

South-west Marine Parks Advisory Committee Meeting #8 Communique 6 December 2022, Videoconference via MS Teams

The South-west Marine Parks Advisory Committee met via Microsoft Teams videoconference on Tuesday 6 December 2022. The meeting opened with an Acknowledgement of Country by the Chair.

Observers at the meeting included representatives from the SA Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA). Updates were provided by members and observers.

Dr Barbara Musso, Marine and Island Parks Branch Head, updated the Committee on the recent 2022-23 Federal Budget. A total of \$10.8 million has been provided to progress Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan, including \$2.8 million to support the NT Government on First Nations traditional practice governance for Limmen Bight.

Management Report

An update was provided on key activities carried out since July 2022. Key highlights as they relate to each of the seven management programs include:

Communication, education and awareness

– A communications campaign focusing on recreational fishing for Western rock lobster in Two Rocks Marine Park commenced in October and included new signs at Ocean Reef and Mindarie boat ramps, posters in local tackle shops and a social media blitz across AMP facebook and Instagram platforms. This campaign has been rolled out in partnership with WA DPIRD who is

Member attendance

Andrew Coleman (Chair)
David Collard
Bronwyn Gillanders
Tim Langlois
Peter Owen
Terry Romaro OAM
Sophie Teede
Melissa Nursey-Bray

Apologies

Kirsty Alexander
Michael Heslewood
Lee Johnson
Gail Reynolds-Adamson
Stephen van Leeuwen

undertaking on-water compliance activities in the park.



Tourism and visitor experience – Tourism has increased in AMPs since the lifting of travel restrictions. Assessments are underway to understand the extent of the industry in Australian Marine Parks, the effect of activities and management options.

Indigenous engagement – Parks Australia, with other relevant areas in the Department, recently progressed the development of an

Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) Protocol with a supporting toolkit of resources. Development is expected to be finalised by the end of the year followed by targeted training of staff in early 2023.

Marine science – Parks Australia is finalising the Australian Marine Park Science Strategy, which will be released soon.

Parks Australia has also continued to identify research and monitoring priorities and is drafting Science Plans and associated State of Knowledge Summaries - a quick reference guide for marine park managers, scientists, stakeholders, and First Nations groups wanting to understand the values and pressures in the parks.

Assessments and authorisations – Seven authorisations have been issued in the past 6 months. Current and historic authorisation information is available at:
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/activities/authorisations-issued/>.

Parks protection and management –The South-west management team have been working with a University of Tasmania Masters student to undertake a desktop review of cruise ship operations and management strategies. This is responding to concerns and potential impacts on the values in Geopraphe Marine Park and AMPs in other networks where tourism and cruise ship activities are steadily increasing after the global pandemic.

Compliance – Nine compliance incidents were recorded in the South-west Marine Park Network since July 2022.

View quarterly compliance reports at:
<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/programs/compliance/>.

Consolidation Implementation Plan

The management framework for Australian Marine Parks supports development of three implementation plans over the 10-year life of the management plan (2018-28).

Covering years 1 to 4, the Foundational Implementation Plan (FIP) has been completed and reviewed. To support years 5-8 of management a draft Consolidation Implementation Plan (CIP) was prepared for advice and guidance from the Committee.

The implementation activities in the CIP have been informed by the outcomes achieved from foundational activities over the previous years and our increased knowledge of use, values, and pressures within the marine parks.

Science Plan Summary

Progress on the draft Australian Marine Park science plans was presented to the committee.

The science plans are being prepared to provide specific project details for research and monitoring, conservation goals, monitoring questions and indicators that allow effectiveness of management to be measured. The purpose of the science plan is to guide the marine science component of the Consolidation Implementation Plan.

Draft monitoring and research priorities for the South-west Network were distributed to the Committee for their feedback. Interim science plans will be published in early 2023.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is likely to be held in March 2023.

For more information about the South-west Marine Parks Network or the committee:

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