

Discover Aquaculture Investment Opportunities

In The Shire of Dandaragan



Discover your big opportunities in aquaculture in the Shire of Dandaragan

The Shire of Dandaragan is already home to a vibrant rock lobster industry, epitomised by the local Lobster Shack, which provides residents and visitors with the freshest 'crays' as well as the opportunity to tour the local factory. The rock lobster industry has been a part of the local economy since the 1950s and the rock lobster commands the highest value among all fisheries and aquaculture species in Western Australia.

With protected waters and a pristine natural environment, the coast along the Shire is an ideal location for aquaculture. One aquaculture licence has been issued for an offshore site at Green Island, near Cervantes. Two licences have been issued for four offshore sea-cage sites near Jurien Bay and two hatchery licences have also been issued for onshore sites near Jurien Bay.

Aquaculture production in Australia is poised to grow by five times its current production value by 2030, based on strong global demand for seafood. Given the pristine marine conditions, sheltered local waters, existing support infrastructure and easy access to Perth and global markets, the Shire of Dandaragan is an ideal location for aquaculture investment.

Investment opportunities include:

- Offshore cage-based aquaculture farms
- Onshore hatchling facilities
- New processing facilities



The Shire of Dandaragan provides an attractive destination for aquaculture, including:

- Existing licenses granted by the WA Government
- Proximity to Perth (just 2-2.5 hours drive away) and access to major markets
- Existing capacity at the Jurien Bay Marina (including for processing facilities)
- Affordable land (median house prices are between 23% and 69% lower than the Perth Metropolitan region)
- Strong local aquaculture sector with well-established supply chains



Population (2021)

Source: ABS
3,262

Gross Regional Product (2020)

Source: Rampton
\$332 million

Unemployment Rate (Sept 2021)

Source: S&P
2.8%

Median House Price (2021)

- Badgingarra** \$195,000
- Cervantes** \$397,000
- Dandaragan** \$158,000
- Jurien Bay** \$400,000

The Shire of Dandaragan has a diverse economy with key industries, including agriculture, fishing, tourism, mining and renewable energy generation. The local rock lobster industry based in Cervantes and Jurien Bay provides a major export for the Shire. The Lobster Shack is a major tourism attraction generated off the back of the local lobster industry, which coupled with the Nambung National Park's Pinnacles Desert, Lesueur National Park and the Jurien Bay Marine Park, creates major tourism attractions for the region.

While traditional industries of beef cattle and sheep dominate the local agricultural sector, a wide variety of crops are grown in the Shire including olives, citrus, stone fruit and broad acre farming. Mineral sands mining at the Cooljarloo Mine (Tronox) and the Cataby Mine (Iluka) as well as the Yandin Wind Farm (largest in Western Australia) are additional key assets of the local economy and demonstrates its diversity.

Discover Dandaragan for your next investment

