



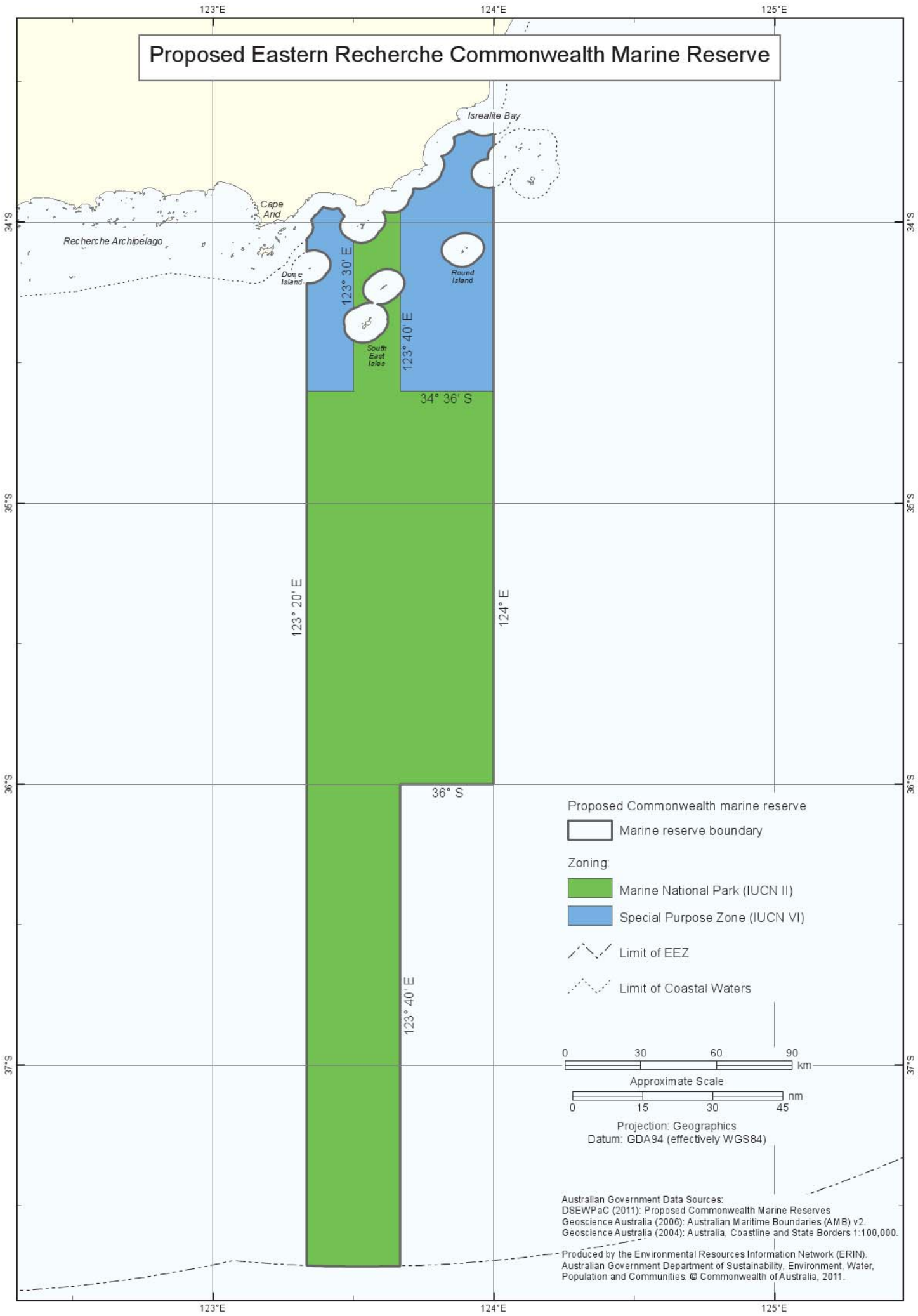
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Proposed Eastern Recherche Commonwealth Marine Reserve – Factsheet

Name	Eastern Recherche Commonwealth marine reserve
Area	19 240 km ²
Depth range	5–5750 m (approx.)
Major conservation values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examples of the sea-floor habitats and communities of the eastern end of the Southwest Shelf province and the Southern province• Three key ecological features are included within the proposed reserve<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ancient coastline (high productivity)• meso-scale eddies (high productivity, feeding aggregations)• Recherche Archipelago (high biodiversity, breeding and resting aggregations, including the most extensive areas of reef on the shelf within the South-west Marine Region)• Seasonal calving habitat for the threatened southern right whale• Foraging habitat for the threatened white shark• Foraging habitat for breeding colonies of the threatened Australian sea lion and for several species of migratory seabirds
Existing uses	Recreational fishing and tourism are important, but mainly confined to state waters. The area supports a number of fisheries, including the Esperance Southern Rock Lobster and South Coast Trawl fisheries, and the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery.
Types of zoning proposed	Marine National Park (IUCN II)—15 770 km ² Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)—3470 km ²
Adjacent protected areas	The proposed reserve overlaps the Great Australian Bight Trawl Deepwater Closure

Proposed Eastern Recherche Commonwealth Marine Reserve



Proposed Commonwealth marine reserve

Marine reserve boundary

Zoning:

Marine National Park (IUCN II)

Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)

Limit of EEZ

Limit of Coastal Waters

0 30 60 90 km

Approximate Scale
0 15 30 45 nm

Projection: Geographics
Datum: GDA94 (effectively WGS84)

Australian Government Data Sources:
DSEWPaC (2011): Proposed Commonwealth Marine Reserves
Geoscience Australia (2006): Australian Maritime Boundaries (AMB) v2.
Geoscience Australia (2004): Australia, Coastline and State Borders 1:100,000.

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Overview of proposed zoning scheme for the South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserve Network

Activity	Marine National Park Zone (IUCN Category II)	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN Category VI)	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN Category VI)
Recreational fishing ^a	✘	✓	✓
Recreational scuba diving and snorkelling ^b	✓	✓	✓
Research and monitoring ^b	✓	✓	✓
Tourism, including dive/snorkel tours, nature watching ^b	✓	✓	✓
Mining, including petroleum exploration and development ^c	✘	✓	✓
Shipping ^d	✓	✓	✓
Charter fishing ^e	✘	✓	✓
Offshore aquaculture ^e	✘	✓	✓
Commercial fishing (except as indicated below) ^e	✘	✓	✓
— demersal trawl	✘	✘	✘
— demersal gillnet	✘	✘	✓
— demersal longline	✘	✘	✓
a	Recreational fishing is managed by the states. All state rules and regulations (e.g. size and bag limits) will apply in Commonwealth marine reserves unless otherwise specified in statutory management plans		
b	Approval will be required for these activities (e.g. registration, general approval or individual permit) in Marine National Park Zones (IUCN Category II)		
c	As currently applies, individual project assessment and approval is required by the Director of National parks and under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> as Commonwealth marine areas are protected as a matter of national environmental significance.		
d	Ballast water exchange is managed under national arrangements. Restrictions may apply in sensitive areas.		
e	Approval will be required for these activities (e.g. registration, general approval or individual permit) in multiple use and special purpose zones		