

### **Fact Sheet 3 About the IGA**

The purpose of the Intergovernmental Agreement on a National System for the Prevention and Management of Marine Pest Incursions is to outline a framework to develop, implement and continually improve the National System. The National System will protect Australia's marine industries and environment from the devastating effects of introduced marine pests.

The Intergovernmental Agreement contains the National System's objectives which are to:

- a) Prevent the introduction to Australia of exotic marine species;
- b) Prevent the translocation within Australia of exotic marine species;
- c) Provide emergency preparedness and response capacity to respond to and where feasible eradicate outbreaks of exotic marine species; and
- d) Manage and control exotic marine species where eradication is not feasible.

The parties signing the Agreement agree on the management measures to be implemented under the National System and that it will be underpinned by a risk management approach.

The Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities for implementing the three elements of the National System - prevention, emergency management and ongoing management and control - as well as several supporting arrangements. Signatories also agree that stakeholder engagement is vital to the developing and implementing the National System.

The Agreement also details arrangements for the oversight, coordination and evaluation of the National System.

Further information: [www.daff.gov.au/invasivemarinespecies](http://www.daff.gov.au/invasivemarinespecies)

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