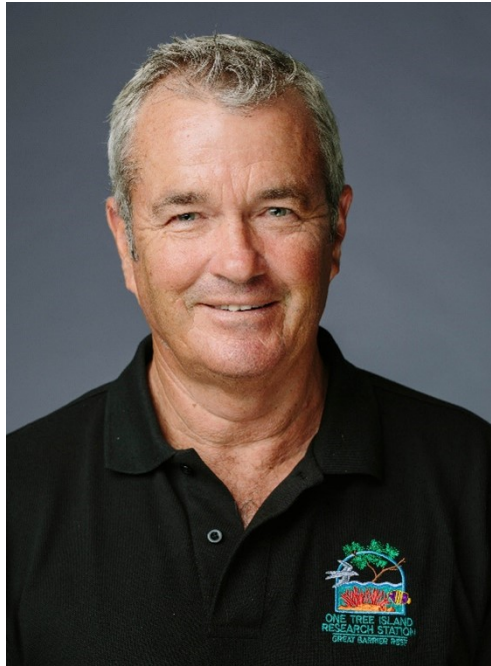

Professor Mike Kingsford



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The 2021 Jubilee Award winner is **Professor Mike Kingsford** from the College of Science and Engineering and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University, for his significant and novel contributions to larval fish ecology, biogeography, and connectivity in Australian and New Zealand waters.

Mike's eminent career has spanned more than 40 years, over 200 publications, several textbooks, 81 students, millions of dollars of funding and contracts, and most importantly, a lasting impact on our understanding of planktonic dispersal. In addition, Mike is one of the world's foremost experts on jellyfishes, particularly cubozoan jellyfishes (box and Irukandji) that pose a major threat to human health. He has also pioneered the use of elemental chemistry to advance our understanding of the movement of jellyfish and other marine organisms. Ultimately, his research has significantly informed marine spatial planning and marine species management.

Mike is also an exceptional advocate and ambassador for Australian marine science, with steadfast commitment to supporting Australian marine societies and students. He has always maintained a strong undergraduate teaching load and is a very committed postgraduate advisor, renowned for the extensive time and effort he invests in each and every student as reflected in the very large number of successful graduate students he has supervised and the innumerable early career researchers that have benefitted from his guidance and mentoring.