



Fact sheet – Proposed Kalbarri 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

Submission forms are available at 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
- 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 or phone **1800 069 352**.

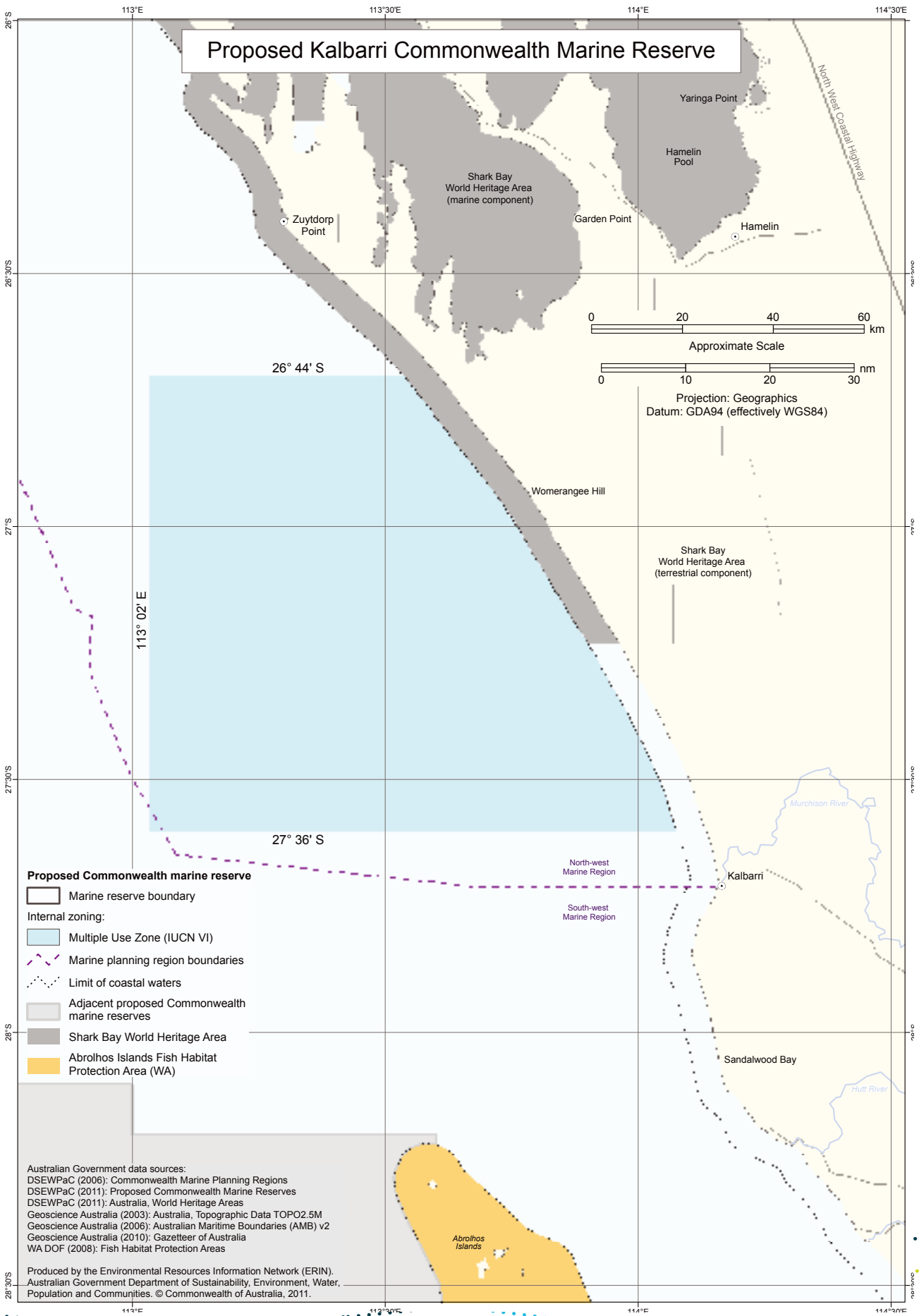
The proposed Kalbarri Commonwealth marine reserve is one of ten reserves that make up the Commonwealth marine reserve network proposal for the North-west Marine Region. A description of the proposed reserve is provided in the following table.

Area	7955 km ²
Depth range	15–220 m (approx.)
Major conservation values^a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important foraging and breeding areas for wedge-tailed shearwaters • Part of the migration pathway for humpback whales, and green and loggerhead turtles • Examples of the ecosystems of the southernmost parts of the Central Western Shelf Province, including the Zuytdorp meso-scale bioregion • Coverage of the most southern representations of banks and shoals in the region, as well as terrace, slope, shelf and deep hole and valley
Existing uses	<p>Fisheries operating in the area include the state-managed Western Rock Lobster, West Coast Demersal Scalefish, and West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline fisheries; and the Commonwealth-managed Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery.</p> <p>Recreational and charter fishing are also important. Other activities in the area include shipping. There are no current petroleum activities in the area. The Nanda People’s Native Title claim extends into Commonwealth waters in this area.</p>
Types of zoning proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Use Zone (IUCN Category VI): 7995 km²
Adjacent protected areas	The proposed Abrolhos Commonwealth marine reserve (in the South-west Marine Region) is south of this proposed reserve.

^a 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

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.

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- Marine reserve boundary
- Internal zoning:**
- Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
- Marine planning region boundaries
- Limit of coastal waters
- Adjacent proposed Commonwealth marine reserves
- Shark Bay World Heritage Area
- Abrolhos Islands Fish Habitat Protection Area (WA)

Australian Government data sources:
 DSEWPaC (2006): Commonwealth Marine Planning Regions
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 Geoscience Australia (2003): Australia, Topographic Data TOPO2.5M
 Geoscience Australia (2006): Australian Maritime Boundaries (AMB) v2
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 WA DOF (2008): Fish Habitat Protection Areas

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