

WAMSI NODE 4 MILESTONE PROGRESS REPORT (MPR)

Project Details

Project No. and Title	4.2. Assessment of marine communities and the impact of anthropogenic influences.
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SubProject No. and Title	4.2.1a Bioregional assessments
Project Start Date	1/1/08
Project End Date	31/12/10
Due Date for this Milestone	30/6/08
Milestone Description	Appoint postdoctoral researcher (MU).

1. Executive Summary

Peter Coulson (PhD thesis submitted 2nd February 2008 and one examiner's report outstanding) was appointed as the postdoctoral researcher in early February 2008. The sites sampled in previous studies of the fish fauna in the Peel-Harvey and Leschenault Estuaries have been visited and sampling gear (i.e. seine nets) that will allow the collection of comparable data have been purchased and delivered. An animal ethics permit for this project has been approved following amendments to the application. Sampling will commence in early July 2008. Collation of data from previous studies has commenced.