An Overview of Abalone Farming in Australia
Number of Abalone Farms in Australia

95 - 05
• Around 20 farms commercially operating

Beyond 05
• Bigger is better; expansions to existing farms
• Amalgamations
• Offshore systems
Australian Farmed Abalone Output

Expected 500 tonnes in 2006
350 tonnes in 2005
Species – Blacklip (H. rubra)

More difficult to farm
10% of total output
Used in hybridisation – 20% output
Species – Greenlip (H. laevigata)  
Easier to farm – suited to raceway technology  
Represents 70% of output  
Intelligent !!
Export Markets and Product Form – 2006 Estimated

**Harvest Sizes**
- Target 100g per piece
- Range 80g – 150g

**Prices**
- Frozen US$33/kg
- Cans 8 piece US$600 per carton
Australian Abalone Growers Association

R & D PRIORITIES FROM INDUSTRY SURVEY

Genetics
Health Monitoring
Nutrition
Feed Manufacturers

Heading towards 1000 tonnes in 2006
Challenges

Environmental
Collaboration / Communication
Production Costs
Growth Rates
Goodbye