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AIMS INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT WITH FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIANS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we meet today, and pay our respects to elders past, present and future.

We honour their continuing culture, knowledge, beliefs and spiritual relationship and connection to Country.

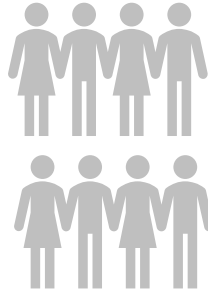
We also recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the land and sea Country on which AIMS works, and as Australia's first scientists.

Through collaboration and two-way knowledge sharing, we can learn from each other.



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450 staff

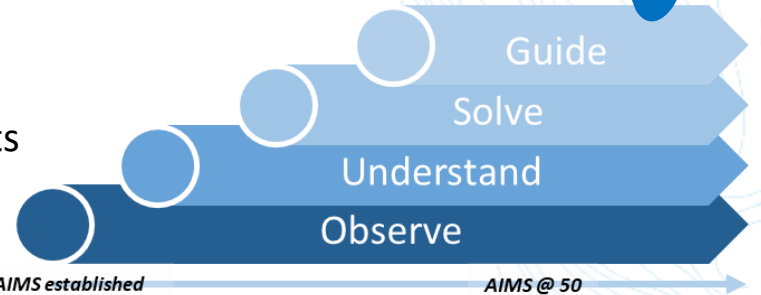
20 postdocs

80 PhD students



Our mission

To provide the research and knowledge of Australia's tropical marine estate required to support growth in its sustainable use, effective environmental management and protection of its unique ecosystems.



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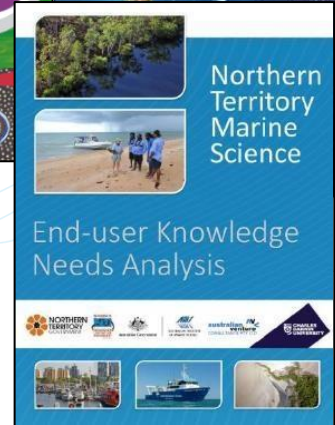
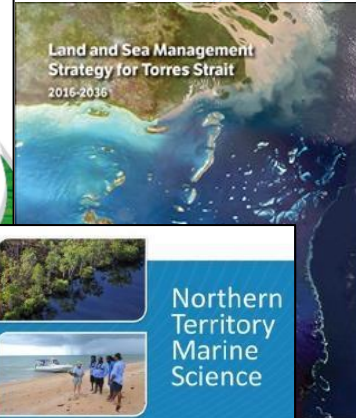
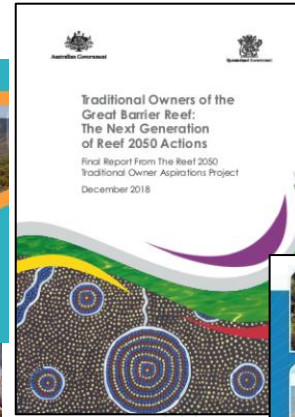
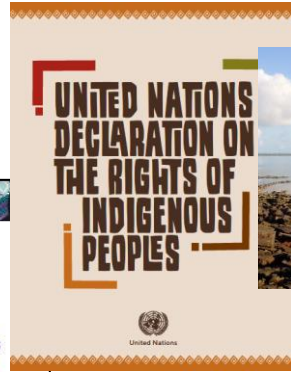
- **Combining** AIMS science with Traditional Knowledge and capacity in northern Australia – in partnership projects
- **Delivering** to the inherent right and responsibility to care for Country
 - Co-design and co-delivery of projects
- **Respecting** Lore and the right of Traditional Custodians to be decision makers
 - Free Prior Informed Consent
- **Supporting** training & capacity building pathways
 - Marine monitoring
 - Reef Restoration and Adaptation

90% of AIMS science in shared decision making or partnership projects by 2030



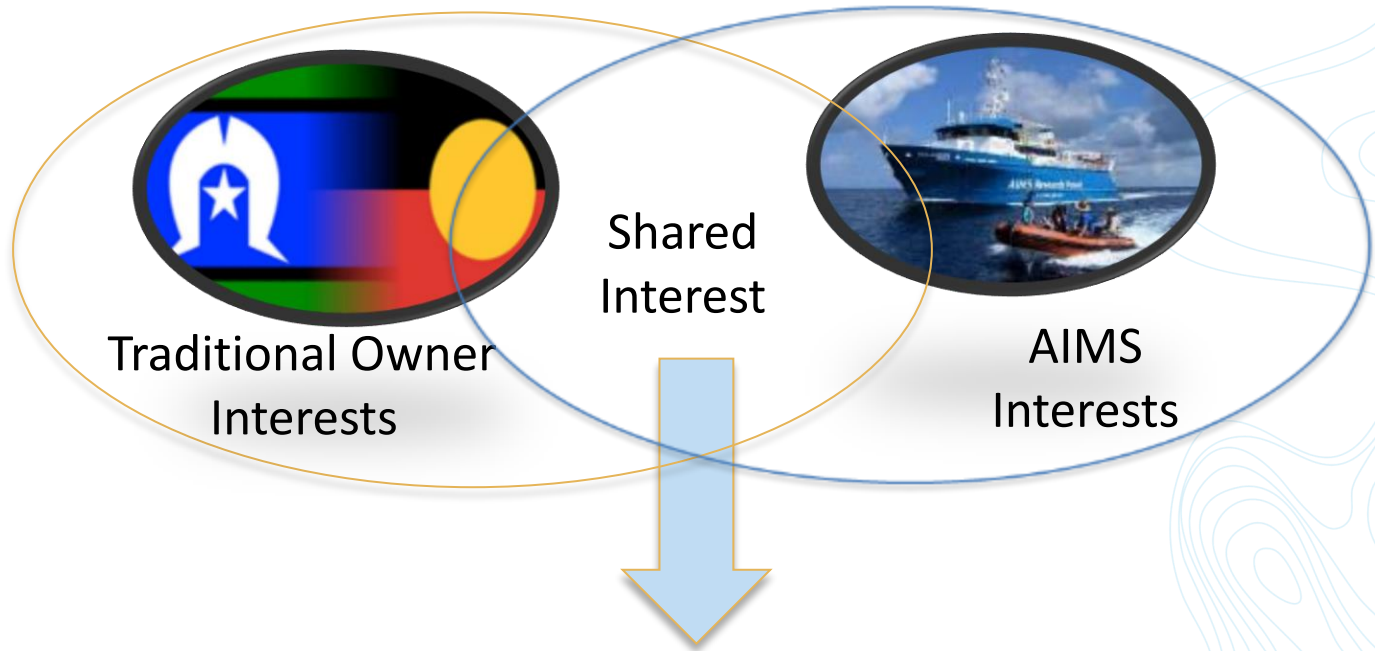
AIMS Indigenous Partnerships Plan & Policy

- Ethical guidance (AIATSIS, UNDRIP)
- Traditional Custodians priorities in marine science
 - ✓ Read huge number of healthy country plans and regional syntheses
 - ✓ Asked Traditional Owners for input



Article 19

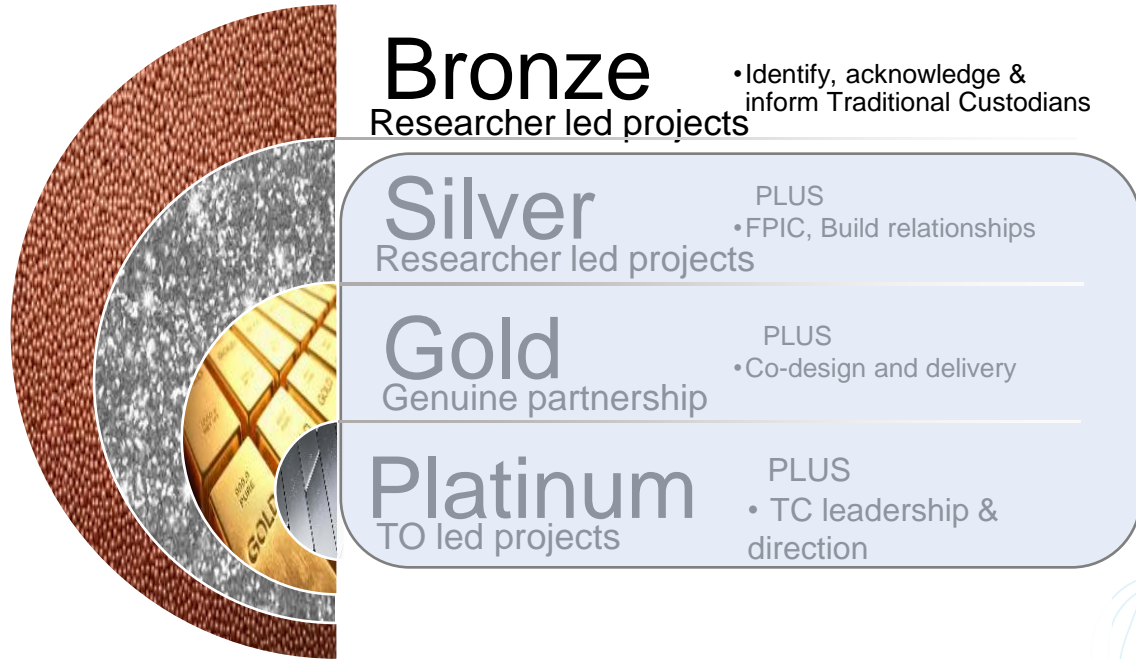
"States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their **free, prior and informed consent** before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them."



The AIMS Indigenous Partnerships Plan & Policy

- Synergies in science, capability and capacity needs and priorities
- Respect and value Traditional Knowledge = western science
- Respect the principle of Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)
- Support TO's inherent rights and responsibilities for sea Country

Engagement tiers applied across AIMS research



- **FPIC**
- **TOs are decision makers**
- **Lore + Law**

2030 Targets: 90% Silver or above; 10% Gold or above

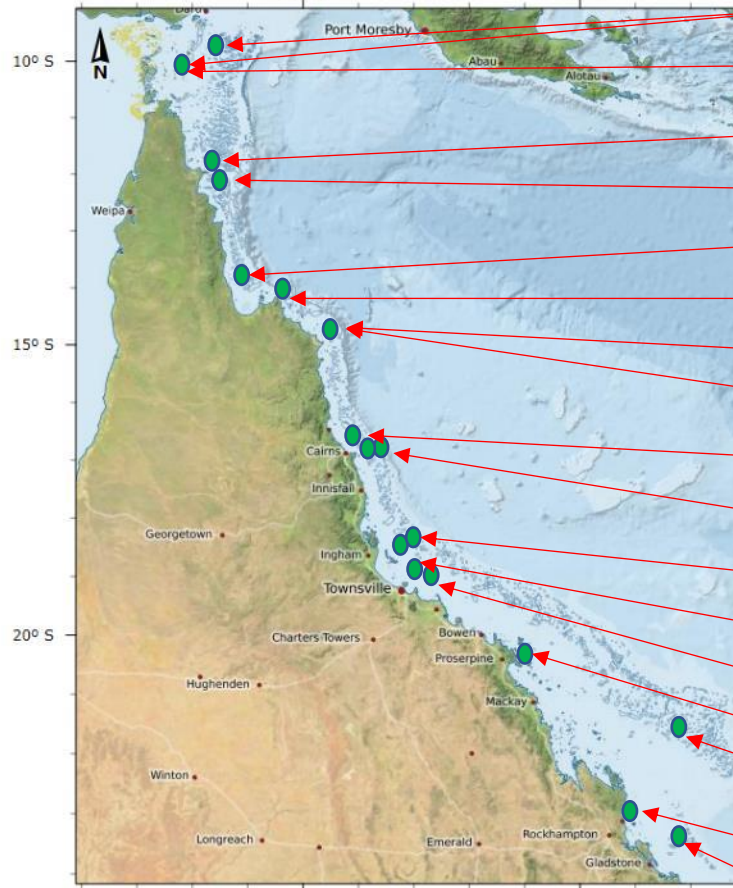


Currently engaging
with 59 Groups

Thalanyji Baiyungu Kariyarra Murujuga
Yawuru Bardi-Jawi Mayala Dambimangari
Uunguu/Wunambal Gaambera Thamarrurr
Tiwi Bawinanga Dhimurru Yirralka Gumurr
Marthakal Crocodile Is Anindilyakwa Ipima
Ikaya Ankamuthi Masigalgal Warraberalgal
Porumaalgal Iama Mer Gedkem Le
Erubam Le Ugar Wuthathi Kuuku Ya'u
Lama Lama Cape Melville & Flinders Is
People Nguurruumungu Thanill-warra
Dhingaal Eastern Kuku Yalanji Gunggandji
Manbarra Giringun Bandjin Djiru
Girramay Nywaigi Jirrbal Wulgurukaba
Bindal Ngaro Darumbal Woppaburra
Gidarjil/PCCC Gurang Gooreng Gooreng
Bunda Taribelang Gujaga Gamay Gunaikurnai

RRAP TO Engagement to date

● FPIC granted



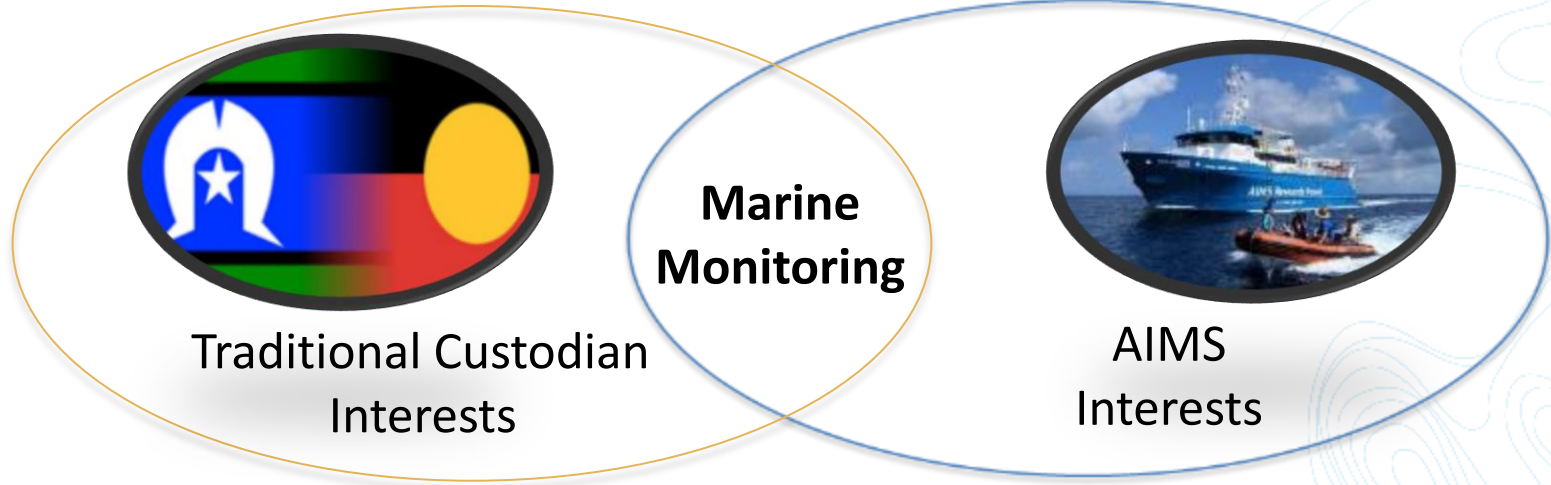
- Masig
- Poruma, Warraber, lama
- Wuthathi
- Kuuku Ya'u
- Lama Lama
- Cape Melville/Howick (x2)
- Ngurruumungu, Thanill
- Walmbaar (Dhingaal)
- Eastern Kuku Yalanji
- Gunggandji
- Manbarra
- Wulgurukaba
- Bindal
- Ngaro
- Darumbal
- Woppaburra
- PCCC/Gidarjil (x4)





Relationships Start With Truth Telling

- AIMS Data Explorer
- Georeferenced
metadata catalogue

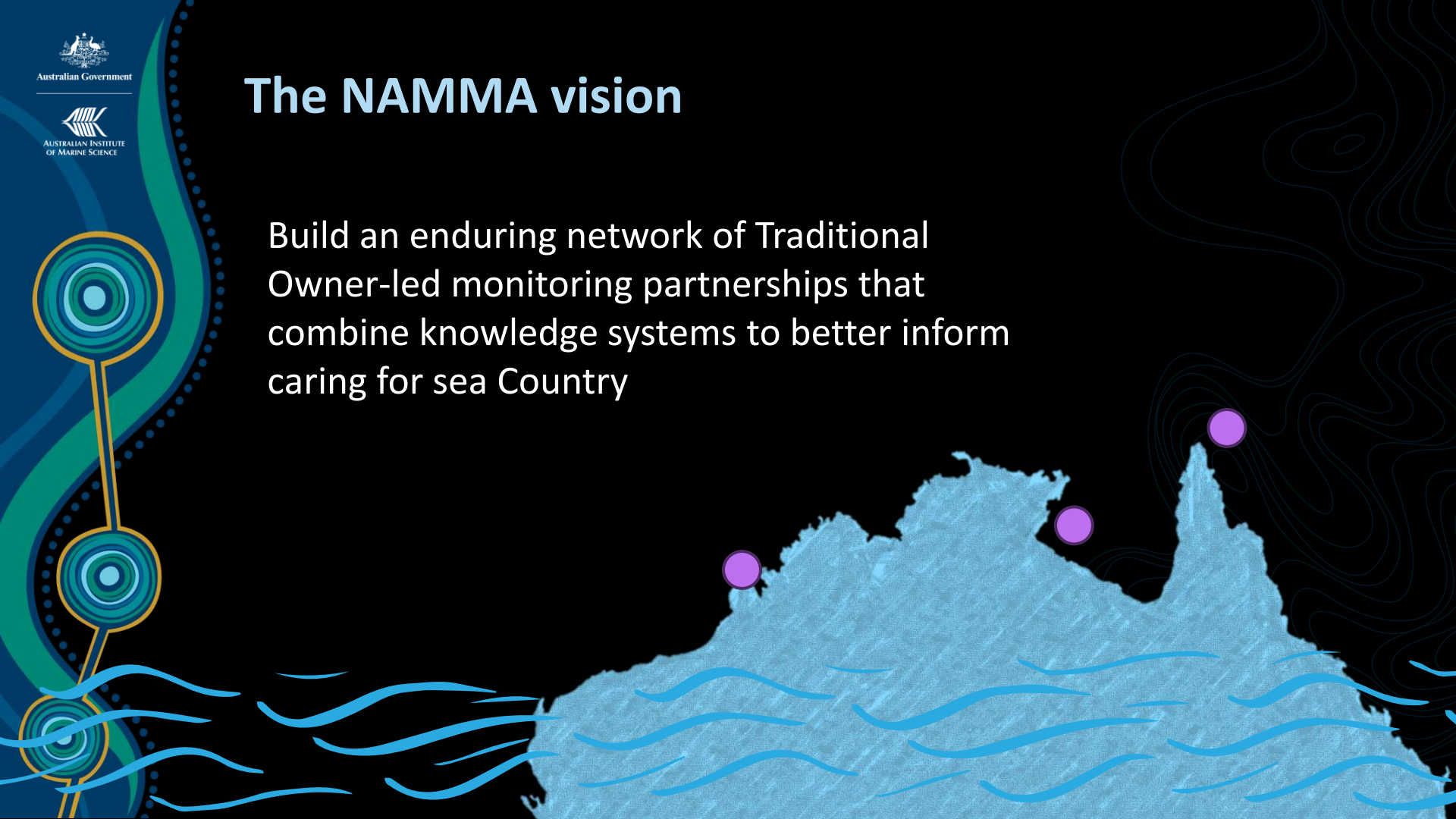


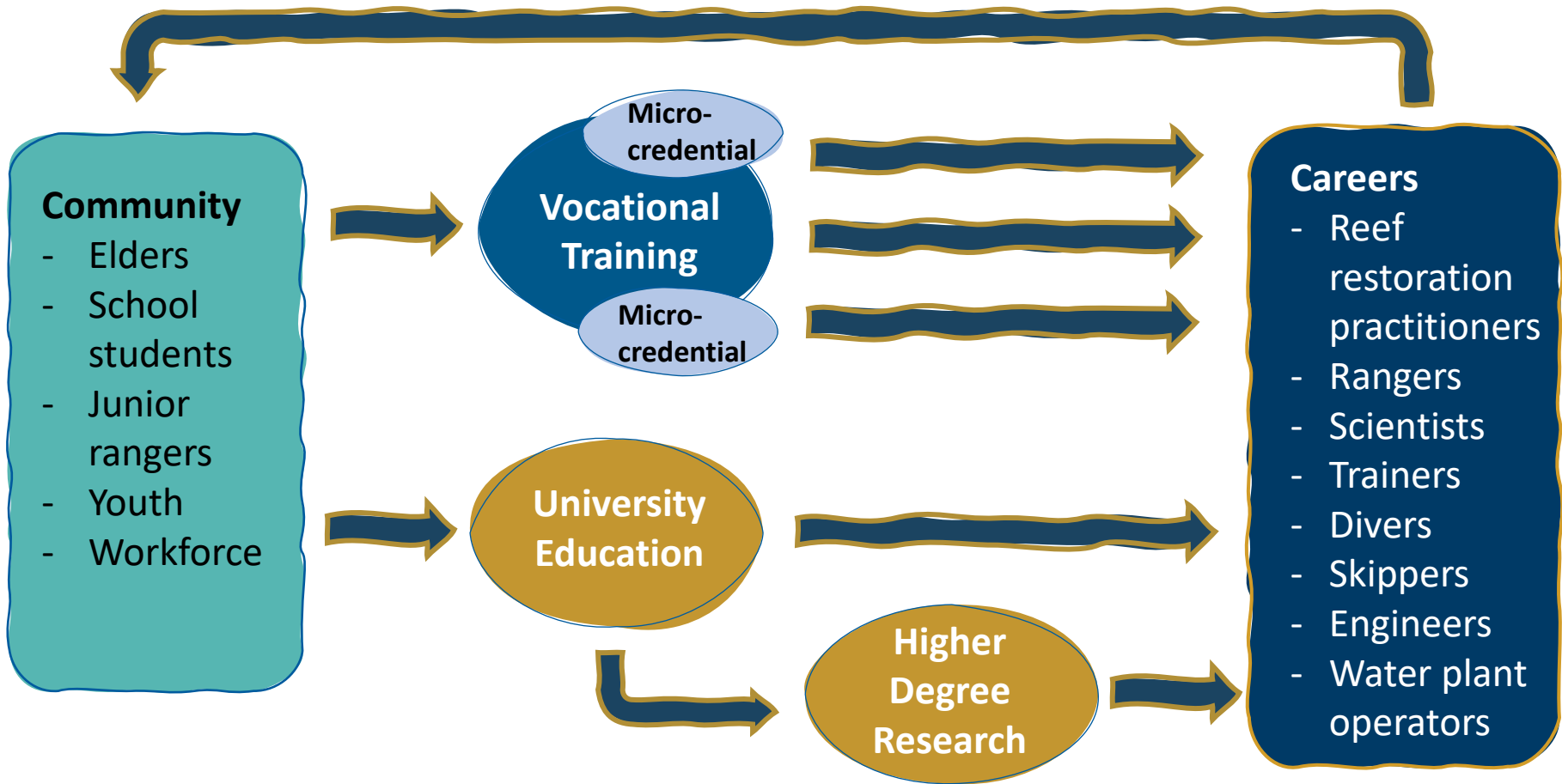
Northern Australian Marine Monitoring Alliance



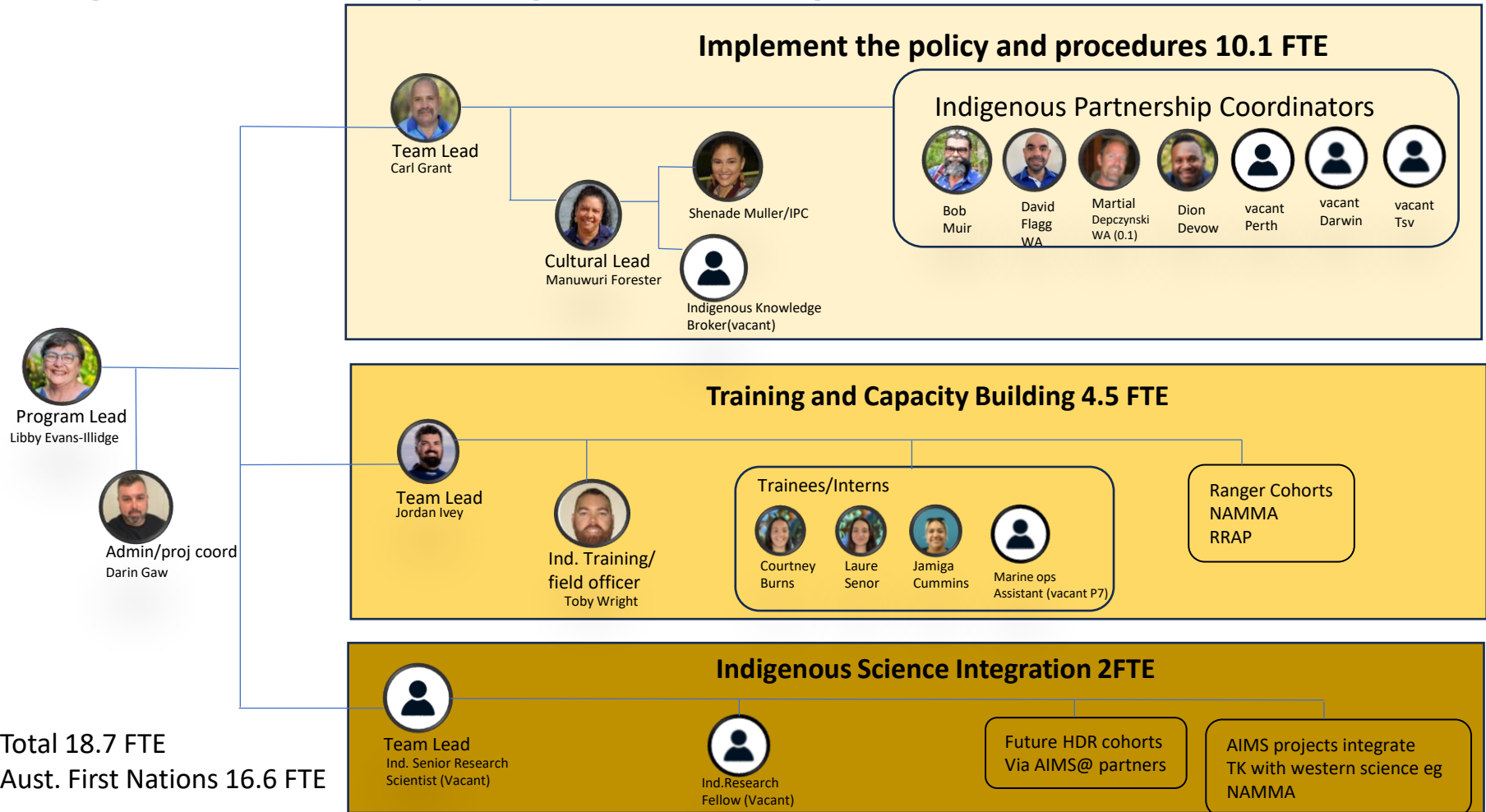
The NAMMA vision

Build an enduring network of Traditional Owner-led monitoring partnerships that combine knowledge systems to better inform caring for sea Country





Indigenous Partnerships Program Resourcing





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