# **Pond harmful algae Workshop**

A harmful algal bloom workshop will be held in conjunction with the **Ridley Aqua feed Australian Prawn and Barramundi farmers Symposium 2015** at the Sea World Nara Resort 30-31 July 2015. The workshop is at 10:00 to 12:00 Wednesday 29 July 2015 and is free to any participants of the Symposium. Lunch will be provided after the Workshop.

Flights from major Qld departure ports arrive in Brisbane that morning in sufficient time to attend the session so an extra nights accommodation is not necessarily required for those travelling from far afield.

The HAB Workshop is part of FRDC project #2013/231 ‘Harmful algal blooms on Australian prawn farms’ which has now completed its first full season of farm data collection.

The Workshop is specifically designed for those in the industry responsible for farm or pond monitoring and management and will include:-

* Latest information on potentially harmful species occurring in prawn ponds
* Using the new online database for pond microalgae identification
* Simple sampling and handling methods to ensure reliable bloom status information and key species detection
* Presentation on the impact of algae blooms on aquaculture and control and impact mitigation methods
* Hands on microalgae species identification

HAB expert **Prof. Gustaaf Hallegraeff** will lead the session on the status of harmful algal blooms in aquaculture, mitigation of impacts and identification of species of concern. The latter will include hands-on microscopic examination of pond samples.

Please bring a pond bloom sample from your farm, if you are able, for examination in the hands-on ID session. A live and a Lugols preserved sample would be great.

The workshop will be limited to 20 participants and will require pre-registration on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ridley-aqua-feed-australian-prawn-barramundi-farmers-symposium-tickets-15793210919>

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