

OceanWatch Australia works with the seafood industry and the community to ensure Australia's marine environment is healthy, productive, valued and used in a responsible way.



Tide to Table



All marine life needs healthy rivers and estuaries – healthy aquatic habitats and saltmarsh, mangroves and seagrass, to thrive, breed and shelter.

Established in 2004, 'Tide to Table' was adopted to reinforce the message that actions on land affect our waterways and our estuaries, which in turn affects the quality and kind of seafood

that is presented on our dinner table.

The program integrated the seafood sectors needs into local Natural Resource Management and vice versa, actioning \$8 million dollars' worth of on-ground works.

It also worked towards addressing specific issues such as pest fish translocation; remote area and flood recovery marine debris clean up, environmental behaviour change and addressing national scale obstacles to fish passage with regards to road crossing culverts.

The Tide to Table program's success was due to its ability to involve local farmers and seafood producers, businesses, communities and government agencies in a common cause – to rehabilitate a river system or estuary and improve its water quality, fish and seafood habitat and rebuild the health of the immediate environment.

Running for 9 years, a total of 17 successful Tide to Table programs occurred in New South Wales and Queensland. The program received from competitive grant processes support from the Australian and State governments to the tune of \$3.2 Million leveraging in kind contributions of \$4.8 M.

The legacy left following the program can be seen in a variety of topics being taken further by local groups. In addition, 'Tide to Table' project sites continue to be the focus of other successful grant applications and stewardship actions.
