



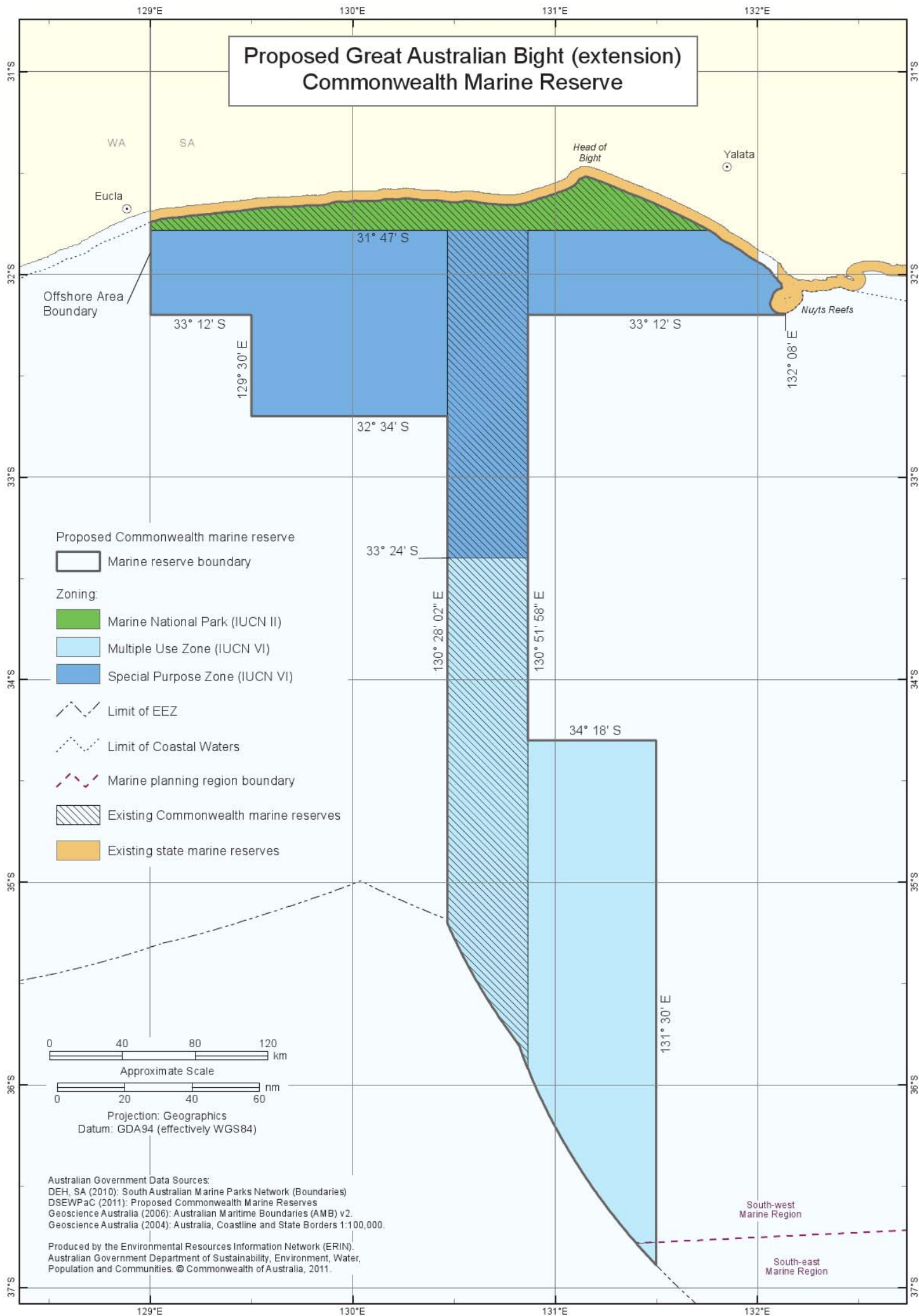
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Proposed Great Australian Bight (extension) Commonwealth Marine Reserve – Factsheet

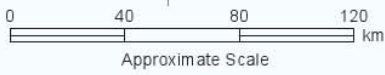
Name	Great Australian Bight (extension)
Area	49 660 km ² (including the existing Great Australian Bight Reserve and 60 km ² extending into the South-east Marine Region)
Depth range	0–5750 m (approx.)
Major conservation values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of the westernmost ecosystems of the Great Australian Bight Shelf Transition • Examples of the easternmost ecosystems of the Southern Province • Three key ecological features are included within the proposed reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ancient coastline (high productivity) • benthic invertebrate communities of the eastern Great Australian Bight (communities with high species diversity) • areas important for small pelagic fish • Important calving habitat for the threatened southern right whale at Head of Bight • Important foraging areas for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the threatened Australian sea lion, including colonies along the Bunda Cliffs and at Nuyts Reef • the threatened white shark • the endangered blue whale • the sperm whale • the migratory short-tailed shearwater
Existing uses	This area supports a number of fisheries, including the Commonwealth Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery, Gillnet, Hook and Trap sector and the Great Australian Bight Trawl sector of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery; the Western Skipjack Tuna, and Western Tuna and Billfish fisheries; and the South Australian Marine Scalefish and Rock Lobster fisheries. Important Indigenous heritage values exist within the proposed reserve. The Far West Coast Native Title claim extends into Commonwealth waters along the northern length of the proposed reserve. Other uses include petroleum exploration. Recreational and charter fishing are mostly confined to state waters.
Types of zoning proposed	Marine National Park (IUCN Category II)—3850 km ² Multiple Use Zone (IUCN Category VI)—22 680 km ² Special Purpose Zone (IUCN Category VI)—23 130 km ²
Adjacent protected areas	South Australian Far West Coast and Nuyts Archipelago state marine reserves

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Proposed Commonwealth marine reserve

- Marine reserve boundary
- Zoning:**
 - Marine National Park (IUCN II)
 - Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
 - Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
- Limit of EEZ
- Limit of Coastal Waters
- Marine planning region boundary
- Existing Commonwealth marine reserves
- Existing state marine reserves



Projection: Geographics
Datum: GDA94 (effectively WGS84)

Australian Government Data Sources:
 DEH, SA (2010): South Australian Marine Parks Network (Boundaries)
 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		