

## **Science and Management: a framework to enhance knowledge transfer**

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Adaptive management is a useful framework for resource managers that relies on an ongoing process of assessment, planning and review so that management policies and practices may be improved based on outcomes. Knowledge transfer is the mechanism or pathway by which information and specialist advice flows between research, managers and policy makers and is critical to the success of this framework. However, a number of constraints have been identified in relation to knowledge transfer that inhibit effective adaptive management including those associated with differences in culture between scientists and managers, different agendas and understanding of the issues and limited communication (e.g. Briggs 2006). We seek to address these issues in relation to the Ningaloo Research Program by describing a clear process of knowledge transfer between the external research community, resource managers and policy makers and identifying mechanisms to overcome historical constraints.

### **Reference**

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