

Seafood

Key Messages

- South Australia's clean waters are home to some of the world's most sought after seafood including rock lobster, tuna, oysters, abalone and prawns.
- South Australia is recognised worldwide for its robust and comprehensive fisheries management and legislative frameworks, which ensure ecologically sustainable development in our fisheries and aquaculture sectors.
- The protection of our aquatic environment through our fisheries management plans, harvest strategies, environmental monitoring, aquatic animal health programs and strict zoning requirements ensures South Australian seafood retains a high standard of environmental credentials.
- The Spencer Gulf King Prawn Fishery was the first king prawn fishery in the world to gain the prestigious Marine Stewardship Council certification, an environmental accreditation that rewards sustainable fishing practices. Goolwa Pipi and sardines have also attained this high international sustainability standard.
- 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.

Fast Facts

- 80% of Southern Australian marine life occurs nowhere else in the world.
- In 2017–18, South Australia's fisheries and aquaculture sectors produced about 68,000 tonnes of seafood, worth \$465 million in farm gate value.¹

¹ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

- Southern Bluefin Tuna is the state's largest single aquaculture product, with overseas exports of \$115 million in 2017–18 accounting for more than 57% of the state's total value of aquaculture production.²
- Southern Rock Lobster is the state's largest wild catch fishery (by value), producing 1556 tonnes valued at \$125 million.
- South Australia's oyster production in 2017–18 was 2,117 tonnes, with a production value of \$20 million.
- The sardine fishery is Australia's single largest fishery by volume, producing up to 43,000 tonne per year – about 95% of which is used to feed locally farmed tuna.

² PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.