



Australian
Marine Parks

South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018

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

The zoning and rules for activities in marine parks of the South-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 South-west Network

The management plan is located on the Parks Australia website. It describes the management of the marine parks in the South-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 South-west Network

Marine parks of the South-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 14 Australian Marine Parks off the coast of South Australia and Western Australia that make up the South-west Network. These marine parks cover 508,371 km² and are popular for fishing, snorkelling, diving and boating. They also support commercial fishing, tourism, mining and shipping, which contribute to economic growth, employment and social wellbeing in coastal towns and communities.

The marine parks of the South-west Network include habitats such as mid-slope terraces, deep abyssal plains, marginal plateaus, underwater mountain chains and submarine canyons, including Australia's largest underwater canyon, the Perth Canyon. They have high species diversity, globally significant populations of threatened species and a high number of species found nowhere else.

Further information

If you have questions about the rules for activities, the South-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 the rules for activities (refer to the plan for full details)

Activity		Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)	Special Purpose Zone (Mining Exclusion) (IUCN VI)	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
GENERAL USE, ACCESS, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT	Ballast water discharge and exchange	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Disposal of waste from normal operations of vessels (MARPOL)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Camping	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Recreational use (non-fishing, nature watching, boating, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Non-commercial remote piloted aircraft, drones etc.	A	A	A	A	A	A
COMMERCIAL SHIPPING	Anchoring	✓	✓	✓	✓	X ^B	X ^B
	Vessel transiting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Dropline	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Hand collection (including using hookah, scuba, snorkel)	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Hand net (hand, barrier, skimmer, cast, scoop, drag, lift)	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Longline (demersal, auto-longline)	A	A	A	X	X	X
	Longline (pelagic)	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Minor line (handline, rod & reel, trolling, squid jig, poling)	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Net (demersal)	A	A	A	X	X	X
	Net (pelagic)	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Purse seine	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Trap, pot	A	A	A	A	X	X
	Trawl (demersal)	A	X	X	X	X	X
	Trawl (midwater)	A	A	A	A	A	X
Trotline	A	A	A	X	X	X	
COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE	Aquaculture	A	A	A	A	A	X
COMMERCIAL MEDIA	Media	A ^C	A ^C	A ^C	A ^C	A ^C	A ^C
COMMERCIAL TOURISM	Non-fishing related tourism (including nature watching, scuba/snorkel tours)	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Charter fishing tours (including spear diving tours)	A	A	A	A	A	X
	Commercial aviation tours (up to 3000 m above sea level)	A	A	A	A	A	A
RECREATIONAL FISHING	Recreational fishing (including spear-fishing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
	Anchoring and vessel transiting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MINING	Mining operations including exploration	A	A	X	A ^D	X	X
	Construction and operation of pipelines	A	A	A	A	A	A
STRUCTURES AND WORKS	Excavation, erection/maintenance of structures, works	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Dredging and disposal of dredged material	A	A	A	A	X	X
	Artificial reefs	A	A	A	A	A	A ^E
	Fish aggregating devices	A	A	A	A	A	X
RESEARCH AND MONITORING	Research	A	A	A	A	A	A
NATIONAL SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE	National security and emergency response	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

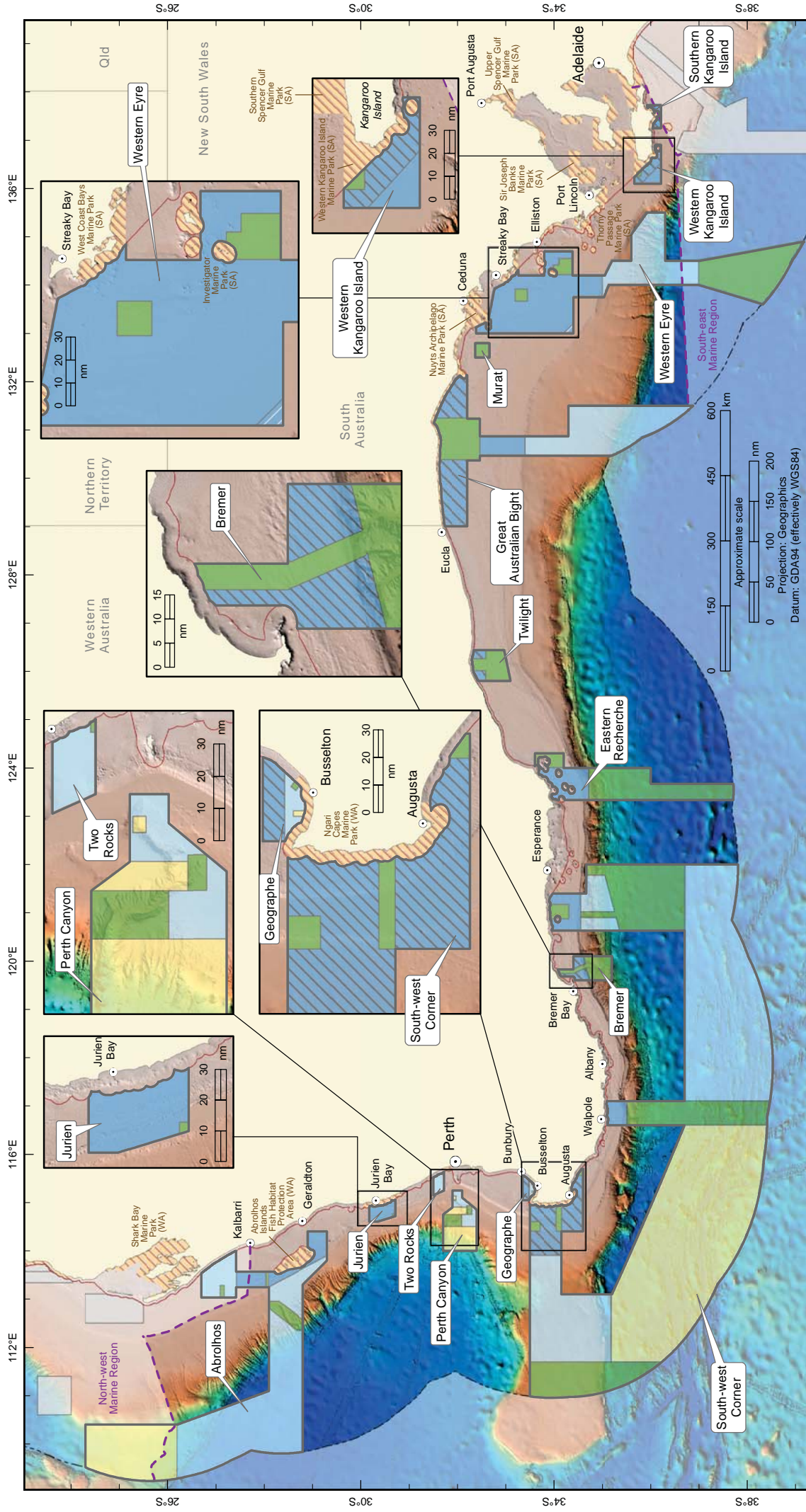
- ✓ Activity is allowed.
- X Activity is not allowed.
- A Authorisation required. Activity is allowable, subject to assessment.
- B Anchoring is not allowed except in anchoring areas determined under r.12.56 of the EPBC Regulations.
- C News-of-the-day reporting may be undertaken on terms determined by the Director from time to time, and subject to the Director being notified.
- D Mining operations are not allowed in the Multiple Use Zone (VI) of the Geopraphe Marine Park.
- E Activity is allowable only for the protection, conservation or restoration of habitats.

- Note:**
- Anchoring by commercial fishing and aquaculture vessels is not allowed in the National Park Zone (II), except in anchoring areas determined under the EPBC Regulations.
 - 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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Zoning

- National Park Zone (IUCN II)
- Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
- Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
- Special Purpose Zone (Mining Exclusion) (IUCN VI)
- Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
- Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)

Marine protected areas

- North-west Network marine park or South-east Network marine park
- State marine park (WA/SA)

Ocean depth

- Shallow (less than 15m)
- Deep (6000m)

Maritime boundaries

- Limit of coastal waters
- Marine region boundary
- Limit of the Australian exclusive economic zone

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
 Produced by the Environmental Resources Information Network (ERIN), Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy.

Approximate scale
 0 50 100 150 200 300 450 600 km
 0 10 20 30 nm
 Projection: Geographics
 Datum: GDAS94 (effectively WGS84)

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