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## **\$2m lifeline to protect species on our other Great reef**

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven wonders of the natural world. But now an equally stunning and important reef that wraps around southern Australia is in the spotlight, thanks to a \$2 million grant from The Ian Potter Foundation for a project to protect its unique marine life.

The Great Southern Reef extends 6,000km from NSW to Western Australia, including the area south of Tasmania. It is home to some of our favourite sea creatures – the leafy sea dragon, blue groper, black cowry and other iconic species.

For over two-thirds of marine species found on the Great Southern Reef, this is their only home – but it sits on a climate-change hotspot and its precious ecosystem is under threat.

As the largest research group currently investigating the Great Southern Reef, the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS)

