

SourceDNA

Use eDNA to identify and track the source of contamination in aquatic ecosystems

SourceDNA uses eDNA technology (qPCR and metabarcoding) to provide a system to rapidly, safely and cost-effectively identify and track contamination in aquatic environments. This application detects both indicator bacteria and potential source species (e.g. livestock, human) DNA to identify the possible cause of contamination. SourceDNA can be integrated into your monitoring for an early indicator of microbes of concern by identifying high impact zones that can inform management and investment priorities.



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SourceDNA Contamination tracker



Determine contaminated "impact" zones across whole catchments and waterways near urban, industrial or agricultural areas to inform management and investment decisions.

Assess biological risks (including human health and ecosystem function) through identification of microbes of concern, and their potential source.

Undertake impact assessments and quantify effects of management interventions in contaminated aquatic systems.

Monitor pre and post discharge to waterways to assess any potential contamination, determine risk and inform management.

How it works?



Water samples are collected using a simple survey method - this can be done by EnviroDNA or anyone with initial support from EnviroDNA.



eDNA metabarcoding and qPCR analysis is undertaken to identify and quantify indicator bacteria (e.g. Enterobacteriaceae, including E. coli, Bacteroidaceae, including Bacteroides species, Lachnospiraceae, Ruminococcaceae) and host species (e.g. human, agricultural, and domestic species) DNA.



Data is fed into SourceDNA which provides an online mapping and reporting source tracking output that can easily be shared with stakeholders and compared to ongoing monitoring.



Consistent, quality data and interpretable outputs are essential for contamination monitoring. Book a consultation to find out how we can help you. Contact Sarah Hale, EnviroDNA Senior Project Manager: shale@envirodna.com