# National Marine Science Plan

**Recommendation #7 - Research Training**

**Update July 2017**

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<td><strong>Objective</strong></td>
<td>The focus of the Working Group (WG) is upon implementing the recommendation #7 to ‘develop marine science research training that is more quantitative, cross-disciplinary and congruent with the needs of the industry and government.’</td>
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                       • Sabbine Dittman (Flinders)  
                       • Iain Gordon (JCU)  
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                       • Helene Marsh (JCU)  
                       • Indi Hodgson-Johnston and Tim Moltmann (observing) |
| **Recent Activity** | • The WG met via tele-conference on 12 July 2017 for the first time |
| **Current Status**  | • The WG has just been formed and is working on Terms of Reference  
                       • The WG will meet again by teleconference but would benefit from a face-to-face workshop. |
| **Next Steps**      | • Terms of Reference to be drafted and settled by the WG by email over the next month;  
                       • Short scoping paper to be settled by the WG by email by September;  
                       • If funding is forthcoming, a workshop to be held in August/September to:  
                          o further develop the draft document (initially drafted by Sabine Dittman) as a high level implementation plan for Recommendation #7;  
                          o agree upon a work plan and task list for the remainder of 2017  
                          o settle priorities and meeting arrangements for 2018; |
| **Support required**| • The WG seeks financial support from the NMSC to hold a one day workshop in September 2017;  
                          • The WG would benefit from some administrative support in terms of workshop arrangements and drafting the scoping and implementation plan. |