

Welcome to **OBIS Australia**



The Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS) is an international online access point to databases of marine species and their distributions. It enables scientists, planners and the general public to access marine species data, housed at hundreds of locations in dozens of formats, from a central access point in a consistent format.

OBIS Australia seeks to advance the goals of OBIS, in the Australian region, as one of a growing network of Regional OBIS Nodes. Specifically, the aims of OBIS Australia are:

- to encourage the sharing of marine species data from the Australian region into the OBIS international data network.
- to enable users to search for marine data from the international OBIS network.

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