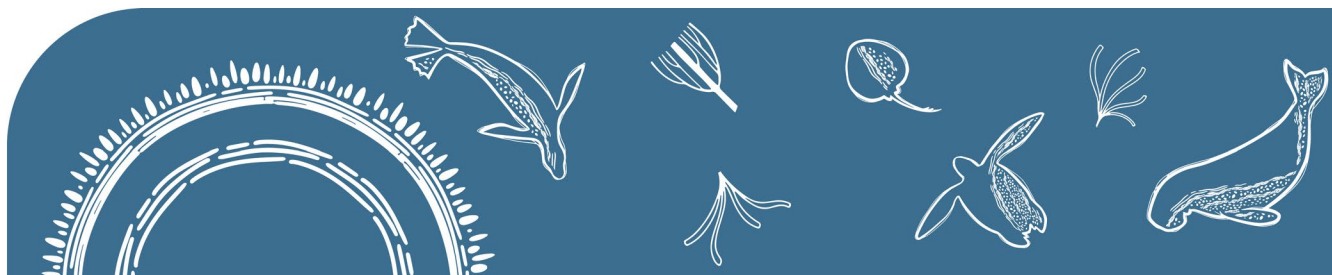
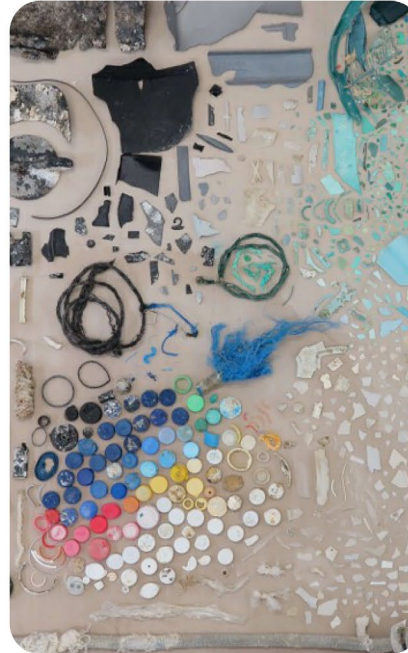


Strategic Initiatives

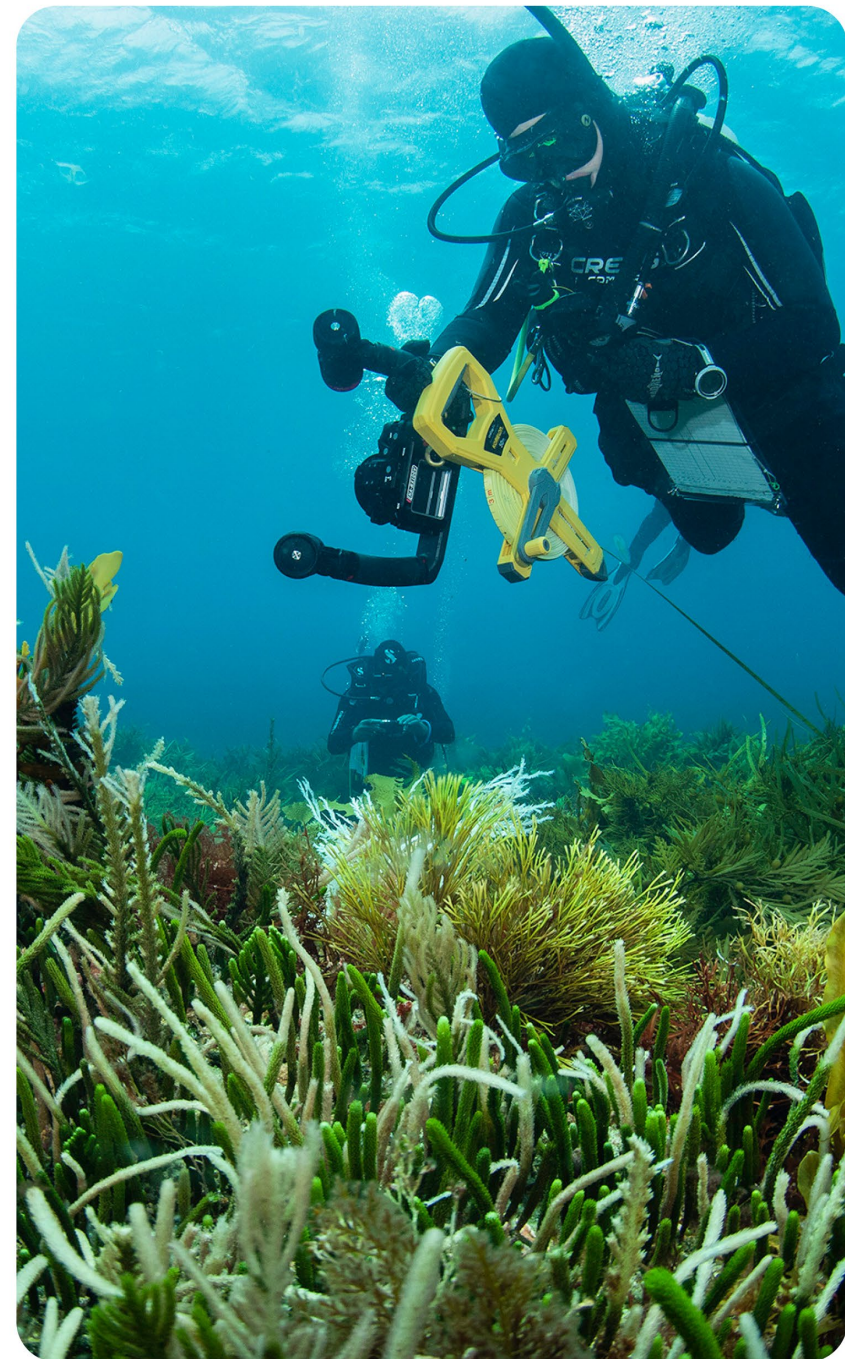
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IMOS acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and Elders of the land and sea on which we work and observe as Australia's first marine scientists and carers of Sea Country. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples past and present.

What is happening in 2025?

- The Office and Board are reflecting on current and future status of IMOS and our strategic direction.
- NCRIS will be developing a new Research Infrastructure Roadmap and forward funding request for release in 2026.
- This year is an important planning period.



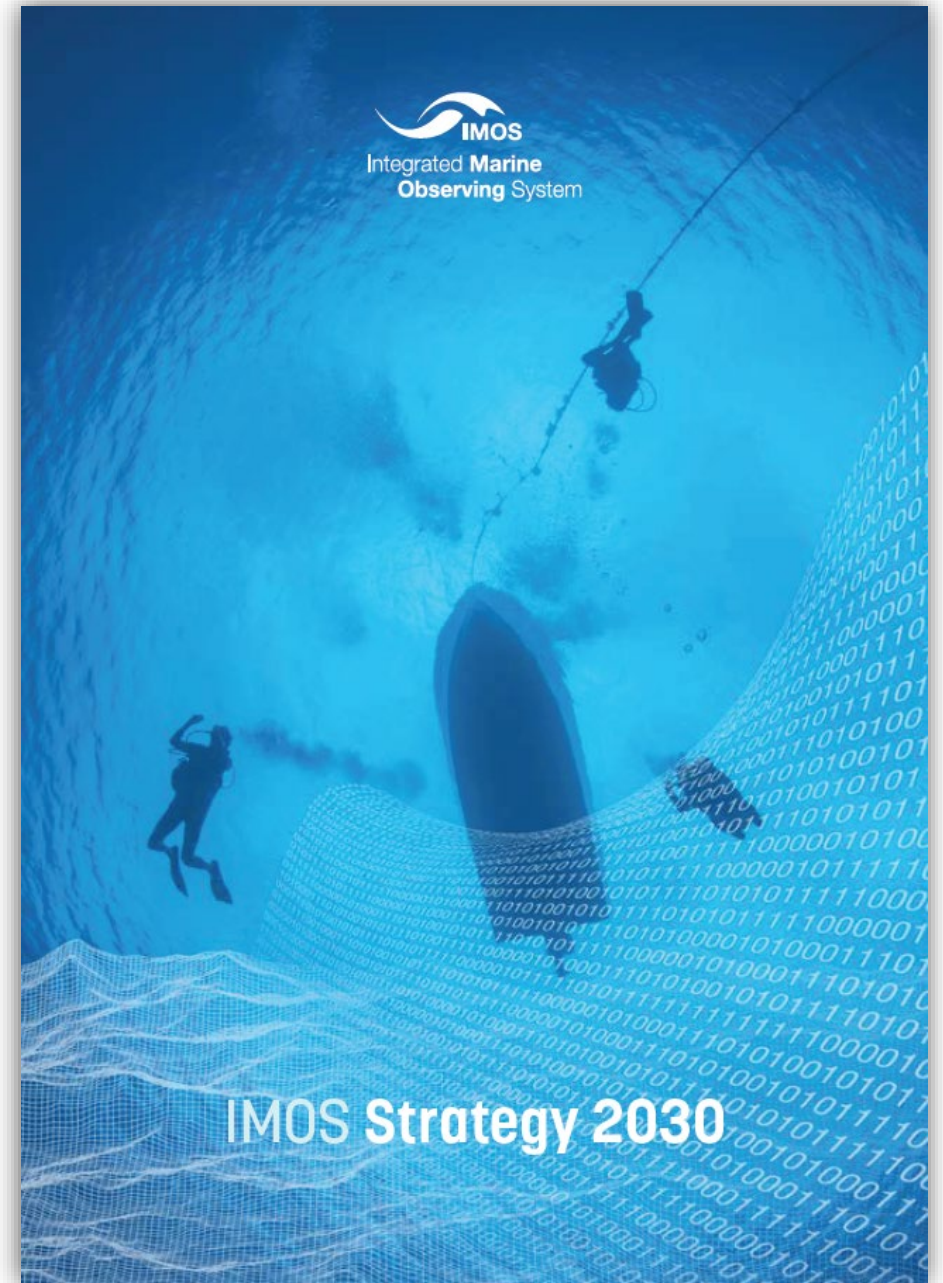
Reflection on the Strategy

We are halfway through the decade, it's time to consider if the strategy still works for IMOS.

The landscape has changed since 2021:

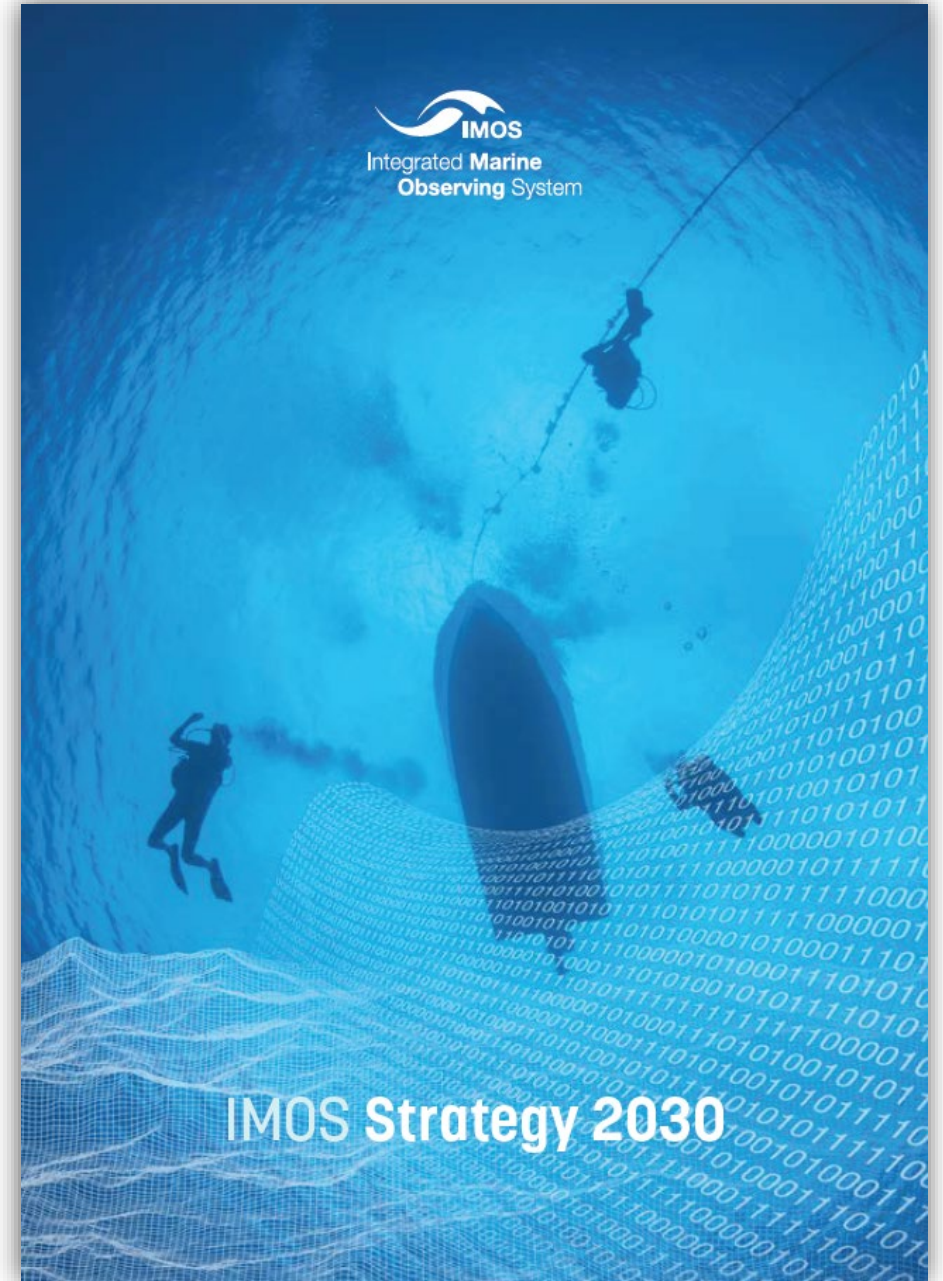
- Climate and ocean changes are increasing rapidly
- Big initiatives like CoastRI will change the scale and scope of IMOS
- More focus on Indigenous and industry partnerships are needed to create a more holistic approach to our observing

We need to refresh our strategy to reflect these changes



What's happening?

- The IMOS Office and Governing Board have committed to producing a new decadal strategy.
- Strategy drafting is underway with support and input from a small group of community representatives.
- The Board is currently reviewing draft strategy text.
- The hope is to time the strategy launch with World Ocean Day in June 2025.



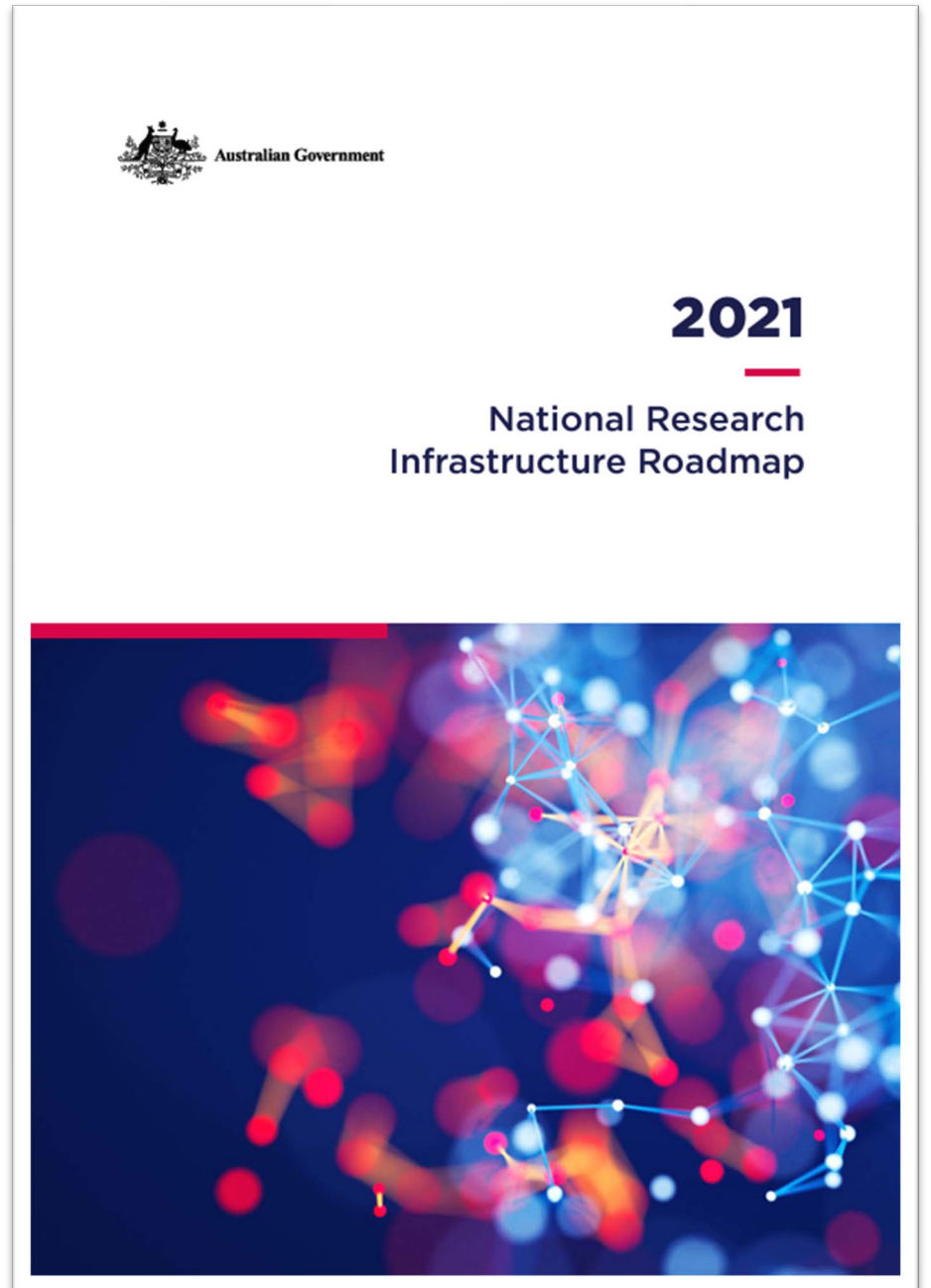
The Five Year Plan

- With a new strategy in progress we also need to consider a new implementation plan.
- The 2022-2027 Five Year Plan included a range of new initiatives, many of which were funded in the 2023 NCRIS round.
- The new strategy and achievement of previous implementation goals creates scope to consider how we continue to shape IMOS to deliver more.
- Community input will be valuable in this process.



NCRIS Roadmap

- NCRIS develops a National Research Infrastructure Roadmap every five years.
- The Roadmap establishes priorities for investment in the subsequent five years, and therefore is important to our future funding.
- For example, the 2021 Roadmap included the recommendation for an Environment and Climate step-change which supported new initiatives for IMOS in the 2023 round and will partially support CoastRI if funded.
- Environmental infrastructure and data needs must be well represented in this process.
- **Please fill in the NCRIS survey**
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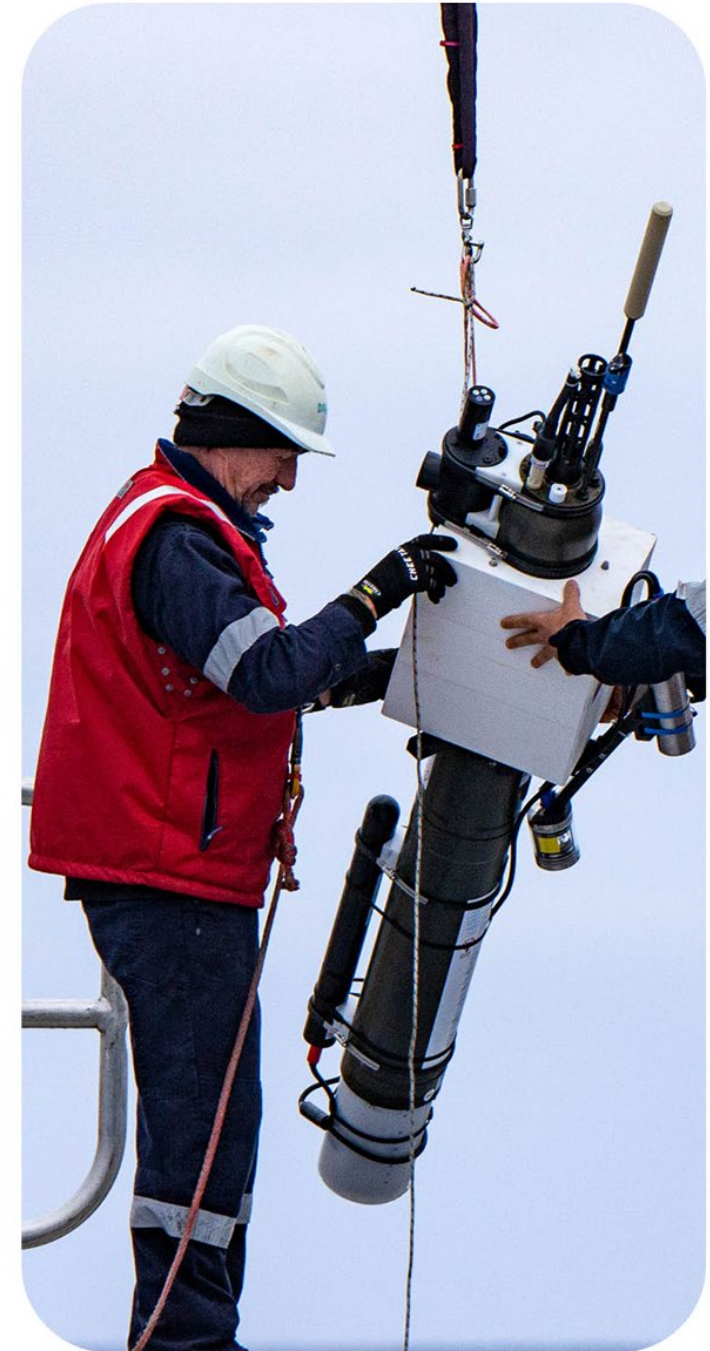
IMOS profile

- IMOS profile is more critical than ever in the next 2-3 years. Due to:
 - A new Roadmap process
 - Additional funding rounds in 2025 and 2026
 - NCRIS developing a new whole of program funding proposal to government
- We need to ensure we are reflecting our impact and presence, links to government, industry and others.
- Now is an important time to showcase the achievements of this amazing program.



We need your help

- Keep doing great science and make sure we are aware of it – our productivity and profile will be important over the next 2 years.
- Please make sure we are aware of Indigenous or industry partnerships or uses of IMOS data. Please alert us to opportunities for these activities.
- Please let us know if you want to help with the Five Year Plan process.
- **Please** don't make any new logos or acronyms that dilute the IMOS brand – visibility and recognition are important.





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