

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET



### PROJECT TITLE:

**“Profiling a Hidden High Value Low Impact Fishery on the GBR: A Coastal Saltwater Fly Fishery”.**

You are invited to take part in a fisheries research project exploring the experiences, values, and the biological, temporal, and spatial aspects of saltwater flyfishing charter operations in Queensland. The study aims to describe the extent of the fishery, how it operates, and help identify the aspects and experiences that are most valued by clients and operators. An honours thesis will be produced from this project that may serve as a resource for charter operators, and for managers such as the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

This study is being conducted by Mr. Andreas Hansen under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Chin, Mr. Amos Mapleston, and Dr. Owen Li. The project is Andreas’s honours project which will complete his Bachelor of Science at James Cook University.

If you agree to be involved in the study, you will be invited to be interviewed. The interview, with your consent, will be audio-taped, and should only take approximately one hour of your time. All audio recordings will be given anonymous names (P1, P2, P3, etc) then transcribed into word documents. The original audio recording will be deleted after transcription. The Transcriptions will be stored anonymously and under password protection for 7 years before final deletion. The interview will be conducted over zoom or phone (or face-to-face if you have no other option).

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop taking part in the study at any time without explanation or prejudice. Your responses and contact details will be strictly confidential. The data from the study will be used in a Bachelor of Science Honours thesis, research presentation, and further research publications and reports. You will not be identified in any way in these publications. This study will be funded financially and in-kind by James Cook University.

If you want more information about the study, please see the project page on our website:  
<https://www.fishandfisheries.com/projects>

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