

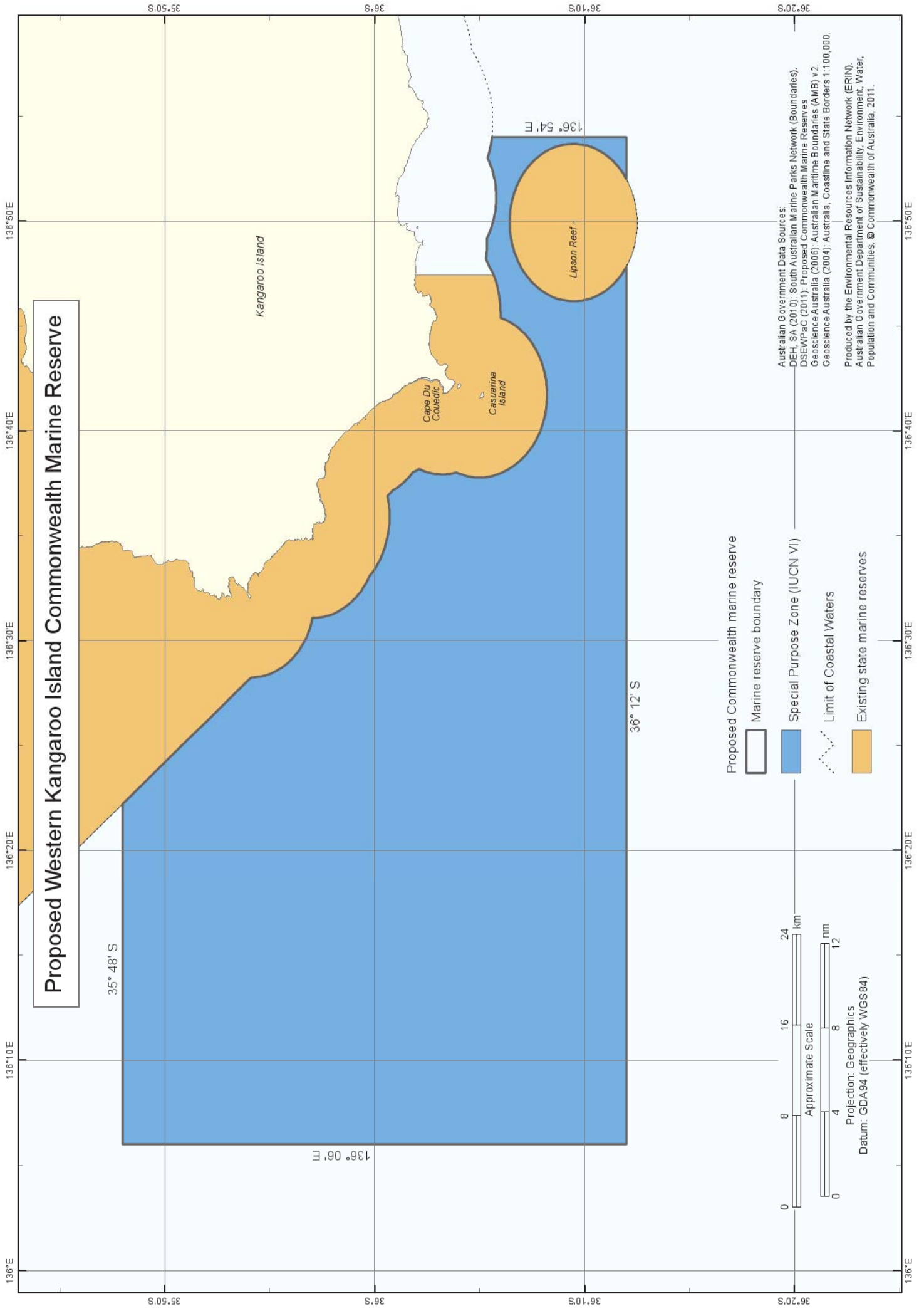


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Proposed Western Kangaroo Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve – Factsheet

Name	Western Kangaroo Island Commonwealth marine reserve
Area	1930 km ²
Depth range	40–150 m (approx.)
Major conservation values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examples of the southernmost ecosystems of the Spencer Gulf Shelf Province (including the Eyre meso-scale bioregion)• Two key ecological features are included within the proposed reserve<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ancient coastline (high productivity)• Kangaroo Island Pool, canyons and adjacent shelf break, and Eyre Peninsula upwelling (high productivity, breeding and feeding aggregations)• Important seasonal calving habitat for the threatened southern right whale• Important foraging areas for the<ul style="list-style-type: none">• threatened Australian sea lion• threatened white shark• endangered blue whale• sperm whale• migratory seabirds, short-tailed shearwater and Caspian tern
Existing uses	The area supports a number of fisheries, including the South Australian Rock Lobster, Sardine, Marine Scalefish and Abalone Fisheries, and the Commonwealth Gillnet, Hook and Trap sector of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery. Recreational and charter fishing occur in the area, mostly within state waters. Other activities in the area include tourism and petroleum exploration.
Types of zoning proposed	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN Category VI)
Adjacent protected areas	South Australian Western Kangaroo Island state marine protected area



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		