



## Fact sheet – Proposed Eighty Mile Beach Commonwealth marine reserve

A draft Marine Bioregional Plan and Commonwealth marine reserve network proposal for the North-west Marine Region have been released for public consultation. People with an interest in the Marine Bioregional Planning Program are encouraged to provide feedback through a submission. For more information about how to lodge a submission and closing dates for receiving submissions visit the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities website: [www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html)

Submission forms are available at [www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html) and:

- can be completed and submitted online;
- saved and emailed to [Submissions.Northwest@environment.gov.au](mailto:Submissions.Northwest@environment.gov.au)
- or printed and posted free of charge to:

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If you have any questions about how to provide feedback or on any other aspects of the Marine Bioregional Planning Program please email [Northwest.MarinePlan@environment.gov.au](mailto:Northwest.MarinePlan@environment.gov.au) or phone **1800 069 352**.

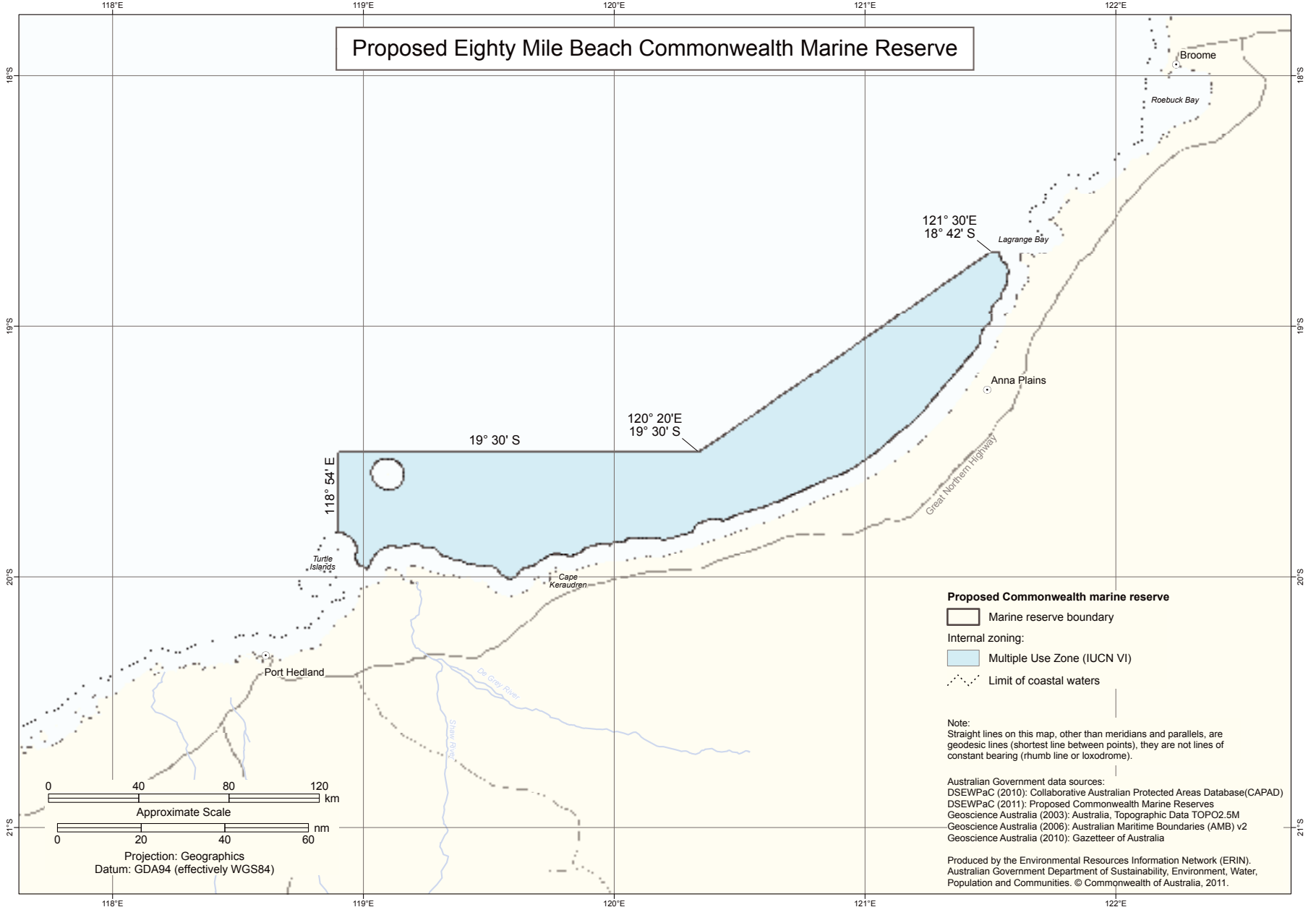
The proposed Eighty Mile Beach Commonwealth marine reserve is one of ten reserves that make up the Commonwealth marine reserve network proposal for the North-west Marine Region. A description of the proposed reserve is provided in the following table.

<b>Area</b>	12 105 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Depth range</b>	15–70 m (approx.)
<b>Major conservation values<sup>a</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important foraging areas for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>dugong</b></li> <li>– <b>sawfish</b></li> <li>– <b>migratory seabirds</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• An important migration route for <b>humpback whales</b></li> <li>• Important interesting areas for <b>flatback turtles</b></li> <li>• Examples of the shallow ecosystems of the <b>Northwest Shelf Province</b> provincial bioregion and the <b>Canning, Eighty Mile Beach, Northwest Shelf</b> and <b>Pilbara (near-shore and offshore)</b> meso-scale bioregions</li> <li>• Banks and shoals, terrace and extensive shelf habitats are represented in the reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Existing uses</b>	<p>The area is critical for the pearling industry and supports a number of fisheries: the Western Australian Pilbara Trap (North Coast Demersal), the Northern Demersal Scalefish and the North Coast Shark fisheries; and the Commonwealth-managed North West Slope Trawl Fishery.</p> <p>This area is important for recreation and charter fishing, particular in inshore (state) waters. The Ngarla and Ngarla 2 (Determination Area A) Native Title determination extends into Commonwealth waters in this area.</p>
<b>Types of zoning proposed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple use zone (IUCN Category VI): 12 105 km<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Adjacent protected areas</b>	The proposed Western Australian Eighty Mile Beach marine park is east of the proposed reserve.

<sup>a</sup> A full list of the conservation values included in the reserve is in the detailed analysis of the North-west Commonwealth marine reserve network, available at [www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html)

The marine reserve network will not affect waters within the 3-nautical-mile (5.5-kilometre) limit of coastal waters of Western Australia. It applies to Commonwealth waters only.

# Proposed Eighty Mile Beach Commonwealth Marine Reserve



**Proposed Commonwealth marine reserve**

- Marine reserve boundary
- Internal zoning:
  - Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
  - Limit of coastal waters

Note:  
Straight lines on this map, other than meridians and parallels, are geodesic lines (shortest line between points), they are not lines of constant bearing (rhumb line or loxodrome).

Australian Government data sources:  
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