



Katfish Reach

Funding to Improve Katfish Reach

Since the beginning of Katfish Reach, the MDBA has provided continual funding to assist with the strategic planning of the project, ecological monitoring and community engagement.

In recent years, the Australian Government has invested in the project through the Riverine Recovery Project (RRP), a key component of South Australia's *Murray Futures* program.

RRP funding includes the construction of infrastructure at Katfish Reach. Works scheduled for Katfish Reach over the next two years include the replacement of major-in-stream fish and flow barriers with new hydrological structures, installation of fish ways. These structures will enable the reinstatement of a more natural water regime, which will benefit plants, fish, frogs and waterbirds and create a healthier aquatic system.



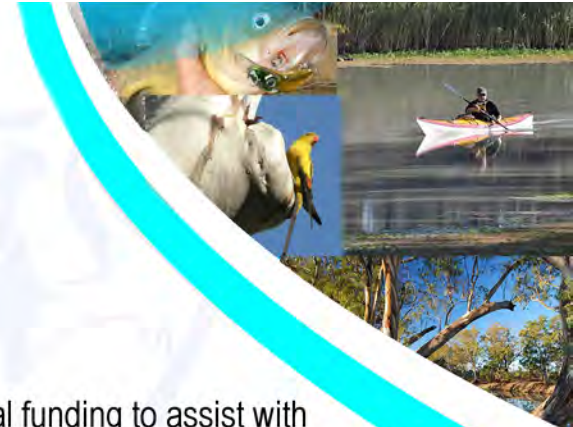
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Katfish Reach is a community environmental rehabilitation project working for a healthier and more productive aquatic and floodplain ecosystem that everyone can enjoy.

How Katfish got its name

The Katfish Reach project began as a Demonstration Reach for native fish under the Native Fish Strategy of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA). It is the only Demonstration Reach along the River Murray in South Australia. The name 'Katfish Reach' was coined through the abbreviation of "Katarapko and Eckert Creek Demonstration Reach for Native Fish"

What is the Project About?

- » Improving floodplain and wetland health
- » Managing water to create a more natural cycle of flooding and drying
- » Increasing native fish numbers
- » Improving native fish movements and flows through the removal of barriers
- » Improving the health of native plant communities
 - » Controlling pest animals and weeds
 - » Improving habitat for native animals including threatened species
 - » Recognising the importance of traditional Aboriginal culture and European heritage

The Area

Katfish Reach is located on the Katarapko/Eckert Creek anabranch system, which comprises about 38 kilometres of waterways. The floodplain covers 9000 hectares, which is situated opposite the town of Loxton and south-west of Berri. The Katfish Reach floodplain bypasses Lock 4.

Katfish Reach is a unique and diverse floodplain. It includes a range of habitats from permanent flowing creeks, freshwater complexes, saline wetlands and floodplains. It is home to a variety of wildlife, some of which are listed as threatened species. Within the area there are two reptiles, one frog and 14 bird species with a threatened rating at state level and one frog and two fish with a national rating.

Community Participation

Community participation is a key to the success of the Katfish Reach project, with all stakeholders, including recreational groups, Friends of Riverland Parks, Local Action Planning Groups, Gerard Aboriginal Community and individuals; working with Government organisations to deliver a coordinated approach to the improvement of the area.

