# Aquaculture Strategic Plan 2011 - 2015

## Our vision
A growing, viable and economically sustainable aquaculture industry

## Our mission
To stimulate and sustain economic development and employment through aquaculture

## Our Values
- Professional delivery of services and research
- Excellence in our field
- Dedicated and professionally nurtured team

## Core Business
- Delivery of services and priority research to industry
- Developing aquaculture enterprises in partnership with Indigenous communities
- Facilitating business investment

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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| **Facilitate economic growth and viability of existing and emerging aquaculture industries** |  • Develop strong partnerships with existing and emerging aquaculture sectors.  
  • Ensure all programs and services of the Aquaculture Branch are aligned with industry priorities.  
  • Maintain a responsive and effective aquatic animal health diagnostic service. |
| **Attract high-quality investment in aquaculture**                          |  • Develop a planned approach to aquaculture development by identifying regions with economic, social and environmental potential for aquaculture.  
  • Identify and address major barriers to venture implementation and expansion.  
  • Develop enabling policies and a positive regulatory framework.            |
| **Facilitate Indigenous economic development and employment opportunities** |  • Identify and address constraints to involvement of Aboriginal people in aquaculture.  
  • Partner with Indigenous communities to conduct pilot programs for farming a range of target species to assess their suitability for culture in remote locations.  
  • Integrate aquaculture planning into development plans for the coastal Territory Growth Towns (A Working Future).  
  • Produce an aquaculture development plan for at least one key Territory region. |
| **Optimal use of the Darwin Aquaculture Centre**                           |  • Deliver high quality R&D that delivers against industry and Indigenous economic development priorities.  
  • Continue to develop and strengthen linkages with other tropical R&D institutions and programs to maximise the benefits to the Territory’s aquaculture industry.  
  • Grow the Darwin Aquaculture Centre’s research capacity through strategic staff and student development programs. |
| **Ensure a high standard of environmental sustainability**                 |  • Develop and implement risk-based environmental assessment frameworks in collaboration with other agencies.  
  • Ensure the Territory’s aquaculture industry operates within current and relevant environmental management plans.  
  • Prepare an annual report on environmental management of aquaculture in the Territory. |

The Darwin Aquaculture Centre is highly valued by government and industry for its capacity to deliver against identified priorities.

The Territory’s aquaculture industry operates according to environmental best practice.