

One-stop webshop for coastal research information

Councils and developers will now have the latest coastal research at their fingertips, with the launch of Coastal Research, a new webportal developed by CSIRO.



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The [Coastal Research portal](#) enables coastal councils, and other coastal stakeholders, to find research easily at a national level, and then focus on regional and local research projects.

CSIRO committed to creating the Coastal Research Webportal at last year's Australian Coastal Councils Conference, when it was realised local councils had a low awareness of the range of coastal research available.

'A central webportal to access the latest research data will enable decision makers to better evaluate proposals for their communities,' says [Dr Andy Steven](#), from CSIRO's [Wealth from Oceans Flagship](#).

'The website will also allow scientists and decision makers to investigate possible collaborations, to promote scientific research, and to identify any research gaps,' says Dr Steven.

The webportal has short, plain-English, acronym-free research summaries and it provides further links to freely available data and research, under the Creative Commons license.

Barry Sammels, the Chairman of the National Sea Change Taskforce said, 'There is no doubt this webportal will be of enormous practical benefit for everyone who is involved in coastal planning and management.'

The webportal, which uses a Google Maps interface, was developed in cooperation with TERN – the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network, which will now manage the website.

The webportal can be found at: <http://coastalresearch.csiro.au/>

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