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Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture, James Cook University, Australia

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Research funding proposal development
- Fisheries management plan development
- Project management
- Data and information synthesis
- Workshop organization and facilitation
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Fishery sectoral engagement (communication, education, socio-economic surveys)
- Effects of climate change on fisheries
- Development and implementation of marine training programs (monitoring, management plans, etc.)
- Pacific and Indian Ocean fisheries development (training and planning)
- Coastal resource management capacity building in Pacific communities
- Community-based marine monitoring approaches
- Alternative livelihoods as fisheries management options
- Leadership and partnership development

QUALIFICATIONS

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| 1998-2001 | Master of Science – Fisheries Biology
James Cook University, Department of Marine Biology, Townsville, Australia |
| 1995-1997 | Masters Qualifying
James Cook University, Department of Marine Biology, Townsville, Australia |
| 1988-1992 | Bachelor of Science
Marine Biology and Zoology, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia |
| 1995 | ADAS Commercial Diver (2815 Level 1) |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2003-2011** **Senior Fisheries Biologist**
Primary Industries & Fisheries, Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation @ Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture, James Cook University, Townsville
- 2002-2003** **Research Officer**
School of Marine Biology and Aquaculture, James Cook University, Townsville
- 2002** **Fisheries Biologist**
Northern Fisheries Centre, Queensland Primary Industries & Fisheries, Cairns
- 2000-2001** **Experimental Scientist**
Australian Institute of Marine Science, Townsville
- 2000** **Aquarist**
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, ReefHQ, Townsville
- 1999** **Fisheries Scientist (consultancy)**
Australian Institute of Marine Science, Townsville
- 1995-1999** **Senior Research Assistant**
Effects of Line Fishing Project, CRC Reef Research Centre, Townsville
- Pre 1995** **Fisheries tutor**
James Cook University, Townsville
- Aquaculture technician**
Zoology Department, James Cook University, Townsville
- Research Assistant**
Mariculture facility, Australian Institute of Marine Science, Townsville
- Research Assistant**
Effects of Fishing Program, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Townsville

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

- **Community marine monitoring coordinator**
North Efate Marine Champions, 2018-2020
- **Inshore Fisheries Working Group**
Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, 2017-2020
- **Cairns Local Marine Advisory Committee**
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Cairns, 2015-2018
- **Scientific Advisor**
Queensland east coast shark and grey mackerel offshore net fishery, 2007-2010
- **Scientific Advisory Group**
Queensland Inshore Finfish Management Advisory Committee, 2007-2010
- **Risk Assessment Advisory Committee**
Northern Australian (Northern Territory) Offshore Fishery (shark and grey mackerel), 2009
- **Other:** Great Australian Shark Watch Project Co-Leader and steering committee member, 2007-2009; Australian Coral Reef Society Conference Organizing Committee, September 2003; Townsville Local Marine Advisory Committee, December 1999 to July 2001; 'Bridging the Gap: Linking student research with Great Barrier Reef Line fishery stakeholders', Workshop Organising Committee, 2001; CRC Reef Postgraduate Research Conference Steering cCommittee, 1997 and 1999; CRC Technical Advisory Group, Postgraduate Representative, 1998; Bramble Reef Advisory Committee, 1995-1997

SELECTED GRANTS AND CONSULTANCIES

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- 2018 World Wildlife Fund/MCC Environmental**
- Part of a team for the Evaluation of the Community-Based Sustainable Development through Coastal Fisheries and Financial Inclusion in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea Projects. I performed a site visit to Madang, PNG to interview staff, government and non-government partners, and community members to assess progress in achieving: sustainable coastal fisheries, financial inclusion mechanisms (alternative livelihoods) and community-based monitoring.
- 2016-2018 James Cook University, Australian Institute of Marine Science, CSIRO, University of Queensland; Funded by the Australian National Environmental Science Programme**
- Contribute to the mapping of values in the northeast Australian seascape and adjacent Pacific waters, and characterise the processes and attributes that influence these values and their connectivity at a regional scale. The project delivers a resource that can inform cross-jurisdictional planning and management.
- 2014-2020 Reef & Rainforest Research Centre & InLoc Group; funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
- Deliver community-based sustainable resource management using an innovative ranger platform that can drive local actions for water and food security, health promotion, environmental sustainability, enhanced livelihoods, and healthy ecosystems.
- 2017 Secretariat of the Pacific Community**
- Australia-Pacific Coastal Resource Management Study Tour
- 2016-2018 Secretariat of the Pacific Community**
- Resilience of Ecosystems and Societies to Climate Change (RESCCUE) project: Vanuatu - As part of an international team of consultants I delivered fisheries components of this larger project aimed at increasing the resilience of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), with a focus on the North Efate region of Vanuatu, in the context of global changes. The RESCCUE project aims at supporting adaptation to climate change through integrated coastal management. I worked directly in partnership with local community members and the Vanuatu Fisheries Department, and led: the assessment of local no fishing (tabu) areas in terms of their benefit to local communities, finfish surveys (Procfish method), development of a community-based marine monitoring toolkit, capacity building in resource management, development and training for the 'Marine Champion' program and development of tabu area guides. I also developed and led a Coastal Resource Management study program hosting 4 fisheries managers from PICTs (Vanuatu, Marshall Islands and Tonga) to Australia.
- 2016-2017 GIZ (BMZ-funded Global Programme on Risk Assessment and Management for Adaptation to Climate Change)**
- Review of the management of climate change-induced loss and damage in artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in the Pacific region to inform strategic planning for future work in the region.
- 2016 James Cook University**
- Review of current management and MCS measures in relation to sharks in the WCPF to inform CITES NDF assessments - Review and document the current fisheries management measures adopted by the Western Central Pacific Fishery Commission, as well as Monitoring, Control and Surveillance, that will inform CITES Non-Detriment Findings assessments. This was to inform NDF framework and training development activities in the Pacific in relation to sharks listed in Appendix II of CITES, particularly hammerhead and manta ray species recently added to CITES listing.
- 2015-2016 Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation**
- Revitalisation of the National Recreational Fishing Code of Practice – Conduct literature searches and stakeholder consultations to review the current Australian national recreational fishing Code of Practice

(COP). In this project C2O Fisheries partners with Reef Ecologic and Ryan Donnelly Consulting, to identify key areas that the current COP can be improved and, through a stakeholder workshop and wider consultation, develop a range of COP products that are contemporary, innovative and effective in meeting the objectives of the COP.

2015-2016 Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Description of a suitable SSV registration system for Pacific Island Countries and Territories - Based on extensive consultation among Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), including travel to four PICTs (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Western Samoa and Kiribati), provide guidance on a small-scale vessel registration system that would be suitable for implementation in the Pacific.

2015 James Cook University/Wildlife Conservation Society

Global Sharks and Rays Initiative (GSRI) – Global Conservation Strategy: Development of a white paper and sub-strategy to support and inform the long-term approach to improving global conservation and fisheries management of sharks and rays.

2014-2015 United Nations Development Programme/Global Environment Facility/Government of Seychelles

Development of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance protocols to support the Mahe plateau demersal fishery management plan, Seychelles (Project leader).

2014-2015 United Nations Development Programme/Global Environment Facility/Government of Seychelles

To support the formulation of an operational fishery management plan for the plateau fishery for demersal fisheries, Seychelles (Project leader). Led the development of the first fishery management plan for the Mahe plateau demersal artisanal fishery including extensive in-country consultations with all stakeholders involving many workshops.

2014 Fishwell Consulting

Design of surveys for beche de mer on the Great Barrier Reef for relative abundance estimation

2014 Fishwell Consulting

Review of Marine Stewardship Council certification pre-assessments for New Zealand orange roughy fisheries

2013-2016 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation/Northern Territory Fisheries

Optimising the management of tropical reef fish through the development of indigenous scientific capability

2013 Australian Fisheries Management Authority

Vulnerability of Torres Strait fisheries and supporting habitats to climate change (Project leader)

2012-2013 Australian Tropical Marine Alliance

Strengthening in-country tropical marine resources management training capacity in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands

2011-2012 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation

Scoping Current and Future Genetic Tools, Their Limitations and Their Applications for Fisheries Management

2011-2015 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation

Assessment of novel gear designs to reduce interactions between species of conservation interest and commercial fishing nets (Project leader)

2011-2014 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation/Department of Climate Change & Energy

Efficiency

Management implications of climate change impacts on fisheries resources of tropical Australia (Project leader)

- 2011-2013 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation/ Department of Climate Change & Energy Efficiency**
- Identification of climate-driven species shifts and adaptation options for recreational fishers: learning general lessons from a data rich case
- 2009-2011 Australian Research Council**
- Spatial ecology of inshore predators in tropical marine systems and implications of marine protection zones
- 2008-2015 James Cook University**
- Biology and population structure of the dogtooth tuna, *Gymnosarda unicolor* (Project leader)
- 2008-2010 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation**
- Adapting to change: minimising uncertainty about the effects of rapidly-changing environmental conditions on the Queensland Coral Reef Fin Fish Fishery
- 2007 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**
- Compilation of information on the status of reef sharks on the Great Barrier Reef
- 2007-2010 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation**
- Stock structure of sharks on the northeast Australian coast (Project leader)
- 2007-2010 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation**
- Stock structure of threadfins across northern Australia (Project leader)
- 2007 Queensland Primary Industries & Fisheries**
- Determination of management units for grey mackerel fisheries across northern Australia II (Project leader)
- 2006 Fisheries Research & Development Corporation**
- Determination of management units for grey mackerel fisheries across northern Australia I (Project leader)
- 2003 CRC Reef Research Centre / Alaska Sea Grant Program International Conference**
- International Conference Travel: Fisheries assessment & management in data limited circumstances

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Published peer-reviewed literature

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5. Taillebois, Laura, Barton, Diane P., Crook, David A., Saunders, Thor, Taylor, Jonathan, Hearnden, Mark, Saunders, Richard J., Newman, Stephen J., Travers, Michael J., **Welch, David J.**, Greig, Alan, Dudgeon, Christine, Maher, Safia and Ovenden, Jennifer R. (2017) Strong population structure deduced from genetics, otolith chemistry and parasite abundances explains vulnerability to localized fishery collapse in a large Sciaenid fish, *Protonibea diacanthus*. *Evolutionary Applications*, 10 10: 978-993. doi:10.1111/eva.12499
6. Dulvy, N.K., Colin A. Simpfendorfer, Lindsay N.K. Davidson, Sonja V. Fordham, Amie Brautigam, Glenn Sant, and **David J. Welch** (2017) Challenges and Priorities in Shark and Ray Conservation. *Current Biology*, 27, R565–R572. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2017.04.038>
7. Moore, B.R., Stapley, J.M., Williams, A.J. and **Welch, D.J.** (2017) Overexploitation causes profound demographic changes to the protandrous hermaphrodite king threadfin (*Polydactylus macrochir*) in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia. *Fisheries Research*, 187: 199-208. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fishres.2016.11.014>
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9. Johnson J.E., **Welch, D.J.**, Maynard, J.A., Bell, J.D., Pecl, G., Robins, J. and Saunders, T. (2016) Assessing and reducing vulnerability to climate change: Moving from theory to practical decision-support. *Marine Policy*, 74: 220-229.
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23. Horne, JB, Momigliano, P, **Welch, DJ**, Newman, SJ and van Herwerden, L (2012) Searching for common threads in threadfins: phylogeography of Australian polynemids in space and time. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 449: 263-276.
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