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## Wylie Bay Commercial Abalone Ranching Research Trials

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 12-Month Assessment 12-month monitoring assessment of Wylie Bay trial ranch completed.
- **Average Annual Growth** 32.6 34.8mm in length.
- **Average Annual Survival** 50-59% survival rate.

## **DETAILS**

Ocean Grown Abalone Limited (ASX: OGA, the Company) is pleased to report the results of recent commercial abalone ranching research trials in Wylie Bay, Esperance.

### **Background**

Wylie Bay Abalone Pty Ltd (WBA) is a joint venture abalone ranching project located in Wylie Bay, Esperance Western Australia. The proponents are Ocean Grown Abalone Ltd (OGA) and Ocean King Fishing Pty Ltd (OKF). In 2016, WBA applied for and was granted an aquaculture lease in Wylie Bay.

October 2017 marked the commencement of a 12-month commercial abalone ranching trial in Wylie Bay. 352 ABITATS were placed in 3 locations within the Wylie Bay lease by OKF. For comparative data a trial was also undertaken at the OGA Flinders Bay ranch during the same period under the same conditions.



Map of the Wylie Bay Abalone Pty Ltd Aquaculture Lease

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#### **Results**

Average annual growth increment at Wylie Bay ranged from 32.6 - 34.8mm, compared to an annual average growth increment in Augusta of 35.7mm.

Average survival rate post seeding for the 12-month period at Wylie Bay ranged from 50-59%. The Augusta trial had an average annual survival rate post seeding of 61%.

OGA is very encouraged by the results 12 months post initial seeding at Wylie Bay. Growth and survival are comparable to that experienced in Flinders Bay. OGA will continue to monitor the Wylie Bay Abalone Pty Ltd abalone ranch in 2019 to assess future expansion opportunities of the OGA abalone ranching technology in Wylie Bay.



Abalone on ABITATS in Wylie Bay, Esperance – 12 months post seeding

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### **About the Company**

Ocean Grown Abalone Limited (**ASX: OGA**) has developed the world's first commercial greenlip abalone sea ranching business in the pristine waters of Flinders Bay, Western Australia. Through the construction of proprietary, purpose-built artificial abalone reefs (called "Abitats"), OGA is able to supply commercial quantities of its premium, 'wild-harvested', greenlip abalone at sizes not otherwise available in the Australian abalone market today.

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