



National gong catch of the day for seafood outlet

TOWNSVILLE'S Ingham Road Seafood has earned itself a top-four ranking at the Australian Seafood Industry Awards.

The city's largest seafood retailer advanced through to the national awards after snaring the Seafood Business Award for Queensland last year on the back of two years of record growth.

Ingham Road Seafood co-owners Mark Partland and Louise Wilson said yesterday the business had received recognition across many categories, including its strong support of the region's fishing and hospitality industries.

Mr Partland said while they had been hopeful of hooking the top prize they were nevertheless overwhelmed by how far they had progressed.

"At the national awards, we were competing against capital-city seafood retailers that had been operating for decades in much bigger markets than ours," Mr Partland said.

"We took over this business as recently as 2007, so to go so close to snaring the big one and to be recognised on the national stage is very



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humbling for our team and it is something that we want to build on."

Ms Wilson said the company's growing wholesale business had made a big contribution towards its

inclusion among the national award finalists.

"We pride ourselves on supporting the regional fishing industry and, over the past two years, we have taken big strides in ensuring the

North's restaurant industry and its patrons have access to local seafood," Ms Wilson said.

The Australian Seafood Industry Awards were staged in Melbourne last week.