



Australian
Marine Parks

North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018

This factsheet outlines the zoning and rules for the Australian Marine Parks in the North-west Marine Parks Network, as set out in the North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan.

The zoning and rules for activities in marine parks of the North-west Network, as described in this factsheet, will help to achieve a positive outcome for the environment and the Australian community, by protecting important marine habitats, features and species, while supporting use and enjoyment of these special places. It is important that users of the marine parks are familiar with the rules and zones in marine parks. This factsheet should be read in conjunction with the plan.

Managing activities in the North-west Network

The management plan is located on the Parks Australia website. It describes the management of the marine parks in the North-west Network over the next ten years. The plan enables a range of activities and sets out which activities are allowed (without authorisation), allowable (with authorisation), or not allowed. For those activities that are allowed or allowable, the plan also provides information on the assessment and decision-making processes, the types of authorisations and how activities need to be undertaken.

About Australian Marine Parks in the North-west Network

Marine parks of the North-west Network were established in 2012 to protect examples of the region's marine ecosystems and biodiversity. The Network is located in Commonwealth waters, between three nautical miles (approximately 5.5 km) and 200 nautical miles (approximately 370 km) offshore.

There are 13 Australian Marine Parks off the coast of Western Australia that make up the North-west Network. These marine parks cover 335,341 km² and are popular for fishing, snorkelling, diving and boating. Tourism operators offer visitors unique experiences on offshore reefs, islands, cays and in deeper waters. These marine parks also support commercial fishing, mining and shipping, which contribute to economic growth, employment and social wellbeing in coastal towns and communities.

The marine parks of the North-west Network include habitats such as coral reefs, soft sediments, canyons and limestone pavements. They have high species diversity, globally significant populations of threatened species and a small number of species found nowhere else.

Further information

If you have questions about the rules for activities, the North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan or Australian Marine Parks, please visit the Australian Marine Parks website parksaustralia.gov.au/marine, send an email to marinereserves@environment.gov.au, or call 1800 069 352.

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

| Activity | | Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI) | Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI) | Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV) | Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV) | National Park Zone (IUCN II) | Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia) |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GENERAL USE, ACCESS, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT | Ballast water discharge and exchange | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Disposal of waste from normal operations of vessels (MARPOL) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Camping | A | A | A | A | A | X ^B |
| | Recreational use (non-fishing, nature watching, boating, etc.) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| | Non-commercial remote piloted aircraft, drones etc. | A | A | A | A | A | X |
| COMMERCIAL SHIPPING | Anchoring | ✓ | ✓ | X ^C | X ^C | X ^C | X |
| | Vessel transiting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| COMMERCIAL FISHING | Dropline | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Hand collection (including using hookah, scuba, snorkel) | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Hand net (hand, barrier, skimmer, cast, scoop, drag, lift) | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Longline (demersal, auto-longline) | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Longline (pelagic) | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Minor line (handline, rod & reel, trolling, squid jig, poling) | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Net (demersal) | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Net (pelagic) | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Purse seine | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| | Trap, pot | A | A | X | X | X | X |
| | Trawl (demersal) | A | X | X | X | X | X |
| | Trawl (midwater) | A | X | X | X | X | X |
| Trotline | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| COMMERCIAL PEARLING | Pearling | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE | Aquaculture | A | A | A | X | X | X |
| COMMERCIAL MEDIA | Media | A ^D | A ^D | A ^D | A ^D | A ^D | A ^D |
| COMMERCIAL TOURISM | Non-fishing related tourism (including nature watching, scuba/snorkel tours) | A | A | A | A | A | X |
| | Charter fishing tours (including spear diving tours) | A | A | A | A ^E | X | X |
| | Commercial aviation tours (up to 3000 m above sea level) | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| RECREATIONAL FISHING | Recreational fishing (including spear-fishing) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ ^E | X | X |
| | Anchoring and vessel transiting | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | X |
| MINING | Mining operations including exploration | A | A | X | X | X | X |
| | Construction and operation of pipelines | A | A | A | A | A | X |
| STRUCTURES AND WORKS | Excavation, erection/maintenance of structures, works | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| | Dredging and disposal of dredged material | A | A | X | X | X | X |
| | Artificial reefs | A | A | A | A | A ^F | X |
| | Fish aggregating devices | A | A | A | A | X | X |
| RESEARCH AND MONITORING | Research | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| 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.
C Anchoring is not allowed except in anchoring areas determined under r.12.56 of the EPBC Regulations.
D News-of-the-day reporting may be undertaken on terms determined by the Director from time to time, and subject to the Director being notified.
E Recreational fishing may be limited by determination in the Recreational Use Zone (IV) of the Ashmore Reef Marine Park.
F Activity is allowable only for the protection, conservation or restoration of habitats.

Note:

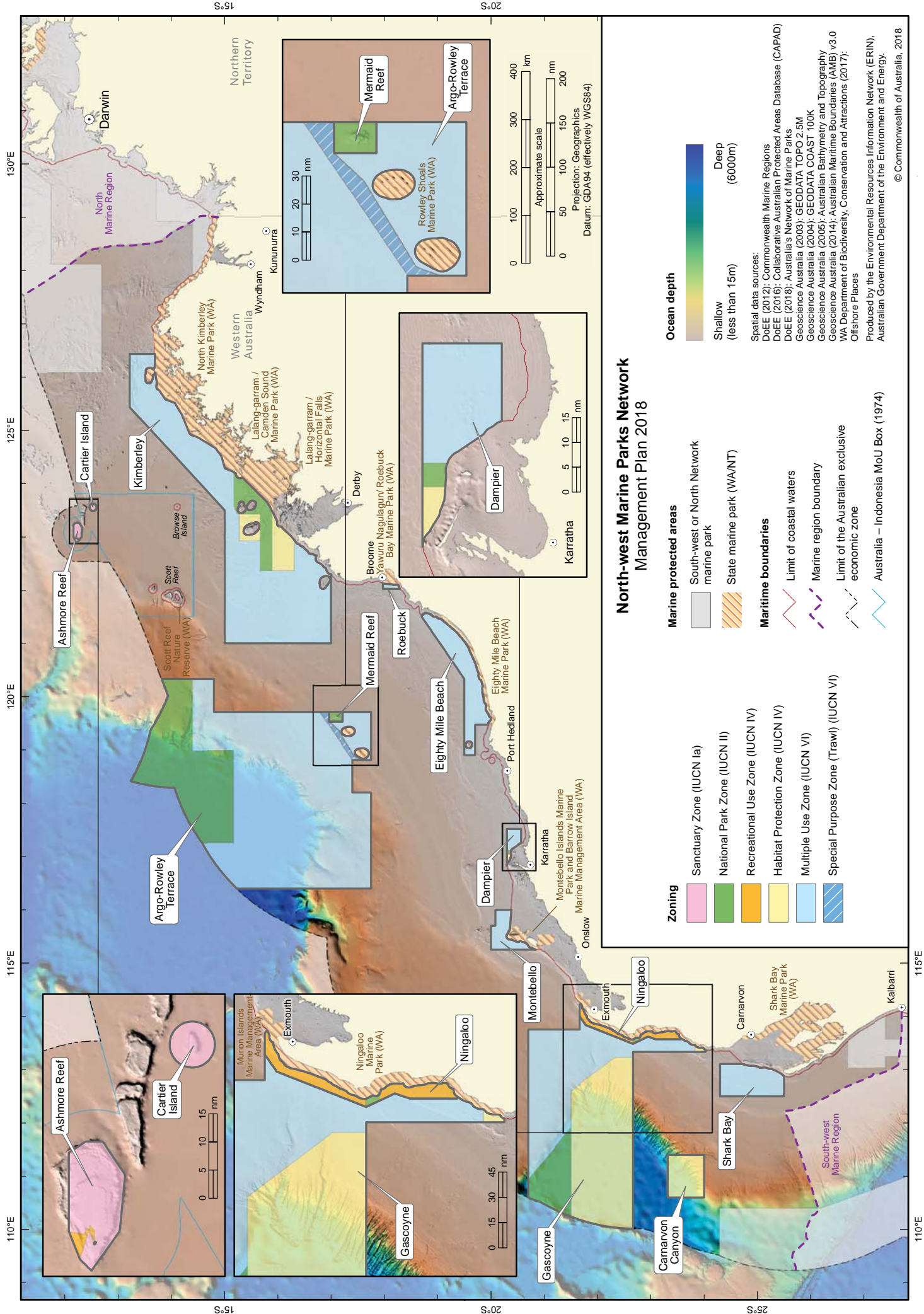
- Anchoring by commercial fishing, pearling and aquaculture vessels is not allowed in the National Park Zone (II) except in anchoring areas determined under the EPBC Regulations. Anchoring is not allowed in the Sanctuary Zone (Ia).
- Fishing gear must be kept stowed and secured at all times during transit 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.

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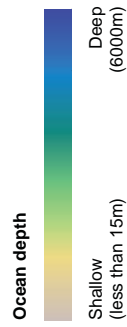
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- Zoning**
- Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia)
 - National Park Zone (IUCN II)
 - Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
 - Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
 - Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
 - Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)

- Marine protected areas**
- South-west or North Network marine park
 - State marine park (WA/NT)
- Maritime boundaries**
- Limit of coastal waters
 - Marine region boundary
 - Limit of the Australian exclusive economic zone
 - Australia – Indonesia MoU Box (1974)



Spatial data sources:
 DoEE (2012): Commonwealth Marine Regions
 DoEE (2016): Collaborative Australian Protected Areas Database (CAPAD)
 DoEE (2018): Australia's Network of Marine Parks
 Geoscience Australia (2003): GEODATA TOPO 2.5M
 Geoscience Australia (2004): GEODATA COAST 100K
 Geoscience Australia (2005): Australian Bathymetry and Topography
 Geoscience Australia (2014): Australian Maritime Boundaries (AMB) v3.0
 WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (2017): Offshore Places
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15°S

115°E

110°E

130°E

125°E

120°E

115°E

110°E

20°S

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Northern Territory
 Darwin
 North Marine Region
 Kununurra
 Wyndham

Western Australia
 North Kimberley Marine Park (WA)
 Laling-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park (WA)
 Laling-garram / Horizontal Falls Marine Park (WA)
 Broome
 Yawuru Nagulaguru/ Roebuck Bay Marine Park (WA)
 Derby
 Karraatha

Onslow
 Port Hedland
 Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park (WA)
 Dampier
 Karraatha
 Montebello Islands Marine Park and Barrow Island Marine Management Area (WA)

Gascoyne
 Ningaloo Marine Park (WA)
 Ningaloo
 Exmouth
 Muroon Islands Marine Management Area (WA)

Carnarvon
 Carnarvon
 Shark Bay Marine Park (WA)
 South-west Marine Region
 Kalbarri

