

## SOUTH-EAST COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVES NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE 2013/14 – 2016/17 YEAR 2 - (2014-15) – REPORT ON PROGRESS

### INTRODUCTION

The *South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-23* (the Plan) came into effect on 1 July 2013. The Plan is the primary tool for the conservation and management of the South-east network. It sets out the approach to and direction of management actions for the next 10 years, and outlines the management strategies for research and monitoring, assessment and permitting, compliance, community participation, Indigenous involvement and environmental management. These strategies and associated actions provide the framework for achieving the Plan's objectives and outcomes over the next 10 years.

The *South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Implementation Schedule 2013/14 – 2016/17* sets out priority activities for years 1-4 of the operation of the Plan. It refines the desired outcomes to achieve in these foundation years. Importantly, the Schedule reflects how foundation year outcomes will build towards achieving intermediate and long-term outcomes over the 10 year life of the Plan. It delivers certainty and transparency for users on how Parks Australia intends to build towards achieving the 10 year outcomes under the Plan and meet its dual objectives: to protect and conserve biodiversity and other natural and cultural values; and to provide for ecologically sustainable use of the natural resources within the South-east Network consistent with the first objective.

This is the second report<sup>1</sup> of progress against activities under the current Schedule. These annual reports summarise key achievements for each year, provide progress updates against each activity and next steps. They provide a commentary of what we have done, what difference it has made and an avenue to transparently communicate what happens next and any necessary re-prioritising Parks Australia may need to do over the life of the Schedule to adapt the following years activities to respond to emerging issues and taking on board lessons we have learnt along the way. Reporting on the Schedule aligns with and complements Parks Australia corporate reporting responsibilities.

### Summary of Activities for 2014/15

- Activities planned– 33 activities

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<sup>1</sup> The inaugural report for Year 1 is available on the Parks Australia website, together with a copy of the Schedule, at: [www.environment.gov.au/topics/marine/marine-reserves/south-east/management-general-information](http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/marine/marine-reserves/south-east/management-general-information)).

- Activities completed– 22 activities (includes ongoing activities such as issuing authorisations, compliance/enforcement activities, also activities completed in 2014/15 that were rolled over from 2013/14)
- Activities commenced– 11 activities (includes activities commenced and completed, and also activities commenced that will be completed in Years 3 or 4)
- Activities required under the Plan to be completed within the first 12 months of the Plan’s operation:
  - Action 25 (Strategy 5) – Establish Consultative Structures to guide and participate in the management of the marine reserves network: the South-east Forum was established to give effect to this action. The Forum will respond to the outcomes of the Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review to incorporate any desirable adjustments to the existing consultative arrangements to align with structures to be established for other CMR networks. The CMR Review is due to report to the Australian Government in the second half of 2015.
  - Action 30 (Strategy 7) – Design and initiate a program to measure and monitor progress on actions and outcomes: the South-east Implementation Schedule 2013/14-2016/17 and associated annual progress reports will monitor progress on actions and outcomes for the first 4 years of the Plan. Development of a South-east program to measure and monitor management effectiveness has been held over to late 2015 to align with the development of national principles for management effectiveness for the CMR estate.

#### **Key achievements for 2014/15**

- The South-east Forum<sup>2</sup> met on two occasions during 2014/15, continuing important collaboration across a range of issues under the Schedule. In 2014/15 the Forum assisted Parks Australia to progress activities outlined in the Schedule and provided multi-sector advice and input into management implementation, specifically in regard to development of a Communication and education plan for the Network.
- Parks Australia continued to work closely with Commonwealth and state fisheries management agencies to standardise requirements for commercial fishers and to arrange for on-going sharing of information regarding vessel monitoring and compliance and allowing for improvements to services for fishers such as modifications to the Class Approval to improve transit provisions for towing fish cages. -
- In partnership with commercial fishing industry and other government agencies progress was made in improving marine reserve awareness, with on-going monitoring and support of the CMR Alert Service and, advanced preparations for industry training opportunities.
- Constructive partnerships in managing Commonwealth reserves continued with state and territory government agencies and Australian Government agencies and with industry bodies, such as the Commonwealth Fisheries Association and SETFIA to provide improved engagement with marine reserve users and better understanding of their needs.
- Research partnerships continued with a range of organisations primarily through close collaboration with the National Environmental Research Program<sup>3</sup> (NERP) Marine Hub and Decisions Hub and associated institutions. The NERP Marine Hub completed a number of major projects in the South-east that enhance our understanding of the conservation values and will inform the Scientific Research and Monitoring Strategy for the South-east Network.

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<sup>2</sup> The forum includes representatives from commercial fishing industry, recreational fishing, tourism industry, oil and gas industry, science and environmental sectors.

<sup>3</sup> The NERP successor – the National Environmental Science Programme or NESP – has started work in earnest to continue to build our knowledge and awareness of the values of and pressures on our reserves.

**Strategy 1: improve knowledge and understanding of the conservation values of the marine reserves network and the pressures on those values.**

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
<p>Knowledge gaps identified and a scientific research and monitoring strategy developed that includes priority research areas. [Reference 1.1: A1, A4]</p>	<p>A Scientific Research Monitoring Strategy for the South-east Network will further refine monitoring objectives and investigation of cost-effective ways to undertake monitoring. This will include engaging with any future NESP programs and other researchers to guide research priorities. The draft strategy will take into account comments from the SE Forum on the Implementation Schedule and the Forum will have an opportunity to provide input and comment.</p>	<p>Parks Australia intends to present a draft strategy to Forum meetings in 2015/16.</p>
<p>South-east monitoring program developed and priority monitoring areas identified. [Reference 1.2: A1, A2, A3, A4]</p>	<p>The Marine Hub of the National Environmental Research Program (NERP) made substantial progress in 2013/14 delivering projects including: provision of an online data catalogue and metadata records for data from Hub agencies that are relevant to the South-east Network; a report on the evidence and data likely to be needed to monitor the values and pressures in the SE Network; and, outlining a methodology to apply general monitoring and research outcomes for a regional context (with examples of performance indicators), focusing on the SE Network. Working in collaboration with the NERP Marine Hub on monitoring and research methodologies and common reporting frameworks previously, will feed into a draft</p>	<p>Dr Neville Barrett will continue to report at SE Forum meetings progress and outcomes of SE-focussed NERP/NESP Marine Hub projects. Parks Australia will continue to work with members of the Biodiversity Hub to build on their accumulated knowledge of the SE values and pressures to inform and progress the development of the SE Network research and monitoring strategy through a series of workshops planned for the second half of 2015.</p>

	<p>SE Scientific Research and Monitoring Strategy.</p> <p>The Marine Hub of the National Environmental Research Program (NERP) wrapped up several projects of relevance to the South-east Network in 2014/15. The final report of the NERP research 2011-2015 is now available at:</p> <p><a href="http://nerpmarinebiodiversity2015.report/tag/south-east-cmr-network/">http://nerpmarinebiodiversity2015.report/tag/south-east-cmr-network/</a></p>	
Partnerships are identified and in place to actively support and deliver identified South-east research and monitoring priorities. [Reference 1.3: A4, A3]	Existing collaboration with the Marine Hub of the NERP (now NESP) has continued to deliver outcomes in the South-east to improve our understanding of what information is available in relation to the conservation values and pressures, and how we might use this information in developing and implementing a monitoring framework.	Ongoing.

**STRATEGY 2: MINIMISE IMPACTS OF ACTIVITIES THROUGH EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSALS, DECISION-MAKING AND MANAGEMENT OF RESERVE-SPECIFIC ISSUES.**

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
Individual activities assessed consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation</i> (EPBC) Act Regulations, in line with the Management Plan and the CMR national estate policy and decision making framework. [Reference 2.1: A5, A6, A7, A8]	<p>Eighteen (18) authorisations were issued or are under consideration in the South-east:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 for scientific research purposes. Institutes issued permits to undertake research in the South-east included CSIRO (including NERP projects), Sydney University, University of Tasmania, Geoscience Australia and The Scripps Institute. Reserves included Tasman Fracture (5), Freycinet (4), Flinders (3), Huon (2) and Murray (1).</li> </ul>	<p>Individual activities will continue to be assessed as required and in line with EPBC Act requirements.</p> <p>Opportunities for streamlining internal administrative processes will be considered. This will align with CMR estate-wide streamlining and deregulation (where appropriate).</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 for commercial tourism (charter fishing). These permits were reissued on a sector-wide basis and are valid until 30 September 2016, pending consideration of the value of the class approval for this sector (see 2.2. below).</li> </ul> <p>A range of advice was provided towards environmental assessments under the EPBC Act on the potential impacts of activity proposals on reserves in South-east Network.</p> <p>As required, individual advice was provided on public vessel status requests. These requests relate to international vessels that wish to undertake marine scientific research in Australian waters.</p> <p>The above activities ensured that legislative requirements relating to use in the South-east Network were met, and that potentially negative impacts from activities were minimised.</p>	
<p>Activities subject to class approvals are managed consistent with the management plan and the CMR national estate policy and decision making framework, including consultation with affected stakeholders. [Reference 2.2: A5, A8]</p>	<p>Parks Australia amended the class approval for commercial fishing to streamline activity management in the Murray CMR to allow tow cages to transit the special purpose zone. This issue was raised by industry through the compliance risk assessment workshop in 2014. The amendment to the existing class approval was consistent with provisions in the Management Plan.</p>	<p>Class approvals will be reviewed over time to improve effectiveness and minimise regulatory burden on users.</p>
<p>A class approval for charter fishing for tourism purposes will be investigated by Parks Australia in accordance with the management plan. [Reference 2.3: A9]</p>	<p>A class approval for commercial tourism (charter fishing operations) remains under consideration by Parks Australia, but a preliminary assessment undertaken in 2014 suggested that the level of interest within the</p>	<p>Parks Australia will consider a class approval in 2016/17. Currently, CTO operators have long term permits and are not impeded. Primary focus is ensuring that operators are</p>

	industry did not justify significant resourcing.	aware of CMRs and permit requirements
Internal activity audit program [Reference 2.4: A10]	Preliminary discussions with comparable agencies were held across 2014/15 by Parks Australia in preparation to developing compliance risk-based activity audit pilot framework that will review the effectiveness of conditions to ensure they are appropriate, can be complied with and are achieving the objectives of the management plan. This will ensure consistency and that we are able to build on existing, successful (and compliance risk-based approach) programs.	Parks Australia aims to draft an audit framework by June 2016, with an intention to seek SE Forum advice/support and use the South-east Network for a pilot in 2016/17. The outcomes/lessons learnt will feed into a final program for the South-east and inform an estate-wide audit strategy and associated regional programs.
Conditions placed on assessments will be adapted/modified to address changes in environmental risks/threats and changing marine use circumstances. [Reference 2.5: A10]	No modified conditions placed on assessments from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.	Activity will be implemented as required.

### STRATEGY 3: PROTECT THE CONSERVATION VALUES OF THE MARINE RESERVES NETWORK THROUGH MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS.

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
Hazard identification, hazard/risk assessment and control of hazards/risks evaluation. [Reference 3.1: A11, A14, links to A18]	This activity was progressed in 2014/15 and a draft of the Hazard risk assessment will be presented to the SE Forum for discussion at the November meeting.	This project has been rescheduled and aims to be finalised in 2016 and the final product (to be confirmed by SE Forum) will be placed on the Parks Australia website for users.
Standard operating procedures for incident response updated and maintained. [Reference 3.3: A11, A12, A13]	Standard Operating Procedures for incident response are being updated and will align with outcomes of 3.1 above.	This activity will be finalised in 2015 and includes key links to activity 3.1 above.

<p>Environmental advice is provided for incidents that may threaten conservation values. [Reference 3.4: A14]</p>	<p>Parks Australia provides advice on the likelihood and consequence of incidents that may occur in or adjacent to CMRs that may threaten the values of those reserves as required/requested under Standard Operating Procedures with key environmental incident response partners (AMSA and State government agencies in Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia). No incidents occurred in 2014-15.</p>	<p>Ongoing as required.</p>
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**STRATEGY 4: FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
<p>Compliance monitoring using aerial and vessel surveillance is implemented based on annual risk-based planning. [Reference 4.1: A15, A18, A20, A22]</p>	<p>Parks Australia completed its 2014/15 Compliance Plan and a tactical plan for South-east operations (links to all other compliance-related activities) continuing on from 2013/14 (Year 1) Plan and building on outcomes and lessons learnt from the South-east industry risk assessment workshops held in March 2014 and taking into account outcomes from the South-east compliance risk workshop held on 20 March 2014. The program included work to standardise the risk methodology and delivered chartered aerial surveillance and surface surveillance activities in collaboration with the Tasmanian Police.</p>	<p>Parks Australia will review the outcomes of the 2014/15 compliance operational plan, in preparation for development of 2015/16 plan. Outcomes and current context will be considered, including future resource availability from Maritime Border Command and other agencies. The compliance plan will be public document (excluding tactical information).</p>
<p>Vessel Monitoring System Alert operational in South-east Network [Reference 4.2: A15, A16]</p>	<p>The CMR Alert Service was launched in the South-east CMR network from 1 July 2014 with the service being offered in the other actively managed CMRs around the country from 1 November 2014. The CMR Alert Service forms part of the vessel monitoring schedule to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Australian</p>	<p>Successful operation of the CMR Alert Service will continue in future years with updates/maintenance as required.</p>

	Fisheries Management Authority. The CMR alert service is expected to raise the level of voluntary compliance by the fishing industry within the South-east CMR network.	
VMS Alert Evaluated. [Reference 4.3: A15, A16]	The effectiveness of the CMR Alert System as a compliance risk management measure since its implementation will be examined (including its operation in the SE CMR Network). This will be done through the analysis of available data including where the alert would appear to have changed a vessel's course or activity and the number of non-complaint incidents by Commonwealth fishing vessels occurring over this period. The SE system will be reviewed by Parks Australia and key users to consider its performance, effectiveness and impact on compliance incidents. It will be refined as required to optimise support for industry.	Some limited information of the perceived benefit of the CMR Alert was obtained through surveys of commercial fishers in the SE region, but as the survey was primarily completed by operators in state fisheries (who do not receive alerts) this is of limited use.
Maps and data are available on our website and accessible to CMR marine users and commercial charting companies are aware of our products. [Reference 4.4: A16]	The South-east Network shape files have been made available for commercial use via individual agreement. A survey to assess needs for future mapping products (e.g. different formats) to take place in late 2014. Ultimate aim is to have maps and shape files for all CMRs available for download from Department website.	Shape files continue to be maintained on website. If additional preferred formats are identified we will have new versions of shape files added to website accordingly.
Vessel surveys to verify CMR marine user charting needs. [Reference 4.5: A16]	In collaboration with the Commonwealth Fisheries Association (CFA), Parks Australia undertook surveys with South-east Network commercial vessels (existing technologies in use, opportunities for improvement). Results will inform communications needs/products and priorities in Year 3.	To continue in 2015/16 through further investigation of mechanisms for providing up to date maps and shape files to commercial fishers.



	<p>Parks Australia collaborated with grant recipient to facilitate development of mobile phone application to provide maps and information on reserves for recreational users. Marine Alert application was in beta test phase anticipated for release in late 2014. However, at this time, the developers have not completed the application. Further enquiries from other App developers have been pursued but none have progressed to completion as yet.</p>	
<p>Industry understanding of compliance is progressed and cooperative compliance arrangements promoted. [Reference 4.6: A16, A17, A18, A22]</p>	<p>Industry understanding of compliance will be progressed through the development of an online training platform (see below) and through meetings with industry representatives to seek input on processes for assessing compliance risks in the Network.</p>	<p>An industry compliance workshop is scheduled for 2015/16 (Year 3).</p> <p>User guide for South-east Network released in July 2013 to provide user-specific information from management plan, titled <i>“A Guide for users of the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network”</i> will be reviewed in 2015/16 to ensure content is up to date (Year 3).</p>
<p>Industry education package developed, promoted and supported by boat owners/concession holders and modules achieved by operators. [Reference 4.7: A16, A17, A22]</p>	<p>Building on preparatory work commenced in 2013/14, Parks Australia has worked in collaboration with SETFIA to progress an on-line training program for commercial fishing industry in SE. This on-line training program will consist of three modules to provide commercial fishers with a general overview about marine reserves, an introduction to the South-east CMR Network, and details about the rules for use of the Network that are specific to fishing activities. Content for the modules has been developed and is being build into a format to allow fishers to progress through the information at their own pace. The training course will reinforce the information in the management plan and class approval to ensure that</p>	<p>Online training platform is scheduled for completion and delivery in late 2015. Currently the course is undergoing user testing to ensure that content and platform is appropriate for industry needs. Once the course is established, Parks Australia will cover enrolment costs for the first 100 students each year for the next three years to encourage fishers to enrol and complete the course.</p>

	commercial fishers are provided with all of the information and tools that they need to continue to operate responsibly in the Network.	
Compliance activity and enforcement data is appropriately collected, securely managed and utilised for planning and reporting purposes and effectively supports investigations. [Reference 4.9: A15, A19]	<p>Parks Australia continued use of its Compliance Enforcement Management System (CEMS). This system documents compliance information related to the South-east Network. It is an appropriate and secure tool to store and analyse compliance data.</p> <p>Parks Australia internal procedures and methodology has been reviewed and refined in 2014/15 for compliance risk based planning, to ensure these activities are undertaken consistently, efficiently, and effectively.</p>	The Compliance Enforcement Management System will continue to be the primary tool for the storage and analysis of compliance data for the South-east Network.
Effective and efficient working partnerships and agreements with regional marine compliance agencies. [Reference 4.10: A15, A18, A20]	Contractual arrangements continued in 2014-15 with the Tasmanian Police and PIRSA (Primary Industries and Regions South Australia) for the delivery of surface surveillance patrols in the South-east Network. The arrangements align with the Annual Compliance Operational Plan, and ensured a strong compliance presence across the Network.	Annual agreements with relevant agencies are reviewed annually, to assess outcomes from the previous 12 months and consider emerging risks and priorities. The annual review process for 2015/16 will commence prior to the end of existing contracts on 30 June 2015.
	Parks Australia worked through initiatives agreed between agencies at the South-east Marine Region Compliance Risk Assessment Workshop held on 20 March 2014 in Adelaide. The discussions from the workshop were used to inform annual risk planning for the South-east Network for 2014/15.	Compliance risk assessment workshops are scheduled to be held with compliance agencies in March 2016 to update risk ratings and progress the development of the year 4 compliance operational plan

<p>Regional enforcement partners are trained to achieve a thorough understanding of their powers and are confident in executing their warden powers under the EPBC Act. [Reference 4.11: A20]</p>	<p>A quick reference guide for boarding requirements was distributed to all State agency wardens. An online warden toolbox was compiled to assist in warden capacity building and includes all relevant templates and guidelines. These activities will ensure EPBC Act wardens have a thorough understanding of their responsibilities and powers and have the tools required to competently execute their duties.</p> <p>The training package has been reviewed and revised based on attendee feedback from NSW training undertaken in March 2014. Training continued in 2014/15 due to rescheduling around Parks Australia staff availability/season peaks.</p>	<p>Training for Tasmanian Police is scheduled in Year 3 (2015/16).</p>
<p>Illegal activity enforced to achieve individual and general deterrence to reduce non-compliance incidences. [Reference 4.12: A21]</p>	<p>A range of enforcement actions were taken in response to incidents of non compliance in the South-east network. These actions include warning and infringement notices, formal investigations and requests for information, and taking some cases to court. These actions help to achieve individual and general deterrence of non compliant activity in the South-east Network.</p> <p>Information related to enforcement actions is presented in the Parks Australia annual report.</p>	<p>Enforcement actions will continue to be taken as required and appropriate in response to incidents of non compliance.</p>

**STRATEGY 5: PROMOTE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF, AND STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN, THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE RESERVES NETWORK.**

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
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<p>South-east Network communication and education plan. [Reference 5.1: A23]</p>	<p>Preparation of a communication and education plan is a priority activity to deliver in 2014/15. Out of session collaboration will occur with members of the SE Forum to shape a draft plan prior to discussion at the SE Forum meeting in March 2015.</p>	<p>Draft plan discussed at SE Forum meeting in March 2015 and extensive revision was required. A new draft will be circulated for comment prior to the meeting in November with the intention to finalise the plan at or soon after that meeting.</p>
<p>Signage audit conducted and priority signage projects delivered. [Reference 5.2: A23]</p>	<p>An interpretive and compliance focused signage project, in collaboration with Tasmanian Parks &amp; Wildlife Service, was conducted. To date, signs have been installed at several key locations giving access to Freycinet CMR. Remaining elements of the project include the installation of signage at the Freycinet Visitor Centre and at other locations</p>	<p>The scope of the signage program will be extended in year 3 to include signs at Deal Island in Beagle CMR and investigate other locations around Tasmania and possibly Wilsons Promontory in Victoria.</p>
<p>User group meetings facilitated for the exchange of knowledge, understanding and participation in the management of marine reserves (such as for the commercial fishing industry and commercial tourism charter fishing industry). [Reference 5.3: A24]</p>	<p>There were several attempts to facilitate a discussion with the Charter fishing industry in Tasmania that did not progress due to timing issues.</p>	<p>Will continue to investigate opportunities to engage with the tourism industry with a focus on representatives in South Australia.</p>
<p>Community initiatives. [Reference 5.4: A23]</p>	<p>To be discussed at November 2015 SE Forum meeting.</p>	<p>An agenda item has been included for the November SE Forum meeting to discuss how to promote opportunities for community initiatives to be progressed with the support of the Forum.</p>
<p>Key CMR users are effectively consulted and advise on the implementation of the management plan in the interim before formal consultative structures are put in place. [Reference 5.5: A24]</p>	<p>South-east forums held on 27 August 2014 and 25 March 2015. At the March 2015 meeting, the Forum agreed there was a need for flexibility around meetings to enable as many members to be involved as possible. Options such as teleconference or video-conference will be considered to address travel and time constraints on</p>	<p>It was agreed that the Forum will continue in 2015/16 (with revised scheduling approach) until future consultative structures are formalised consistent with other Networks. Meeting scheduled for November 2015</p>

	members.	
Future consultative mechanism. [Reference 5.6: A25]	At the March 2015 meeting, SE Forum members had an opportunity to talk directly with Mr Peter Cochrane (Co-chair, CMR Review Bioregional Advisory Panel) and provide views on the operation of the SE Forum, appropriate future consultative mechanisms and other associated issues.	The CMR Review will be reporting to the Australian Government in the second half of 2015. Implications of recommendations for the SE Forum will be considered and advised in due course

#### STRATEGY 6: SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN MANAGEMNT OF COMMONWEALTH MARINE RESERVES.

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
Indigenous representation on SE Forum. [Reference 6.1: A27, A28, links to A23-25]	Indigenous representatives are currently invited to attend and participate in SE Forums.	This activity will be informed by broader CMR Review process (indigenous engagement). Parks Australia will continue to seek participation from indigenous groups in the meantime.
Management plan administered in compliance with the requirements of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> . [Reference 6.3: A29]	Under the Management Plan, Parks Australia is required to comply with the requirements of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> . Section 8 of the EBPC Act provides that the Act does not affect the operation of the Native Title Act. Specifically, that management of the South-east Network does not affect the operation of section 211 of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> that provides that holders of native title rights covering certain activities do not need authorisation required by other laws to engage in those activities.	Ongoing.

**STRATEGY 7: EVALUATE AND REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN THROUGH MONITORING AND REVIEW.**

ACTIVITY OUTPUT AND DESCRIPTION	YEAR 2 PROGRESS	NEXT STEPS
<p>Performance measures developed and monitoring commenced (management effectiveness). [Reference 7.1: A30]</p>	<p>In March 2015 Parks Australia managers participated in focussed discussions and preliminary preparations to assist Parks Australia progress towards a management effectiveness framework.</p> <p>The foundation of the Commonwealth marine reserves estate-wide approach, program logic, was adopted and repurposed for the South-east Implementation Schedule in 2013/14.</p>	<p>Alignment of Parks Australia performance and management effectiveness measures with South-east Network is scheduled for 2015/16. Performance indicators will be developed with SE Forum member input.</p>
<p>Implementation schedule agreed and yearly progress reports prepared on how we are performing. [Reference 7.2: A31, A32]</p>	<p>Implementation Schedule 2013/14 – 2016/17 and Year 1 Progress Report (2013/14) were accepted by SE Forum at the 27 August 2014 meeting.</p> <p>Year 2 progress reports were presented to SE Forum meetings in August 2014 and March 2015.</p>	<p>The Year 2 Progress Report will be finalised and presented for acceptance at the first SE Forum in 2015/16. Based on the outcomes of the Year 2 Progress Report (once accepted by the SE Forum), Parks Australia will incorporate lessons learnt, adaptive management responses and other recommendations into activities scheduled for 2015/16.</p>
<p>South-east information to the Department of the Environment and Parks Australia annual reports coordinated. [Reference 7.3: A31]</p>	<p>The Parks Australia Annual Report for 2013/14 made particular mention of the South-east Network Management Plan, Implementation Schedule, SE Forum and the Alert service. A copy is available on our website at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/annual-reports">www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/annual-reports</a></p>	<p>The Department of the Environment and Parks Australia annual reports for 2014/15 will be made available on our website.</p>