chair
International Environmental Modelling and Software Society (iEMSs)	IEMSs Office	Dr Takuya Iwanaga, Secretary
International Partnership for Blue Carbon	Working Group	Chris Fulton, Member
International Quiet Ocean Experiment		Dr Miles Parsons, Member
International Research Ship Operators (IRSO)	Technical and Operations Working Forum	Dr Richard Brinkman, Member Joh Chappell, Member Patrick Bunday, Member Gary Brinkman, Member
Invertebrates Australia (IA)	Scientific Advisory Committee	Dr Katharina Fabricius, Member
Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS)	Board Member	Dr Selina Stead, CEO
	Animal Tracking Facility Data and Scientific Committee	Dr Leanne Currey Randall, Member Dr Luciana Cerqueira Ferreira, Member Dr Stacy Bierwagen, Member
	Coastal Wave Buoys Facility – Steering Committee	Dr Bozena Wojtasiewicz, Member
	Estuarine and Coastal Moorings – Steering Committee	Dr Paulo Calil, Member Dr Renee Gruber, Member
	Ocean Glider Facility Scientific Steering Committee	Dr Eric Trembl, Member Dr Jessica Benthuisen, Member Dr Barbara Robson, Member Paulo Calil, Member

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	IMOS Queensland/Northern Territory Deputy Node Leader	Dr Cherie Motti, Member
	Sub-facility for Event Based Sampling – Steering Committee	Dr. Jessica Benthuyssen, 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
international Science Advisory Group	Earth Sciences New Zealand Project 'De-risking New Zealand's offshore wind energy: next-generation spatial planning and ecological assessment'	Dr Andrew Gill, Member
James Cook University (JCU)	Electrical Engineering Advisory Board	Melanie Olsen, Member
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
Mercury Australia	Co-chair of biennial symposium	Dr Darren Koppel, Co-chair
Nano and Microplastic Research Consortium		AIMS is a Partner Dr Cherie Motti, Founding Member Dr Marina Santana, Founding Member.

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National Marine Science Committee (NMSC)		<p>Executive Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Karen Miller <p>Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Humphrey <p>White Papers development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Dr. Kamran Shafi • Dr Barbara Robson • 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 Partnership for Climate Projections (DCCEEW)	Working Group	Chris Fulton, Member
NESP and DCCEEW - Renewables Regulatory Practice Section, Australia	Offshore Renewable Energy Consultative Group	Dr Andrew Gill, Member
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS)	Directors Forum	Craig Humphrey, Member
	National Earth and Environmental Sciences Facilities Forum	Craig Humphrey, Member

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Northern Territory (NT) Government – Department of Lands, Planning and Environment	Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC)	Dr Claire Streten, Chair
Port of Townsville	Independent Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC)	Dr Richard Brinkman, Deputy Chair
	Port Environment Working Group	Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative
	Townsville Marine Decarbonisation Working Group	Patrick Bunday, AIMS representative
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
	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
Seagrass Heatwave Collective		Dr Nicole Ryan, Member
The Fish Collective	Steering Committee	Dr Dianne Mclean, Co-Chair
	Working Group	Dr Leanne Currey-Randall, Member Dr Conrad Speed, Member Dr Ben Radford, Member

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Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI)		AIMS is a Partner
WA Coral Bleaching Group	Group	Dr Nicole Ryan, Lead Dr James Gilmour, Lead

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International fora		AIMS role
Organisation	Committee or Position	
Australia New Zealand Marine Biotechnology Society	Management Committee	Dr Jordan Ivey, Member Dr Libby Evans-Illidge, Ex-officio Dr Samuel McCormack, Member
Climate and Ocean – Variability, Predictability, and Change (CLIVAR)	Research Focus - Marine Heatwaves in the Global Oceans	Dr Jessica Benthuisen, Member
Coral Reefs	Editorial Board	Dr Shaun Wilson, Topic Editor
Coral Research and Development Accelerator Program (CORDAP)	Initiative Governing Committee	Prof Selina Steead, Member
	Scientific and Advisory Committee (SAC)	Dr Rachel Pears, Member
Environmental Modelling and Software	Editorial Board	Dr Takuya Iwanaga, Associate Editor
Elasmopower project	Scientific Steering Group	Dr Andrew Gill, Chair
GEOME: The Genomic Observatory MetaDatabase	Steering Committee	Prof Cynthia Riginos, Chair

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Global Change Biology	Environmental Change Journal	Dr Matthew Nitschke, Associate Editor
Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)		Dr James Gilmour, Australia Co-Lead Dr Manuel Gonzalez Rivero, Global Coordinator Amanda Brigdale, Member
Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)	Steering Committee	Dr Marina Santana, AIMS Representative
	Community of Practice Co-chair	Dr Cherie Motti, Co-Chair
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 Biologging Society	Communication Team	Dr Luciana Cerqueira Ferreira, Member
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International Indian Ocean Expedition-2 (IIOE-2)	Australian National Committee	Camille Grimaldi, AIMS representative

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International Research Ship Operators (IRSO)	Technical and Operations Working Forum	Dr Richard Brinkman, Member John Chappell, Member Patrick Bunday, Member Gary Brinkman, Member
International Science Advisory Group	Earth Sciences New Zealand Project 'De-risking New Zealand's offshore wind energy: next-generation spatial planning and ecological assessment'	Dr Andrew Gill, Member
Landscape Ecology	Editorial Board	Dr Eric Trembl, Handling Editor
Natural Environment Research Council and Influence of man-made structures in the ecosystem (INSITE) Programmes, U.K	Advisory group	Dr Andrew Gill, Member (Critical Friend)
Ocean Best Practices System (IOC/IODE/GOOS)	Steering Group Committee	Dr Virginie van Dongen-Vogels, Member
Open Source Geospatial Foundation		Dr Aleksandar Zivaljevic, Director
Research Vessels of New Zealand and Australia (RVONZA)	Technical and Operations Working Forum	AIMS is Member Contributing participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Richard Brinkman • Patrick Bunday • Gary Brinkman • Justin Rees
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

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Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Asia-Pacific	SETAC Asia Pacific	Dr Darren Koppel, Vice President
Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), Australasia	SETAC Australasia Council	Dr Rebecca Fisher, Regional Representative Maddie Mckenzie, Regional Representative
The British Phycological Society	Council	Dr Pranali Deore, Ordinary Council Member
VALMAS: Valuing Marine Artificial Structures	Critical Friends	Dr Darren Koopel, Critical Friend