

# Alien Fishes Committee Report - December 1999

## Re-formed! Reformed! Re-formed! Reformed! Re-formed! Re-formed!

The **Alien Species Committee** was reformed at the Bendigo Conference during September 1999. We are currently forming our charter, and at present it stands as:

To promote awareness of exotic species, and issues relating to them, in the Australasian area.

The Australasian region is taken to encompass Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya, and we will primarily focus on freshwater and estuarine fish species, extending perhaps to larger decapod crustacea.

To achieve the charter of the sub-committee, we will endeavour to maintain a watch-in-brief on recent research and issues relating to exotic species, such as:

- new additions to the fauna of exotic species;
- changes to the range of established species;
- new translocations of native species; and,
- changes to legislation.

We will also access any recent research, direct research if possible (eg. define research areas for post-graduate students), and maintain the focus on those species which were introduced a long time ago, eg. Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Roach, Atlantic Salmon, etc.

The membership of the Sub-committee at present stands as follows:

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WA - no current member.

SA - no current member.

NT - no current member. (suggested Rolly Griffin - are you out there?? Are you interested??)

We are very interested in having representative from each state so if you are interested, please contact the Chairperson.

## Proposed activities

Some of our first tasks will be to:

- Develop a comprehensive bibliography dealing with exotic/translocated species which we will place onto the ASFB homepage.
- Develop a list of exotic/translocated species in the Australasian region with distributional maps which may also be placed onto the ASFB homepage.
- Provide a yearly update/summary on recent introductions, research, publications (via the ASFB Newsletter and Homepage).
- Developing a brief risk assessment associated with each exotic species where possible.
- Collate a list of known research programs dealing with exotic organisms, including a contact details of researchers (ASFB web-page).

Some of this has already been collated by Angela Arthington, Patricia Kailola and others in a worthy tome: Baseline Environmental Data Relevant to an Evaluation of Quarantine Risk Potentially Associated with the Importation to Australia of Ornamental Finfish. This can be found at:

<http://www.agis.gov.au/docs/qdu/Environmental-report.pdf>

Two other recent interesting publication are:

Tim Low 1999. Feral Future. The untold story of Australia's exotic invaders. Viking, Penguin Books, Australia.

Anon 1999. National Policy for the Translocation of Live Aquatic Organisms. Issues, principles and guidelines for implementation. Ministerial Council on Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture.  
<http://www.brs.gov.au/fish/translocation.html>

## What you can do

The Sub-committee is interested in any comments that you might have, your input on any activity covered by the Sub-committee, and also any relevant information you may have. Either contact the chairperson or committee member in your state.

Hoping to hear from you,

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