

South Australian Seafood

Snapshot
South Australia’s clean waters are home to some of the world’s most sought-after seafood including rock lobster, Southern Bluefin Tuna, oysters, prawns and abalone. The wild catch and aquaculture industries produced approximately **74,600 tonnes** in 2022-23, with a production value of **\$448m**.




World-class reputation

South Australia is recognised internationally for its world-class fisheries and aquaculture management, which supports our reputation for producing top quality sustainable seafood.

74,600 tonnes produced in 2022-23, generating production value of

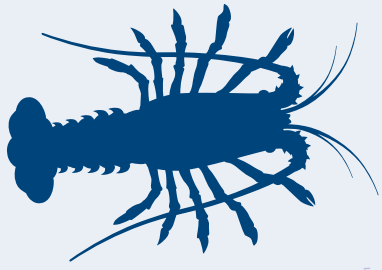
\$448 million



5,000km of coastline

South Australia’s coastline is more than 5,000 kilometres long and our seas are home to a diverse range of commercially fished species. Along with major seafood exports, South Australia also produces garfish, King George whiting, snapper, blue swimmer crab, mussels and calamari.

Rock lobster

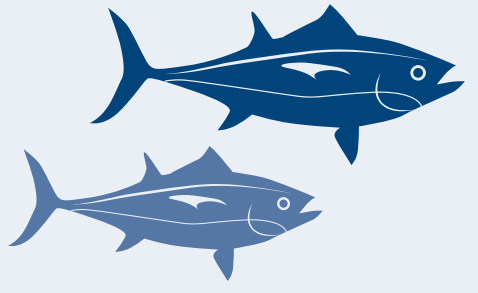


243 licence holders

1,600 tonnes produced in 2022-23

Export markets include:
Hong Kong \$19m
Taiwan \$11m
Vietnam \$6m

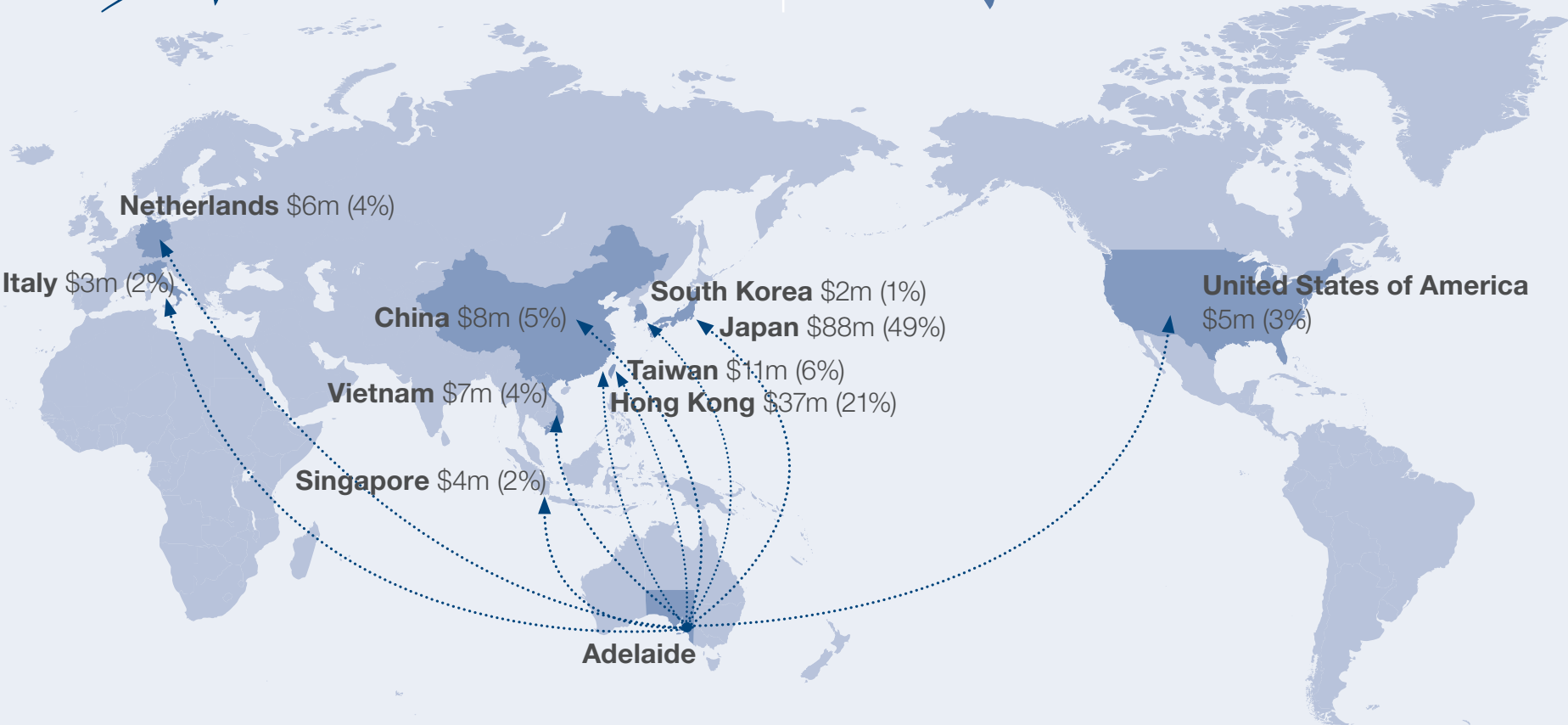
Southern Bluefin Tuna




14 licence holders

8,500 tonnes produced in 2022-23

Export markets include:
Japan \$82m
South Korea \$2m
Hong Kong \$0.8m



Abalone




44 licence holders

855 tonnes in 2022-23*

Export markets include:
Hong Kong \$13m
China \$5m
Japan \$5m

Oysters

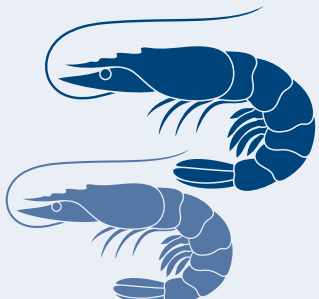


340 licence holders

5,500 tonnes produced in 2022-23

Export markets include:
Hong Kong \$0.3m
Singapore \$0.2m
China \$0.2m

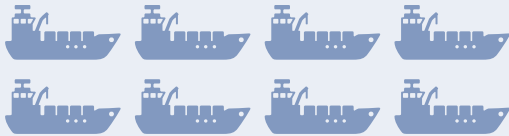
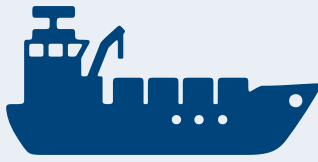
Prawns



52 licence holders


1,700 tonnes produced in 2022-23

Export markets include:
Hong Kong \$0.004m



Seafood capital

Port Lincoln is known as the seafood capital of Australia, with one of the largest fishing fleets in the southern hemisphere and a major centre for aquaculture development.



2,300+ jobs

More than 2,300 South Australians are directly employed in the seafood sector and another 1,085 are employed in associated activities.

80%

of Southern Australian marine life occurs nowhere else in the world



*includes both aquaculture and wild catch abalone. Production data for oysters and farmed abalone are industry projections