

South-east Marine Parks Network

User guide

The draft management plan seeks to achieve positive outcomes for the environment and the Australian community by increasing protection over important marine habitats, features and species, while supporting sustainable use and enjoyment of these special places.

About Australian Marine Parks in the South-east Network

The South-east Network includes 14 marine parks off the coast of Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, covering 701,930 square kilometres. These parks protect examples of the incredible habitats and ecosystems that are unique to the region.

Migratory whales journey to and from Antarctica twice a year and iconic species such as southern bluefin tuna and blue whales roam here. In the deep sea, there's a diverse range of fishes and other creatures, such as crabs, coral, sea urchins and sponges that have adapted to survive in the deep.

What do the zones mean?

The table below provides a summary of what activities are allowed in what zones in the South-east Network.

The zones in the South-east Network are:

- Sanctuary Zone – the highest level of protection, very few activities are allowed in this zone – this zone exists in the Macquarie Island Marine Park.
- National Park Zone – no extractive activities are allowed in this zone.
- Recreational Use Zone – no extractive activities other than for recreational use – this zone exists in Freycinet National Park.
- Habitat Protection Zone – allows for activities that do not harm or cause destruction to specific habitats.
- Special Purpose Zone – allows for the continued use of existing mining rights – this zone only exists in Zeehan Marine Park.
- Multiple Use Zone – allows for a range of activities.



Beagle Marine Park (Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies)

Zoning changes

The draft management plan provides for changes to existing zoning in some areas of the network. These zoning changes include:

- New National Park Zones in 7 marine parks to improve protection of vulnerable and poorly represented ecosystems.
- New Habitat Protection Zones in 2 marine parks to allow increased access for sustainable pelagic fishing activities.
- The upgrade of the offshore and remote Special Purpose Zones to National Park Zones in 5 marine parks to prohibit oil and gas activities which were the only previously allowed use.

Tightened restrictions on industrial activities

The draft management plan proposes to tighten the types of industrial activities that can occur in the South-east Network.

- Deep-sea mineral mining, subsea carbon dioxide storage, offshore wind infrastructure and offshore intensive aquaculture **will not be allowed** anywhere in the network.
- Other forms of low impact aquaculture, carbon capture and storage and renewable energy may be assessed on a case-by-case basis as a 'new activity'.
- **No new oil and gas titles** will be allowed to operate in the network after the commencement of the new Plan. Only approved activities under the existing titles in the Zeehan Marine Park will be allowed to continue subject to class approval conditions.

Approvals

- Some activities can occur in marine parks without any separate approval so long as the activities are conducted in accordance with the prescriptions of the management plan.
- Many activities will be allowable, subject to assessment in accordance with a permit, class approval or activity licence issued by the Director of National Parks.
- The table below summarises these requirements.
- The Director has released draft class approvals that relate to this draft management plan on the Parks Australia website.



Overview of rules for activities (refer to plan for full details)

ACTIVITY		Multiple Use Zone (VI)	Special Purpose Zone (VI)	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)	Habitat Protection Zone (Macquarie Island) (IUCN IV)	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)	National Park Zone (IUCN II)	Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia)
GENERAL USE, ACCESS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT	Vessel transiting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
	Anchoring	✓	✓	x ^C	x ^C	x ^C	x ^C	x
	Ballast water discharge and exchange	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
	Disposal of waste from normal operations of vessels (MARPOL)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
	Disposal of domestic and industrial waste	A	A	x	x	x	x	x
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Non-commercial remote piloted aircraft, drones etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
	Danish seine	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Dropline	A	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Hand collection (including hookah, scuba, snorkel)	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
	Hand net	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
	Longline (demersal, auto-longline)	A	x	x	A	x	x	x
	Longline (pelagic)	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
	Minor line (hand line, rod & reel, trolling, squid jig, poling)	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
	Net (demersal)	A	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Net (pelagic)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Purse seine	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
	Scallop dredging	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Trap, pot	A	x	x	A	x	x	x
	Trawl (demersal)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Trawl (midwater)	A	x	A	x	x	x	x	
Trotline	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	
COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE	Intensive aquaculture	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Other forms of aquaculture e.g. bivalves, algae etc.	A	x	A	x	x	x	x
COMMERCIAL MEDIA	Media	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	News-of-the-day reporting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMMERCIAL TOURISM	Non-fishing related tourism (e.g. nature watching)	A	A	A	A	A	A	x
	Charter fishing tours	A	x	A	A	A	x	x
	Commercial aviation tours (up to 3000m above sea level)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
RECREATIONAL USE	Recreational fishing (including spear-fishing)	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x
	Recreational use (non-fishing, nature watching boating etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
OFFSHORE WIND	Offshore wind energy operations	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
MINING	Petroleum exploration and production	x ^P	x ^P	x	x	x	x	x
	Mineral seabed mining	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Construction and operation of pipelines	A	A	A	A	A	A	x
GEOLOGICAL STORAGE	Permanent storage of carbon dioxide in the seabed	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Construction and operation of pipelines	A	A	A	A	A	A	x
	Geological storage surveys	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
SPACE ACTIVITIES	Disposal of large space debris	A	A	x	x	x	x	x
	Disposal of small, particulate matter	A	A	A	A	A	A	x
STRUCTURES AND WORKS	Excavation, erection/maintenance of structures*, works	A	A	A	A	A	A	x ^S
	Dredging and disposal of dredged material	A	A	x	x	x	x	x
	Artificial reefs	A	A	A	A	A	x ^E	x
	Fish aggregating devices	A	x	A	A	A	x	x
RESEARCH AND MONITORING	Research	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
TRADITIONAL USE BY FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE	Non-commercial hunting/food gathering, ceremonial and cultural use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NATIONAL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE	National security and emergency response	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ Activity is allowed.

x Activity is not allowed.

A Authorisation required. Activity is allowable, subject to assessment.

B Activity is allowable only if authorised by the Director as part of approved research or monitoring activities

* Structures may include, but are not limited to, moorings, submarine cables and electricity transmission cables.

C Anchoring is not allowed except in accordance with an authorisation for an activity or in anchoring areas determined under r. 12.56 of the EPBC Regulations.

E Activity is allowable only for the protection, conservation or restoration of habitats.

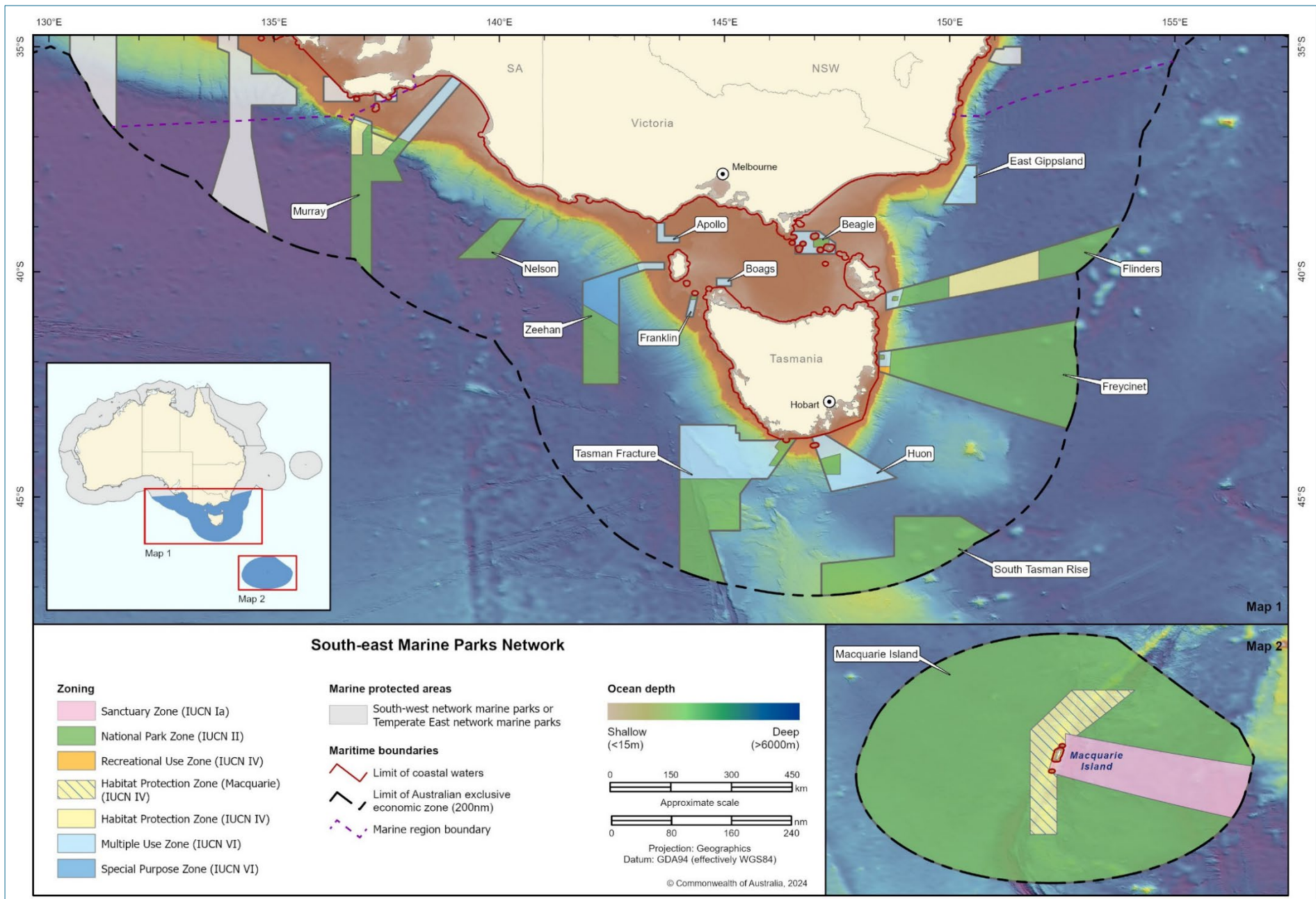
S Activity is allowable only for human safety, aids to navigation or compliance purposes.

P Activity is allowable only in Zeehan Marine Park, in areas where a petroleum title was granted prior to the commencement of this management plan

Note: - Fishing gear must be kept stowed and secured at all times during transit through, or while stopping and anchoring in a zone in which fishing activities are not authorised.

- Disposal of waste from normal operations of vessels must comply with MARPOL requirements.

Further Information If you have questions about the rules for activities, the Draft South-east Marine Parks Network Management Plan or Australian Marine Parks, please visit the Australian Marine Parks website parksaustralia.gov.au/marine, or send an email to SEreview@dcceew.gov.au.



Further mapping resources For detailed park-by-park maps and geospatial data, please visit parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/south-east-draft-plan/.