# Upgrading Southern Australia's vessel capability

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The Department for Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA)

The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI)



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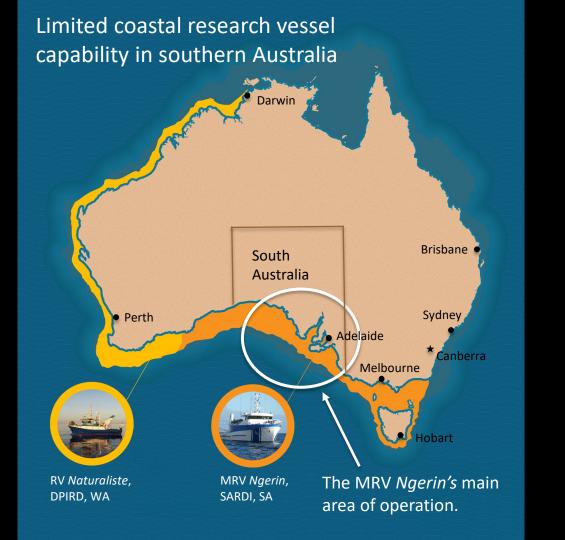














## **Southern Coastal Research Vessel Fleet**



Improving access to existing vessels by providing competitive access to fully funded sea time. This may include the use of 18-20m patrol and research vessels in the region to support inshore work.











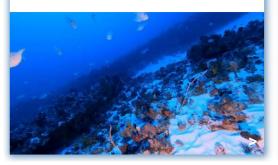




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## Quantifying seabed habitats, April 2023

Focusing on the Murray Marine Park, this voyage aimed to fill key information gaps in our knowledge of the extent and distribution of seabed habitats for continental shelf regions of temperate Australia.



## Baseline monitoring of seagrass and macroalgal habitats, April 2023

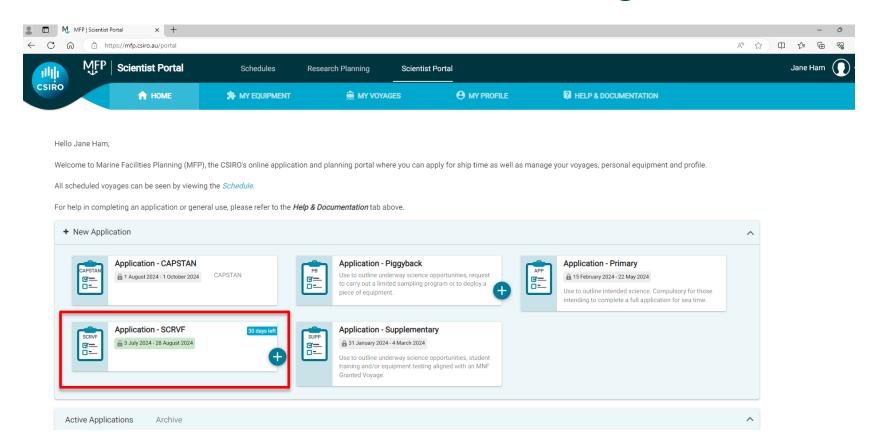
Priority areas across Denham Sound (Shark Bay) were surveyed, many for the first time, collecting fundamental data to improve our understanding of the structure and function of seagrass and algal habitats.



Supporting research of national benefit.

pir.sa.gov.au/research-vessels

## **Marine Facilities Planning**



## Assessing replacement vessel needs and capabilities



Internal discussions (SARDI)



National survey (marine research community)



Direct stakeholder engagement



**RVONZA** and IRSO

## Replacement vessel requirements

Enhanced capability

Upgraded facilities

Extended endurance and geographic range

Operate up to 300 days per year

Energy efficient vessel

<500 tonnes



### Concept design for replacement vessel

