



Australian Government

Australia's National Programme of
Action for the Protection of the Marine
Environment from Land-Based Activities

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case study 15: australian marine conservation society

This national non-government organisation was founded in 1965. The Society has a long history of advocacy for control of land-based sources of marine pollution and an early involvement with catchment management planning, particularly in Queensland. For more than three decades, Australian Marine Conservation Society was the main Australian non-government voice advocating control of marine and estuarine pollution.

The international activities of Australian Marine Conservation Society were constrained by limited resources but involved occasional participation in UNEP meetings, including the GPA. Australian Marine Conservation Society was represented on the Australian Government delegation at the 1997 UNEP Regional Seas Meeting held in Port Douglas.

Since 2000 Australian Marine Conservation Society has focussed mainly on fisheries management and promotion of marine protected areas. Recent work on marine pollution has been limited to making a submission to and tracking the Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Plan, representation on the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee, and commenting to Gold Coast City Council on sewerage infrastructure.