

Media Release

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World-class IMAS research leading the nation in fisheries and oceanography

IMAS Executive Director Professor Richard Coleman today welcomed the latest national research rankings which show the University of Tasmania is rated well above world standard across all of IMAS' main research areas.

The 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) results show the University is the only Australian institution to achieve the highest possible rating of 5 in Fisheries Sciences based on research carried out by IMAS.

The University of Tasmania is one of only three in the country to be rated well above world standard in oceanography.

The top rating was also achieved in both ecology and geophysics, which cover the balance of IMAS' research.

Professor Coleman said the result reflected the exceptional quality of the scientists and researchers at IMAS.

“Today’s report shows that across the board IMAS is delivering research outcomes in marine and Antarctic studies which are well above world standard,” Professor Coleman said.

“It’s a brilliant result and I congratulate all IMAS staff for the hard work, dedication and talent that has contributed to this outcome.

“Our core research programs in fisheries and aquaculture, ecology and biodiversity, and oceans and cryosphere are enhancing environmental understanding and supporting sustainable development that benefit Australia and the world.

“Through projects, partnership and collaborations such as the Antarctic Gateway Partnership and the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC we are working with our colleagues from institutions like the CSIRO and Australian Antarctic Division to ensure Tasmania remains an international leader in marine and Antarctic research.”

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