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From 21 May until 31 August 2010, an exhibition of photographs of images from *Marine Biodiversity Hub* partners line the ramp walls of Questacon.

The photos showcase Australia's rich seas and wildlife and related research. They show the beauty and fragility of Australia's marine biodiversity and illustrate the need for cutting edge science and management to protect this environment.

Eighty-six per cent of Australia's population lives within 50 km of the sea. An estimated 250 000 marine species share Australia's oceans with industries that put food on our tables and petrol in our cars and many Australians like to sail, fish, dive, swim and surf in the same seas. How can all these uses be accommodated while protecting our rich and unique biodiversity? What is known of the wildlife and habitats in Australia's ocean waters?

Head of Science at [Museum Victoria](#) , Mark Norman, is the curator of photo exhibition which is timely as the United Nations has declared 2010 as the [International Year of Biodiversity](#) .

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