



# ADVANCING MARINE SCIENCE IN AUSTRALIA

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW  
MORE ABOUT THE MARINE REALM?

**Australia has the third largest marine jurisdiction in the world, covering more than 70% of all Australian Territory.**

Around 85% of us live within 50 km of the coast, making the ocean a familiar and precious part of most of our lives. Our marine environment covers an incredible diversity of habitats: colourful coral reefs, mysterious abyssal plains, lush kelp forests, and rugged submarine canyons. These waters support an amazing array of life, including many species that are found nowhere else in the world.

By 2025, forecasts show Australia's marine industries could contribute \$100 billion each year to Australia's economy, with Australia's ocean and coasts providing an additional \$25 billion worth of ecosystem services.

## WHO ARE WE?

**The Australian Marine Sciences Association Inc. (AMSA)** has been Australia's peak professional body for marine scientists for over 50 years.



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## WHAT DO WE DO?

AMSA PROMOTES MARINE SCIENCE BY



Hosting  
**CONFERENCES  
& WORKSHOPS  
ADDRESSING MARINE  
SCIENCE ISSUES**




Leading  
**OUTREACH  
ACTIVITIES &  
COMMUNICATION  
PRODUCTS**





Recognising  
**MARINE  
SCIENTISTS &  
TECHNICIANS**

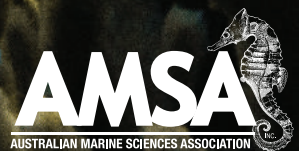


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