



GEOGRAPHE FARMERS Protecting Geographe Bay

Geographe farmers are on the ground, every day, making a difference in our catchment.

Geographe farmers protecting Geographe Bay, launched in 2022, recognises the importance of farmers working collectively to make a difference - improving water quality, looking after the environment and supporting a thriving and sustainable agriculture industry. It's about supporting one another, discussing ideas, comparing stories and working together as a farming community to protect what's right on our doorstep, Geographe Bay.

Get in touch to learn more and get involved!

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These projects are part of Healthy Estuaries WA and Revitalising Geographe Waterways, State Government initiatives that aim to support the long-term health of our south-west waterways.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS





SOIL TESTING

“100% worth it, have been doing it for years. There are only positives to come out of it. Efficient fertiliser use is beneficial to the farmer.”

Ludlow farmer

The Geographe Soil Testing Program is aimed at giving farmers confidence in their nutrient management decisions as well as reduce nutrient loss from their properties.

The program includes soil sampling, whole farm nutrient mapping, tissue testing, plus access to customised agronomic advice, all to assist farmers with improving fertiliser decisions.

Since 2009, over 40% of the Geographe catchment has been soil tested, contributing to an annual reduction of 4.8 tonnes of phosphorus entering Geographe Bay.

Expressions of Interest open mid-year, with soil sampling taking place November-December. Cost to new farmers is \$300 - prices may vary depending on farm size.



RIVER CARE

GeoCatch has been partnering with landholders for over 25 years to help manage waterways and enhance riparian vegetation.

Installing fencing and revegetating waterways has important benefits to farm management and water quality and the environment, including improving soil structure and filtration to retain nutrients on-farm, preventing erosion, providing shelter to livestock, and increasing habitat to support local wildlife.

GeoCatch can assist with funding and advice for stock exclusion fencing and revegetation. To see if you meet the requirements, contact GeoCatch today.

NUTRIENT PLANS

The Grazing Nutrient Best Management Practices (BMPs) were developed to provide south-west beef, sheep and dairy farmers with clear and practical advice to optimise farm nutrients and reduce impacts to the environment, all the while maintaining a productive and profitable enterprise.

GeoCatch is offering farmers a complimentary Nutrient Plan customised to the their property, benchmarking their farming practice against the BMPs. The plan outlines farm goals and vision, whilst providing clear and achievable recommendations for your farm for nutrient management into the future.

To arrange a BMP Nutrient Plan Assessment contact GeoCatch today.

“The Nutrient Plan puts all the information we've learnt into an easy to follow guide, letting us plan how to reach to our goals.”
Capel farmer



GRAZING MATCHER

Grazing Matcher is a group-learning program for beef and sheep farmers facilitated by experts in grazing management and animal health.

It supports producers to improve grazing, fodder and feed decisions and meet eight times over 12 months at host farms.

Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2023 program, beginning in April 2023. The program is subsidised with the cost to farmers \$650 per farm enterprise.

JOIN OUR BOARD

GeoCatch has been working on sustainable agriculture projects with the Geographe farming community for 25 years, with our first stream restoration taking place back in 1997. We operate in partnership with state and local government, community and industry to manage land and water resources in the Geographe Catchment.

Community positions are currently available on the Geographe Catchment Council Board to represent the agricultural community.

Contact GeoCatch to learn more about what the role involves and how you can contribute, please get in touch today!