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Vital funding partnership announced to save Red Handfish from extinction

A tiny marine anglerfish, found only in waters off Tasmania and near extinction with just 100 remaining in the wild, is being given a better chance at survival thanks to a funding partnership announced in Hobart today.

The University of Tasmania's Endangered Species (FAME) has committed just over \$1 million over four years to the University of Tasmania Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) to help recover the Red handfish from the brink of extinction.

The challenge is formidable, according to Dr Jemina Stuart-Smith who heads the Handfish Recovery Program. "Time is of the essence. We are extremely grateful to FAME for the funding commitment at this critical point in what is an ongoing and demanding conservation project," Dr Stuart-Smith said.

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