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benchmarked against the world

Scientists from 12 countries will join Australia's world's top small pelagic fisheries experts in Adelaide for a five-day workshop to benchmark management.

The event, hosted by Associate Professor Tim Ward from the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), and funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC), will benchmark Australia's fisheries science for small pelagic species against the world's best.

It is an opportunity to look at the research and management methods of other fisheries of similar types from around the world and compare how Australia's small opportunities for improvement.

World experts from the US, Spain, Chile, Portugal, Netherlands, Greece and Australia will share their knowledge of modern technologies and methods used for stock management to maintain marine species and ensure a sustainable fishery around the world.

The forum chair Professor Colin Buxton from the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Research said that there was always room for improvement.

"Conservationists and recreational fishers have been invited to join these top world scientists to discuss the issues and opportunities for the industry," he said.

The FRDC-funded workshop is an opportunity for all stakeholders to participate in the discussion on practical ways to ensure that valuable Australian fisheries are managed sustainably, while protecting the surrounding ecosystem or other community values.

The five-
Aquatic Sciences, 3 Hamra Ave, West Beach, from Monday, 14 July 2014

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