



Australian  
Marine Parks

# Norfolk Marine Park (Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018)



## This factsheet outlines the zoning and rules for the Norfolk Marine Park, as set out in the Temperate East Marine Parks Network Management Plan.

The zoning and rules for activities in marine parks of the Temperate East Network, 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 Norfolk Marine Park

The management plan is located on the Parks Australia website. It describes the management of the Temperate East Network, including the Norfolk Marine Park, 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 the Norfolk Marine Park

There are eight Australian Marine Parks that make up the Temperate East Network. The Norfolk Marine Park is one of these. The Norfolk Marine Park is popular for fishing, snorkelling, diving and boating. The marine park supports fishing and tourism, which contribute to economic growth, employment and social wellbeing on Norfolk Island.

The Norfolk Marine Park includes habitats such as canyon and slope seafloor habitat, seamounts, the Norfolk Ridge key ecological feature and the Tasman Front and Eddy Field. It also includes important habitat for seabirds and humpback whales and has high levels of species richness.

### Further information

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

Activity		Special Purpose Zone (Norfolk) (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)	✓	✓	✓
	Recreational use (non-fishing, nature watching, boating, etc.)	✓	✓	✓
	Non-commercial remote piloted aircraft, drones etc.	A	A	A
COMMERCIAL SHIPPING	Anchoring	✓	X <sup>B</sup>	X <sup>B</sup>
	Vessel transiting	✓	✓	✓
COMMERCIAL FISHING	Danish seine	X	X	X
	Dropline	A	A	X
	Hand collection (including using hookah, scuba, snorkel)	A	A	X
	Hand net (hand, barrier, skimmer, cast, scoop, drag, lift)	A	A	X
	Longline (demersal, auto-longline)	X	X	X
	Longline (pelagic)	A	A	X
	Minor line (handline, rod & reel, trolling, squid jig, poling)	A	A	X
	Net (demersal)	X	X	X
	Net (pelagic)	X	X	X
	Purse seine	A	A	X
	Trap, pot	A	X	X
	Trawl (demersal)	X	X	X
	Trawl (midwater)	A	A	X
	Trotline	X	X	X
COMMERCIAL AQUACULTURE	Aquaculture	A	A	X
COMMERCIAL MEDIA	Media	A <sup>D</sup>	A <sup>D</sup>	A <sup>D</sup>
COMMERCIAL TOURISM	Non-fishing related tourism (including nature watching, scuba/snorkel tours)	A	A	A
	Charter fishing tours (including spear diving tours)	A	A	X
	Commercial aviation tours (up to 3000 m above sea level)	A	A	A
RECREATIONAL FISHING	Recreational fishing (including spear-fishing)	✓	✓	X
	Anchoring and vessel transiting	✓	✓	✓
MINING	Mining operations including exploration	X	X	X
	Construction and operation of pipelines	A	A	A
STRUCTURES AND WORKS	Excavation, erection/maintenance of structures, works	A	A	A
	Dredging and disposal of dredged material	A	X	X
	Artificial reefs	A	A	A <sup>F</sup>
	Fish aggregating devices	A	A	X
RESEARCH AND MONITORING	Research	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.
- 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.
- F Activity is allowable only for the protection, conservation or restoration of habitats.

**Note:**

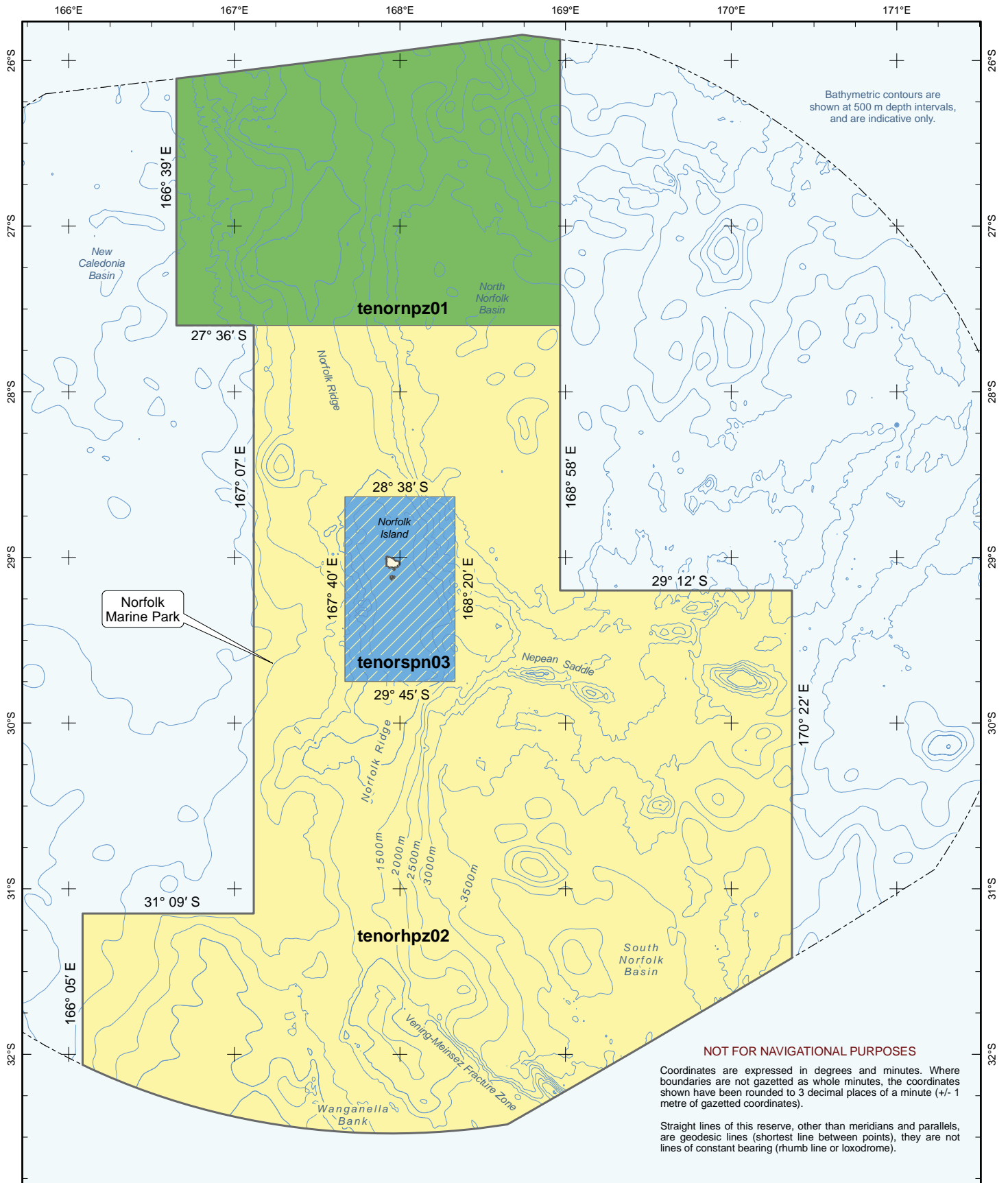
- Anchoring by commercial fishing and aquaculture vessels is not allowed in the National Park Zone (II), except in anchoring areas determined under the EPBC Regulations.
- Fishing gear must be kept stowed and secured at all times during transit through, or while stopping and anchoring in, a zone in which fishing activities are not authorised.
- Disposal of waste from normal operations of vessels must comply with MARPOL requirements.

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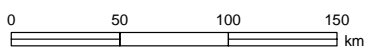
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#### Zoning

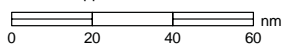
- National Park Zone (IUCN II)
- Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
- Special Purpose Zone (Norfolk) (IUCN VI)

#### Maritime boundaries

- Limit of Australian exclusive economic zone



Approximate scale



Projection: Geographics  
Datum: GDA94 (effectively WGS84)

#### Spatial data sources:

DoEE (2018): Australia's Network of Marine Parks  
Geoscience Australia (2005): Australian Bathymetry and Topography  
Geoscience Australia (2006): GEODATA TOPO 250K  
Geoscience Australia (2014): Australian Maritime Boundaries (AMB) v3.0

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