A rare opportunity to invest in marine aquaculture in Queensland
The Queensland Government is committed to supporting sustainable aquaculture industry development in Queensland.

Over the past decade, aquaculture has been Queensland’s fastest growing primary industry. The industry contributes more than A$103 million annually to the economy and currently employs more than 565 full-time workers.

As pressure increases on wild fish stocks throughout the world, the demand for aquaculture products is also expected to increase, creating more opportunities for growth in aquaculture.

Don’t miss out on this rare and limited investment opportunity.

A limited number of high-quality sites have been identified in Queensland for marine aquaculture and are now available for commercial development.

Located within the Great Sandy Marine Park (near Hervey Bay), a variety of sites are available that may be suitable for pearl oyster, edible oyster, scallop, sea cucumber (beche-de-mer), clam or cockle farming.

Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Marine Park

The Great Sandy Marine Park encompasses the sheltered waters of Hervey Bay and the Great Sandy Strait—ideal conditions for marine aquaculture.

Hervey Bay is about 300 km north of Brisbane on the Fraser Coast in South East Queensland.

Situated 40 km off the Bruce Highway, Hervey Bay offers easy access to international and domestic visitors.

The region enjoys a pleasant subtropical climate, averaging 22 °C in winter and 29 °C in summer.
Available sites

There are 26 sites in 9 aquaculture precincts—a total of 8500 ha.

The culture method has been defined for each precinct:

- **Double Island Point, Wide Bay Harbour, Pearl Bank and Burnett precincts**
  These precincts allow for surface line aquaculture and may be suitable to grow shellfish such as pearl oysters, scallops and clams.

- **Wide Bay Bar and Coongul Point precincts**
  These precincts allow for subsurface line aquaculture and may be suitable to grow shellfish such as pearl oysters, scallops and clams.

- **Tinnanbar precinct**
  This precinct allows for rack aquaculture and may be suitable to grow edible oysters.

- **Big Woody Island precinct**
  This precinct allows for sea ranching aquaculture and may be suitable to grow sea cucumbers.

- **Inskip Point precinct**
  This precinct is available for ranching sea cucumbers or various species of clams or cockles.

Why invest?

Queensland offers a range of business advantages. Queensland’s highly skilled workforce and strategic Asia-Pacific location create an attractive investment destination.

Queensland is in an ideal position to support the development of successful aquaculture ventures. Queensland’s competitive advantages include:

- an excellent reputation in the international marketplace for high-quality seafood
- clean, unpolluted waters
- highly developed transport infrastructure
- extensive aquaculture research programs
- proximity to major seafood markets in the Asia-Pacific region
- freedom from many of the serious diseases affecting aquaculture in other countries
- high-quality veterinary support with the capability for disease incident management.

For more information on the benefits of doing business in Queensland visit [www.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.business.qld.gov.au)
Applying for a site

Before preparing a submission, applicants should refer to:

- *Marine aquaculture in the Great Sandy region: Background and expression of interest information*
- *Marine aquaculture in the Great Sandy region: Expression of interest submission guidelines*
- the expression of interest application form.

These documents include information about the sites on offer, the allocation process, assessment criteria and submission requirements.

An expression of interest followed by a competitive allocation process will be used to determine the best candidate for each site.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to apply for the government approvals required to conduct aquaculture in Queensland.

Any sites that remain unallocated may be released in future expressions of interest.

*Expressions of interest must be received no later than 5 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time), Friday 26 April 2013. Late submissions will not be considered.*

More information

Copies of the supporting documents and application form are available on the Fisheries Queensland website:


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