

Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee

CALLS FOR PRE-PROPOSALS FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH IN TORRES STRAIT.

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority provides funding for strategic research projects in Torres Strait Fisheries guided by advice from the Torres Strait Scientific Advisory Committee (TSSAC).

The TSSAC is currently seeking research proposals (up to three years) for recommendation to AFMA and other funding bodies for funding starting in 2011/2012.

Proposals are encouraged in (but not limited to) priority research areas identified in the 2010 Operational Plan for Torres Strait Fisheries.

To apply for funding, applicants should prepare a pre-proposal using the accepted template and submit to TSSAC c/o Annabel Jones, by 17 September 2010. The pre-proposal template, Annual Operational Plan and other information can be found on the PZJA website or by contacting Annabel Jones (Annabel.jones@afma.gov.au).

The TSSAC will evaluate pre-proposals based on criteria of attractiveness and feasibility. The specific evaluation criteria used by the TSSAC are detailed in the 2010 Operational Plan. A strong emphasis on assessing proposals will be placed on the ability of research proposals and principal investigators to engage Torres Strait Islanders in the research process in meaningful and culturally appropriate ways including employment.

Researchers will be notified of the TSSAC's evaluation of proposals in October 2010. Individual applicants may be invited to prepare a full proposal in early 2011 based on evaluation of the pre-proposals.

Further information about Torres Strait fisheries and the TSSAC can be found at <http://www.pzja.gov.au>