

## **Appendix A**

# **Matters of National Environmental Significance Report**



# EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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# Summary

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

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<a href="#">National Heritage Places:</a>	1
<a href="#">Wetlands of International Importance:</a>	1
<a href="#">Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Marine Area:</a>	2
<a href="#">Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:</a>	None
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## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

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<a href="#">Commonwealth Heritage Places:</a>	5
<a href="#">Listed Marine Species:</a>	134
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<a href="#">Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:</a>	None
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## Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

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<a href="#">Regional Forest Agreements:</a>	None
<a href="#">Invasive Species:</a>	11
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# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

### World Heritage Properties [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State	Status
<a href="#">The Ningaloo Coast</a>	WA	Declared property

### National Heritage Properties [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State	Status
Natural		
<a href="#">The Ningaloo Coast</a>	WA	Listed place

### Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Proximity
<a href="#">Ashmore reef national nature reserve</a>	Within Ramsar site

### Commonwealth Marine Area [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Approval is required for a proposed activity that is located within the Commonwealth Marine Area which has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Approval may be required for a proposed action taken outside the Commonwealth Marine Area but which has, may have or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in the Commonwealth Marine Area. Generally the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast.

### Name

EEZ and Territorial Sea  
Extended Continental Shelf

### Marine Regions [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

If you are planning to undertake action in an area in or close to the Commonwealth Marine Area, and a marine bioregional plan has been prepared for the Commonwealth Marine Area in that area, the marine bioregional plan may inform your decision as to whether to refer your proposed action under the EPBC Act.

### Name

[North-west](#)  
[South-west](#)

### Listed Threatened Species [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
<a href="#">Anous tenuirostris melanops</a> Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica baueri</a> Bar-tailed Godwit (baueri), Western Alaskan Bar-	Vulnerable	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
tailed Godwit [86380]		habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica menzbieri</a>		
Northern Siberian Bar-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit (menzbieri) [86432]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a>		
Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a>		
Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Malurus leucopterus edouardi</a>		
White-winged Fairy-wren (Barrow Island), Barrow Island Black-and-white Fairy-wren [26194]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a>		
Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Papasula abbotti</a>		
Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Pezoporus occidentalis</a>		
Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma mollis</a>		
Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Rostratula australis</a>		
Australian Painted-snipe, Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Sternula nereis nereis</a>		
Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a>		
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta cauta</a>		
Shy Albatross, Tasmanian Shy Albatross [82345]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta steadi</a>		
White-capped Albatross [82344]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a>		
Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a>		
Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Fish</b>		
<a href="#">Milyeringa veritas</a>		
Blind Gudgeon [66676]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ophisternon candidum</a>		
Blind Cave Eel [66678]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a>		
Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#">Bettongia lesueur Barrow and Boodie Islands subspecies</a> Boodie, Burrowing Bettong (Barrow and Boodie Islands) [88021]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dasyurus hallucatus</a> Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eubalaena australis</a> Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Isoodon auratus barrowensis</a> Golden Bandicoot (Barrow Island) [66666]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes conspicillatus conspicillatus</a> Spectacled Hare-wallaby (Barrow Island) [66661]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes hirsutus Central Australian subspecies</a> Mala, Rufous Hare-Wallaby (Central Australia) [88019]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Endangered	Translocated population known to occur within area
<a href="#">Osphranter robustus isabellinus</a> Barrow Island Wallaroo, Barrow Island Euro [89262]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
<a href="#">Petrogale lateralis lateralis</a> Black-flanked Rock-wallaby, Moororong, Black-footed Rock Wallaby [66647]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhinonictes aurantia (Pilbara form)</a> Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat [82790]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Other</b>		
<a href="#">Kumonga exleyi</a> Cape Range Remipede [86875]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<a href="#">Aipysurus apraefrontalis</a> Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus foliosquama</a> Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ctenotus zasticus</a> Hamelin Ctenotus [25570]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<b>Sharks</b>		
<a href="#">Carcharias taurus (west coast population)</a> Grey Nurse Shark (west coast population) [68752]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Carcharodon carcharias</a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Glyphis garricki</a> Northern River Shark, New Guinea River Shark [82454]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis clavata</a> Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis pristis</a> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis zijsron</a> Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhincodon typus</a> Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area

## Listed Migratory Species

[ [Resource Information](#) ]

\* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Migratory Marine Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Anous stolidus</a> Common Noddy [825]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Apus pacificus</a> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardenna carneipes</a> Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardenna pacifica</a> Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calonectris leucomelas</a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	habitat may occur within area Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata ariel</a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata minor</a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hydroprogne caspia</a> Caspian Tern [808]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a> Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a> Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Onychoprion anaethetus</a> Bridled Tern [82845]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus</a> White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon rubricauda</a> Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna dougallii</a> Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sternula albifrons</a> Little Tern [82849]		Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula dactylatra</a> Masked Booby [1021]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula leucogaster</a> Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula sula</a> Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta</a> Tasmanian Shy Albatross [89224]	Vulnerable*	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a> Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a> Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche steadi</a> White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Migratory Marine Species</b>		
<a href="#">Anoxypristis cuspidata</a> Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Balaena glacialis australis</a> Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera bonaerensis</a> Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera edeni</a> Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Carcharodon carcharias</a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Crocodylus porosus</a> Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Dugong dugon</a> Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Isurus oxyrinchus</a> Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Isurus paucus</a> Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lamna nasus</a> Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Manta alfredi</a> Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray, Inshore Manta Ray, Prince Alfred's Ray, Resident Manta Ray [84994]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Manta birostris</a> Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacific Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Manta Ray [84995]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Congregation or

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	aggregation known to occur within area Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Orcaella heinsohni</a> Australian Snubfin Dolphin [81322]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Orcinus orca</a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Physeter macrocephalus</a> Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis clavata</a> Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis pristis</a> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis zijsron</a> Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhincodon typus</a> Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sousa chinensis</a> Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Migratory Terrestrial Species</b>		
<a href="#">Cecropis daurica</a> Red-rumped Swallow [80610]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Cuculus optatus</a> Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a> Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla flava</a> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Migratory Wetlands Species</b>		
<a href="#">Acrocephalus orientalis</a> Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	habitat known to occur within area Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica</a> Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a> Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalasseus bergii</a> Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

### Commonwealth Land

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

Name
Commonwealth Land - Defence - EXMOUTH ADMIN & HF TRANSMITTING Defence - EXMOUTH VLF TRANSMITTER STATION Defence - LEARMONTH - AIR WEAPONS RANGE

### Commonwealth Heritage Places

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State	Status
<b>Natural</b>		
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Learmonth Air Weapons Range Facility</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef - Rowley Shoals</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Ningaloo Marine Area - Commonwealth Waters</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Scott Reef and Surrounds - Commonwealth Area</a>	EXT	Listed place

### Listed Marine Species

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

\* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Acrocephalus orientalis</a> Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence within area
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous minutus</a> Black Noddy [824]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous stolidus</a> Common Noddy [825]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous tenuirostris melanops</a> Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Apus pacificus</a> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardea alba</a> Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardea ibis</a> Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calonectris leucomelas</a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Catharacta skua</a> Great Skua [59472]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Chrysococcyx osculans</a> Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata ariel</a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Fregata minor</a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Haliaeetus leucogaster</a> White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo daurica</a> Red-rumped Swallow [59480]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a> Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Larus novaehollandiae</a> Silver Gull [810]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Larus pacificus</a> Pacific Gull [811]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica</a> Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a> Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a> Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Merops ornatus</a> Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla flava</a> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a> Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Papasula abbotti</a> Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus</a> White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon rubricauda</a> Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma mollis</a> Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Puffinus carneipes</a> Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Puffinus pacificus</a> Wedge-tailed Shearwater [1027]		to occur within area  Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)</a> Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna albifrons</a> Little Tern [813]		Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna anaethetus</a> Bridled Tern [814]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna bengalensis</a> Lesser Crested Tern [815]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna bergii</a> Crested Tern [816]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna caspia</a> Caspian Tern [59467]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna dougallii</a> Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna fuscata</a> Sooty Tern [794]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna nereis</a> Fairy Tern [796]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula dactylatra</a> Masked Booby [1021]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula leucogaster</a> Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula sula</a> Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta</a> Tasmanian Shy Albatross [89224]	Vulnerable*	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a> Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a> Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche steadi</a> White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thinornis rubricollis</a> Hooded Plover [59510]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Fish

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Acentronura larsonae</a> Helen's Pygmy Pipehorse [66186]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Bhanotia fasciolata</a> Corrugated Pipefish, Barbed Pipefish [66188]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Bulbonaricus brauni</a> Braun's Pughead Pipefish, Pug-headed Pipefish [66189]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Campichthys galei</a> Gale's Pipefish [66191]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Campichthys tricarinatus</a> Three-keel Pipefish [66192]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys brachysoma</a> Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish [66194]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys latispinosus</a> Muiron Island Pipefish [66196]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys suillus</a> Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys amplexus</a> Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish [66199]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys flavofasciatus</a> Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish [66200]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys intestinalis</a> Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish [66202]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys schultzi</a> Schultz's Pipefish [66205]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Cosmocampus banneri</a> Roughridge Pipefish [66206]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus dactyliophorus</a> Banded Pipefish, Ringed Pipefish [66210]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus excisus</a> Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus janssi</a> Cleaner Pipefish, Janss' Pipefish [66212]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus multiannulatus</a> Many-banded Pipefish [66717]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus negrosensis</a> Flagtail Pipefish, Masthead Island Pipefish [66213]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Festucalex scalaris</a> Ladder Pipefish [66216]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Filicampus tigris</a> Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus brocki</a> Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus dunckeri</a> Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish [66220]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus grayi</a> Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus nitidus</a> Glittering Pipefish [66224]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus spinirostris</a> Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Haliichthys taeniophorus</a> Ribbioned Pipehorse, Ribbioned Seadragon [66226]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippichthys penicillus</a> Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus angustus</a> Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus histrix</a> Spiny Seahorse, Thorny Seahorse [66236]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus kuda</a> Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus planifrons</a> Flat-face Seahorse [66238]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus spinosissimus</a> Hedgehog Seahorse [66239]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus trimaculatus</a> Three-spot Seahorse, Low-crowned Seahorse, Flat-faced Seahorse [66720]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lissocampus fatiloquus</a> Prophet's Pipefish [66250]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Micrognathus micronotopterus</a> Tidepool Pipefish [66255]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Nannocampus subosseus</a> Bonyhead Pipefish, Bony-headed Pipefish [66264]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Phoxocampus belcheri</a> Black Rock Pipefish [66719]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Solegnathus hardwickii</a> Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Solegnathus lettiensis</a> Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Solenostomus cyanopterus</a> Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stigmatopora argus</a> Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Syngnathoides biaculeatus</a> Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus</a> Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Trachyrhamphus longirostris</a> Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Dugong dugon</a> Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<a href="#">Acalyptophis peronii</a> Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus apraefrontalis</a> Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus duboisii</a> Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus eydouxii</a> Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus foliosquama</a> Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus fuscus</a> Dusky Seasnake [1119]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus laevis</a> Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus pooleorum</a> Shark Bay Seasnake [66061]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus tenuis</a> Brown-lined Seasnake [1121]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Astrotia stokesii</a> Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Crocodylus porosus</a> Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira kingii</a> Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira major</a> Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Emydocephalus annulatus</a> Turtle-headed Seasnake [1125]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ephalophis greyi</a> North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrelaps darwiniensis</a> Black-ringed Seasnake [1100]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis coggeri</a> Slender-necked Seasnake [25925]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis czeblukovi</a> Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis elegans</a> Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis mcdowellii</a> null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis ornatus</a> Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lapemis hardwickii</a> Spine-bellied Seasnake [1113]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Pelamis platurus</a> Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Whales and other Cetaceans</b>		<a href="#">[ Resource Information ]</a>
Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera acutorostrata</a> Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera bonaerensis</a> Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera edeni</a> Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Delphinus delphis</a> Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eubalaena australis</a> Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Feresa attenuata</a> Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Globicephala macrorhynchus</a> Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Grampus griseus</a> Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Indopacetus pacificus</a> Longman's Beaked Whale [72]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia breviceps</a> Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia simus</a> Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lagenodelphis hosei</a> Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon densirostris</a> Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
[74]		habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon ginkgodens</a> Ginkgo-toothed Beaked Whale, Ginkgo-toothed Whale, Ginkgo Beaked Whale [59564]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon grayi</a> Gray's Beaked Whale, Scamperdown Whale [75]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Orcaella brevirostris</a> Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Orcinus orca</a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Peponocephala electra</a> Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Physeter macrocephalus</a> Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pseudorca crassidens</a> False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Sousa chinensis</a> Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella attenuata</a> Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella coeruleoalba</a> Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella longirostris</a> Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Steno bredanensis</a> Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus</a> Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops truncatus s. str.</a> Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ziphius cavirostris</a> Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Australian Marine Parks

[ Resource Information ]

Name	Label
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Name	Label
Abrolhos	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Ashmore Reef	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Ashmore Reef	Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia)
Carnarvon Canyon	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Gascoyne	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Gascoyne	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Gascoyne	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Kimberley	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Mermaid Reef	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Montebello	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Ningaloo	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Ningaloo	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Shark Bay	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)

## Extra Information

### State and Territory Reserves [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State
Airlie Island	WA
Barrow Island	WA
Bessieres Island	WA
Boodie, Double Middle Islands	WA
Bundegi Coastal Park	WA
Cape Range	WA
Jurabi Coastal Park	WA
Lowendal Islands	WA
Montebello Islands	WA
Muiron Islands	WA
North Sandy Island	WA
Round Island	WA
Serrurier Island	WA
Unnamed WA40322	WA
Unnamed WA40828	WA
Unnamed WA41080	WA
Unnamed WA44665	WA
Unnamed WA44667	WA

### Invasive Species [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resources Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Capra hircus Goat [2]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus caballus Horse [5]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mus musculus House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Plants		
Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel-grass, Black Buffel-grass [20213]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Reptiles		
Hemidactylus frenatus Asian House Gecko [1708]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Nationally Important Wetlands		[ Resource Information ]
Name	State	
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef</a>	EXT	
<a href="#">Bundera Sinkhole</a>	WA	
<a href="#">Cape Range Subterranean Waterways</a>	WA	
<a href="#">Learmonth Air Weapons Range - Saline Coastal Flats</a>	WA	
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef</a>	EXT	

**Key Ecological Features (Marine)** [ Resource Information ]

Key Ecological Features are the parts of the marine ecosystem that are considered to be important for the biodiversity or ecosystem functioning and integrity of the Commonwealth Marine Area.

Name	Region
<a href="#">Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain with the</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Exmouth Plateau</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Glomar Shoals</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Seringapatam Reef and Commonwealth waters in</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Western demersal slope and associated fish</a>	South-west

# Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been derived through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, maps are derived using either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc) together with point locations and described habitat; or environmental modelling (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using point locations and environmental data layers.

Where very little information is available for species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc). In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

## Coordinates

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# EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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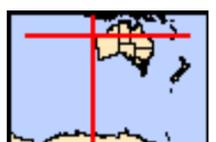
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# Summary

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

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## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

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<a href="#">Commonwealth Heritage Places:</a>	29
<a href="#">Listed Marine Species:</a>	211
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## Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

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# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

### World Heritage Properties [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State	Status
<a href="#">Australian Convict Sites (Fremantle Prison Buffer Zone)</a>	WA	Buffer zone
<a href="#">Australian Convict Sites (Fremantle Prison)</a>	WA	Declared property
<a href="#">Shark Bay, Western Australia</a>	WA	Declared property
<a href="#">The Ningaloo Coast</a>	WA	Declared property

### National Heritage Properties [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State	Status
<b>Natural</b>		
<a href="#">Lesueur National Park</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Shark Bay, Western Australia</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">The Ningaloo Coast</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">The West Kimberley</a>	WA	Listed place
<b>Indigenous</b>		
<a href="#">Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)</a>	WA	Listed place
<b>Historic</b>		
<a href="#">Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 - Houtman Abrolhos</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616 - Cape Inscription Area</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Fremantle Prison (former)</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites</a>	EXT	Listed place

### Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Proximity
<a href="#">Ashmore reef national nature reserve</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Becher point wetlands</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Eighty-mile beach</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Forrestdale and thomsons lakes</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Hosnies spring</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Peel-yalgorup system</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Roebuck bay</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">The dales</a>	Within Ramsar site
<a href="#">Vasse-wonnerup system</a>	Within Ramsar site

### Commonwealth Marine Area [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Approval is required for a proposed activity that is located within the Commonwealth Marine Area which has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Approval may be required for a proposed action taken outside the Commonwealth Marine Area but which has, may have or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in the Commonwealth Marine Area. Generally the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast.

Name
EEZ and Territorial Sea
Extended Continental Shelf

### Marine Regions [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

If you are planning to undertake action in an area in or close to the Commonwealth Marine Area, and a marine bioregional plan has been prepared for the Commonwealth Marine Area in that area, the marine bioregional plan may inform your decision as to whether to refer your proposed action under the EPBC Act.

Name
<a href="#">North</a>
<a href="#">North-west</a>
<a href="#">South-west</a>

### Listed Threatened Ecological Communities [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Aquatic Root Mat Community 4 in Caves of the Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aquatic Root Mat Community in Caves of the Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Assemblages of plants and invertebrate animals of tumulus (organic mound) springs of the Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community</a>	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Clay Pans of the Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Corymbia calophylla - Kingia australis woodlands on heavy soils of the Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Corymbia calophylla - Xanthorrhoea preissii woodlands and shrublands of the Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Monsoon vine thickets on the coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula</a>	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Sedgelands in Holocene dune swales of the southern Swan Coastal Plain</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Shrublands on southern Swan Coastal Plain ironstones</a>	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh</a>	Vulnerable	Community likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thrombolite (microbial) community of coastal freshwater lakes of the Swan Coastal Plain (Lake Richmond)</a>	Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thrombolite (microbialite) Community of a Coastal Brackish Lake (Lake Clifton)</a>	Critically Endangered	Community known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tuart (Eucalyptus gomphocephala) Woodlands and Forests of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community</a>	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area

## Listed Threatened Species [ [Resource Information](#) ]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Accipiter hiogaster natalis</a>		
Christmas Island Goshawk [82408]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous tenuirostris melanops</a>		
Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Botaurus poiciloptilus</a>		
Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a>		
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a>		
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris tenuirostris</a>		
Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calyptorhynchus banksii naso</a>		
Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Karrak [67034]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calyptorhynchus baudinii</a>		
Baudin's Cockatoo, Long-billed Black-Cockatoo [769]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calyptorhynchus latirostris</a>		
Carnaby's Cockatoo, Short-billed Black-Cockatoo [59523]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chalcophaps indica natalis</a>		
Christmas Island Emerald Dove, Emerald Dove (Christmas Island) [67030]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Charadrius leschenaultii</a> Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius mongolus</a> Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea dabbenena</a> Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea epomophora</a> Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea sanfordi</a> Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Erythrotriorchis radiatus</a> Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Erythrura gouldiae</a> Gouldian Finch [413]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Falcunculus frontatus whitei</a> Crested Shrike-tit (northern), Northern Shrike-tit [26013]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Geophaps smithii blaauwi</a> Partridge Pigeon (western) [66501]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Halobaena caerulea</a> Blue Petrel [1059]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Leipoa ocellata</a> Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica baueri</a> Bar-tailed Godwit (baueri), Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica menzbieri</a> Northern Siberian Bar-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit (menzbieri) [86432]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a> Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a> Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Malurus leucopterus edouardi</a> White-winged Fairy-wren (Barrow Island), Barrow Island Black-and-white Fairy-wren [26194]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Malurus leucopterus leucopterus</a> White-winged Fairy-wren (Dirk Hartog Island), Dirk Hartog Black-and-White Fairy-wren [26004]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ninox natalis</a> Christmas Island Hawk-Owl, Christmas Boobook [66671]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pachyptila turtur subantarctica</a> Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Papasula abbotti</a> Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pezoporus occidentalis</a> Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus fulvus</a> Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Phoebetria fusca</a> Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Polytelis alexandrae</a> Princess Parrot, Alexandra's Parrot [758]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma arminjoniana</a> Round Island Petrel, Trinidade Petrel [89284]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma mollis</a> Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rostratula australis</a> Australian Painted-snipe, Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sternula nereis nereis</a> Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta cauta</a> Shy Albatross, Tasmanian Shy Albatross [82345]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta steadi</a> White-capped Albatross [82344]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a> Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a> Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Turdus poliocephalus erythropleurus</a> Christmas Island Thrush [67122]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence within area
<a href="#">Turnix varius scintillans</a> Painted Button-quail (Houtman Abrolhos) [82451]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli</a> Masked Owl (northern) [26048]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Crustaceans</b>		
<a href="#">Cherax tenuimanus</a> Hairy Marron, Margaret River Hairy Marron, Margaret River Marron [78931]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Engaewa reducta</a> Dunsborough Burrowing Crayfish [82675]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Fish</b>		
<a href="#">Galaxiella nigrostriata</a> Blackstriped Dwarf Galaxias, Black-stripe Minnow [88677]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Milyeringa veritas</a> Blind Gudgeon [66676]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Nannatherina balstoni</a> Balston's Pygmy Perch [66698]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ophisternon candidum</a> Blind Cave Eel [66678]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Insects</b>		
<a href="#">Hesperocolletes douglasi</a> Douglas' Broad-headed Bee, Rottnest Bee [66734]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Leioproctus douglasiellus</a> a short-tongued bee [66756]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Neopasiphae simplicior</a> A native bee [66821]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Bettongia lesueur Barrow and Boodie Islands subspecies</a> Boodie, Burrowing Bettong (Barrow and Boodie Islands) [88021]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Bettongia lesueur lesueur</a> Burrowing Bettong (Shark Bay), Boodie [66659]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi</a> Woylie [66844]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Conilurus penicillatus</a> Brush-tailed Rabbit-rat, Brush-tailed Tree-rat, Pakooma [132]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Crocidura trichura</a> Christmas Island Shrew [86568]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dasyurus geoffroi</a> Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Dasyurus hallucatus</a> Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eubalaena australis</a> Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Isoodon auratus auratus</a> Golden Bandicoot (mainland) [66665]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Isoodon auratus barrowensis</a> Golden Bandicoot (Barrow Island) [66666]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes conspicillatus conspicillatus</a> Spectacled Hare-wallaby (Barrow Island) [66661]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes hirsutus Central Australian subspecies</a> Mala, Rufous Hare-Wallaby (Central Australia) [88019]	Endangered	Translocated population known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes hirsutus bernieri</a> Rufous Hare-wallaby (Bernier Island) [66662]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagorchestes hirsutus dorrae</a> Rufous Hare-wallaby (Dorre Island) [66663]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagostrophus fasciatus fasciatus</a> Banded Hare-wallaby, Merrnine, Marnine, Munning [66664]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Leporillus conditor</a> Wopilkara, Greater Stick-nest Rat [137]	Vulnerable	Translocated population known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macroderma gigas</a> Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macrotis lagotis</a> Greater Bilby [282]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Myrmecobius fasciatus</a> Numbat [294]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Neophoca cinerea</a> Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Osphranter robustus isabellinus</a> Barrow Island Wallaroo, Barrow Island Euro [89262]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Parantechinus apicalis</a> Dibbler [313]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Perameles bougainville bougainville</a> Western Barred Bandicoot (Shark Bay) [66631]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Petrogale concinna monastria</a> Nabarlek (Kimberley) [87607]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Petrogale lateralis lateralis</a> Black-flanked Rock-wallaby, Moororong, Black-footed Rock Wallaby [66647]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phascogale tapoatafa kimberleyensis</a> Kimberley brush-tailed phascogale, Brush-tailed Phascogale (Kimberley) [88453]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Pipistrellus murrayi</a> Christmas Island Pipistrelle [64383]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pseudocheirus occidentalis</a> Western Ringtail Possum, Ngwayir, Womp, Woder, Ngoor, Ngoolangit [25911]	Critically Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pseudomys fieldi</a> Shark Bay Mouse, Djoongari, Alice Springs Mouse [113]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Pteropus natalis</a> Christmas Island Flying-fox, Christmas Island Fruit-bat [87611]	Critically Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhinonictis aurantia (Pilbara form)</a> Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat [82790]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus</a> Bare-rumped Sheath-tailed Bat, Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat [66889]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Setonix brachyurus</a> Quokka [229]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Xeromys myoides</a> Water Mouse, False Water Rat, Yirrkoo [66]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Other</b>		
<a href="#">Idiosoma nigrum</a> Shield-backed Trapdoor Spider, Black Rugose Trapdoor Spider [66798]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Kumonga exleyi</a> Cape Range Remipede [86875]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Westralunio carteri</a> Carter's Freshwater Mussel, Freshwater Mussel [86266]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Plants</b>		
<a href="#">Acacia anomala</a> Grass Wattle, Chittering Grass Wattle [8153]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Acacia forrestiana</a> Forest's Wattle [17235]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

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<a href="#">Andersonia gracilis</a> Slender Andersonia [14470]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Androcalva bivillosa</a> Stragglng Androcalva [87807]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anigozanthos viridis subsp. terraspectans</a> Dwarf Green Kangaroo Paw [3435]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Asplenium listeri</a> Christmas Island Spleenwort [65865]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Austrostipa bronwenae</a> [87808]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Austrostipa jacobsiana</a> [87809]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Banksia mimica</a> Summer Honeypot [82765]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Banksia nivea subsp. uliginosa</a> Swamp Honeypot [82766]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Banksia squarrosa subsp. argillacea</a> Whicher Range Dryandra [82769]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Beyeria lepidopetala</a> Small-petalled Beyeria, Short-petalled Beyeria [18362]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Brachyscias verecundus</a> Ironstone Brachyscias [81321]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia barbarella</a> Small Dragon Orchid, Common Dragon Orchid [68686]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia bryceana subsp. cracens</a> Northern Dwarf Spider-orchid [64556]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia busselliana</a> Bussell's Spider-orchid [24369]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia caesarea subsp. maritima</a> Cape Spider-orchid [64856]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia elegans</a> Elegant Spider-orchid [56775]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia excelsa</a> Giant Spider-orchid [56717]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia hoffmanii</a> Hoffman's Spider-orchid [56719]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

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<a href="#">Caladenia huegelii</a> King Spider-orchid, Grand Spider-orchid, Rusty Spider-orchid [7309]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia lodgeana</a> Lodge's Spider-orchid [68664]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia procera</a> Carbunup King Spider Orchid [68679]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caladenia viridescens</a> Dunsborough Spider-orchid [56776]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calectasia cyanea</a> Blue Tinsel Lily [7669]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calytrix breviseta subsp. breviseta</a> Swamp Starflower [23879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chamelaucium sp. Gingin (N.G.Marchant 6)</a> Gingin Wax [88881]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Chamelaucium sp. S coastal plain (R.D.Royce 4872)</a> Royce's Waxflower [87814]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chorizema humile</a> Prostrate Flame Pea [32573]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Chorizema varium</a> Limestone Pea [16981]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Conospermum undulatum</a> Wavy-leaved Smokebush [24435]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Conostylis dielsii subsp. teres</a> Irwin's Conostylis [3614]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Conostylis micrantha</a> Small-flowered Conostylis [17635]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Darwinia apiculata</a> Scarp Darwinia [8763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Darwinia whicherensis</a> Abba Bell [83193]	Endangered	Translocated population known to occur within area
<a href="#">Daviesia elongata subsp. elongata</a> Long-leaved Daviesia [64883]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diplolaena andrewsii</a> [6601]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diuris drummondii</a> Tall Donkey Orchid [4365]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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<a href="#">Diuris micrantha</a> Dwarf Bee-orchid [55082]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diuris purdiei</a> Purdie's Donkey-orchid [12950]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Drakaea concolor</a> Kneeling Hammer-orchid [56777]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Drakaea elastica</a> Glossy-leafed Hammer Orchid, Glossy-leaved Hammer Orchid, Warty Hammer Orchid [16753]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Drakaea micrantha</a> Dwarf Hammer-orchid [56755]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Drummondita ericoides</a> Morseby Range Drummondita [9193]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eleocharis keigheryi</a> Keighery's Eleocharis [64893]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eremophila glabra subsp. chlorella</a> [84927]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eremophila sp. Narrow leaves (J.D.Start D12-150)</a> [89307]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus argutifolia</a> Yanchep Mallee, Wabling Hill Mallee [24263]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus beardiana</a> Beard's Mallee [18933]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus cuprea</a> Mallee Box [56773]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus impensa</a> Eneabba Mallee [56711]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus johnsoniana</a> Johnson's Mallee [14516]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus lateritica</a> Laterite Mallee [6271]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus leprophloia</a> Scaly Butt Mallee, Scaly-butt Mallee [56712]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus suberea</a> Cork Mallee, Mount Lesueur Mallee [5529]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eucalyptus x balanites</a> Cadda Road Mallee, Cadda Mallee [87816]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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<a href="#">Eucalyptus x phylacis</a> Meelup Mallee [87817]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Gastrolobium argyrotichum</a> Metricup Pea [89145]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Gastrolobium modestum</a> Broad-leaved Gastrolobium [78361]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Gastrolobium papilio</a> Butterfly-leaved Gastrolobium [78415]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Goodenia arthrotricha</a> [12448]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea batrachioides</a> Mt Lesueur Grevillea [21735]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea brachystylis subsp. grandis</a> Large-flowered Short-styled Grevillea [85001]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea bracteosa subsp. howatharra</a> [85002]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea curviloba subsp. curviloba</a> Curved-leaf Grevillea [64908]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea curviloba subsp. incurva</a> Narrow curved-leaf Grevillea [64909]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea elongata</a> Ironstone Grevillea [64578]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea humifusa</a> Spreading Grevillea [61182]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea maccutcheonii</a> McCutcheon's Grevillea [64522]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Grevillea thelemanniana</a> Spider Net Grevillea [32835]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hakea megalosperma</a> Lesueur Hakea [10505]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Hemiandra gardneri</a> Red Snakebush [7945]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hypocalymma angustifolium subsp. Hutt River (S.Patrick 2982)</a> [85023]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hypocalymma longifolium</a> Long-leaved Myrtle [8081]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

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<a href="#">Keraudrenia exastia</a> Fringed Keraudrenia [66301]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lambertia echinata subsp. occidentalis</a> Western Prickly Honeysuckle [64528]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lechenaultia chlorantha</a> Kalbarri Leschenaultia [16763]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidosperma rostratum</a> Beaked Lepidosperma [14152]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Leucopogon marginatus</a> Thick-margined Leucopogon [12527]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Leucopogon obtectus</a> Hidden Beard-heath [19614]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Macarthuria keigheryi</a> Keighery's Macarthuria [64930]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Marianthus paralius</a> [83925]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Melaleuca sp. Wanneroo (G.J. Keighery 16705)</a> [89456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Paracaleana dixonii</a> Sandplain Duck Orchid [86882]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Petrophile latericola</a> Laterite Petrophile [64532]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pityrodia augustensis</a> Mt Augustus Foxglove [4962]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Pneumatopteris truncata</a> fern [68812]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pterostylis sinuata</a> Northampton Midget Greenhood, Western Swan Greenhood [84991]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ptilotus pyramidatus</a> Pyramid Mulla-mulla [18216]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sphenotoma drummondii</a> Mountain Paper-heath [21160]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stachystemon nematophorus</a> Three-flowered Stachystemon [81447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Synaphea sp. Fairbridge Farm (D. Papenfus 696)</a> Selena's Synaphea [82881]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

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<a href="#">Synaphea sp. Pinjarra (R. Davis 6578)</a> Club-leafed Synaphea [82880]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Synaphea sp. Pinjarra Plain (A.S. George 17182)</a> [86878]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Synaphea sp. Serpentine (G.R. Brand 103)</a> [86879]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Synaphea stenoloba</a> Dwellingup Synaphea [66311]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tectaria devexa</a> [14767]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Tetraria australiensis</a> Southern Tetraria [10137]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tetratheca nephelioides</a> [83217]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thelymitra dedmaniarum</a> Cinnamon Sun Orchid [65105]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thelymitra stellata</a> Star Sun-orchid [7060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Trithuria occidentalis</a> Swan Hydatella [42224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Verticordia densiflora var. pedunculata</a> Long-stalked Featherflower [55689]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Verticordia plumosa var. ananeotes</a> Tufted Plumed Featherflower [23871]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Verticordia plumosa var. vassensis</a> Vasse Featherflower [55804]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Wurmbea calcicola</a> Naturaliste Nancy [64691]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Wurmbea tubulosa</a> Long-flowered Nancy [12739]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<a href="#">Aipysurus apraefrontalis</a> Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus foliosquama</a> Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area

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<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Cryptoblepharus egeriae</a> Christmas Island Blue-tailed Skink, Blue-tailed Snake-eyed Skink [1526]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ctenotus lancelini</a> Lancelin Island Skink [1482]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ctenotus zasticus</a> Hamelin Ctenotus [25570]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Cyrtodactylus sadleiri</a> Christmas Island Giant Gecko [86865]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Egernia stokesii badia</a> Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Emoia nativitatis</a> Christmas Island Forest Skink, Christmas Island Whiptail-skink [1400]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidodactylus listeri</a> Christmas Island Gecko, Lister's Gecko [1711]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Lerista neviniae</a> Nevin's Slider [85296]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Liasis olivaceus barroni</a> Olive Python (Pilbara subspecies) [66699]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Liopholis pulchra longicauda</a> Jurien Bay Skink, Jurien Bay Rock-skink [83162]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ramphotyphlops exocoeti</a> Christmas Island Blind Snake, Christmas Island Pink Blind Snake [1262]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Sharks</b>		
<a href="#">Carcharias taurus (west coast population)</a> Grey Nurse Shark (west coast population) [68752]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Carcharodon carcharias</a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Glyphis garricki</a> Northern River Shark, New Guinea River Shark [82454]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area

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<a href="#">Glyphis glyphis</a> Speartooth Shark [82453]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis clavata</a> Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis pristis</a> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis zijsron</a> Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhincodon typus</a> Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area

## Listed Migratory Species

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\* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Migratory Marine Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Anous stolidus</a> Common Noddy [825]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Apus pacificus</a> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardenna carneipes</a> Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardenna pacifica</a> Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calonectris leucomelas</a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea dabbenena</a> Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea epomophora</a> Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea sanfordi</a> Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata ariel</a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata minor</a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hydroprogne caspia</a> Caspian Tern [808]		Breeding known to occur

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<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a> Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a> Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Onychoprion anaethetus</a> Bridled Tern [82845]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus</a> White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon rubricauda</a> Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phoebastria fusca</a> Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna dougallii</a> Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sternula albifrons</a> Little Tern [82849]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula dactylatra</a> Masked Booby [1021]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula leucogaster</a> Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula sula</a> Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta</a> Tasmanian Shy Albatross [89224]	Vulnerable*	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a> Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a> Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche steadi</a> White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable*	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<b>Migratory Marine Species</b>		
<a href="#">Anoxypristis cuspidata</a> Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaena glacialis australis</a> Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera bonaerensis</a> Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely

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<a href="#">Balaenoptera edeni</a> Bryde's Whale [35]		to occur within area  Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Caperea marginata</a> Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Carcharodon carcharias</a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Crocodylus porosus</a> Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Dugong dugon</a> Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Isurus oxyrinchus</a> Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Isurus paucus</a> Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lagenorhynchus obscurus</a> Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lamna nasus</a> Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Manta alfredi</a> Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray, Inshore Manta Ray, Prince Alfred's Ray, Resident Manta Ray [84994]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Manta birostris</a> Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacific Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Manta Ray [84995]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Orcaella heinsohni</a> Australian Snubfin Dolphin [81322]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Orcinus orca</a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Physeter macrocephalus</a> Sperm Whale [59]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis clavata</a> Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis pristis</a> Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pristis zijsron</a> Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhincodon typus</a> Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sousa chinensis</a> Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Migratory Terrestrial Species</b>		
<a href="#">Cecropis daurica</a> Red-rumped Swallow [80610]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Cuculus optatus</a> Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a> Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla flava</a> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhipidura rufifrons</a> Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<b>Migratory Wetlands Species</b>		
<a href="#">Acrocephalus orientalis</a> Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Arenaria interpres</a> Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Roosting known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris alba</a> Sanderling [875]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ruficollis</a> Red-necked Stint [860]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris subminuta</a> Long-toed Stint [861]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris tenuirostris</a> Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius bicinctus</a> Double-banded Plover [895]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius dubius</a> Little Ringed Plover [896]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius leschenaultii</a> Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius mongolus</a> Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Gallinago megala</a> Swinhoe's Snipe [864]		Roosting likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Gallinago stenura</a> Pin-tailed Snipe [841]		Roosting likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limicola falcinellus</a> Broad-billed Sandpiper [842]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limnodromus semipalmatus</a> Asian Dowitcher [843]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica</a> Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa limosa</a> Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius minutus</a> Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel [848]		Roosting known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Numenius phaeopus</a> Whimbrel [849]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a> Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phalaropus lobatus</a> Red-necked Phalarope [838]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Philomachus pugnax</a> Ruff (Reeve) [850]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pluvialis fulva</a> Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pluvialis squatarola</a> Grey Plover [865]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalasseus bergii</a> Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa brevipes</a> Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa glareola</a> Wood Sandpiper [829]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa stagnatilis</a> Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa totanus</a> Common Redshank, Redshank [835]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Xenus cinereus</a> Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Roosting known to occur within area

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

### Commonwealth Land [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

Name
Commonwealth Land -
Commonwealth Land - Christmas Island National Park
Defence - AIRTC CANNINGTON
Defence - ARTILLERY BARRACKS - FREMANTLE
Defence - BROOME TRAINING DEPOT
Defence - BUNBURY TRAINING DEPOT
Defence - CAMPBELL BARRACKS - SWANBOURNE
Defence - CARNARVON TRAINING DEPOT
Defence - EAST FREMANTLE SMALL CRAFT BASE
Defence - EXMOUTH ADMIN & HF TRANSMITTING
Defence - EXMOUTH NAVAL HF RECEIVING STATION (H/F Receiving Station, Learmonth, WA)
Defence - EXMOUTH VLF TRANSMITTER STATION
Defence - GERALDTON TRAINING DEPOT "A" Company 16th Battalion
Defence - GREENOUGH RIFLE RANGE
Defence - HMAS STIRLING-ROCKINGHAM ;HMAS STIRLING - GARDEN ISLAND
Defence - HOLDFAST BARRACKS
Defence - IRWIN BARRACKS - KARRAKATTA
Defence - LANCELIN - AIR SAFETY MARKER
Defence - LANCELIN TRAINING AREA
Defence - LEARMONTH - AIR WEAPONS RANGE

Name
Defence - LEARMONTH - RAAF BASE
Defence - LEARMONTH RADAR SITE - TWIN TANKS EXMOUTH
Defence - LEARMONTH RADAR SITE - VLAMING HEAD EXMOUTH
Defence - LEARMONTH TRANSMITTING STATION
Defence - LEEUWIN BARRACKS - EAST FREMANTLE
Defence - MUCHEA ARMAMENT RANGE
Defence - PALMER BARRACKS - SOUTH GUILDFORD
Defence - PRESTON POINT TRAINING DEPOT
Defence - ROCKINGHAM - NAVY CPSO
Defence - SWAN BARRACKS
Defence - SWANBOURNE RIFLE RANGE

## Commonwealth Heritage Places [ [Resource Information](#) ]

Name	State	Status
<b>Natural</b>		
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Christmas Island Natural Areas</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Garden Island</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Lancelin Defence Training Area</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Learmonth Air Weapons Range Facility</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef - Rowley Shoals</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Ningaloo Marine Area - Commonwealth Waters</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Scott Reef and Surrounds - Commonwealth Area</a>	EXT	Listed place
<b>Historic</b>		
<a href="#">Administrators House Precinct</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Army Magazine Buildings Irwin Barracks</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Artillery Barracks</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Bungalow 702</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Claremont Post Office</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Cliff Point Historic Site</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Drumsite Industrial Area</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Geraldton Drill Hall Complex</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Industrial and Administrative Group</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Inglewood Post Office</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">J Gun Battery</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Malay Kampong Group</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Malay Kampong Precinct</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Perth General Post Office</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">Phosphate Hill Historic Area</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Poon Saan Group</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Settlement Christmas Island</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">South Perth Post Office</a>	WA	Listed place
<a href="#">South Point Settlement Remains</a>	EXT	Listed place
<a href="#">Victoria Park Post Office</a>	WA	Listed place

## Listed Marine Species [ [Resource Information](#) ]

\* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the EPBC Act - Threatened Species list.

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Acrocephalus orientalis</a> Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous minutus</a> Black Noddy [824]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous stolidus</a> Common Noddy [825]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Anous tenuirostris melanops</a> Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Anseranas semipalmata</a> Magpie Goose [978]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Apus pacificus</a> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardea alba</a> Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Ardea ibis</a> Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Arenaria interpres</a> Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris alba</a> Sanderling [875]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ruficollis</a> Red-necked Stint [860]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris subminuta</a> Long-toed Stint [861]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris tenuirostris</a> Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Calonectris leucomelas</a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Catharacta skua</a> Great Skua [59472]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius bicinctus</a> Double-banded Plover [895]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius dubius</a> Little Ringed Plover [896]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius leschenaultii</a> Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius mongolus</a> Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius ruficapillus</a> Red-capped Plover [881]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Roosting known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Chrysococcyx osculans</a> Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea amsterdamensis</a> Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea dabbenena</a> Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea epomophora</a> Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea exulans</a> Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Diomedea sanfordi</a> Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Eudyptula minor</a> Little Penguin [1085]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata andrewsi</a> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Andrew's Frigatebird [1011]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata ariel</a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata minor</a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Gallinago megala</a> Swinhoe's Snipe [864]		Roosting likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Gallinago stenura</a> Pin-tailed Snipe [841]		Roosting likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Haliaeetus leucogaster</a> White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Halobaena caerulea</a> Blue Petrel [1059]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Heteroscelus brevipes</a> Grey-tailed Tattler [59311]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Himantopus himantopus</a> Pied Stilt, Black-winged Stilt [870]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo daurica</a> Red-rumped Swallow [59480]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a> Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Larus novaehollandiae</a> Silver Gull [810]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Larus pacificus</a> Pacific Gull [811]		Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Limicola falcinellus</a> Broad-billed Sandpiper [842]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limnodromus semipalmatus</a> Asian Dowitcher [843]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa lapponica</a> Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Limosa limosa</a> Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes giganteus</a> Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Macronectes halli</a> Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Merops ornatus</a> Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Motacilla flava</a> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius minutus</a> Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel [848]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius phaeopus</a> Whimbrel [849]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pachyptila turtur</a> Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pandion haliaetus</a> Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Papasula abbotti</a> Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pelagodroma marina</a> White-faced Storm-Petrel [1016]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus</a> White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon lepturus fulvus</a> Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Breeding likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Phaethon rubricauda</a> Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phalacrocorax fuscescens</a> Black-faced Cormorant [59660]		Breeding likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Phalaropus lobatus</a> Red-necked Phalarope [838]		Roosting known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Philomachus pugnax</a> Ruff (Reeve) [850]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Phoebetria fusca</a> Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pluvialis fulva</a> Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pluvialis squatarola</a> Grey Plover [865]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma macroptera</a> Great-winged Petrel [1035]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pterodroma mollis</a> Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Puffinus assimilis</a> Little Shearwater [59363]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Puffinus carneipes</a> Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Puffinus huttoni</a> Hutton's Shearwater [1025]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Puffinus pacificus</a> Wedge-tailed Shearwater [1027]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</a> Red-necked Avocet [871]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rhipidura rufifrons</a> Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)</a> Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna albifrons</a> Little Tern [813]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna anaethetus</a> Bridled Tern [814]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna bengalensis</a> Lesser Crested Tern [815]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna bergii</a> Crested Tern [816]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna caspia</a> Caspian Tern [59467]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna dougallii</a> Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna fuscata</a> Sooty Tern [794]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sterna nereis</a> Fairy Tern [796]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Stiltia isabella</a> Australian Pratincole [818]		Roosting known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence within area
<a href="#">Sula dactylatra</a> Masked Booby [1021]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula leucogaster</a> Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Sula sula</a> Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche carteri</a> Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche cauta</a> Tasmanian Shy Albatross [89224]	Vulnerable*	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche impavida</a> Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche melanophris</a> Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Thalassarche steadi</a> White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable*	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Thinornis rubricollis</a> Hooded Plover [59510]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa glareola</a> Wood Sandpiper [829]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa nebularia</a> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa stagnatilis</a> Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tringa totanus</a> Common Redshank, Redshank [835]		Roosting known to occur within area
<a href="#">Xenus cinereus</a> Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Roosting known to occur within area
<b>Fish</b>		
<a href="#">Acentronura australe</a> Southern Pygmy Pipehorse [66185]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Acentronura larsonae</a> Helen's Pygmy Pipehorse [66186]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Bhanotia fasciolata</a> Corrugated Pipefish, Barbed Pipefish [66188]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Bulbonaricus brauni</a> Braun's Pughead Pipefish, Pug-headed Pipefish [66189]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Campichthys galei</a> Gale's Pipefish [66191]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Campichthys tricarinatus</a> Three-keel Pipefish [66192]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Choeroichthys brachysoma</a> Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish [66194]		habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys latispinosus</a> Muiron Island Pipefish [66196]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys sculptus</a> Sculptured Pipefish [66197]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Choeroichthys suillus</a> Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys amplexus</a> Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish [66199]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys flavofasciatus</a> Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish [66200]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys haematopterus</a> Reef-top Pipefish [66201]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys intestinalis</a> Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish [66202]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Corythoichthys schultzi</a> Schultz's Pipefish [66205]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Cosmocampus banneri</a> Roughridge Pipefish [66206]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Cosmocampus maxweberi</a> Maxweber's Pipefish [66209]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus baldwini</a> Redstripe Pipefish [66718]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus dactyliophorus</a> Banded Pipefish, Ringed Pipefish [66210]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus excisus</a> Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus janssi</a> Cleaner Pipefish, Janss' Pipefish [66212]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus multiannulatus</a> Many-banded Pipefish [66717]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Doryrhamphus negrosensis</a> Flagtail Pipefish, Masthead Island Pipefish [66213]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Festucalex scalaris</a> Ladder Pipefish [66216]		Species or species habitat may occur within

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<a href="#">Filicampus tigris</a> Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus brocki</a> Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus dunckeri</a> Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish [66220]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus grayi</a> Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus macrorhynchus</a> Whiskered Pipefish, Ornate Pipefish [66222]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus mataafae</a> Samoan Pipefish [66223]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus nitidus</a> Glittering Pipefish [66224]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Halicampus spinirostris</a> Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Haliichthys taeniophorus</a> Ribboned Pipehorse, Ribboned Seadragon [66226]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Heraldia nocturna</a> Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish [66227]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippichthys cyanospilos</a> Blue-speckled Pipefish, Blue-spotted Pipefish [66228]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippichthys heptagonus</a> Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish [66229]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippichthys penicillus</a> Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippichthys spicifer</a> Belly-barred Pipefish, Banded Freshwater Pipefish [66232]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus angustus</a> Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus breviceps</a> Short-head Seahorse, Short-snouted Seahorse [66235]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus histrix</a> Spiny Seahorse, Thorny Seahorse [66236]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus kuda</a> Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Hippocampus planifrons</a> Flat-face Seahorse [66238]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus spinosissimus</a> Hedgehog Seahorse [66239]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus subelongatus</a> West Australian Seahorse [66722]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hippocampus trimaculatus</a> Three-spot Seahorse, Low-crowned Seahorse, Flat-faced Seahorse [66720]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Histiogamphelus cristatus</a> Rhino Pipefish, Macleay's Crested Pipefish, Ring-back Pipefish [66243]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lissocampus caudalis</a> Australian Smooth Pipefish, Smooth Pipefish [66249]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lissocampus fatiloquus</a> Prophet's Pipefish [66250]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lissocampus runa</a> Javelin Pipefish [66251]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Maroubra perserrata</a> Sawtooth Pipefish [66252]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Micrognathus brevirostris</a> thorntail Pipefish, Thorn-tailed Pipefish [66254]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Micrognathus micronotopterus</a> Tidepool Pipefish [66255]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mitotichthys meraculus</a> Western Crested Pipefish [66259]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Nannocampus subosseus</a> Bonyhead Pipefish, Bony-headed Pipefish [66264]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Phoxocampus belcheri</a> Black Rock Pipefish [66719]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Phycodurus eques</a> Leafy Seadragon [66267]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Phyllopteryx taeniolatus</a> Common Seadragon, Weedy Seadragon [66268]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pugnaso curtirostris</a> Pugnose Pipefish, Pug-nosed Pipefish [66269]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Solegnathus hardwickii</a> Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

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<a href="#">Solegnathus lettiensis</a> Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Solenostomus cyanopterus</a> Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stigmatopora argus</a> Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stigmatopora nigra</a> Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Syngnathoides biaculeatus</a> Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus</a> Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Trachyrhamphus longirostris</a> Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Urocampus carinirostris</a> Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Vanacampus margaritifer</a> Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Vanacampus phillipi</a> Port Phillip Pipefish [66284]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Vanacampus poecilolaemus</a> Longsnout Pipefish, Australian Long-snout Pipefish, Long-snouted Pipefish [66285]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Arctocephalus forsteri</a> Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Fur-seal [20]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dugong dugon</a> Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Neophoca cinerea</a> Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<a href="#">Acalyptophis peronii</a> Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus apraefrontalis</a> Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus duboisii</a> Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus eydouxii</a> Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

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<a href="#">Aipysurus foliosquama</a> Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus fuscus</a> Dusky Seasnake [1119]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus laevis</a> Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus pooleorum</a> Shark Bay Seasnake [66061]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus tenuis</a> Brown-lined Seasnake [1121]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Astrotia stokesii</a> Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Crocodylus johnstoni</a> Freshwater Crocodile, Johnston's Crocodile, Johnston's River Crocodile [1773]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Crocodylus porosus</a> Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira kingii</a> Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira major</a> Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Emydocephalus annulatus</a> Turtle-headed Seasnake [1125]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Enhydrina schistosa</a> Beaked Seasnake [1126]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ephalophis greyi</a> North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrelaps darwiniensis</a> Black-ringed Seasnake [1100]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis atriceps</a> Black-headed Seasnake [1101]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

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<a href="#">Hydrophis coggeri</a> Slender-necked Seasnake [25925]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis czeblukovi</a> Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis elegans</a> Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis inornatus</a> Plain Seasnake [1107]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis mcdowelli</a> null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis ornatus</a> Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lapemis hardwickii</a> Spine-bellied Seasnake [1113]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lepidochelys olivacea</a> Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pelamis platurus</a> Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Whales and other Cetaceans [ Resource Information ]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera acutorostrata</a> Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera bonaerensis</a> Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera edeni</a> Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Berardius arnuxii</a> Arnoux's Beaked Whale [70]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Caperea marginata</a> Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or

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<a href="#">Delphinus delphis</a> Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		related behaviour likely to occur within area  Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eubalaena australis</a> Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Feresa attenuata</a> Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Globicephala macrorhynchus</a> Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Globicephala melas</a> Long-finned Pilot Whale [59282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Grampus griseus</a> Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hyperoodon planifrons</a> Southern Bottlenose Whale [71]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Indopacetus pacificus</a> Longman's Beaked Whale [72]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia breviceps</a> Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia simus</a> Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lagenodelphis hosei</a> Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Lagenorhynchus obscurus</a> Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Lissodelphis peronii</a> Southern Right Whale Dolphin [44]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon bowdoini</a> Andrew's Beaked Whale [73]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon densirostris</a> Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon ginkgodens</a> Ginkgo-toothed Beaked Whale, Ginkgo-toothed Whale, Ginkgo Beaked Whale [59564]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon grayi</a> Gray's Beaked Whale, Scamperdown Whale [75]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Mesoplodon layardii</a> Strap-toothed Beaked Whale, Strap-toothed Whale, Layard's Beaked Whale [25556]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Mesoplodon mirus</a> True's Beaked Whale [54]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Orcaella brevirostris</a> Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Orcinus orca</a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Peponocephala electra</a> Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Physeter macrocephalus</a> Sperm Whale [59]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
<a href="#">Pseudorca crassidens</a> False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Sousa chinensis</a> Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella attenuata</a> Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella coeruleoalba</a> Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella longirostris</a> Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Steno bredanensis</a> Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Tasmacetus shepherdi</a> Shepherd's Beaked Whale, Tasman Beaked Whale [55]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus</a> Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops truncatus s. str.</a> Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ziphius cavirostris</a> Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Commonwealth ReservesTerrestrial			[ Resource Information ]
Name	State	Type	
Christmas Island	EXT	National Park (Commonwealth)	

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Name	Label
Abrolhos	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Abrolhos	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Abrolhos	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Abrolhos	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Ashmore Reef	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Ashmore Reef	Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia)
Carnarvon Canyon	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Cartier Island	Sanctuary Zone (IUCN Ia)
Dampier	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Dampier	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Dampier	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Eighty Mile Beach	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Gascoyne	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Gascoyne	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Gascoyne	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Geographe	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Geographe	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Geographe	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Geographe	Special Purpose Zone (Mining)
Jurien	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Jurien	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Kimberley	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Kimberley	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Kimberley	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Mermaid Reef	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Montebello	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Ningaloo	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Ningaloo	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Oceanic Shoals	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Oceanic Shoals	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Perth Canyon	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Perth Canyon	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Perth Canyon	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Roebuck	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Shark Bay	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
South-west Corner	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
South-west Corner	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
South-west Corner	Special Purpose Zone (Mining)
Two Rocks	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Two Rocks	National Park Zone (IUCN II)

**Extra Information****State and Territory Reserves**[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	State
Adele Island	WA
Airlie Island	WA
Alfred Cove	WA
Austin Bay	WA
Balannup Lake	WA
Banksia	WA
Bardi Jawi	WA
Barrow Island	WA
Bashford	WA
Bedout Island	WA
Beekeepers	WA
Bernier And Dorre Islands	WA
Bessieres Island	WA
Boodalan	WA
Boodie, Double Middle Islands	WA
Boullanger, Whitlock, Favourite, Tern And Osprey Islands	WA
Bramley	WA

Name	State
Broadwater	WA
Broome Bird Observatory	WA
Broome Wildlife Centre	WA
Browse Island	WA
Buller	WA
Bundegi Coastal Park	WA
Burnside And Simpson Island	WA
Byrd Swamp	WA
Cane River (Mount Minnie and Nanutarra)	WA
Cape Range	WA
Capel	WA
Carnac Island	WA
Chinamans Pool	WA
Coulomb Point	WA
Crampton	WA
Creery Island	WA
Cutubury	WA
Dambimangari	WA
Dirk Hartog Island	WA
Dongara	WA
Drovers Cave	WA
Escape Island	WA
Faure Island	WA
Fish Road	WA
Forrestdale Lake	WA
Francois Peron	WA
Freycinet, Double Islands etc	WA
Gibbs Road	WA
Gingin Stock Route	WA
Giralia	WA
Gnandaroo Island	WA
Goegrup Lake	WA
Haag	WA
Hamelin Station	WA
Harry Waring Marsupial Reserve	WA
Harvey Flats	WA
Hill River	WA
Howatharra	WA
Jandabup	WA
Jurabi Coastal Park	WA
Kalbarri	WA
Karajarri	WA
Keanes Point Reserve	WA
Kenwick Wetlands	WA
Koks Island	WA
Kooljerrenup	WA
Lacepede Islands	WA
Lake Joondalup	WA
Lake McLarty	WA
Lake Mealup	WA
Lancelin And Edwards Islands	WA
Leda	WA
Leeuwin-Naturaliste	WA
Len Howard	WA
Leschenault Peninsula	WA
Lesueur	WA
Little Rocky Island	WA
Locke	WA
Locker Island	WA
Lowendal Islands	WA
Matilda Bay Reserve	WA
McLarty	WA
Mealup Point	WA
Milyu	WA
Modong	WA
Monkey Mia Reserve	WA

Name	State
Montebello Islands	WA
Morangarel	WA
Muiron Islands	WA
Murujuga	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0003)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0004)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0014)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0044A)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0044B)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0044C)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0065A)	WA
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NTWA Bushland covenant (0095)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0102)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0116A)	WA
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NTWA Bushland covenant (0130)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0144)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0148)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0149)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0152)	WA
NTWA Bushland covenant (0164)	WA
Nabaroo	WA
Nambung	WA
Nanga Station	WA
Neerabup	WA
Neerabup	WA
Nilgen	WA
Nilligarri	WA
Nine Mile Lake	WA
North Sandy Island	WA
North Turtle Island	WA
Northern Part Victoria Location 3721 & 3565	WA
Nyangumarta Warrarn	WA
Oakajee	WA
One Tree Point	WA
Part Murchison house	WA
Penguin Island	WA
Piara	WA
Port Gregory	WA
Port Kennedy Scientific Park	WA
Prince Regent	WA
Riverdale	WA
Rocky Island	WA
Round Island	WA
Ruabon Townsite	WA
Sabina	WA
Serrurier Island	WA
Shell Beach	WA
Southern Beekeepers	WA
Stockyard Gully Reserve	WA
Sugar Loaf Rock	WA
Sussex Location 2561	WA
Swan Island	WA
Tamala Pastoral Lease (Part)	WA
Tanner Island	WA
Tent Island	WA

Name	State
Thomsons Lake	WA
Tuart Forest	WA
Unnamed WA01086	WA
Unnamed WA03249	WA
Unnamed WA11883	WA
Unnamed WA13359	WA
Unnamed WA14567	WA
Unnamed WA21176	WA
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Unguu	WA
Victor Island	WA
Walburra	WA
Wanagarren	WA
Wandi	WA
Wedge Island	WA
Weld Island	WA
Wellard	WA
Whicher	WA
Whitmore,Roberts,Doole Islands And Sandalwood Landing	WA
Wokatherra	WA
Woodvale	WA
Y Island	WA
Yalgorup	WA
Yanchep	WA
Yardanogo	WA
Yaringga	WA

Name	State
Yelverton	WA
Zuytdorp	WA

## Regional Forest Agreements [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included.

Name	State
<a href="#">South West WA RFA</a>	Western Australia

## Invasive Species [\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resources Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		

Acridotheres tristis Common Myna, Indian Myna [387]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Anas platyrhynchos Mallard [974]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Carduelis carduelis European Goldfinch [403]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Gallus gallus Red Junglefowl, Domestic Fowl [917]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Lonchura oryzivora Java Sparrow [59586]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Meleagris gallopavo Wild Turkey [64380]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Passer domesticus House Sparrow [405]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Passer montanus Eurasian Tree Sparrow [406]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Pavo cristatus Indian Peafowl, Peacock [919]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Phasianus colchicus Common Pheasant [920]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Streptopelia chinensis Spotted Turtle-Dove [780]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
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Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389]		Species or species habitat likely to occur
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Name	Status	Type of Presence within area
Turdus merula Common Blackbird, Eurasian Blackbird [596]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Frogs</b>		
Rhinella marina Cane Toad [83218]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
Bos taurus Domestic Cattle [16]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Camelus dromedarius Dromedary, Camel [7]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Capra hircus Goat [2]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus asinus Donkey, Ass [4]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus caballus Horse [5]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Feral deer Feral deer species in Australia [85733]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Funambulus pennantii Northern Palm Squirrel, Five-striped Palm Squirrel [129]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mus musculus House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus exulans Pacific Rat, Polynesian Rat [79]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus norvegicus Brown Rat, Norway Rat [83]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sus scrofa Pig [6]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
habitat likely to occur within area		
<b>Plants</b>		
Andropogon gayanus Gamba Grass [66895]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anredera cordifolia Madeira Vine, Jalap, Lamb's-tail, Mignonette Vine, Anredera, Gulf Madeiravine, Heartleaf Madeiravine, Potato Vine [2643]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Asparagus aethiopicus Asparagus Fern, Ground Asparagus, Basket Fern, Sprengi's Fern, Bushy Asparagus, Emerald Asparagus [62425]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Asparagus asparagoides Bridal Creeper, Bridal Veil Creeper, Smilax, Florist's Smilax, Smilax Asparagus [22473]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Asparagus declinatus Bridal Veil, Bridal Veil Creeper, Pale Berry Asparagus Fern, Asparagus Fern, South African Creeper [66908]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Asparagus plumosus Climbing Asparagus-fern [48993]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Brachiaria mutica Para Grass [5879]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel-grass, Black Buffel-grass [20213]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Chrysanthemoides monilifera Bitou Bush, Boneseed [18983]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera Boneseed [16905]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Cylindropuntia spp. Prickly Pears [85131]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dolichandra unguis-cati Cat's Claw Vine, Yellow Trumpet Vine, Cat's Claw Creeper, Funnel Creeper [85119]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eichhornia crassipes Water Hyacinth, Water Orchid, Nile Lily [13466]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Genista linifolia Flax-leaved Broom, Mediterranean Broom, Flax Broom [2800]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Genista monspessulana Montpellier Broom, Cape Broom, Canary Broom, Common Broom, French Broom, Soft Broom [20126]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Genista sp. X Genista monspessulana Broom [67538]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Jatropha gossypifolia Cotton-leaved Physic-Nut, Bellyache Bush, Cotton-leaf Physic Nut, Cotton-leaf Jatropha, Black Physic Nut [7507]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lantana camara Lantana, Common Lantana, Kamara Lantana,		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Large-leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sage [10892] <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i> African Boxthorn, Boxthorn [19235]		habitat likely to occur within area  Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Olea europaea</i> Olive, Common Olive [9160]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Opuntia</i> spp. Prickly Pears [82753]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> Parkinsonia, Jerusalem Thorn, Jelly Bean Tree, Horse Bean [12301]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Pinus radiata</i> Radiata Pine Monterey Pine, Insignis Pine, Wilding Pine [20780]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Prosopis</i> spp. Mesquite, Algaroba [68407]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> aggregate Blackberry, European Blackberry [68406]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i> Delta Arrowhead, Arrowhead, Slender Arrowhead [68483]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Salix</i> spp. except <i>S.babylonica</i> , <i>S.x calodendron</i> & <i>S.x reichardtii</i> Willows except Weeping Willow, Pussy Willow and Sterile Pussy Willow [68497]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Salvinia molesta</i> Salvinia, Giant Salvinia, Aquarium Watermoss, Kariba Weed [13665]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i> Silver Nightshade, Silver-leaved Nightshade, White Horse Nettle, Silver-leaf Nightshade, Tomato Weed, White Nightshade, Bull-nettle, Prairie-berry, Satansbos, Silver-leaf Bitter-apple, Silverleaf-nettle, Trompillo [12323] <i>Tamarix aphylla</i> Athel Pine, Athel Tree, Tamarisk, Athel Tamarisk, Athel Tamarix, Desert Tamarisk, Flowering Cypress, Salt Cedar [16018]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area  Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i> Asian House Gecko [1708]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Lycodon aulicus</i> Wolf Snake, Common Wolf Snake, Asian Wolf Snake [83178]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Lygosoma bowringii</i> Christmas Island Grass-skink [1312]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Ramphotyphlops braminus</i> Flowerpot Blind Snake, Brahminy Blind Snake, Cacing Besi [1258]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

## Nationally Important Wetlands

[ [Resource Information](#) ]

Name State

Name	State
<a href="#">"The Dales", Christmas Island</a>	EXT
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef</a>	EXT
<a href="#">Barraghup Swamp</a>	WA
<a href="#">Becher Point Wetlands</a>	WA
<a href="#">Booragoon Swamp</a>	WA
<a href="#">Brixton Street Swamps</a>	WA
<a href="#">Bunda-Bunda Mound Springs</a>	WA
<a href="#">Bundera Sinkhole</a>	WA
<a href="#">Cape Range Subterranean Waterways</a>	WA
<a href="#">De Grey River</a>	WA
<a href="#">Eighty Mile Beach System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Exmouth Gulf East</a>	WA
<a href="#">Forrestdale Lake</a>	WA
<a href="#">Gibbs Road Swamp System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Hamelin Pool</a>	WA
<a href="#">Herdsman Lake</a>	WA
<a href="#">Hosine's Spring, Christmas Island</a>	EXT
<a href="#">Hutt Lagoon System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Joondalup Lake</a>	WA
<a href="#">Karakin Lakes</a>	WA
<a href="#">Lake Logue/Indoon System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Lake MacLeod</a>	WA
<a href="#">Lake McLarty System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Lake Thetis</a>	WA
<a href="#">Learmonth Air Weapons Range - Saline Coastal Flats</a>	WA
<a href="#">Leslie (Port Hedland) Saltfields System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Loch McNess System</a>	WA
<a href="#">McCarleys Swamp (Ludlow Swamp)</a>	WA
<a href="#">McNeill Claypan System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef</a>	EXT
<a href="#">Murchison River (Lower Reaches)</a>	WA
<a href="#">Palmer Barracks, Guildford</a>	WA
<a href="#">Peel-Harvey Estuary</a>	WA
<a href="#">Perth Airport Woodland Swamps</a>	WA
<a href="#">Prince Regent River System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Roebuck Bay</a>	WA
<a href="#">Rottnest Island Lakes</a>	WA
<a href="#">Shark Bay East</a>	WA
<a href="#">Spectacles Swamp</a>	WA
<a href="#">Swan-Canning Estuary</a>	WA
<a href="#">Thomsons Lake</a>	WA
<a href="#">Vasse-Wonnerup Wetland System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Willie Creek Wetlands</a>	WA
<a href="#">Yalgorup Lakes System</a>	WA
<a href="#">Yampi Sound Training Area</a>	WA

## Key Ecological Features (Marine) [ [Resource Information](#) ]

Key Ecological Features are the parts of the marine ecosystem that are considered to be important for the biodiversity or ecosystem functioning and integrity of the Commonwealth Marine Area.

Name	Region
<a href="#">Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van</a>	North
<a href="#">Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin</a>	North
<a href="#">Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain with the</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Exmouth Plateau</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Glomar Shoals</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Seringapatam Reef and Commonwealth waters in</a>	North-west

Name	Region
<a href="#">Wallaby Saddle</a>	North-west
<a href="#">Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Cape Mentelle upwelling</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Commonwealth marine environment surrounding</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Commonwealth marine environment within and</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Commonwealth marine environment within and</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Naturaliste Plateau</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Western demersal slope and associated fish</a>	South-west
<a href="#">Western rock lobster</a>	South-west

# Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been derived through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, maps are derived using either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc) together with point locations and described habitat; or environmental modelling (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using point locations and environmental data layers.

Where very little information is available for species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc). In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

## Coordinates

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- [-State Herbarium of South Australia](#)
- [-Northern Territory Herbarium](#)
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Please feel free to provide feedback via the [Contact Us](#) page.



# EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about [Environment Assessments](#) and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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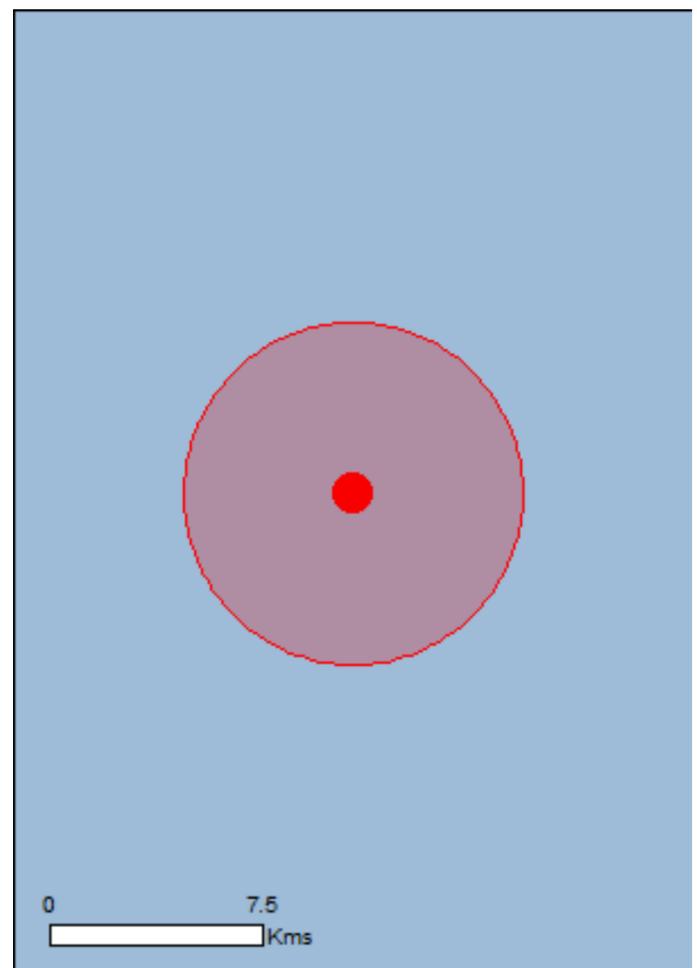
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# Summary

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

<a href="#">World Heritage Properties:</a>	None
<a href="#">National Heritage Places:</a>	None
<a href="#">Wetlands of International Importance:</a>	None
<a href="#">Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Marine Area:</a>	1
<a href="#">Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:</a>	None
<a href="#">Listed Threatened Species:</a>	12
<a href="#">Listed Migratory Species:</a>	27

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

<a href="#">Commonwealth Land:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Heritage Places:</a>	None
<a href="#">Listed Marine Species:</a>	27
<a href="#">Whales and Other Cetaceans:</a>	22
<a href="#">Critical Habitats:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:</a>	None
<a href="#">Australian Marine Parks:</a>	None

## Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

<a href="#">State and Territory Reserves:</a>	None
<a href="#">Regional Forest Agreements:</a>	None
<a href="#">Invasive Species:</a>	None
<a href="#">Nationally Important Wetlands:</a>	None
<a href="#">Key Ecological Features (Marine)</a>	None

# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

### Commonwealth Marine Area

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Approval is required for a proposed activity that is located within the Commonwealth Marine Area which has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Approval may be required for a proposed action taken outside the Commonwealth Marine Area but which has, may have or is likely to have a significant impact on the environment in the Commonwealth Marine Area. Generally the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast.

#### Name

EEZ and Territorial Sea

### Marine Regions

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

If you are planning to undertake action in an area in or close to the Commonwealth Marine Area, and a marine bioregional plan has been prepared for the Commonwealth Marine Area in that area, the marine bioregional plan may inform your decision as to whether to refer your proposed action under the EPBC Act.

#### Name

[North-west](#)

### Listed Threatened Species

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Reptiles</b>		
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#"><i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i></a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	habitat likely to occur within area Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Natator depressus</i></a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<b>Sharks</b>		
<a href="#"><i>Carcharodon carcharias</i></a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Listed Migratory Species</b>		<a href="#">[ Resource Information ]</a>
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Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Migratory Marine Birds</b>		
<a href="#"><i>Anous stolidus</i></a> Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Calonectris leucomelas</i></a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Fregata ariel</i></a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Fregata minor</i></a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Migratory Marine Species</b>		
<a href="#"><i>Anoxypristis cuspidata</i></a> Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Balaenoptera borealis</i></a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Balaenoptera edeni</i></a> Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Balaenoptera musculus</i></a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Balaenoptera physalus</i></a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Carcharodon carcharias</i></a> White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Caretta caretta</i></a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Chelonia mydas</i></a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Dermochelys coriacea</i></a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#"><i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i></a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i></a> Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Isurus paucus</i></a> Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Manta birostris</i></a> Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacific Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Manta Ray [84995]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i></a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Natator depressus</i></a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Orcinus orca</i></a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Physeter macrocephalus</i></a> Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Tursiops aduncus</i> (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Migratory Wetlands Species</b>		
<a href="#"><i>Actitis hypoleucos</i></a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Calidris acuminata</i></a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Calidris canutus</i></a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Calidris melanotos</i></a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#"><i>Numenius madagascariensis</i></a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

### Listed Marine Species [ [Resource Information](#) ]

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Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<b>Birds</b>		
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Anous stolidus</a> Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris canutus</a> Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calonectris leucomelas</a> Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata ariel</a> Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Fregata minor</a> Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

### Reptiles

<a href="#">Acalyptophis peronii</a> Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus duboisii</a> Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus eydouxii</a> Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Aipysurus laevis</a> Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Astrotia stokesii</a> Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Caretta caretta</a> Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Chelonia mydas</a> Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Dermochelys coriacea</a> Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira kingii</a> Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Disteira major</a> Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ephalophis greyi</a> North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Eretmochelys imbricata</a> Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis czeblukovi</a> Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis elegans</a> Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis mcdowellii</a> null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hydrophis ornatus</a> Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Natator depressus</a> Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Pelamis platurus</a> Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Whales and other Cetaceans [ [Resource Information](#) ]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Mammals</b>		
<a href="#">Balaenoptera borealis</a> Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera edeni</a> Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera musculus</a> Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
<a href="#">Balaenoptera physalus</a> Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Delphinus delphis</a> Common Dophin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Feresa attenuata</a> Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<a href="#">Globicephala macrorhynchus</a> Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		habitat may occur within area  Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Grampus griseus</a> Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia breviceps</a> Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Kogia simus</a> Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Megaptera novaeangliae</a> Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Orcinus orca</a> Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Peponocephala electra</a> Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Physeter macrocephalus</a> Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Pseudorca crassidens</a> False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella attenuata</a> Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella coeruleoalba</a> Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Stenella longirostris</a> Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Steno bredanensis</a> Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)</a> Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Tursiops truncatus s. str.</a> Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Ziphius cavirostris</a> Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Extra Information

# Caveat

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Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

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Where very little information is available for species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc). In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

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## **Appendix B**

# **Cuttings and Mud Dispersion Modelling**

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Drill Cuttings and Muds Dispersion Modelling

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# Executive Summary

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## Background

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To support the environmental management and impact assessment process, a dispersion modelling study was commissioned with the primary objective to quantify the potential sediment thickness and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentrations from the cuttings and unrecoverable muds to be discharged during the proposed drilling operation. The report presents the potential area that may be influenced based for each quarter (Q1 – Q4) and annualised (any time of year).

## Methodology

The modelling study was carried out in several stages. Firstly, three-dimensional currents that include the combined influence of ocean and tidal currents were generated. Secondly, the current data and the cuttings discharge characteristics were input into the three-dimensional sediment dispersion model, MUDMAP. Thirdly, as the spud date can vary, twenty-five simulations were modelled for each quarter (Q1 – Q4) and well. Each simulation had a randomly chosen start time, ensuring that a range of currents conditions were considered. Lastly, the results from all 100 discharge simulations, were integrated to present the overall potential sediment thicknesses and the extent and magnitude of TSS concentrations based on a collective or annual assessment.

A thickness of 0.01 mm was used as the minimum reporting threshold for the deposited cuttings/muds, whilst intervals of 1-10 mm and above 10 mm were used to define low and high exposure, respectively.

In addition, a reporting threshold of 5 mg/L was used for the minimum TSS concentration. A threshold range of 10-1830 mg/L and above 1830 mg/L were used to define low and high exposure, respectively

## Key Findings

- Based on the results from all 100 simulations (or annualised assessment), the maximum bottom thickness was 874.6 mm and the total combined area of coverage on the seafloor above the minimum reporting threshold of 0.01 mm was 27.1 km<sup>2</sup>. While the maximum distance from the low exposure and high exposure threshold was 1.24 km and 0.40 km, respectively. the maximum distance from the well to the minimum reporting threshold was 6.09 km west. The maximum distance from the well to the low exposure and high exposure threshold was 1.24 km and 0.40 km, respectively.
- The maximum distance from the well to the minimum threshold was 6.45 east-southeast and the combined area of coverage was 11.8 km<sup>2</sup>. While the area of coverage for the low threshold was 2.9 km<sup>2</sup> (or 24% of the total area of exposure) and a maximum distance from the release location was 3.95 km.

The maximum TSS concentration of 1,631.9 mg/L was immediately adjacent to the discharge point (<30 m), which is below the high threshold.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Project Background

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To support the environmental management and impact assessment process, Green Light Environmental on behalf of BP commissioned RPS to undertake a drill cuttings and muds dispersion modelling study.

The primary objective of the study was to quantify the potential sediment thickness and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentrations from the cuttings and unrecoverable muds discharged during the proposed drilling operation. As the spud date can vary, the discharge accounted for a range of conditions using different start times and presented on quartile basis (Q1 – Q4) and annualised. This allows for an objective indication of all locations that maybe exposed from the discharged cuttings and unrecoverable muds.

Table 1 and Figure 1 present the location and coordinates of Ironbark-1 exploration which was used as the release location for the modelling.

**Table 1** Coordinates of the Ironbark-1 exploration well, which was used as the release location for the modelling study.

Well name	Latitude	Longitude	Water depth (m)
Ironbark-1	19° 09' 34.01" S	116° 04' 35.8" E	298

*The WGS84 Geographic projection was used throughout the report*

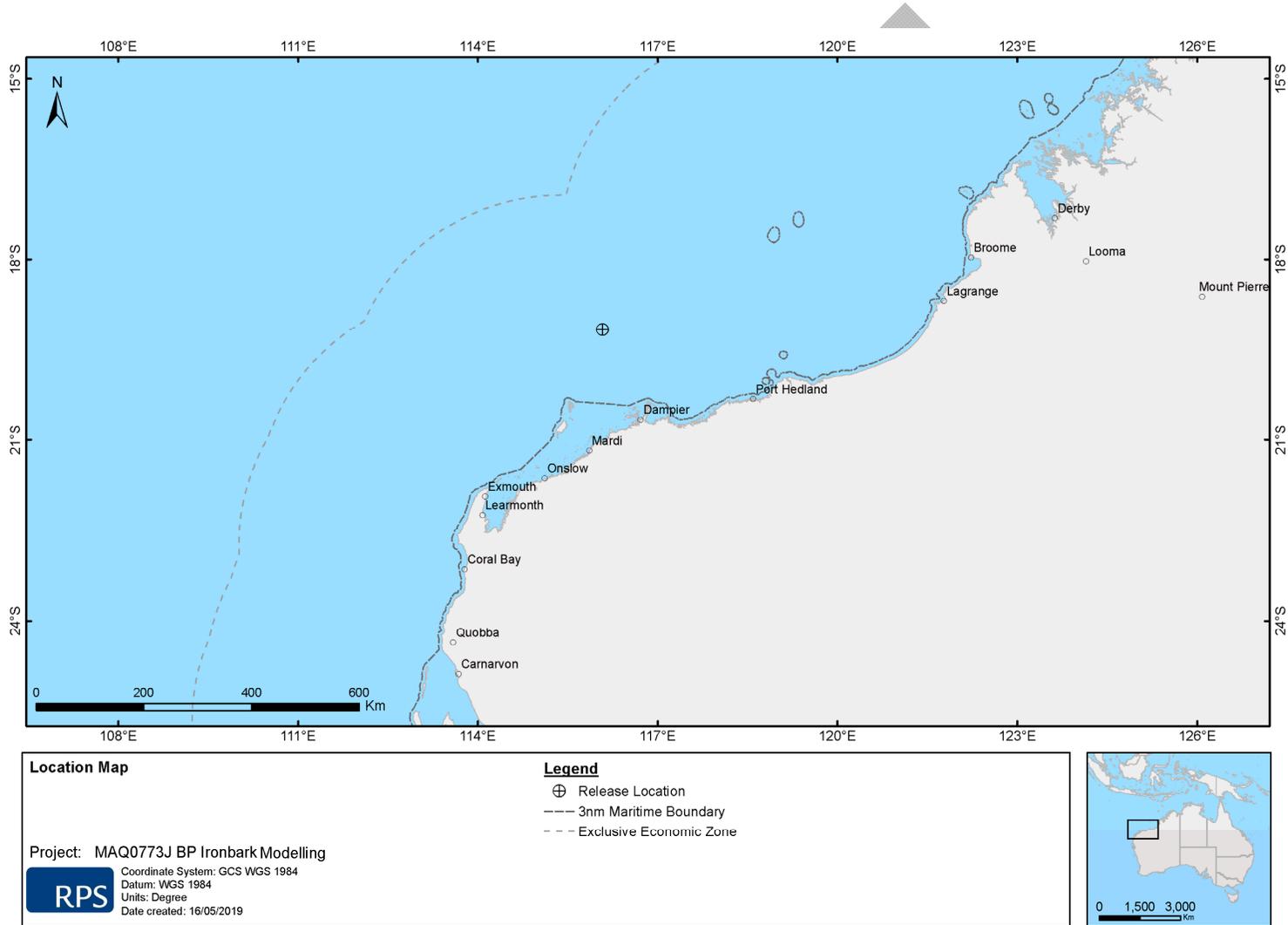


Figure 1 Location map Ironbark-1 exploration well, which was used as the release location for the modelling study.

## 2 Scope of Work

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The scope of work included the following components:

1. Generate 3-dimensional current data (2011 to 2015 inclusive) that included the combined influence of ocean and tidal currents. The current data was suitably long to be indicative of interannual variability in ocean currents.
2. The current data and the drill cuttings/muds discharge characteristics were input into the three-dimensional sediment dispersion model (MUDMAP). Twenty-five simulations were modelled per discharge height (riserless or seabed and surface) per quarter. Each simulation had a different start time, ensuring that a range of current conditions were considered;
3. The results from all 25 combined simulations (from the near-seabed and sea surface discharges), per quarter, were integrated to identify the potential seabed deposition and water column exposure for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4; and
4. The results from all 100 combined discharge simulations (i.e. Q1 – Q4) were integrated to present the overall potential seabed deposition and water column exposure on a collective or annual assessment.

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### 3 Regional Currents

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The waters surrounding the Ironbark site would be affected by the Leeuwin current, a warm ocean current that flows strongly southwards along the Western Australian coastline (Holloway, 1993; Holloway and Nye, 1985; Godfrey and Ridgeway, 1985), and associated eddies and counter-currents (Figure 2).

The strength of the current is known to vary through the year, with the weakest southwards flow occurring from November to April (Sampey et al., 2004), when the winds tend to blow strongly northwards. Maximum flow velocities are generally experienced during autumn and winter when wind directions do not oppose the current. Typical current speeds in the Leeuwin Current (and its eddies) are approximately 0.5 m/s, although speeds of 1 m/s are common. Additionally, inter-annual variations in the strength of the currents are affected by El Niño - Southern Oscillation events (Pearce and Griffith, 1991). A comprehensive description of the circulation patterns of the Northwest Shelf is provided in a review by Condie and Andrewartha (2008).

The Leeuwin Undercurrent and other sub-surface currents have been observed to flow westwards (away from the coastline) offshore from the Exmouth plateau (Figure 3).

While the tidal currents are generally weaker in the deeper waters, their influence is greatest along the near shore, coastal passage regions and, in and around islands. Therefore, to accurately describe the variability in currents between the inshore and offshore region, a hybrid regional dataset was developed by combining ocean predictions obtained from HYCOM (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model) with 2-dimensional tidal currents developed by RPS. The following sections provide a summary of the hybrid regional data set.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 present the dominant (i.e. most frequently occurring) current conditions based on summer and winter HYCOM datasets within the region.

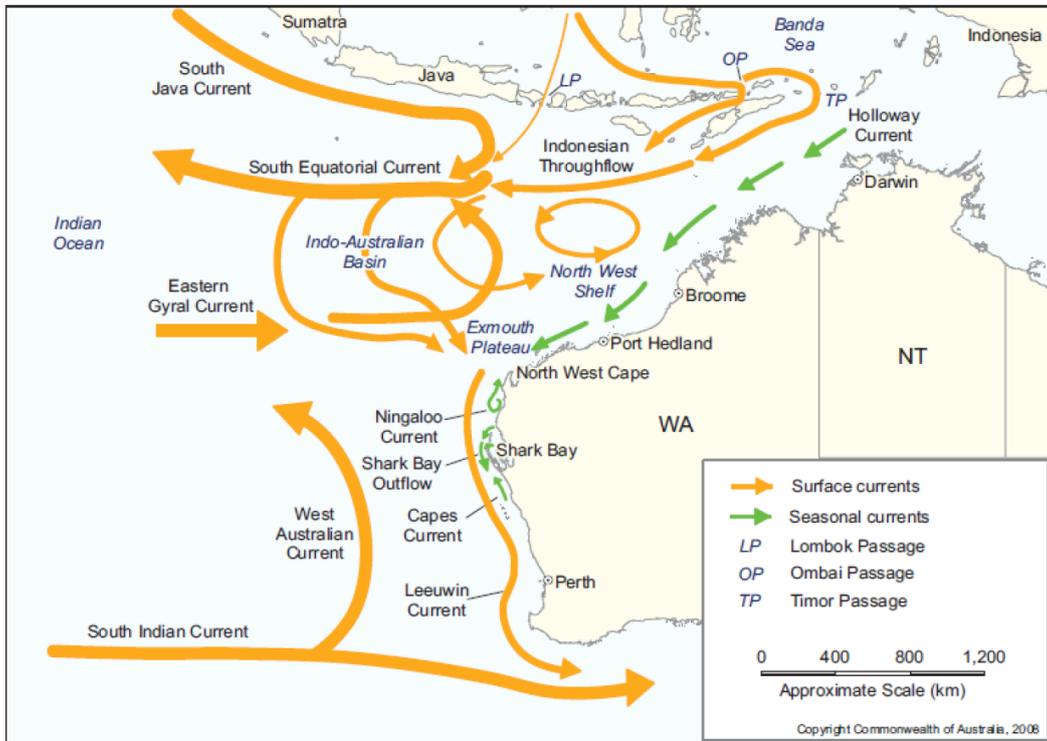


Figure 2 Schematic of ocean currents along the northwest Australian continental shelf (Source: DEWHA, 2008).

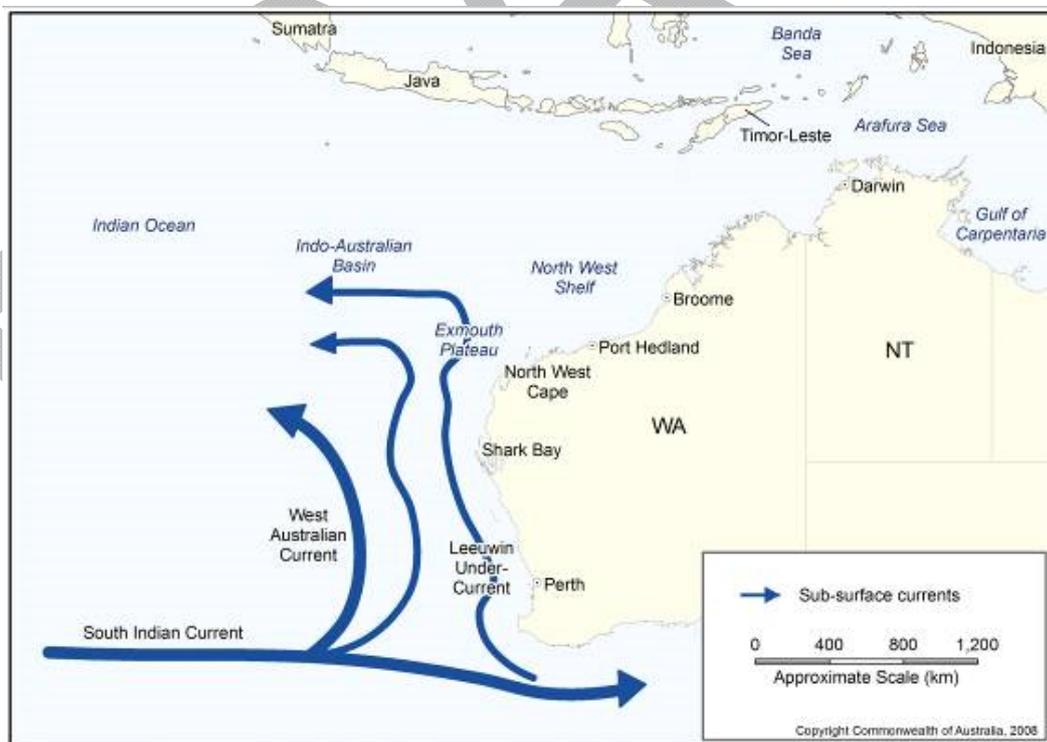


Figure 3 Schematic of ocean sub-surface currents along the northwest Australian continental shelf (Source: DEWHA, 2008).

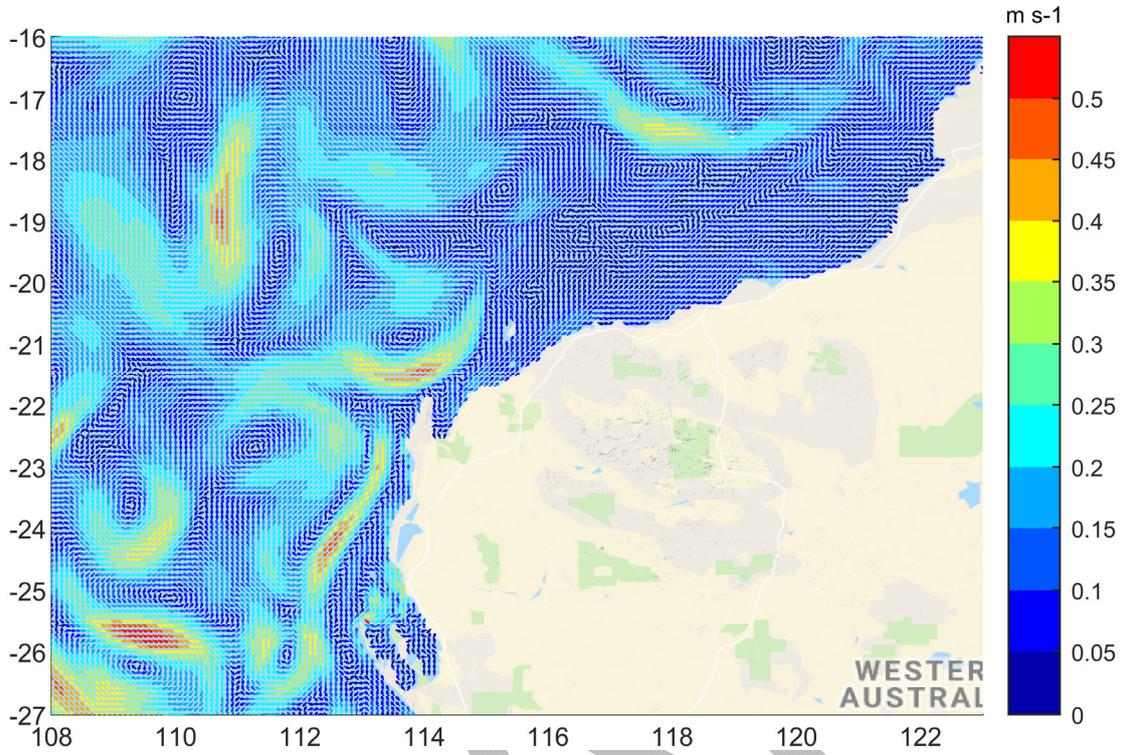


Figure 4 HYCOM surface drift conditions during summer.

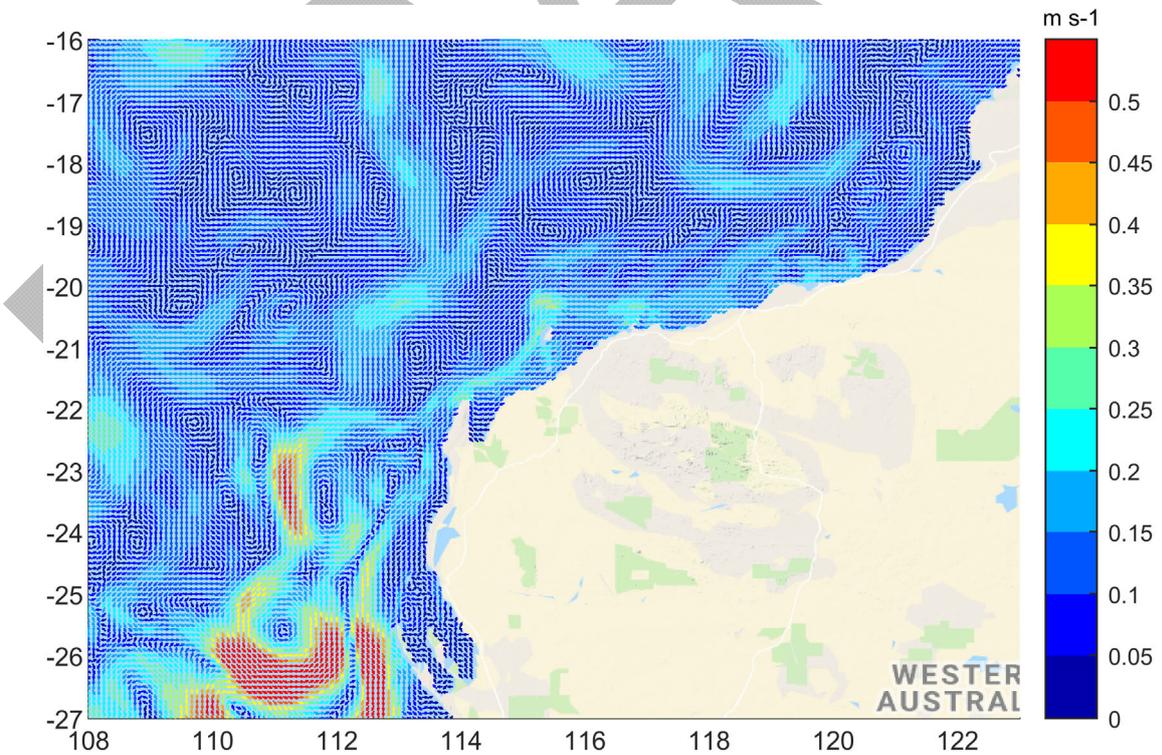


Figure 5 HYCOM surface drift conditions during winter.

### 3.1 Tidal Currents

Tidal current data was generated using RPS's advanced ocean/coastal model, HYDROMAP. The HYDROMAP model has been thoroughly tested and verified through field measurements throughout the world for over 30 years (Isaji and Spaulding, 1984; Isaji et al., 2001; Zigic et al., 2003). In fact, HYDROMAP tidal current data has been used as input to forecast (in the future) and hindcast (in the past) oil spills in Australian waters and forms part of the Australian National Oil Spill Emergency Response System operated by AMSA (Australian Maritime Safety Authority).

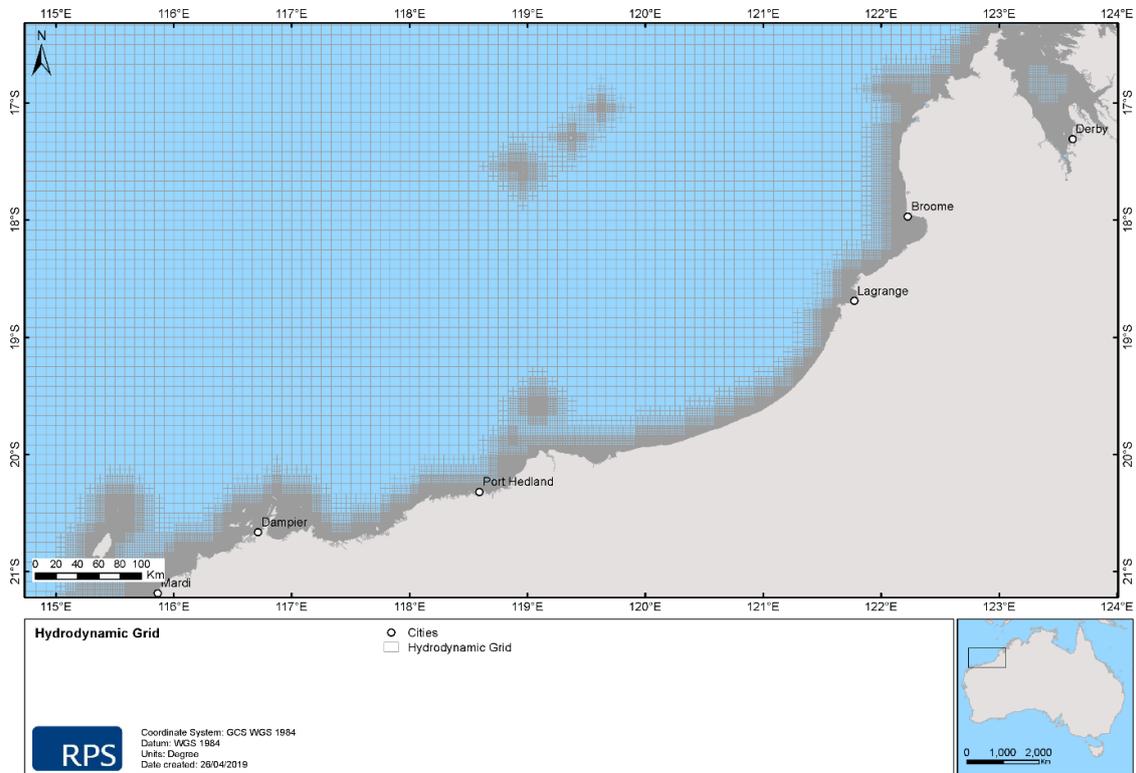
HYDROMAP employs a sophisticated sub-gridding strategy, which supports up to six levels of spatial resolution, halving the grid cell size as each level of resolution is employed. The sub-gridding allows for higher resolution of currents within areas of greater bathymetric and coastline complexity, and/or of particular interest to a study.

The numerical solution methodology follows that of Davies (1977a, 1977b) with further developments for model efficiency by Owen (1980) and Gordon (1982). A more detailed presentation of the model can be found in Isaji and Spaulding (1984) and Isaji et al. (2001).

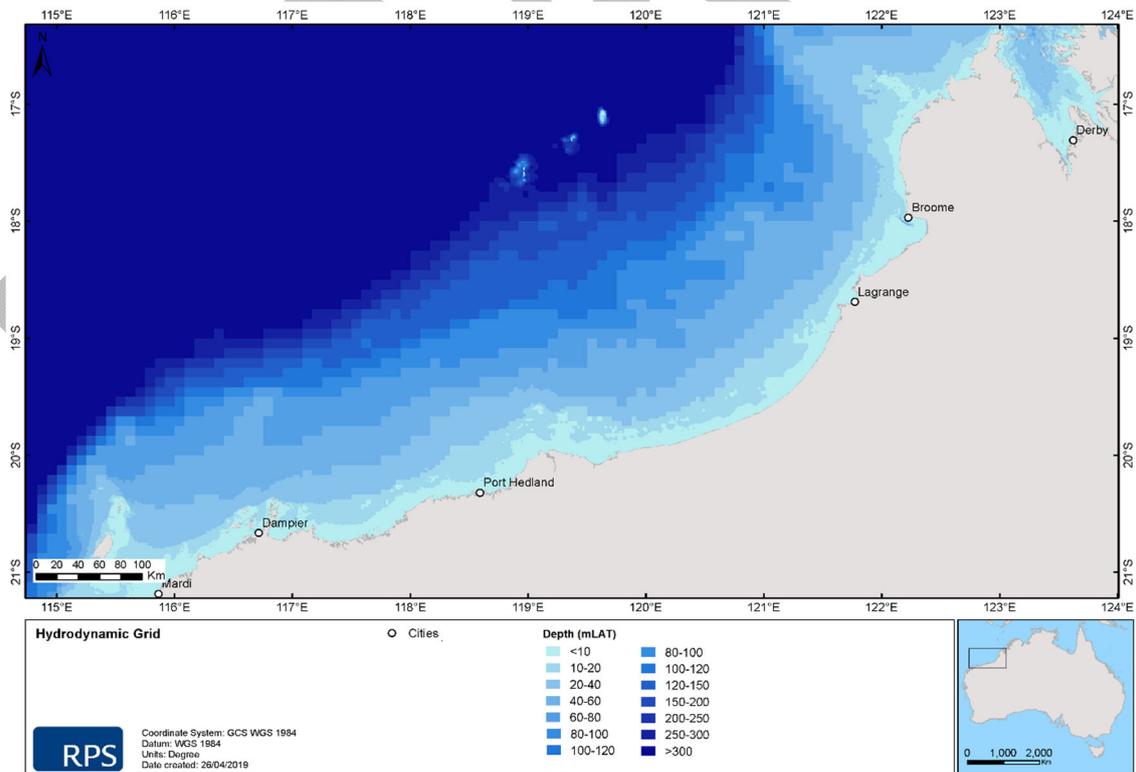
#### 3.1.1 Grid Setup

RPS have a seamless global 2-dimensional tidal model. The model domain is sub-gridded to a resolution of approximately 500 m for shallow and coastal regions, starting from an offshore (or deep water) resolution of approximately 8 km. The finer gridding was allocated in a step-wise fashion to more accurately resolve flows along the coastline, around islands and over more complex bathymetry. Figure 6 shows a sample of the tidal model domain, which extends over the study region.

The bathymetry in the model domain (Figure 7) consists of multiple data sources, including Geoscience Australia and digitised navigational charts.



**Figure 6** Sample of the model grid used to generate the tidal currents for the study region. Higher resolution areas are shown by the denser mesh.



**Figure 7** Sample of the bathymetry defined throughout the tidal model.

### 3.1.2 Tidal Conditions

The ocean boundary data for the regional model was obtained from satellite measured altimetry data (TOPEX/Poseidon 7.2) which provided estimates of the eight dominant tidal constituents at a horizontal scale of approximately 0.25 degrees. The eight major tidal constituents used were  $K_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $O_1$  and  $Q_1$ . Using the tidal data, surface heights were firstly calculated along the open boundaries, at each time step in the model.

The Topex-Poseidon satellite data has a resolution of 0.25 degrees globally and is produced and quality controlled by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). The satellites, equipped with two highly accurate altimeters, capable of taking sea level measurements accurate to less than  $\pm 5$  cm, measured oceanic surface elevations (and the resultant tides) for over 13 years (1992–2005). In total these satellites carried out 62,000 orbits of the planet. The Topex-Poseidon tidal data has been widely used amongst the oceanographic community, being referenced in more than 2,100 research publications (e.g. Andersen, 1995; Ludicone et al., 1998; Matsumoto et al., 2000; Kostianoy et al., 2003; Yaremchuk and Tangdong, 2004; Qiu and Chen 2010). As such the Topex/Poseidon tidal data is considered suitably accurate for this study.

### 3.1.3 Surface Elevation Validation

To ensure that tidal predictions were accurate, predicted surface elevations were compared to data observed at five locations (see Figure 8).

Figure 9 and Figure 10 illustrate a comparison of the predicted and observed surface elevations for each location for January 2014. As shown on the graphs, the model accurately reproduced the phase and amplitudes throughout the spring and neap tidal cycles.

To provide a statistical measure of the model performance, the Index of Agreement (IOA – Willmott, 1981) and the Mean Absolute Error (MAE – Willmott, 1982; Willmott and Matsuura, 2005) were used.

The MAE is simply the average of the absolute values of the difference between the model-predicted (P) and observed (O) variables. It is a more natural measure of the average error (Willmott and Matsuura, 2005) and more readily understood.

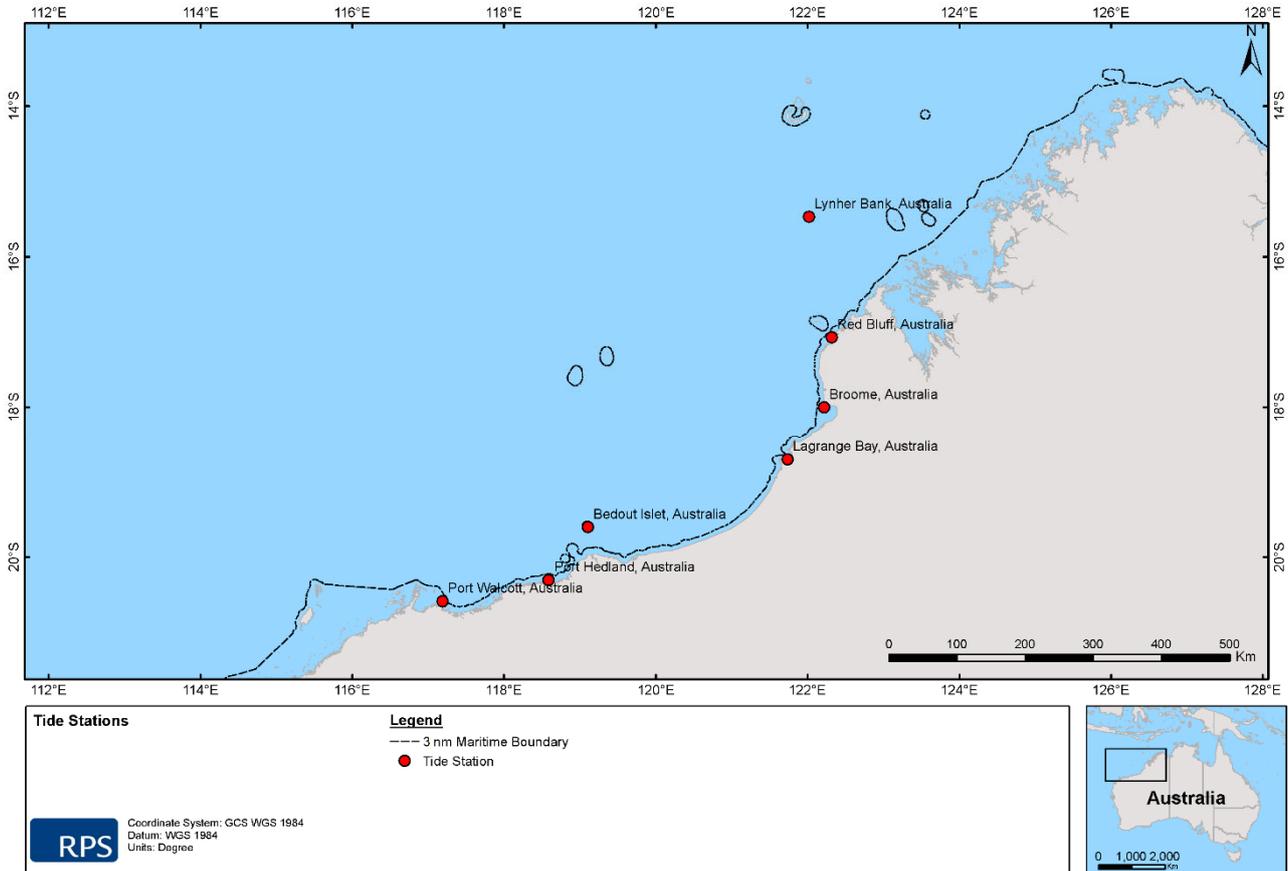
The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) is determined by:

$$MAE = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N |P_i - O_i|$$

The Index of Agreement (IOA) is determined by:

$$IOA = 1 - \frac{\sum |X_{model} - X_{obs}|^2}{\sum (|X_{model} - \bar{X}_{obs}| + |X_{obs} - \bar{X}_{obs}|)^2}$$

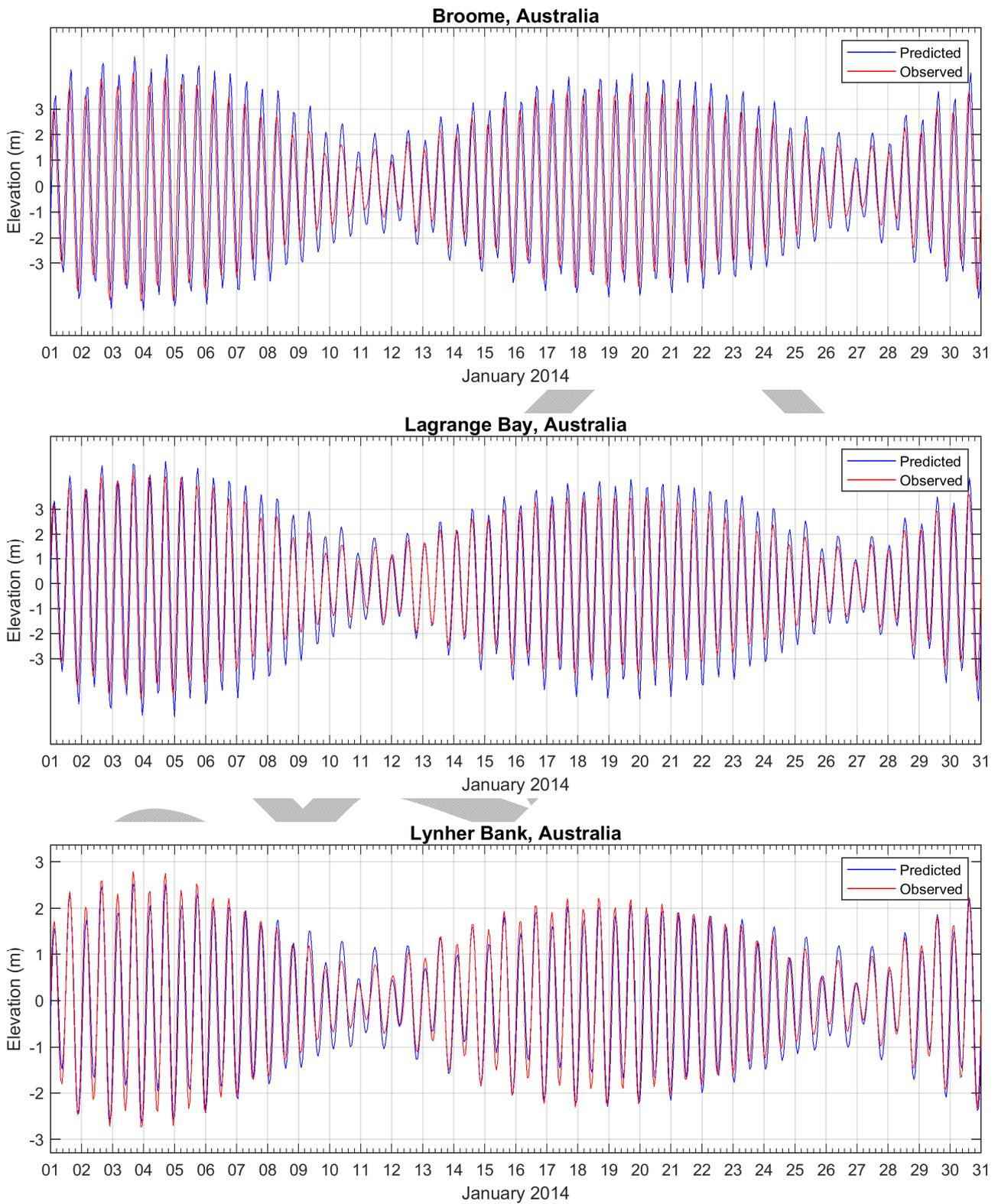
Where: X represents the variable being compared and the time mean of that variable. A perfect agreement exists between the model and field observations if the index gives an agreement value of 1 and complete disagreement will produce an index measure of 0 (Willmott, 1981). Willmott et al. (1985) also suggests that values meaningfully larger than 0.5 represent good model performance. Clearly, a greater IOA and lower MAE represent a better model performance.



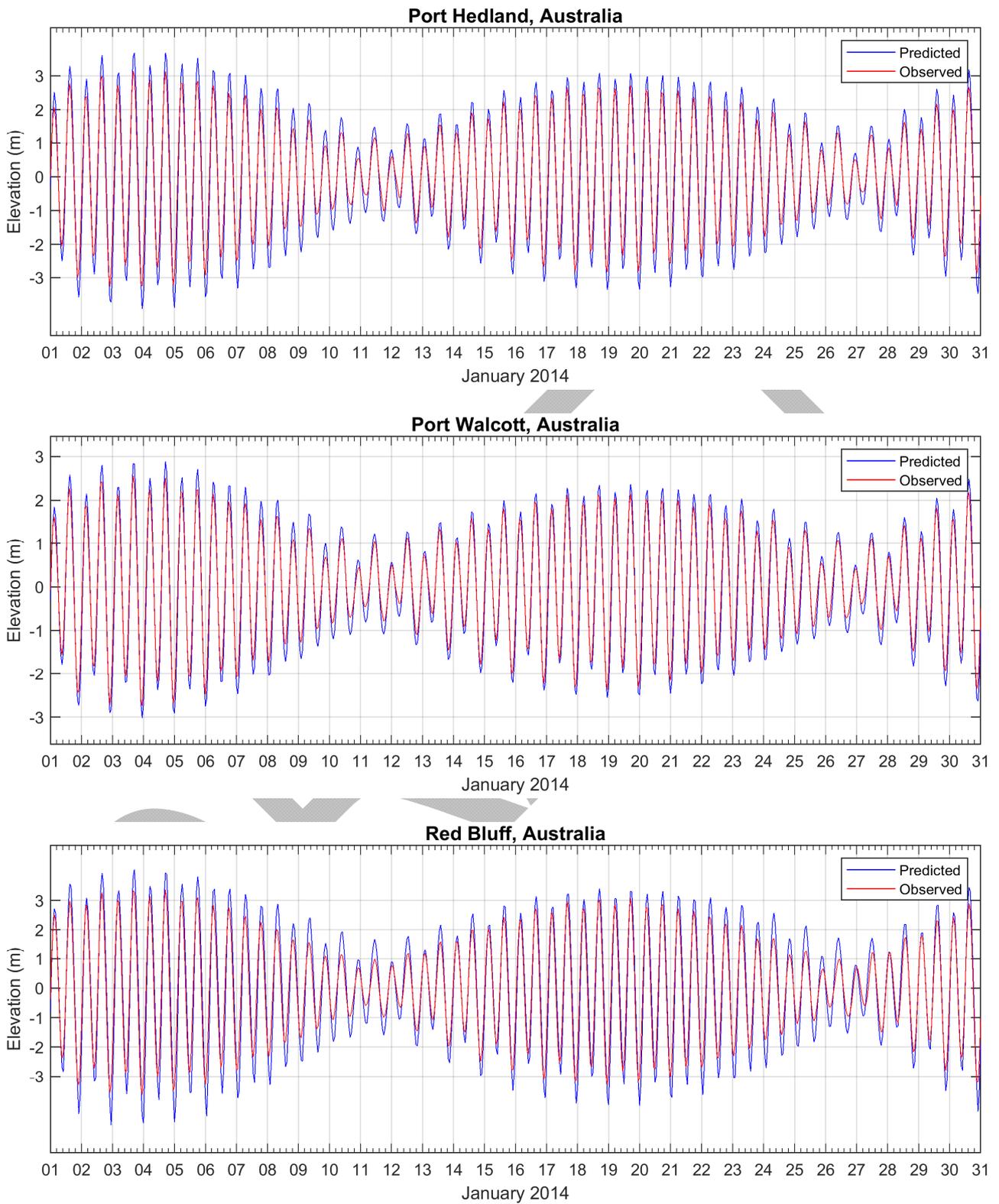
**Figure 8** Tide stations used to validate surface elevation within the model.

**Table 2** Statistical comparison between the observed and predicted surface elevations.

Tide Station	IOA	MAE (m)
Broome	0.90	1.11
Lagrange Bay	0.96	0.71
Lynher Bank	0.98	0.31
Port Hedland	0.98	0.33
Port Walcott	0.99	0.20
Red Bluff	0.98	0.46



**Figure 9 Comparison between HYDROMAP predicted (blue line) and observed (red line) surface elevation.**



**Figure 10 Comparison between HYDROMAP predicted (blue line) and observed (red line) surface elevation.**

## 3.2 Ocean Currents

Data describing the flow of ocean currents was obtained from HYCOM (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model, (Chassignet et al., 2007), which is operated by the HYCOM Consortium, sponsored by the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE). HYCOM is a data-assimilative, three-dimensional ocean model that is run as a hindcast (for a past period), assimilating time-varying observations of sea surface height, sea surface temperature and in-situ temperature and salinity measurements (Chassignet et al., 2009). The HYCOM predictions for drift currents are produced at a horizontal spatial resolution of approximately 8.25 km (1/12<sup>th</sup> of a degree) over the region, at a frequency of once per day. HYCOM uses isopycnal layers in the open, stratified ocean, but uses the layered continuity equation to make a dynamically smooth transition to a terrain following coordinate in shallow coastal regions, and to z-level coordinates in the mixed layer and/or unstratified seas.

For this study, the HYCOM hindcast currents were obtained for the years 2011 to 2015 (inclusive).

## 3.3 Currents at the Release Location

Table 3 displays the predicted average and maximum surface and near-seabed currents, respectively, adjacent to the release location. Figure 11 and Figure 12 present the monthly surface and near-seabed current rose distributions (2011 to 2015 inclusive) respectively, derived from HYCOM ocean current data and HYDROMAP tidal data adjacent to the release location.

Note the convention for defining current direction is the direction the current flows towards, which is used to reference current direction throughout this report. Each branch of the rose represents the currents flowing to that direction, with north to the top of the diagram. Sixteen directions are used. The branches are divided into segments of different colour, which represent the current speed ranges for each direction. Speed intervals of 0.1 m/s are predominantly used in these current roses. The length of each coloured segment is relative to the proportion of currents flowing within the corresponding speed and direction.

The combined current data demonstrated that waters at the release location tended to flow along the west-east axis. The average monthly near-seabed current speeds ranged between 0.09 and 0.10 m/s, while the maximum speeds were between 0.22 and 0.25 m/s. In comparison, the surface current speeds were faster and more varied with the monthly average speeds ranging between 0.16 and 0.27 m/s, while the maximum speeds were between 0.59 and 1.02 m/s.

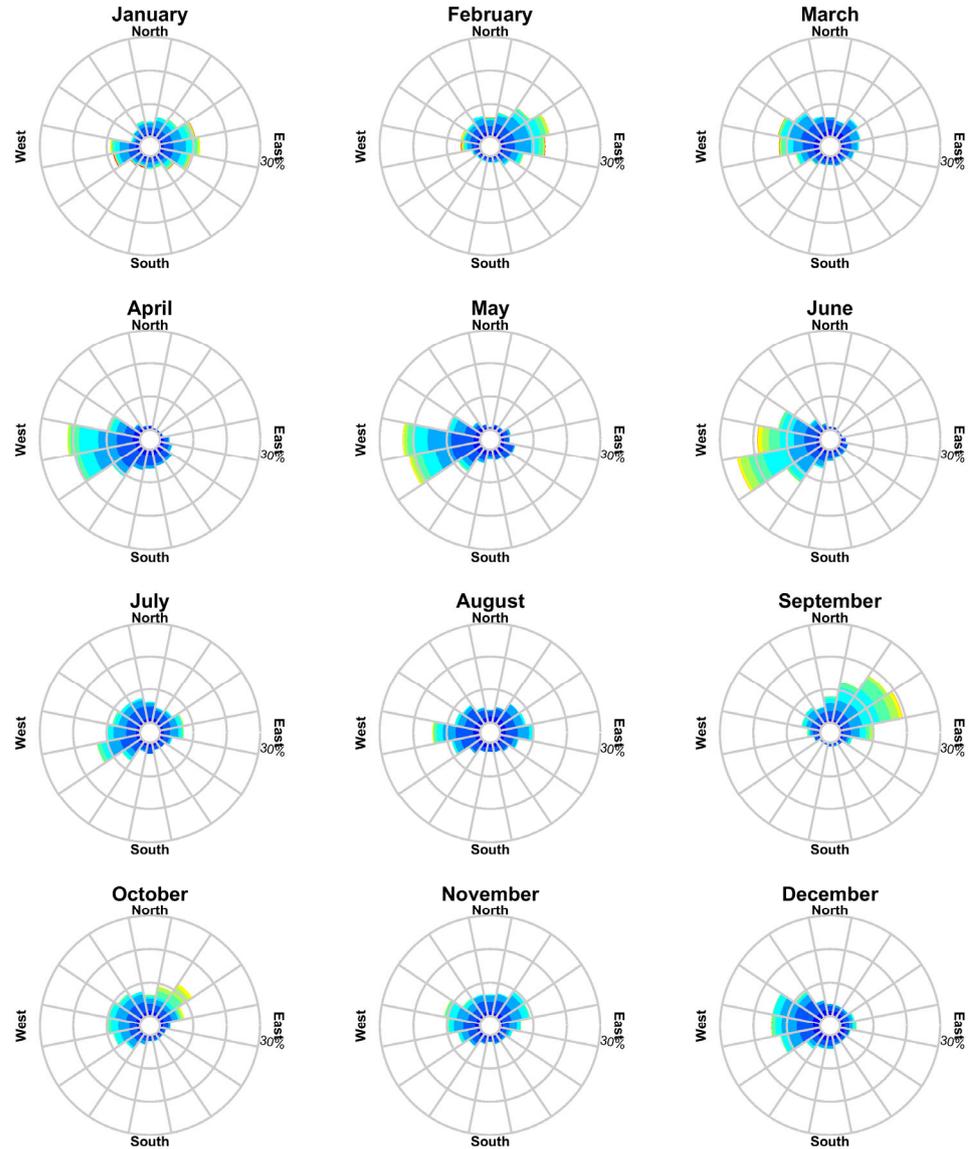
**Table 3** Predicted average and maximum near-seabed and surface and current speeds adjacent to the release location. Data derived by combining the HYCOM ocean data and HYDROMAP high resolution tidal data from 2011-2015 (inclusive).

Month	Quarter	Near-seabed		Surface	
		Average current speed (m/s)	Maximum current speed (m/s)	Average current speed (m/s)	Maximum current speed (m/s)
January	Q1	0.09	0.24	0.24	1.02
February		0.09	0.24	0.23	0.90
March		0.10	0.25	0.19	0.89
April	Q2	0.10	0.25	0.20	0.65
May		0.09	0.23	0.20	0.72
June		0.09	0.22	0.26	0.76
July	Q3	0.09	0.23	0.19	0.59
August		0.10	0.25	0.16	0.66
September		0.10	0.25	0.27	0.79
October	Q4	0.09	0.25	0.24	0.68
November		0.09	0.24	0.20	0.62
December		0.09	0.22	0.17	0.87
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.59</b>
	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>1.02</b>



**RPS Data Set Analysis**  
**Current Speed (m/s) and Direction Rose (All Records)**

Longitude = 116.08°E, Latitude = 19.16°S  
 Analysis Period: 31-Dec-2010 to 31-Dec-2014



Color Key [Current Speed(m/s)] :



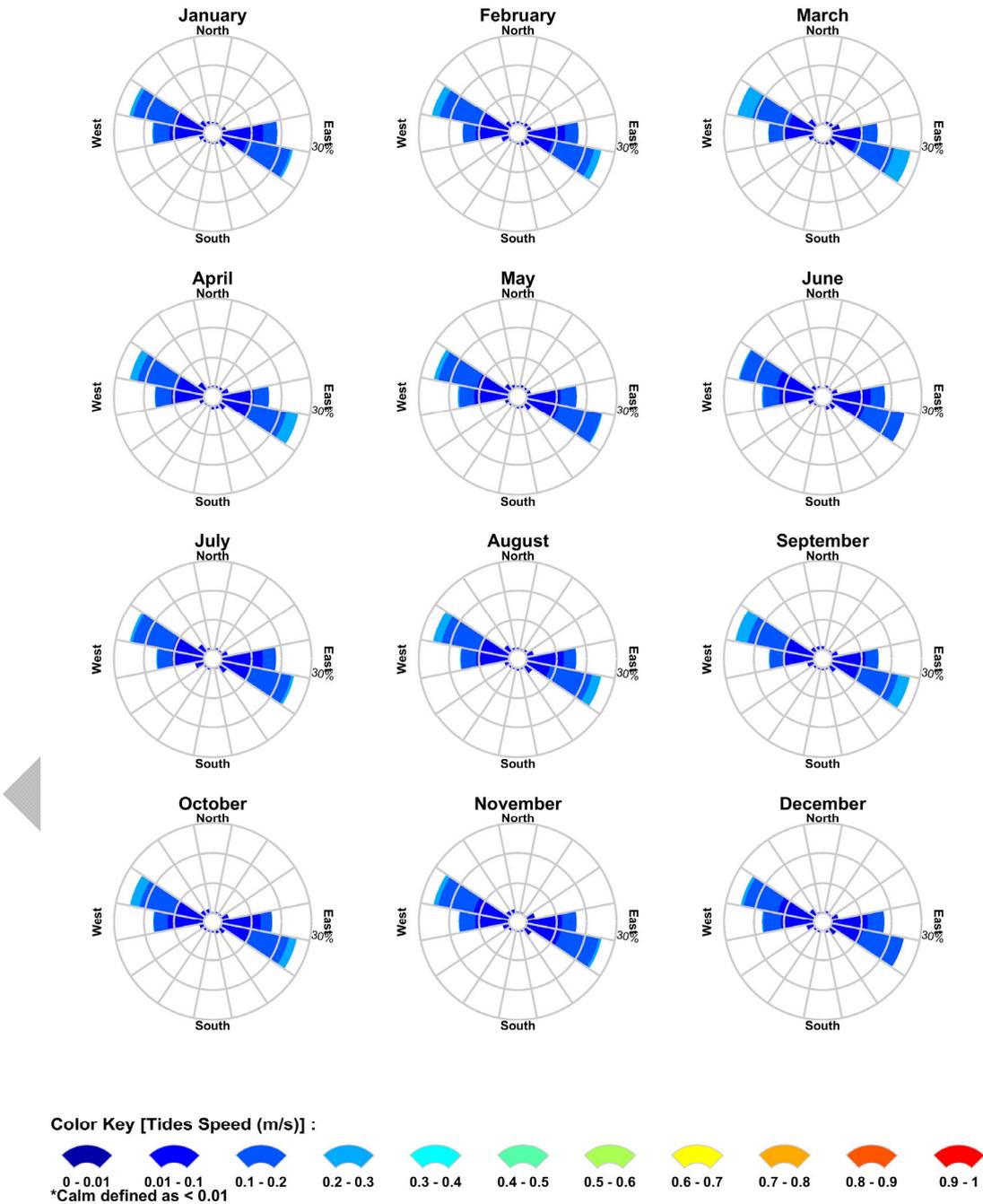
**Figure 11 Monthly surface current rose plots near the Ironbark release location (derived by combining the HYDROMAP tidal currents and HYCOM ocean currents for 2011 – 2015 inclusive). The colour key shows the current magnitude (m/s), the compass direction provides the current direction**



flowing TOWARDS and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

**RPS Data Set Analysis**  
**Tides Speed (m/s) and Direction Rose (All Records)**

Longitude = 116.08°E, Latitude = 19.16°S  
 Analysis Period: 01-Jan-2014 to 31-Dec-2014



**Figure 12 Monthly near-seabed current rose plots near the Ironbark release location (derived by combining the HYDROMAP tidal currents and HYCOM ocean currents for 2011 – 2015 inclusive). The**

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colour key shows the current magnitude (m/s), the compass direction provides the current direction flowing TOWARDS and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

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## 4 Water Temperature and Salinity

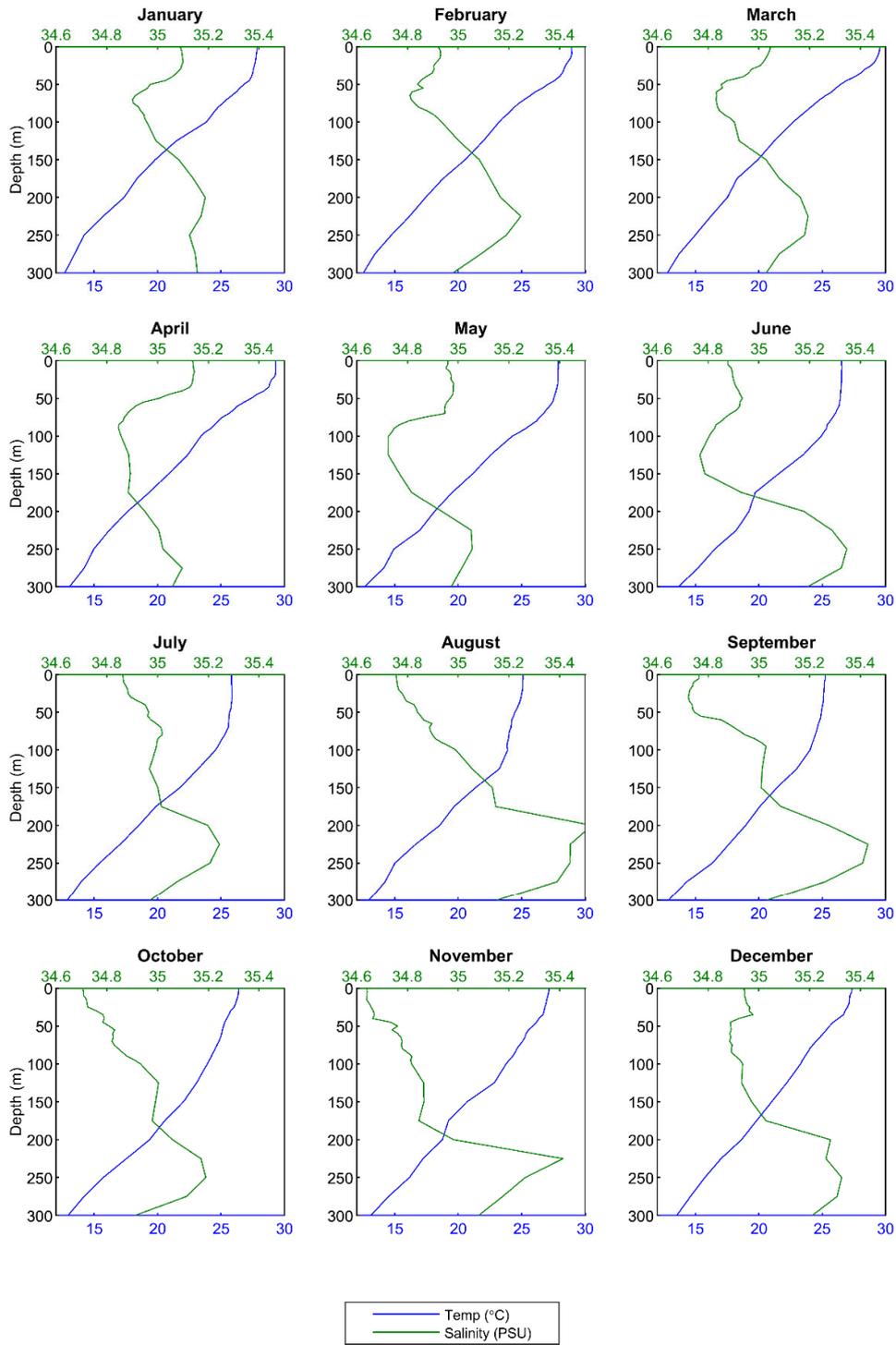
To accurately represent the water column temperature and salinity at the well, the monthly temperature and salinity values was obtained from the World Ocean Atlas 2013 database produced by the National Oceanographic Data Centre (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and its co-located World Data Center for Oceanography (see Levitus et al., 2013).

Table 5 details the annual water temperature and salinity adjacent to the release location at the surface and near the seabed. The average temperature is 27.3°C at the surface and 13.0°C near the seabed. Salinity remained consistent throughout the water column at approximately 35 PSU.

Figure 13 shows the mean monthly temperature and salinity profiles for the point closest to the release location.

**Table 4 Monthly averaged water temperature and salinity values at the surface and near seabed adjacent to the release location (data sourced: World Ocean Atlas, 2013).**

Month	Quarter	Near-seabed		Surface	
		Water temperature (°C)	Salinity (PSU)	Water temperature (°C)	Salinity (PSU)
January	Q1	13.5	35.1	27.8	35.1
February		13.4	35.1	28.9	34.9
March		13.7	35.1	29.5	35.0
April	Q2	14.2	35.1	29.3	35.1
May		14.1	35.0	27.9	35.0
June		15.2	35.3	26.5	34.9
July	Q3	14.0	35.1	25.8	34.9
August		14.2	35.4	25.1	34.8
September		14.3	35.3	25.3	34.8
October	Q4	14.2	35.1	26.4	34.7
November		14.5	35.2	27.1	34.6
December		14.6	35.3	27.3	34.9
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>34.6</b>
	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>35.1</b>



**Figure 13 Monthly temperature (blue) and salinity (green) profiles adjacent to the Ironbark release location as a function of depth. Data sourced from the World Ocean Atlas (2013) database.**

## 5 Sediment Dispersion Modelling

### 5.1 Model Description - MUDMAP

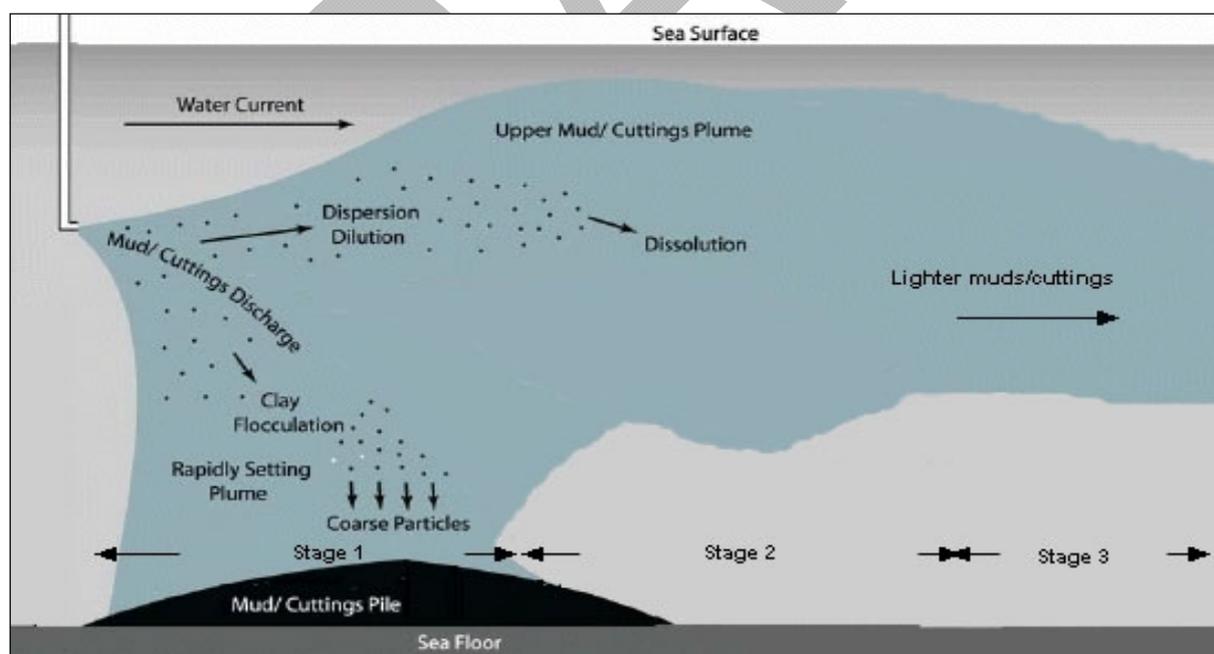
MUDMAP is a three-dimensional plume model used by industry and regulators to aid in assessing the potential environmental effects from operational discharges such as drill cuttings, drilling fluids and produced water. The model has been applied to hundreds of assessments in over 35 countries, including Australia.

The far-field calculation (passive dispersion stage), employs a particle-based, random walk procedure. The model predicts the dynamics of the discharge material and resulting seabed concentrations and bottom thicknesses over the near-field (i.e. the immediate area of the discharge) and the far-field (the wider region). Figure 14 shows a conceptual diagram of the dispersion and fates of drill cuttings and fluids discharge to the ocean and an idealized representation of the three discharge phases.

Settling under currents is selective for particle size, with the larger particles (rock chips to sand) tending to settle quickly, forming a pile that aligns with the predominant current axis. Smaller particles (especially silts and clays) will remain suspended for longer periods and will therefore be dispersed more widely by the ambient current conditions. Dispersion of the finer discharged material will tend to be enhanced with increased current speeds and water depth and with greater variation in current direction over time and depth.

Along with the advanced analyses tools, MUDMAP can simulate six classes of material (or 36 sub-categories), each with unique density and particle-size distribution. During the dispersion stage, the model particles are transported in three-dimensions according to the current data and horizontal and vertical mixing coefficients at each time step according to the governing equations.

MUDMAP has been extensively validated and applied for discharge operations (e.g. Burns et. al., 1999; King and McAllister, 1997, 1998; Spaulding, 1994).



**Figure 14** Conceptual diagram showing the general behaviour of cuttings and muds following the discharge to the ocean (Neff, 2005) and the idealised representation of the three discharge phases.

## 5.2 Discharge Program

BP has indicated that a conventional design will be used for drilling the well in five intervals. The well will consist of 42" and 26" hole intervals to be drilled using seawater. The extracted drill cuttings from the 42" and 26" hole intervals will be discharged above the seabed. Thereafter, well intervals of 17.5 x 22" and 16.5" will be drilled using water based muds (WBM) and a 12.25" hole diameter interval drilled using synthetic based muds (SBM). The drill cuttings and muds will be brought to the rig and treated by the solids control equipment to separate the drilling muds which can be reused. The cuttings and unrecoverable muds are to be discharged from a pipe at the sea surface.

The total discharge duration of drill cuttings and muds is expected to be 7.6 days.

Table 5 presents a summary of the estimated volume of discharged drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds for each well interval and the duration. Estimates of the unrecoverable muds is based on the adherence to the cuttings.

**Table 5 Summary of the estimated volume of discharged drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds for each well interval and the duration.**

Hole diameter (inches)	Discharge Method	Cuttings discharged (m <sup>3</sup> )	Muds (solids only)		Discharge duration (days)
			Type	Volume discharged (m <sup>3</sup> )	
42	Returned directly to the seafloor	100	Sea water	4	0.3
26	Returned directly to the seafloor	535	Sea water	39	0.9
17.5 x 22	Cuttings and muds brought to drilling rig, then discharged at the surface	400	WBM	85	2.2
16.5	Cuttings and muds brought to drilling rig, then discharged at the surface	250	WBM	184	1.9
12.25	Cuttings and muds brought to drilling rig, then discharged at the surface	90	SBM	3	2.3
		1,375		315	7.6

Note: Only discharged solids used as model input.

WBM – Water Based Muds

SBM – Synthetic Based Muds.

## 5.3 Discharge Input Data

The input data used to setup the dispersion model included:

- Volume and discharge duration of the cuttings and unrecovered muds;
- Particle size distribution and settling velocities of discharged cuttings and unrecoverable muds;
- Bulk density of the discharged cuttings and unrecoverable muds;
- Temperature and salinity profiles of the receiving waters;
- Height/depth of the discharge point; and
- Depth-varying current data to represent local physical forcing.

Table 6 provides a summary of the discharge configuration and the estimated volume of cuttings and muds input into the discharge model. The release rates and the durations were set according to the discharge plan. The simulations were run for a longer duration to allow finer sediments to settle out of suspension or to disperse.

**Table 6** Input data used for the drill cuttings and unrecoverable mud solids dispersion modelling.

Parameter/description	BP Ironbark	
	Near-seabed	Surface
Discharge height		
Depth of discharge	2 m above seabed	mean sea level
Volume of cuttings (m <sup>3</sup> )	635	740
Volume of muds (m <sup>3</sup> )	43	162
Bulk density of drill cuttings (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2,650	2,650
Bulk density of drilling mud solids (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	4,200	4,200
Discharge duration (days) [model duration]	6.4 [20]	1.2 [4]
Sea surface discharge pipe orientation	Vertically downwards	
Model conditions	Stochastic analysis per quarter year (Quarter 1 (Q1): December–March; Quarter 2 (Q2): April–June; Quarter 3(Q3): July–September; Quarter 4 (Q4): October–December)	

Given that a conventional design will be used for drilling the well, previous studies and literature data suggests that particle sizes would be expected to vary between 0.016 mm and 6 mm in diameter. The model was set up with four main particle classes to represent large, medium and light cuttings, and drilling fluid solids (i.e. mud particles). The proportion of each size class was adjusted for each well interval according to the proposed proportion of muds and cuttings, as shown in Table 7.

It is worth noting that particle size has a greater influence on the rate of settling than density (Neff, 2005). Therefore, when setting up the material for discharge in the model, each particle size class was distributed across up to six sub-categories with specific settling velocities. The settling velocities for the various size sub-categories were derived from empirical data provided by Dyer (1986), as summarised in Table 7.

Table 7 Grain sizes, settling velocities and percentage distributions for the cuttings and muds.

Class	Grain Size (mm)	Settling velocity (cm/s)	Drilling with seawater and sweeps	Drilling with SBM
			Distribution (%)	Distribution (%)
Large cuttings	6	53.62	8.6	8.2
	5	49.46	8.6	8.2
	2	28.55	8.6	8.3
	1	12.73	5.8	5.5
	0.5	7.5	5.8	5.5
	0.45	6.6	2.9	2.8
Medium cuttings	0.4	6	2.9	2.8
	0.35	5	2.8	2.8
	0.3	4	2.8	2.8
	0.25	3.1	2.8	2.8
	0.2	2.3	2.8	2.8
	0.15	1.6	2.8	2.7
Small cuttings	0.1	0.8	2.8	2.7
	0.05	0.22	2.8	2.7
	0.04	0.15	2.9	2.7
	0.03	0.08	2.9	5.5
	0.02	0.04	2.9	0.0
Drilling fluid solids	0.063	0.34	0.4	0.0
	0.05	0.22	1.6	1.8
	0.035	0.11	3.7	4.1
	0.026	0.06	6.0	25.3
	0.02	0.038	7.4	0.0
	0.016	0.026	9.4	0.0

## 5.4 Grid Configuration

A grid covering an approximately 14 km (longitude, x-direction) by 14 km (latitude, y-direction) region with each grid cell being 30 m (x) x 30 m (y) was employed to calculate the thickness of deposited drill cuttings and muds on the seafloor, with vertical divisions of 30 m to allow for assessing total suspended solids in the water column.

## 5.5 Mixing Parameters

The horizontal and vertical dispersion coefficients are used in dispersion modelling to represent the mixing and diffusion processes caused by turbulence, which are sub-grid processes at the scale of the hydrodynamic model drivers. The dispersion coefficients are expressed in units of rate of area change ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ ). Increasing the horizontal dispersion coefficient will increase the horizontal spread of the discharge plume and decrease the centreline concentrations. Increasing the vertical dispersion coefficient spreads the discharge further across the vertical layers.

For discharges at the sea surface, a horizontal coefficient value of  $0.01 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  was used to account for the turbulence of the sediment as it is transported from the release site. A vertical coefficient value of  $0.1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  was used to account for the influence of turbulence within the water column by the currents and waves. Values are based on previous studies by Copeland (1996).

For the discharge of cuttings and muds near the seabed, the horizontal dispersion coefficient was  $0.25 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ ; however, a very low vertical parameter was set ( $0.0001 \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$ ), as it is negligible near the seabed.

## 5.6 Stochastic Modelling

Twenty-five discharge simulations were modelled per quarter (i.e. Quarter 1 (Q1); January–March, Quarter 2 (Q2); April–June, Quarter 3 (Q3); July–September) and Quarter 4 (Q4); November–December).

Each discharge simulation had the same information (i.e. discharge volume, duration, bulk material characteristics) but different commencement times, and thus, prevailing current conditions. This approach ensured that the discharged cuttings experienced a wide range of current conditions (speeds and directions).

The results for all four quarters were combined and analysed to provide an objective indication of all locations on the seabed and water column that maybe subjected to exposure to discharged drill cuttings and muds.

## 5.7 Reporting Thresholds

While the model predictions can be presented to very low levels it may not be ecologically significant; therefore, thresholds were carefully selected for reporting based on available literature.

Based on available literature, thresholds of 1-10 mm and above 10 mm were used to define low and high exposure levels for this study, respectively. The thresholds are support by studies from Trannum et al. (2009) which found a significant decrease in species count, abundance of individuals, and biomass of marine animals with deposited cuttings 3-24 mm. Furthermore, a study by Kjeilen-Eilertsen et al. (2004) reports that depositional thicknesses greater than 9.6 mm are likely to cause smothering impacts on benthic ecosystems, including corals. It is also worth noting that a study by Smit et al. (2008) established that a thickness threshold of greater than 6.5 mm would be needed before potential harm to benthic macrofauna occur.

As a conservative measure, a thickness of 0.01 mm was employed as the minimum reporting threshold (or above the natural levels) for the 7.6 day discharge period (refer to Table 8).

As part of the study, it was assumed a newly settled cuttings and drilling muds will be less compact due to incorporation of water between grains, therefore a bulking factor of 2.5 was applied to predicted bottom thicknesses to account for porosity.

In addition, a reporting threshold of 5 mg/L was used for the predicted total suspended solids concentrations. Nelson et al. (2016) reports <10 mg/L as a minimal or no effect, whilst concentrations above 10 mg/L have a sublethal effect to pelagic biota. Furthermore, IOGP (2016) cite that very high concentrations (>1830 mg/L) of TSS has been shown to result in mortality of pelagic biota. Hence, a threshold range of 10-1830 mg/L and above 1,830 mg/L were used to define low and high exposure, respectively.

**Table 8 Reporting thresholds for sediment thickness and TSS concentrations for the drill cuttings and muds discharge modelling**

Reporting criteria	Sediment thickness (mm)	Total Suspended Solids Concentration (mg/L)
Minimum reporting threshold	0.01	5
Low exposure	1 – 10	10 – 1830
High exposure	Above 10	Above 1830

## 6 Results

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### 6.1 Overview

The results for the discharge of drill cuttings and drilling muds are presented in the following sections as a series of tables and spatial maps based on the reporting thresholds as described in Section 5.7.

The predicted sediment thicknesses are presented in Section 6.2, within two further sub-sections:

- Section 6.2.1 presents the sediment thicknesses derived by overlaying the results from all 25 combined simulations with random start dates to account for the varying current conditions, for each quarter; and
- Section 6.2.2 presents the results from all 100 simulations (i.e. Q1–Q4) overlayed to assess the overall potential extent and magnitude of deposited material on an annualised basis.

The predicted TSS concentrations are presented in Section 6.3, within two further sub-sections:

- Section 6.3.1 presents the TSS concentrations derived by overlaying the results from all 25 simulations with random start dates to account for the varying current conditions, for each quarter; and
- Section 6.3.2 presents the results from all 100 simulations (i.e. Q1–Q4) overlayed to assess the overall potential extent and magnitude of TSS concentrations on an annualised basis.

### 6.2 Bottom Thickness

#### 6.2.1 Quartile Modelling Results

Figure 15 to Figure 18 present the predicted coverage and sediment thickness from the combined discharges (i.e. near-seabed and surface) of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds for Quarters 1 to 4.

In all instances the modelling results demonstrated that the settlement of the cuttings and drilling muds for thicknesses above 0.01 mm were generally spread along the east-west axis.

Table 9 provides a summary of the predicted maximum bottom thickness, total area of coverage and the maximum distance and direction to the minimum thickness threshold. The maximum bottom thicknesses ranged between 814.1 mm (Q2) and 874.6 mm (Q4), which were predicted to occur in the immediate vicinity (e.g. <30 m) from the well. The maximum distance from the well to predicted bottom thicknesses above the minimum threshold ranged from 5.17 km (Q3) to 6.09 km (Q4).

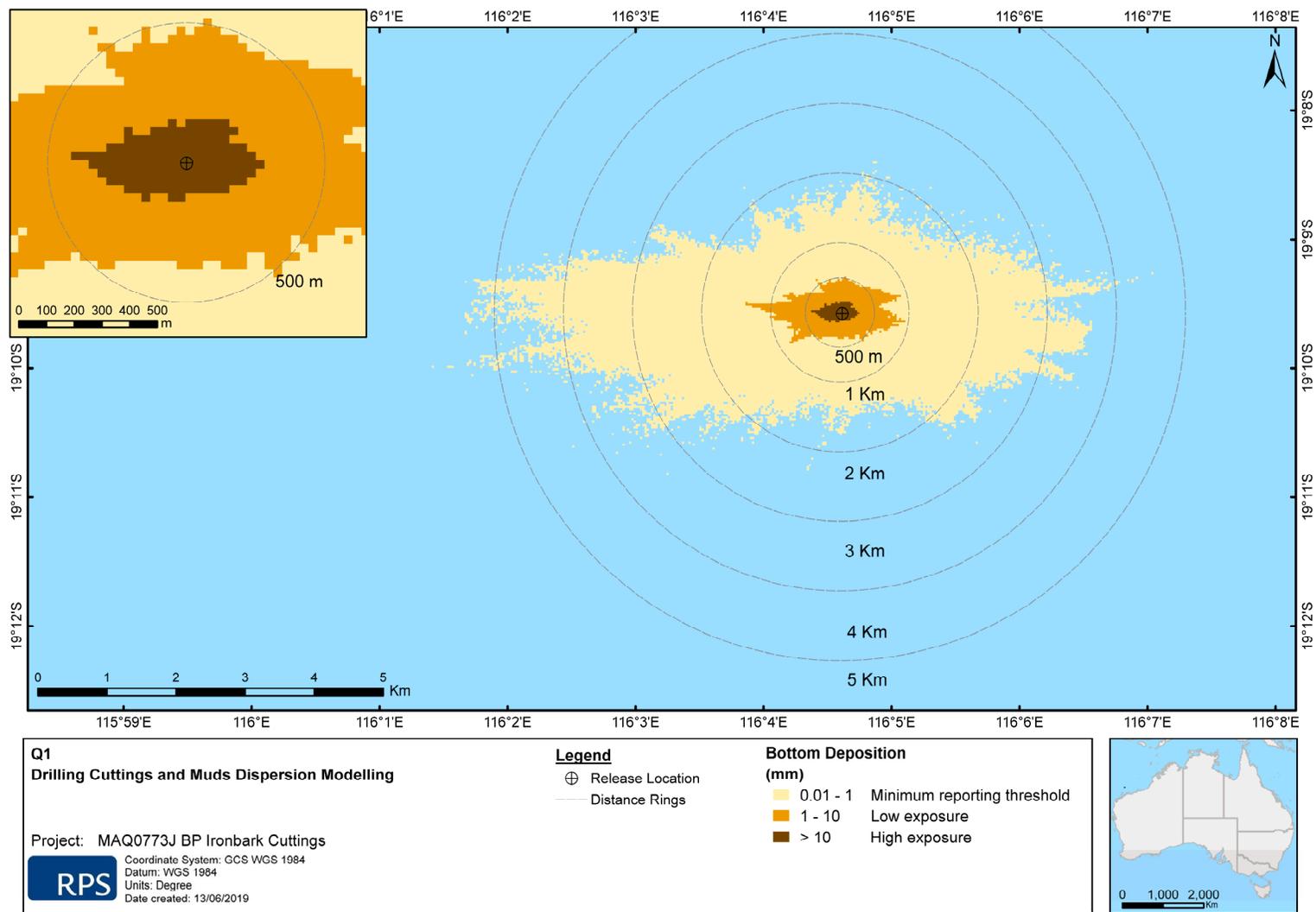
The maximum distance from the well to the low exposure threshold (1–10 mm) ranged between 1.02 km (Q4) to 1.24 km (Q1). While the maximum distance to the high exposure threshold (>10 mm) was between 0.35 km (Q2) to 0.39 km (Q3).

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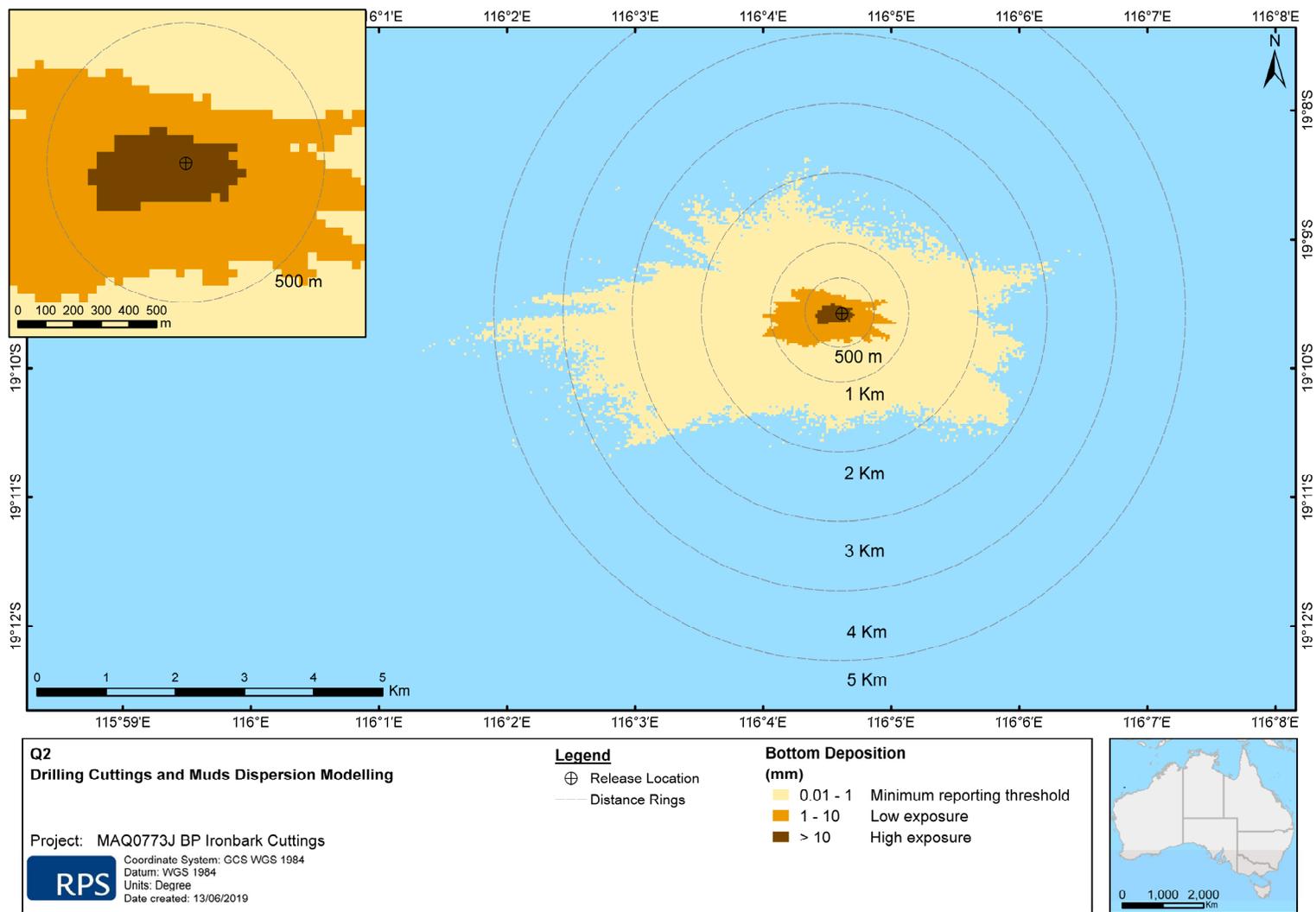
**Table 9** Predicted maximum bottom thickness, area of coverage and maximum distance to the minimum threshold (0.01 mm) from drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds discharges commencing under Quarter 1-4 (January–December, 2011-2015) conditions. Results are derived from 25 combined discharge simulations per quarter from Ironbark-1.

Operation commencement period	Maximum stochastic bottom thickness (mm)	Total area of coverage (km <sup>2</sup> ), at or above the minimum threshold of 0.01 mm	Maximum distance (km) from the well to the minimum threshold of 0.01 mm*
Quarter 1 (Q1) (January–March)	855.3	17.3	5.64 (West)
Quarter 2 (Q2) (April–June)	814.1	15.4	5.73 (West)
Quarter 3 (Q3) (July–September)	842.1	20.1	5.17 (East-southeast)
Quarter 4 (Q4) (October–December)	874.6	20.4	6.09 (West)

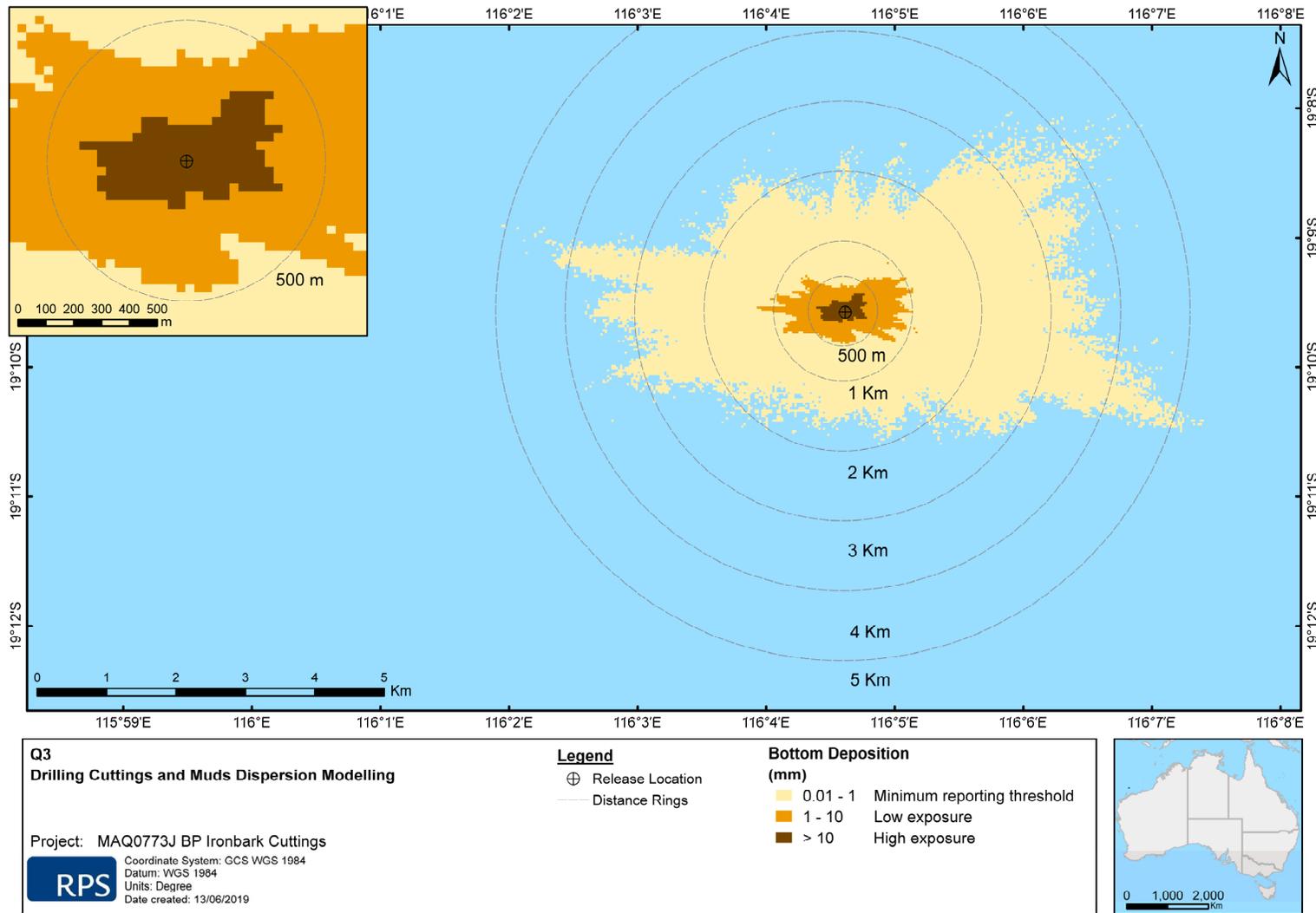
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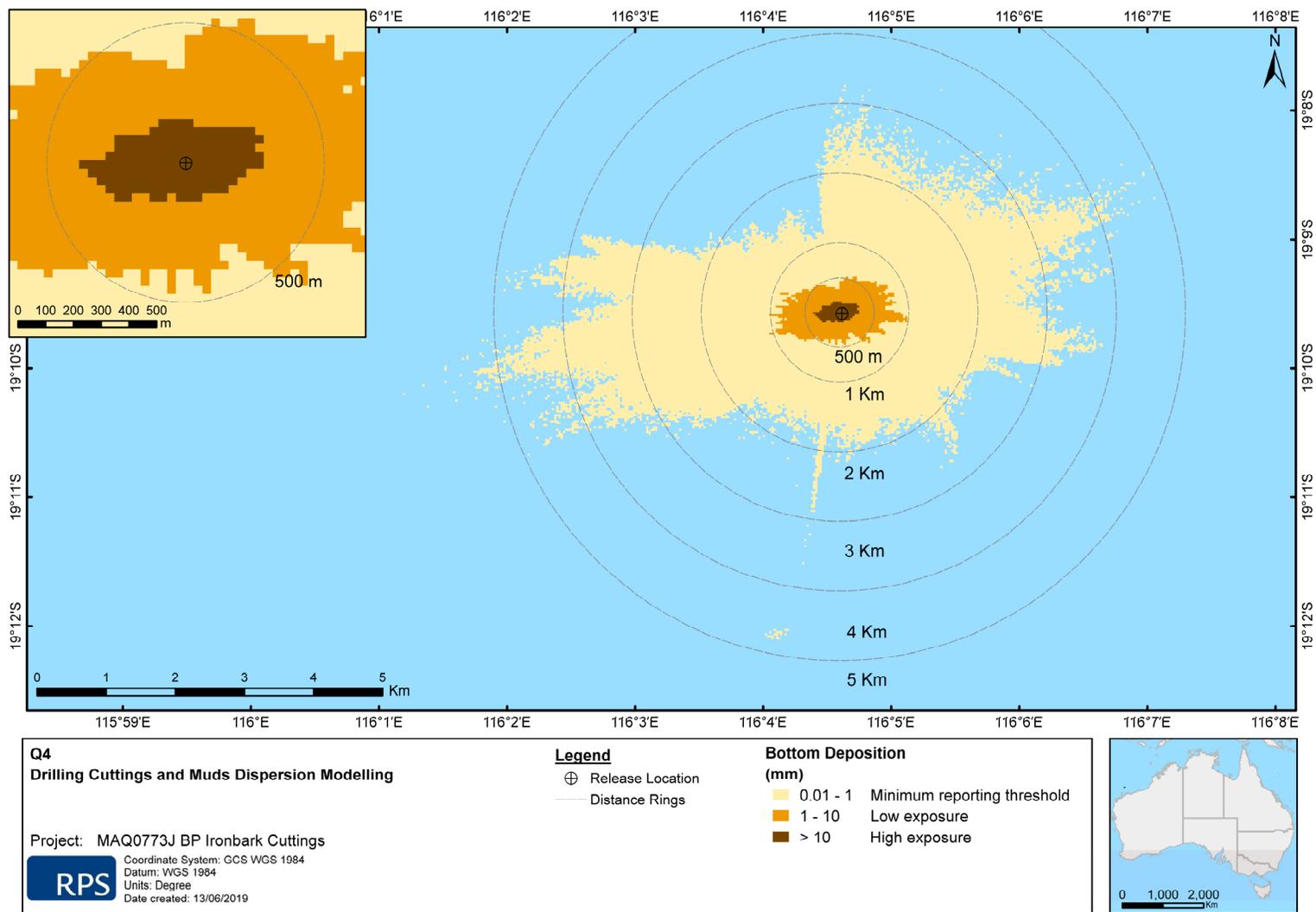
**Figure 15** Predicted coverage and sediment thickness from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 1 conditions (January–March). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.



**Figure 16** Predicted coverage and sediment thickness from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 2 conditions (April-June). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.

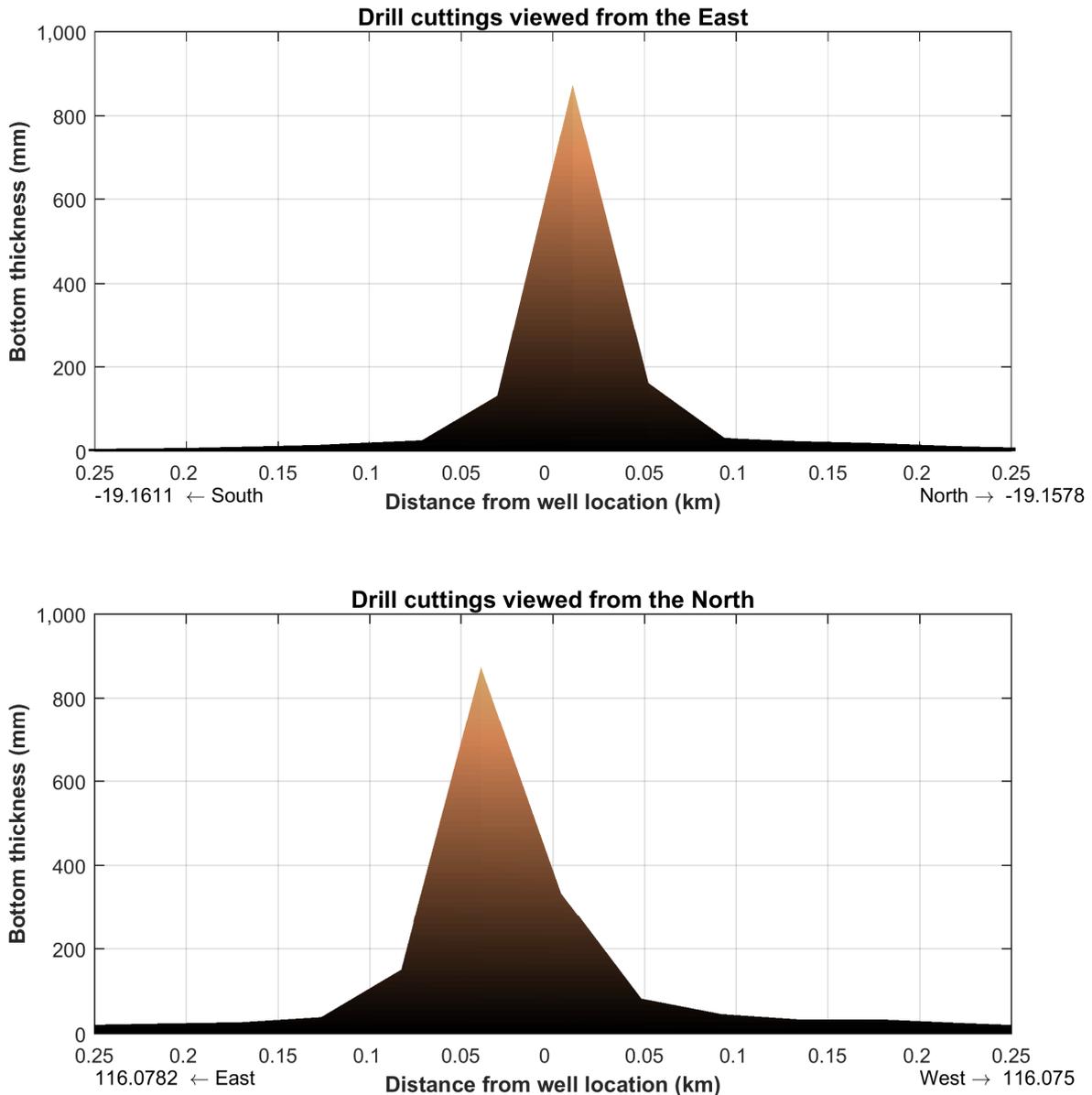


**Figure 17** Predicted coverage and sediment thickness from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 3 conditions (July-September). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.



**Figure 18 Predicted coverage and sediment thickness from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 4 conditions (October-December). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.**

Figure 19 presents cross-section views of the predicted thickness from the discharge of cuttings and unrecoverable muds during Quarter 4 conditions (October–December). Quarter 4 is shown as it was during this period that the greatest predicted thickness was recorded. The figures highlight that the thickness is greatest adjacent to the release location and significantly declines with distance from Ironbark-1. Note the vertical axis in Figure 19 are greatly exaggerated.



**Figure 19** Cross sectional view of the predicted thicknesses on the seafloor along the north-south axis (upper image) and east-west axis (lower image). Results are derived from the combined near-seabed and surface discharges of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds during Quarter 4 conditions (October–December). Note the vertical scale is exaggerated.

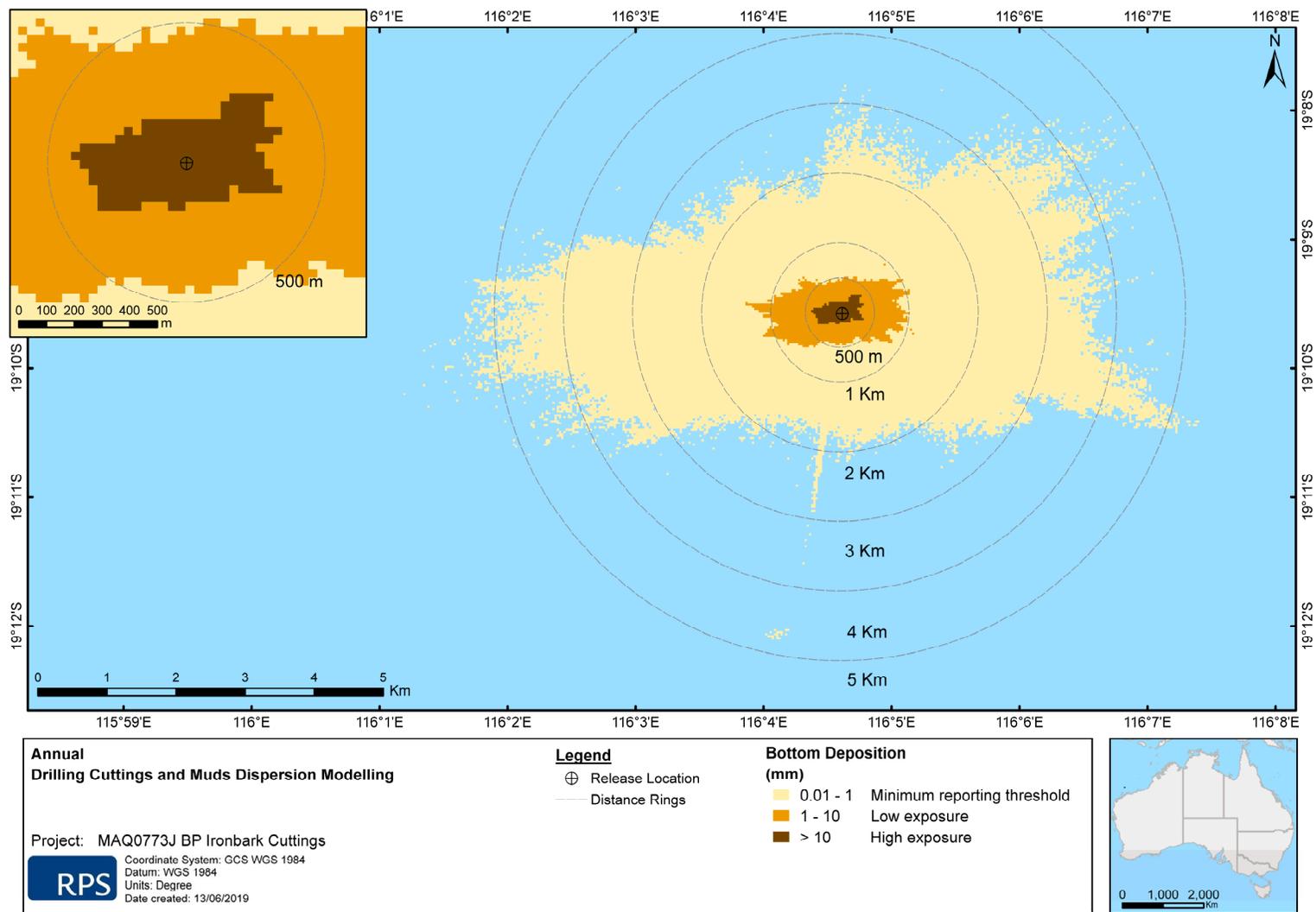
## 6.2.2 Integration of all Modelling Results

Figure 20 shows the maximum thickness at each grid cell from all 100 individual simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) used to objectively define all locations on the seabed that maybe exposed.

Table 10 provides a summary of the predicted maximum bottom thickness, total area of coverage and the maximum distance and direction to the minimum threshold based on all 100 simulations. The maximum bottom thickness was 874.6 mm and the total area of coverage on the seafloor above the minimum reporting threshold was 27.1 km<sup>2</sup>. The maximum distance from the well to the minimum threshold was 6.09 km west of Ironbark-1. The maximum distance from the well to the low exposure (1–10 mm) and high exposure threshold (>10 mm) was 1.24 km and 0.40 km, respectively.

**Table 10** Predicted maximum bottom thickness, area of coverage and maximum distance to the minimum threshold from all 100 individual simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) used to objectively define all locations on the seabed that maybe exposed.

Annual assessment	Maximum stochastic bottom thickness (mm)	Total stochastic area of coverage (km <sup>2</sup> ), at or above, 0.01 mm	Maximum distance (km) from the well to the minimum threshold of 0.01 mm
Quarter 1–4 (January–December)	874.6	27.1	6.09 (West)



**Figure 20 Predicted maximum thickness at each grid cell from all 100 combined simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) during Q1-4 used to objectively define all locations on the seabed that maybe exposed.**

## 6.3 Total Suspended Solids

### 6.3.1 Quartile Modelling Results

Figure 21 to Figure 24 present the maximum predicted TSS concentrations from the drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds discharges for Q 1-4 based on the 100 combined discharges (i.e. near-seabed and surface) from the Ironbark-1 well.

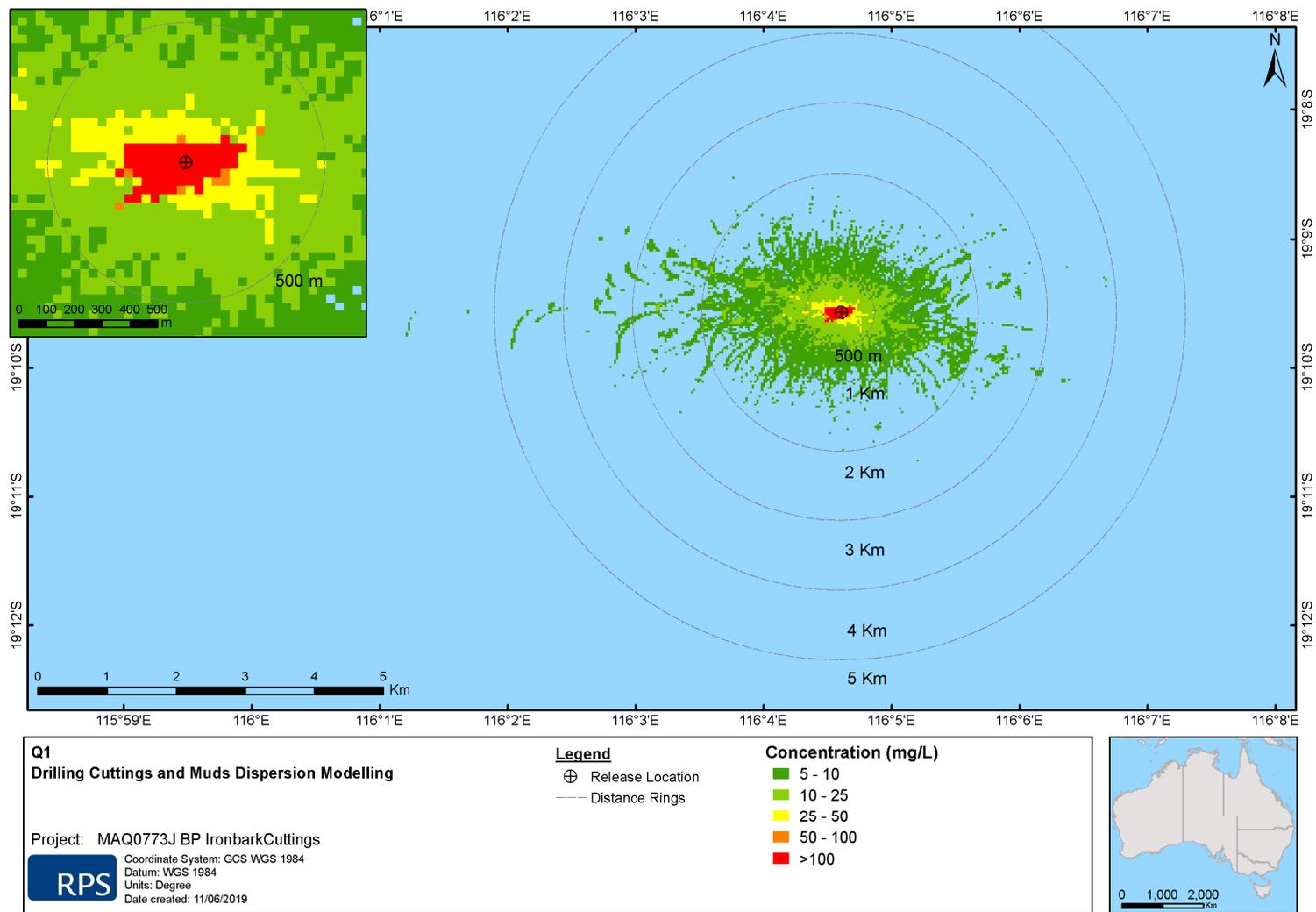
The TSS concentrations greater than 5 mg/L tended to occur west and east of the release location.

Table 11 provides a summary of the maximum TSS concentrations, total area of coverage and the maximum distance and direction to the minimum TSS threshold. The maximum TSS concentrations ranged between 1,426.6 mg/L (Q1) to 1,631.9 (Q3), which occurred within 30 m of the discharge. This is below the high exposure threshold of 1,830 mg/L. The total area of coverage above the minimum threshold ranged between 5.0 km<sup>2</sup> (Q4) and 7.9 km<sup>2</sup> (Q2). The maximum distance from the well to TSS concentrations above the minimum threshold ranged from 5.03 km (Q4) to 6.54 km (Q3).

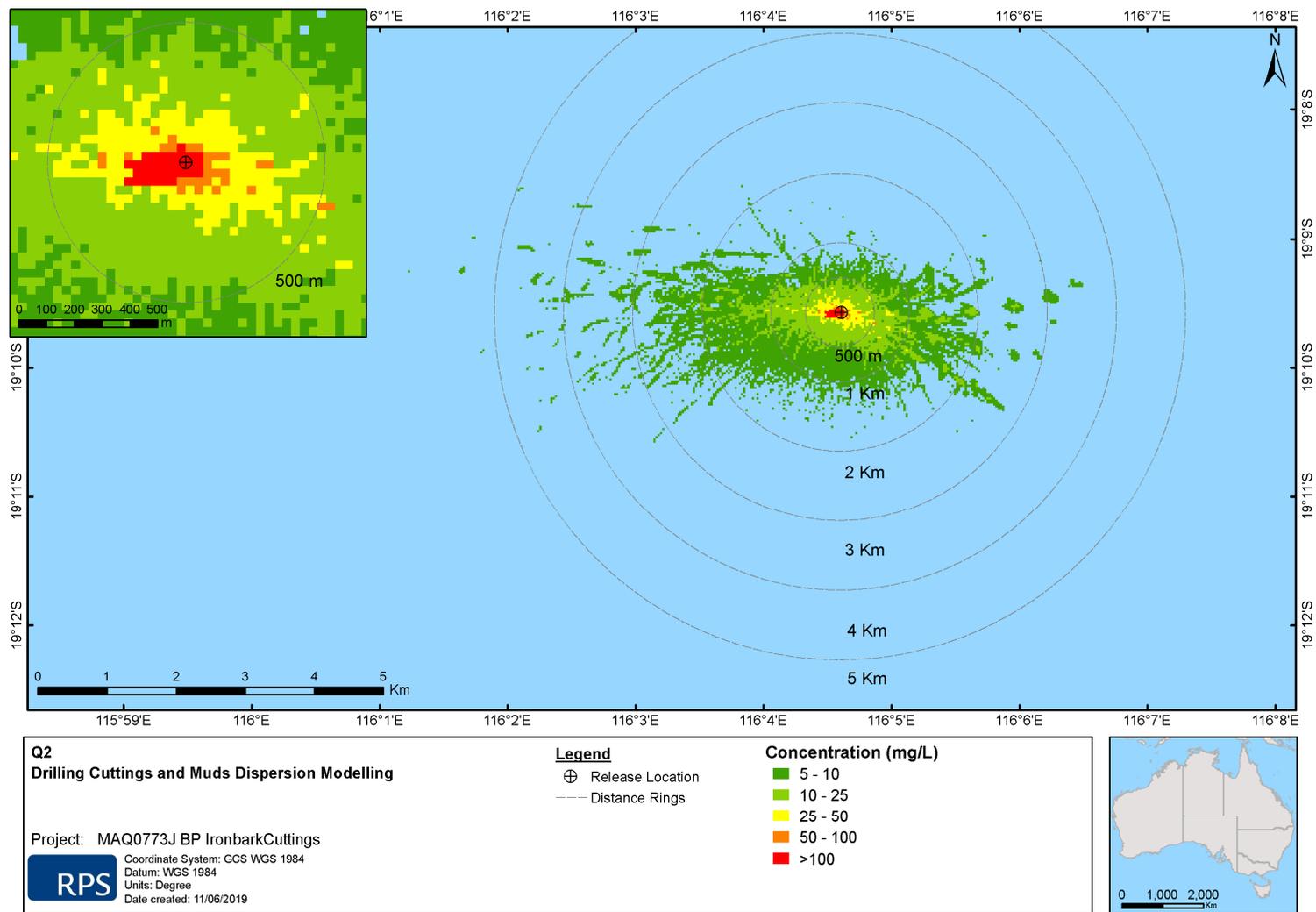
The maximum distance from Ironbark-1 well to concentrations greater than 10 mg/L (low exposure) ranged between 3.05 km (Q2) to 3.95 km (Q3). While the maximum distance from Ironbark-1 to concentrations greater than 100 mg/L ranged between 0.18 km (Q3) to 0.26 km (Q1).

**Table 11 Predicted maximum total suspended solids concentration, area of coverage and maximum distance to the minimum threshold (5 mg/L) from drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds discharges commencing under Quarter 1-4 (January–December, 2011-2015) conditions. Results are derived from 25 discharge simulations per quarter.**

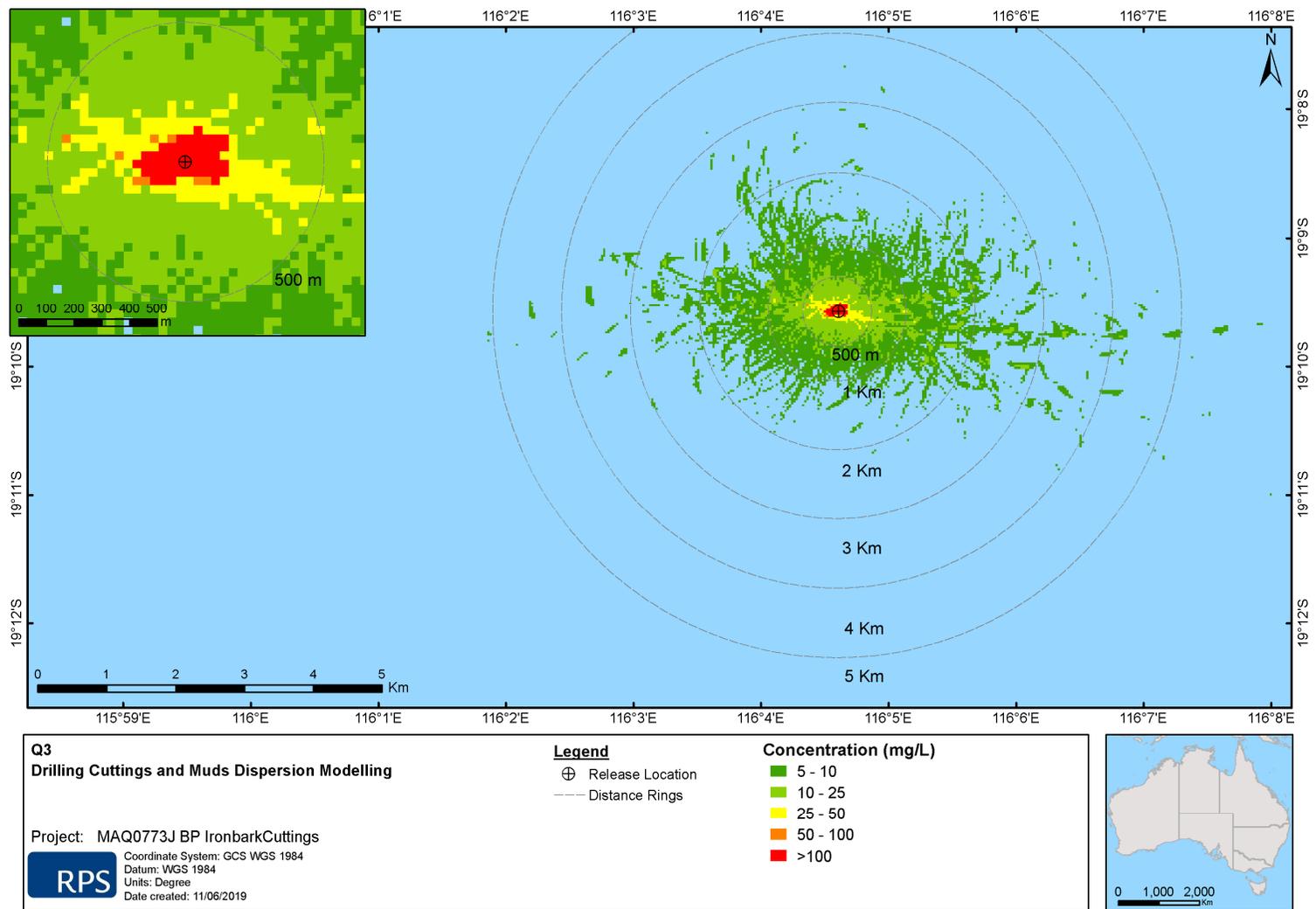
Operation commencement period	Maximum stochastic TSS concentration (mg/L)	Total area of coverage (km <sup>2</sup> ), at or above the minimum threshold of 5 mg/L	Maximum distance (km) from the well to the minimum threshold of 5 mg/L
Quarter 1 (Q1) (January–March)	1,426.6	6.1	5.96 (West)
Quarter 2 (Q2) (April–June)	1,501.3	7.2	5.95 (West)
Quarter 3 (Q3) (July–September)	1,631.9	7.9	6.54 (East-southeast)
Quarter 4 (Q4) (October–December)	1,602.1	5.0	5.03 (West-southwest)



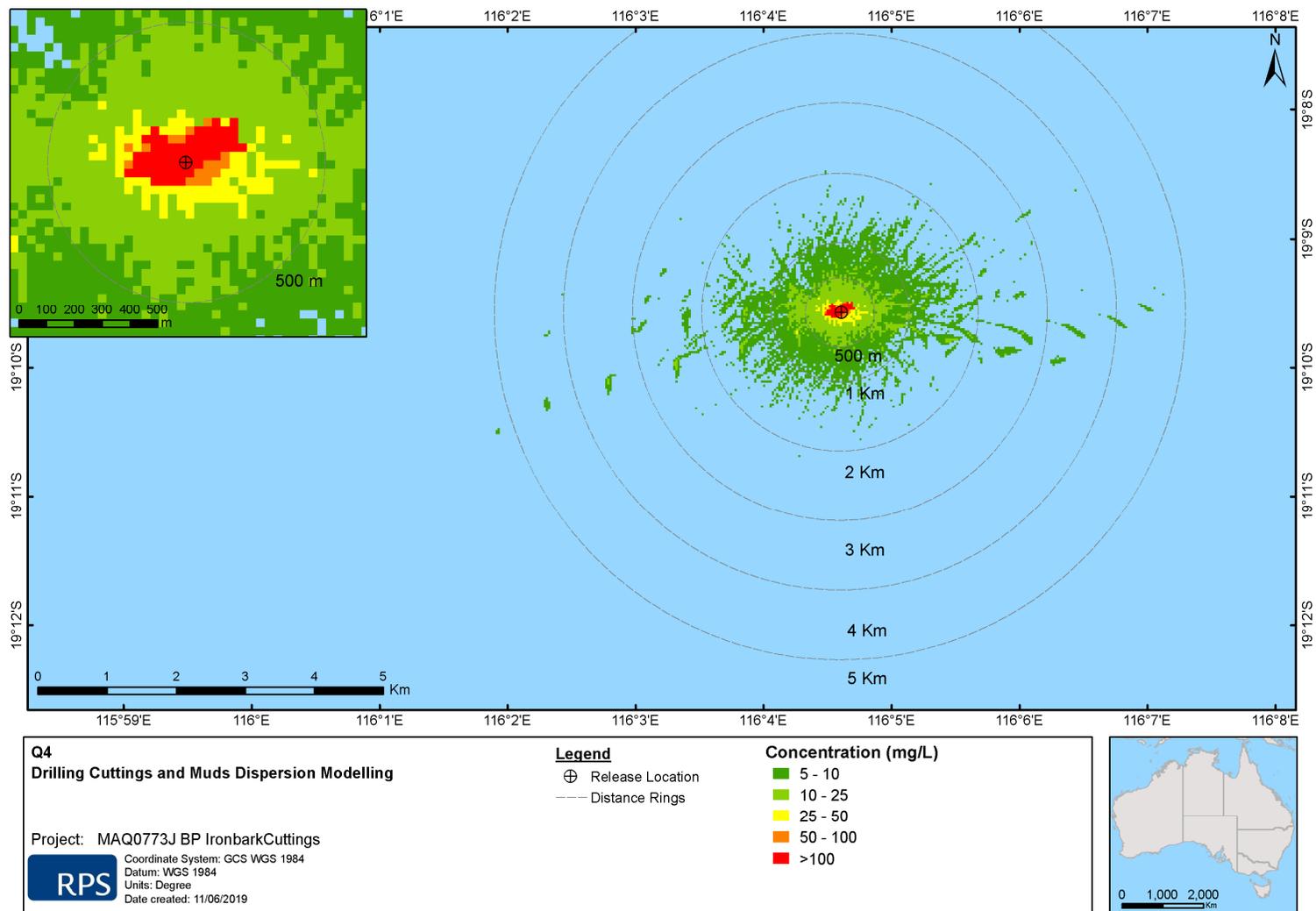
**Figure 21** Maximum predicted total suspended solids concentrations in each grid cell from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 1 conditions (January–March). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.



**Figure 22** Maximum predicted total suspended solids concentrations in each grid cell from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 2 conditions (April-June). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.



**Figure 23** Maximum predicted total suspended solids concentrations in each grid cell from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 3 conditions (July-September). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.



**Figure 24** Maximum predicted total suspended solids concentrations in each grid cell from the discharge of drill cuttings and unrecoverable muds from Ironbark-1 well during Quarter 4 conditions (October-December). Results are derived from 25 combined (near-seabed and surface) simulations.

### 6.3.2 Integration of all Modelling Results

The maximum TSS concentrations for each grid cell from all 100 simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) used to objectively define potential water column exposure is shown Figure 25.

Table 12 provides a summary of the predicted TSS concentrations, total area of coverage and the maximum distance and direction to the minimum threshold based on all 100 simulations. The maximum TSS concentration was 1,631.9 mg/L. The total area of coverage above the minimum reporting threshold was 11.8 km<sup>2</sup>. The maximum distance from the Ironbark-1 well to the minimum TSS threshold was 6.54 km east-southeast.

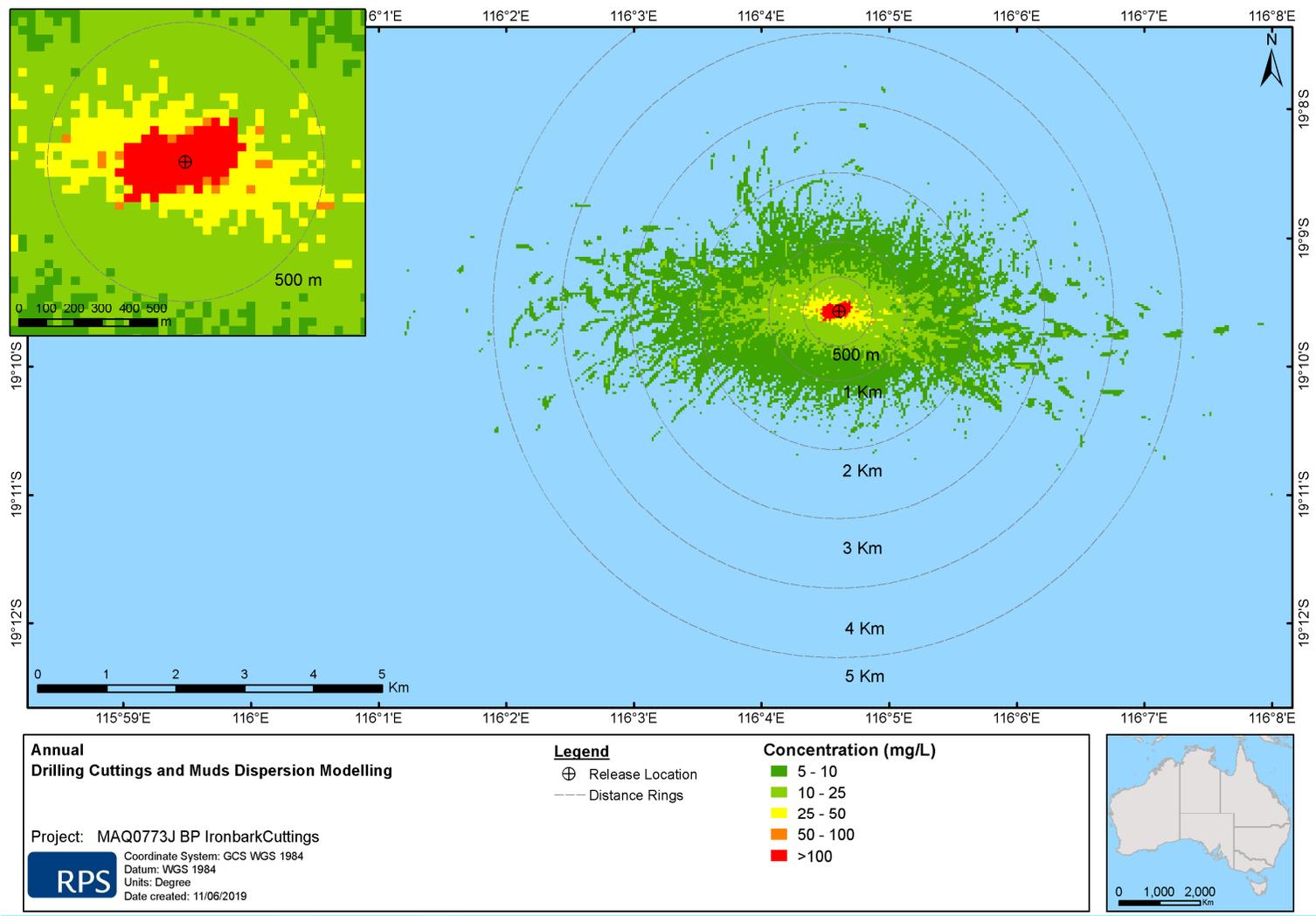
Table 13 presents the area of exposure and maximum distances from Ironbark-1 for a range of TSS concentrations, based on results from all 100 simulations. Concentrations above 10 mg/L (or low exposure threshold) were predicted to have an area of coverage of 2.9 km<sup>2</sup> (or 24% of total area of exposure), while concentrations greater than 25 mg/L covered a much smaller area (0.3 km<sup>2</sup> or 3% of total area of exposure). The extent of TSS concentrations greater than 10 mg/L, 25 mg/L, and 50 mg/L from the release location was 3.95 km, 1.09 km and 0.54 km, respectively. Predicted TSS concentrations greater than 100 mg/L were restricted to within 0.26 km from Ironbark-1 well.

**Table 12 Predicted total suspended solids concentration, area of coverage and maximum distance to the minimum threshold from all 100 individual simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) used to objectively define potential water column exposure.**

Annual assessment	Maximum stochastic TSS concentration (mg/L)	Area of coverage (km <sup>2</sup> ), at or above, 5 mg/L	Maximum distance (km) from the well to the minimum threshold of 5 mg/L
Quarter 1–4 (January–December)	1,631.9	11.8	6.54 (East-southeast)

**Table 13 Predicted area of coverage and maximum distances from Ironbark-1 from all 100 individual simulations used to objectively define potential water column exposure.**

TSS concentration (mg/L)	Area of coverage (km <sup>2</sup> )	Maximum distance (km) from the well to concentration
>5	11.8	6.54 (East-southeast)
>10	2.9	3.95 (East)
>25	0.3	1.09 (East)
>50	0.1	0.54 (East-southeast)
>100	<0.1	0.26 (West-southwest)



**Figure 25 Maximum TSS concentrations for each grid cell from all 100 simulations (i.e. 25 simulations per quarter) used to objectively define potential water column exposure.**

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## TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°	Degrees
'	Minutes
"	Seconds
AMP	Australian marine parks
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
API	American Petroleum Institute gravity (A measure of how heavy or light a petroleum liquid in comparison to water)
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
bbbl	barrel
BP	BP Exploration Limited
°C	Degree Celsius (unit of temperature)
cP	Centipoise (unit of viscosity)
CFSR	Climate Forecast System Reanalysis
cm	Centimetre (unit of length)
Decay	The process where oil components are changed either chemically or biologically (biodegradation) to another compound. It includes breakdown to simpler organic carbon compounds by bacteria and other organisms, photo-oxidation by solar energy, and other chemical reactions
Dissolved hydrocarbons	Dissolved hydrocarbons within the water column with alternating double and single bonds between carbon atoms forming rings, containing at least one six-membered benzene ring
g/m <sup>2</sup>	Grams per square meter (unit of surface or area density)
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
Entrained oil	Droplets or globules of oil that are physically mixed (but not dissolved) into the water column. Physical entrainment can occur either during pressurised release from a subsurface location, or through the action of breaking waves (>12 knots)
EP	Environmental plan
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
Evaporation	The process whereby components of the oil mixture are transferred from the sea-surface to the atmosphere
GODAE	Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment
HYCOM	Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model is a data-assimilative, three-dimensional ocean model
HYDROMAP	Advanced ocean/coastal tidal model used to predict tidal water levels, current speed and current direction
IOA	Index of Agreement gives a non-dimensional measure of model accuracy or performance
Isopycnal layers	Water column layers with corresponding water densities
ITOPF	The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation
KEF	Key Ecological Feature
km	Kilometre (unit of length)
km <sup>2</sup>	Square Kilometres (unit of area)
Knot	unit of wind speed (1 knot = 0.514 m/s)
LGA	Local Government Area
m	Meters (unit of length)

m <sup>2</sup>	Meters squared (unit of area)
m <sup>3</sup>	Meters cubed (unit of volume)
m/s	Meters per Second (unit of speed)
MAE	Mean Absolute Error is the average of the absolute values of the difference between model predicted and observed data (e.g. surface elevations)
MB	Marine boundary
MDO	Marine Diesel Oil
MMscf	Millions of standard cubic feet
MMstb	Million stock tank barrels
MNP	Marine National Park
RSB	Reefs, Shoals and Banks
MS	Marine Sanctuary
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCEP	National Centres for Environmental Prediction
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
nm	nautical mile (unit of distance; 1 nm = 1.852 km)
NP	National Parks
Ocean current	Large scale and continuous movement of seawater generated by forces such as breaking waves, wind, the Coriolis effect, and temperature and salinity gradients. It is the main flow of ocean waters
ppb	Parts per billion (concentration)
psia	Pounds per square inch absolute
PSU	Practical salinity units
Ramsar site	A wetland site designated of international importance under the Ramsar Convention
RAMSAR Convention	The Convention on Wetlands, called the Ramsar Convention, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
Sea surface exposure	Floating oil on the sea surface equal to or above reporting threshold (e.g. 0.5 g/m <sup>2</sup> )
Shoreline contact	Stranded oil on the shoreline equal to or above reporting threshold (e.g. 10 g/m <sup>2</sup> )
SIMAP	Spill Impact Mapping Analysis Program
Visible oil	Floating oil on the sea surface equal to or above reporting threshold (e.g. 0.5 g/m <sup>2</sup> )

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Background

BP Exploration Limited (BP) is planning on drilling the Ironbark exploration well in 297 m of water in permit area WA-359-P, offshore Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia. To support the environmental plan (EP), whilst also supporting the oil spill response strategies to be outlined in BP's oil pollution emergency plan (OPEP), an oil spill modelling study had been commissioned, which examined two hypothetical scenarios applicable to the operation:

- 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of marine diesel over 6 hours in the event of a vessel collision at the Ironbark well; and
- 9.016 MMstb (1,433,544 m<sup>3</sup>) subsea release of condensate over 103 days to represent a loss of well control event from the Ironbark well.

SIMAP's stochastic model was used to quantify the probability of exposure to the sea surface and in-water and probability of shoreline contact from hypothetical spill scenarios. The SIMAP system, the methods and analysis presented herein use modelling algorithms which have been anonymously peer reviewed and published in international journals. Further, RPS warrants that this work meets and exceeds the ASTM Standard F2067-13 "*Standard Practice for Development and Use of Oil Spill Models*".

## Methodology

The modelling study was carried out in several stages. Firstly, a five-year current dataset (2011–2015) that includes the combined influence of three-dimensional ocean and tidal currents was developed. Secondly, the currents, spatial winds and then detailed hydrocarbon properties were used as inputs in the oil spill model to simulate the drift, spread, weathering, entrainment and fate of the spilled hydrocarbons.

As spills can occur during any set of wind and current conditions, a total of 100 spill trajectories per hypothetical spill scenario per season (summer, transitional and winter) were initiated at random times within a 5-year period (2011–2015) to enable a robust statistical analysis.

Each simulation was configured with the same spill information (i.e. spill volume, duration and oil type) except for the start time and date which in turns, ensures that the predicted transport and weathering of an oil slick is subject to a wide range of current and wind conditions.

## Oil Properties

Marine Diesel Oil (MDO), used in scenario 1, is a light-persistent fuel oil used in the maritime industry. It has a density of 829.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (API of 37.6) and a low pour point (-14°C). According to the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation classification scheme (ITOPF, 2014) the MDO is classified as a Group II light persistent oil. The classification is based on the specific gravity of hydrocarbons in combination with relevant boiling point ranges.

Goodwyn condensate was used as a proxy for the loss of well control scenario. The condensate has an API of 51.5, a density of 773.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (at 25°C) with a low pour point of -30°C and a viscosity of 0.912 cP (at 21.1°C), classifying it as a Group I non-persistent oil.

## Key Findings

### Scenario: 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of marine diesel oil

#### Sea surface exposure

- No shoreline contact above the minimum threshold (>10 g/m<sup>2</sup>) was predicted for any of the seasons modelled.
- The maximum distance the low (1 – 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>) exposure surface hydrocarbons occurred from the release location ranged from 97 km and 166 km during winter and transitional conditions, respectively. Additionally, the maximum distance of sea surface exposure was predicted to occur from the release location at the moderate and high zones of exposure ranged from 45 km (summer) to 54 km (transitional) and 5 km (winter) to 27 km (summer), respectively.
- The maximum probability of sea surface exposure to any given receptor was 2% predicted during summer conditions above the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth with a corresponding minimum time before exposure of 1.2 days.
- No sea surface exposure at the moderate or high exposure thresholds was predicted for any receptor during any of the seasons modelled.

#### Dissolved hydrocarbon exposure

- Based on the 1 hour exposure window, the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF receptor recorded the greatest dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 15.4 ppb during winter in the 0-10 m depth layer.
- During the transitional conditions the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF recorded a dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 11.0 ppb in the 0-10 m depth layer.
- No dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48-hour window was predicted for any of the assessed receptors during any of the seasons modelled.

#### Entrained hydrocarbon exposure

- At the depth of 0-10 m for the 48 hour time-averaged exposure window, maximum dissolved hydrocarbons were greatest at the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth contour and Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF. The maximum 48 hour time-averaged concentrations at the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth contour ranged between 47.0 ppb (transitional) and 59.8 ppb (summer). Additionally, the Maximum concentrations at the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF ranged between 53.9 ppb (transitional) and 103.7 ppb (winter).
- Within the 0-10 m depth layer during summer conditions, the probability of low (10 ppb) exposure ranged from 1% (Gascoyne and Montebello AMPs) to 6% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF). During transitional conditions, the probability of low exposure ranged from 2% (Gascoyne AMP, Ningaloo MP and Ningaloo Reef RSB) to 12% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF). During winter conditions, the probability of low exposure ranged from 1% (Mermaid Reef and Montebello AMPs, Mermaid Reef RSB, and Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals and Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula KEFS) to 14% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF).

**Scenario: 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days**Sea surface exposure

- No shoreline contact above the minimum threshold (>10 g/m<sup>2</sup>) was predicted for any of the seasons modelled.
- The maximum distance for low exposure from the release location ranged from 374 km and 575 km during summer and transitional conditions. Additionally, the maximum distance from the release location at the moderate and high zones of exposure ranged from 174 km (transitional) to 180 km (winter) and 70 km (summer) to 115 km (winter), respectively.
- Probabilities of low exposure on the sea surface, at or above, the low threshold under summer conditions ranged from 1% (KEF, RSB, and MP) to 71% (KEF – Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities).
- During each of the seasons modelled the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF was predicted to have the greatest probability of sea surface (68% for transitional and 77% for winter) exposure with corresponding minimum times to (low) exposure ranging from 2 days (transitional) to 5 days (summer).

Dissolved hydrocarbon exposure

- For the 48-hour time-averaged exposure window, the greatest predicted concentration at a receptor was 306 ppb (IMCRA – Northwest Shelf) under winter conditions. The maximum (48 hour) time-averaged concentrations at the IMCRA Northwest Shelf KEF under summer and transitional conditions was 220 ppb and 173 ppb, respectively.
- Based on the 1-hour exposure window, the IMCRA Northwest Shelf receptor recorded the greatest dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 2,129 ppb during winter. The probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure at the IMCRA Northwest Shelf ranged between 78% (transitional) and 97% (winter) at low exposure threshold, 49% (transitional) and 78% (winter) at the moderate exposure threshold and 3% (transitional) and 7% (summer and winter) at the high exposure threshold.

Entrained hydrocarbon exposure

- For the 48 hour time-averaged exposure window, maximum entrained hydrocarbons were greatest at the IMCRA - Northwest Shelf. The maximum 48 hour time-averaged concentrations at the IMCRA Northwest Shelf ranged between 6,067 ppb (summer) and 3,445 ppb (winter).
- The analysis for the entrained hydrocarbons over a 1 hour window showed that the maximum exposure was 12,087 ppb (IMCRA – Northwest Shelf) during transitional conditions, 12,045 for summer conditions and 8,619 ppb for winter conditions.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

BP Exploration Limited (BP) is intending to drill the Ironbark-1 exploration well in 298 m of water, permit area WA-359-P, offshore Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia. In order to support the environmental plan (EP), whilst also supporting the oil spill response strategies to be outlined in BP's oil pollution emergency plan (OPEP), Green Light Environmental on behalf of BP commissioned RPS to undertake an oil spill modelling study. The study examined two hypothetical scenarios applicable to the operation:

- 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of marine diesel over 6 hours in the event of a vessel collision at the Ironbark well location; and
- 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days to represent a loss of well control event from the Ironbark well location.

Figure 1 and Table 1 present the location and coordinate of Ironbark which was used as the release location for the two scenarios.

The potential risk of exposure to surrounding waters and shorelines was assessed for three distinct seasons; (i) summer (January to March and October to December), (ii) transitional (April and September) and (iii) winter (May to August).

Note that the oil spill model, the method and analysis presented herein uses modelling algorithms which have been anonymously peer reviewed and published in international journals. Furthermore, RPS warrants that this work meets and exceeds the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard F2067-13 "Standard Practice for Development and Use of Oil Spill Models".

**Table 1** Coordinates for Ironbark-1 exploration well used as the release location for the oil spill modelling study.

Location	Latitude	Longitude	Water depth (m)
Ironbark-1	19° 9' 33.84" S	116° 4' 35.76" E	298

*The WGS84 Geographic projection was used throughout the report*

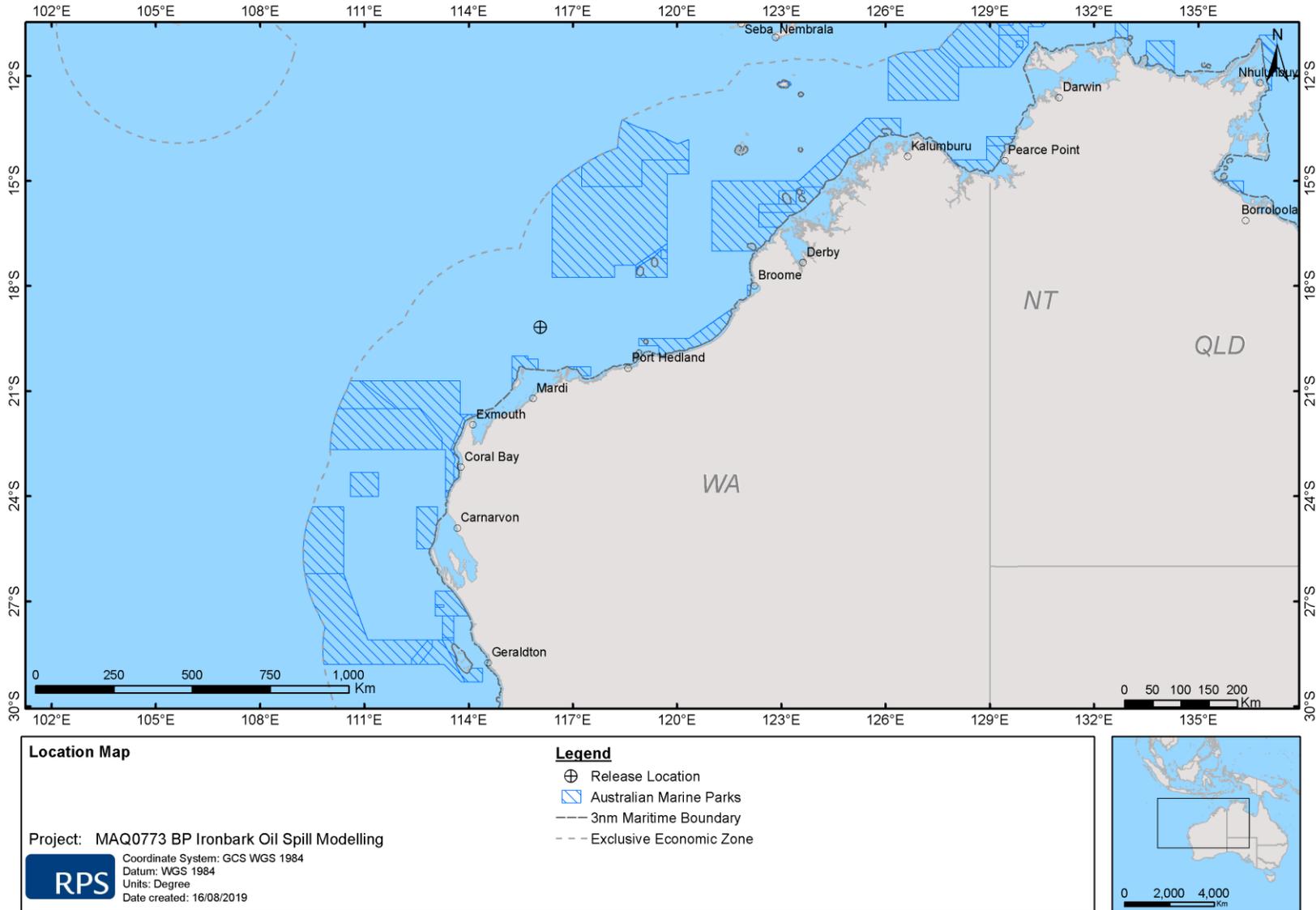


Figure 1 Map of the Ironbark-1 exploration well used as the release location for the oil spill modelling study.

## 2 SCOPE OF WORK

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The scope of work included the following components:

- Generate tidal current patterns of the region using the ocean/coastal model, HYDROMAP;
- Use HYCOM (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model) ocean currents combined with HYDROMAP tidal currents over a 5-year period (2011 to 2015) to account for large scale flows offshore and tidal flows nearshore;
- Use 5 years of high-resolution wind, aggregated current data and site-specific oil characteristics as input into the 3-dimensional oil spill model SIMAP to represent the movement, spreading, entrainment, weathering of the oil over time; and
- Use SIMAP's stochastic model (also known as a probability model) to calculate exposure to surrounding waters (sea surface and water column) and shorelines.

### 3 REGIONAL CURRENTS

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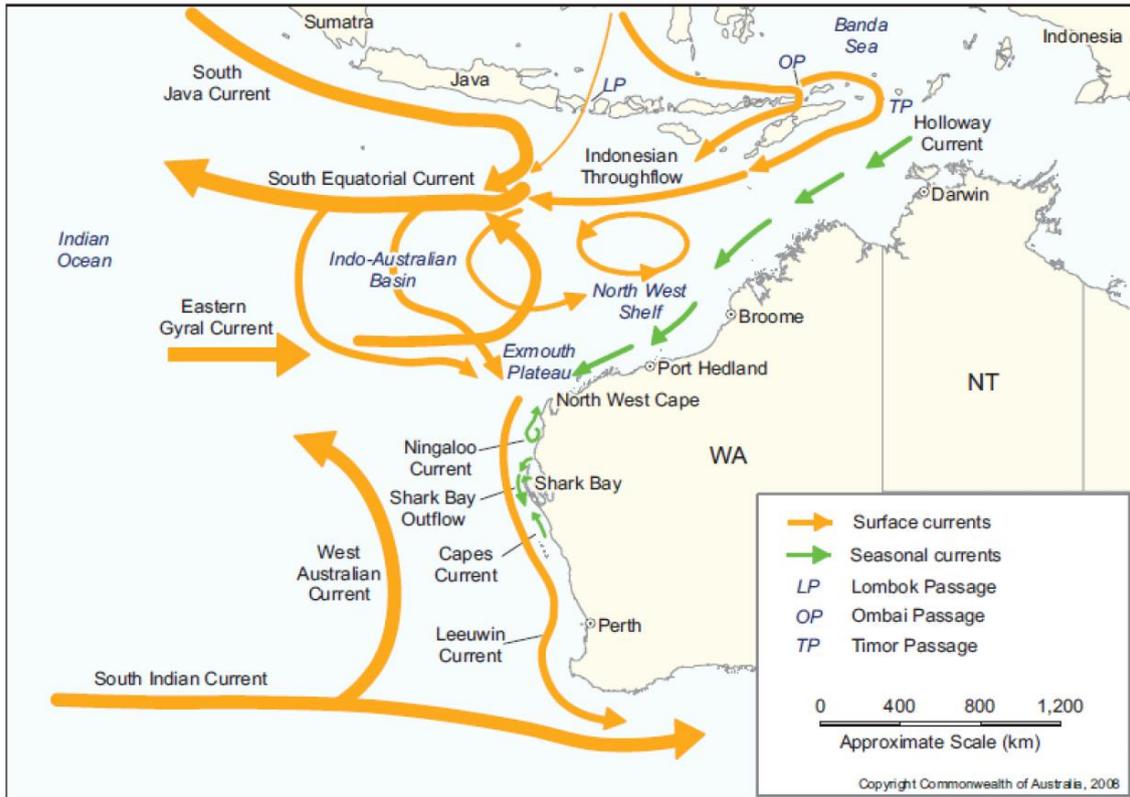
The waters surrounding the Ironbark site would be affected by the Leeuwin current, a warm ocean current that flows strongly southwards along the Western Australian coastline (Holloway, 1993; Holloway and Nye, 1985; Godfrey and Ridgeway, 1985), and associated eddies and counter-currents (Figure 2).

The strength of the current is known to vary through the year, with the weakest southwards flow occurring from November to April (Sampey et al., 2004), when the winds tend to blow strongly northwards. Maximum flow velocities are generally experienced during autumn and winter when wind directions do not oppose the current. Typical current speeds in the Leeuwin Current (and its eddies) are approximately 0.5 m/s, although speeds of 1 m/s are common. Additionally, inter-annual variations in the strength of the currents are affected by El Niño - Southern Oscillation events (Pearce and Griffith, 1991). A comprehensive description of the circulation patterns of the Northwest Shelf is provided in a review by Condie and Andrewartha (2008).

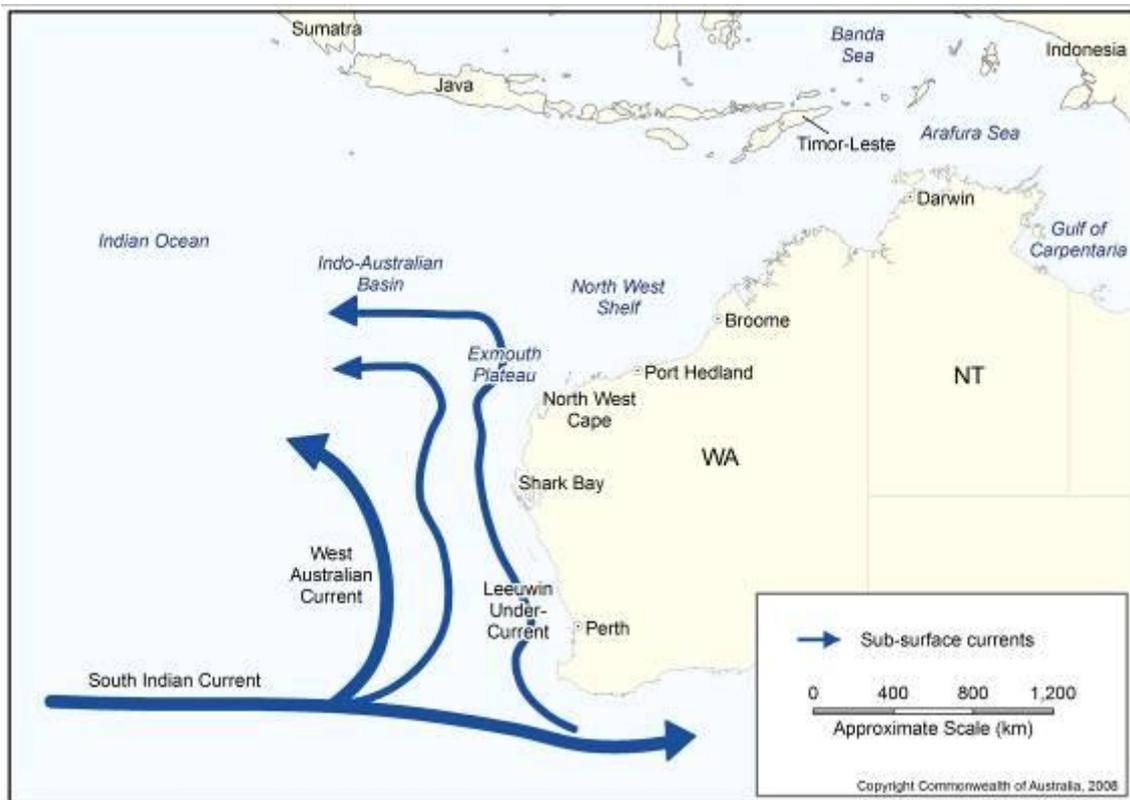
The Leeuwin Undercurrent and other sub-surface currents have been observed to flow westwards (away from the coastline) offshore from the Exmouth plateau (Figure 3).

While the tidal currents are generally weaker in the deeper waters, their influence is greatest along the near shore, coastal passage regions and, in and around islands. Therefore, to accurately describe the variability in currents between the inshore and offshore region, a hybrid regional dataset was developed by combining ocean predictions obtained from HYCOM (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model) with 2-dimensional tidal currents developed by RPS. The following sections provide a summary of the hybrid regional data set.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 present the dominant (i.e. most frequently occurring) current conditions based on summer and winter HYCOM datasets within the region.



**Figure 2 Schematic of ocean currents along the northwest Australian continental shelf (Source: DEWHA, 2008).**



**Figure 3 Schematic of ocean sub-surface currents along the northwest Australian continental shelf (Source: DEWHA, 2008).**

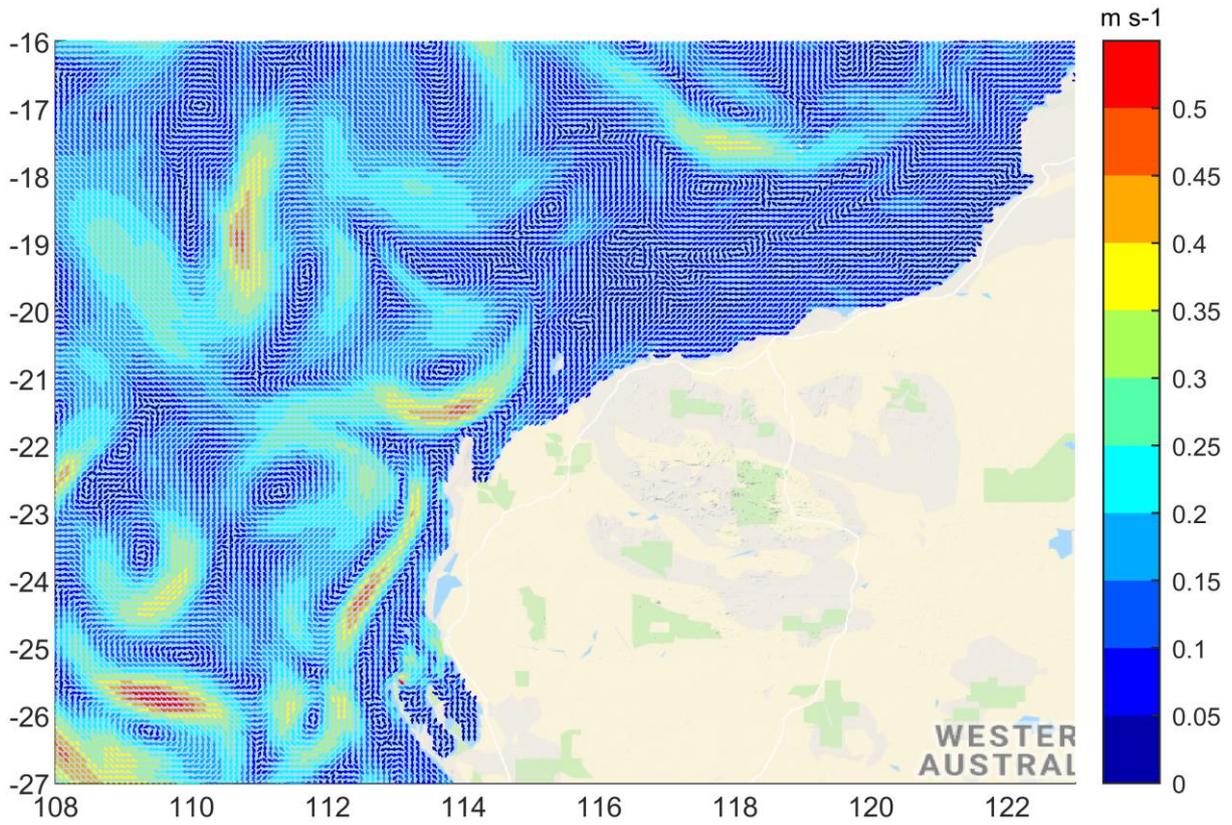


Figure 4 HYCOM surface drift conditions during summer.

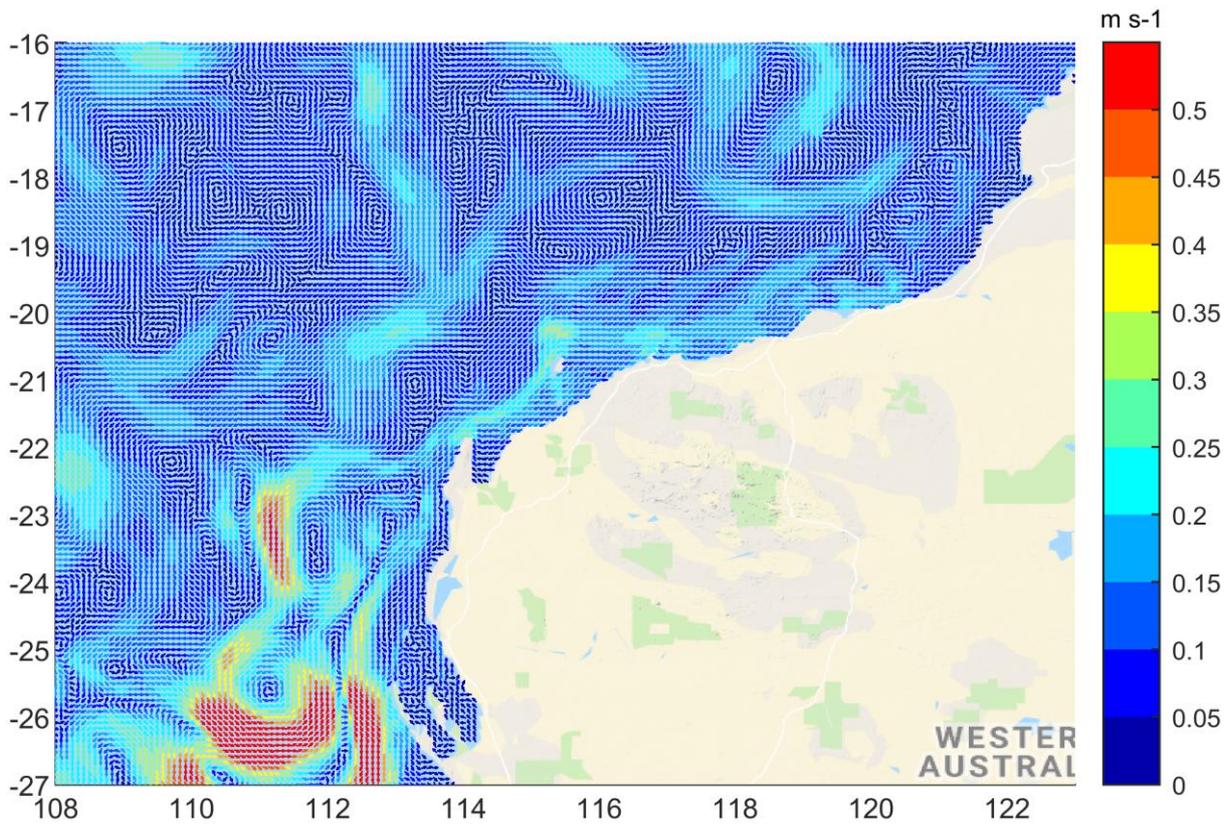


Figure 5 HYCOM surface drift conditions during winter.

### 3.1 Tidal Currents

Tidal current data was generated using RPS's advanced ocean/coastal model, HYDROMAP. The HYDROMAP model has been thoroughly tested and verified through field measurements throughout the world for over 30 years (Isaji and Spaulding, 1984; Isaji et al., 2001; Zigic et al., 2003). In fact, HYDROMAP tidal current data has been used as input to forecast (in the future) and hindcast (in the past) oil spills in Australian waters and forms part of the Australian National Oil Spill Emergency Response System operated by AMSA (Australian Maritime Safety Authority).

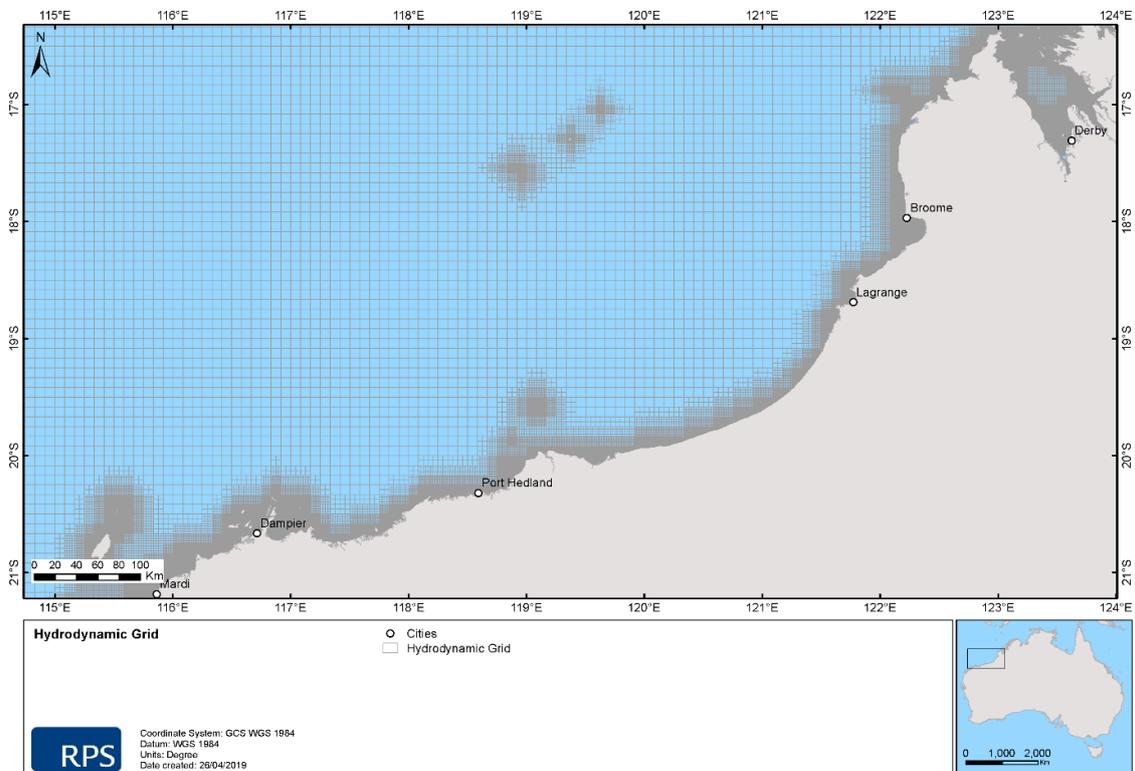
HYDROMAP employs a sophisticated sub-gridding strategy, which supports up to six levels of spatial resolution, halving the grid cell size as each level of resolution is employed. The sub-gridding allows for higher resolution of currents within areas of greater bathymetric and coastline complexity, and/or of particular interest to a study.

The numerical solution methodology follows that of Davies (1977a, 1977b) with further developments for model efficiency by Owen (1980) and Gordon (1982). A more detailed presentation of the model can be found in Isaji and Spaulding (1984) and Isaji et al. (2001).

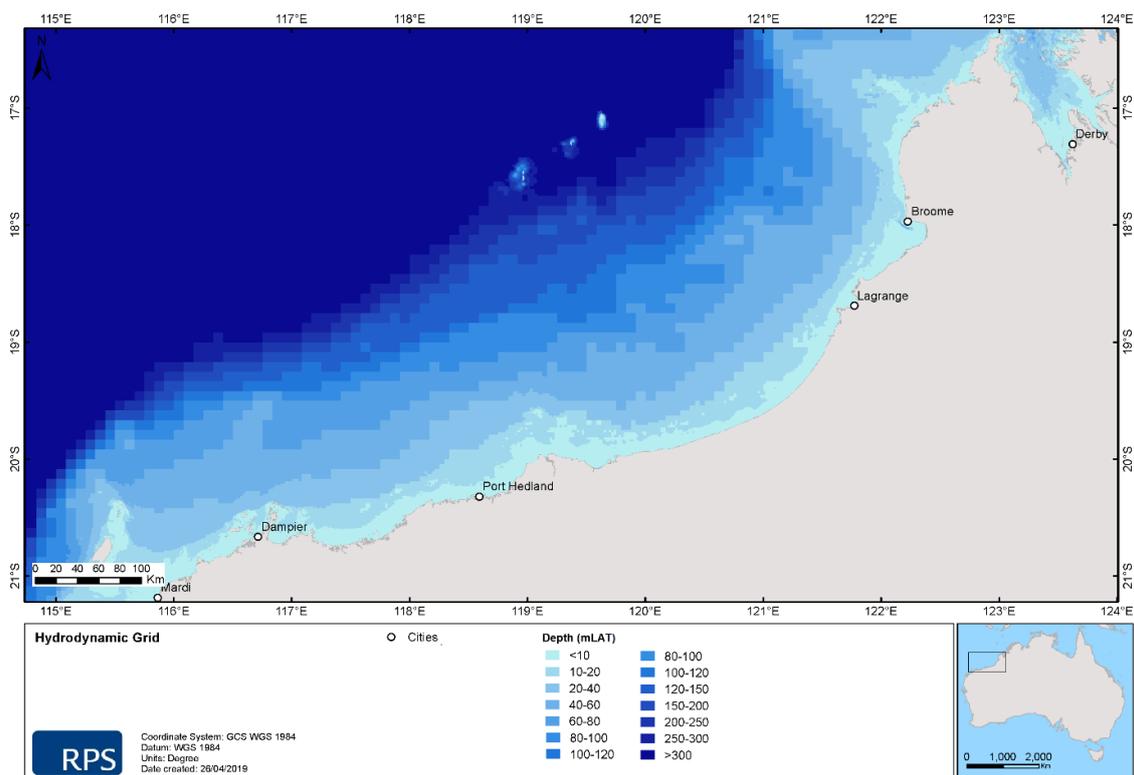
#### 3.1.1 Grid Setup

RPS have a seamless global 2-dimensional tidal model. The model domain is sub-gridded to a resolution of approximately 500 m for shallow and coastal regions, starting from an offshore (or deep water) resolution of approximately 8 km. The finer gridding was allocated in a step-wise fashion to more accurately resolve flows along the coastline, around islands and over more complex bathymetry. Figure 6 shows a sample of the tidal model domain, which extends over the study region.

The bathymetry in the model domain (Figure 7) consists of multiple data sources, including Geoscience Australia and digitised navigational charts.



**Figure 6** Sample of the model grid used to generate the tidal currents for the study region. Higher resolution areas are shown by the denser mesh.



**Figure 7** Sample of the Bathymetry defined throughout the tidal model.

### 3.1.2 Tidal Conditions

The ocean boundary data for the regional model was obtained from satellite measured altimetry data (TOPEX/Poseidon 7.2) which provided estimates of the eight dominant tidal constituents at a horizontal scale of approximately 0.25 degrees. The eight major tidal constituents used were  $K_2$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $K_1$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $O_1$  and  $Q_1$ . Using the tidal data, surface heights were firstly calculated along the open boundaries, at each time step in the model.

The Topex-Poseidon satellite data has a resolution of 0.25 degrees globally and is produced and quality controlled by NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). The satellites, equipped with two highly accurate altimeters, capable of taking sea level measurements accurate to less than  $\pm 5$  cm, measured oceanic surface elevations (and the resultant tides) for over 13 years (1992–2005). In total these satellites carried out 62,000 orbits of the planet. The Topex-Poseidon tidal data has been widely used amongst the oceanographic community, being referenced in more than 2,100 research publications (e.g. Andersen, 1995; Ludicone et al., 1998; Matsumoto et al., 2000; Kostianoy et al., 2003; Yaremchuk and Tangdong, 2004; Qiu and Chen 2010). As such the Topex/Poseidon tidal data is considered suitably accurate for this study.

### 3.1.3 Surface Elevation Validation

To ensure that tidal predictions were accurate, predicted surface elevations were compared to data observed at five locations (see Figure 8).

Figure 9 and Figure 10 illustrate a comparison of the predicted and observed surface elevations for each location for January 2014. As shown on the graphs, the model accurately reproduced the phase and amplitudes throughout the spring and neap tidal cycles.

To provide a statistical measure of the model performance, the Index of Agreement (IOA – Willmott, 1981) and the Mean Absolute Error (MAE – Willmott, 1982; Willmott and Matsuura, 2005) were used.

The MAE is simply the average of the absolute values of the difference between the model-predicted (P) and observed (O) variables. It is a more natural measure of the average error (Willmott and Matsuura, 2005) and more readily understood.

$$MAE = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N |P_i - O_i|$$

The Index of Agreement (IOA) is determined by:

$$IOA = 1 - \frac{\sum |X_{model} - X_{obs}|^2}{\sum (|X_{model} - \bar{X}_{obs}| + |X_{obs} - \bar{X}_{obs}|)^2}$$

Where: X represents the variable being compared and the time mean of that variable. A perfect agreement exists between the model and field observations if the index gives an agreement value of 1 and complete disagreement will produce an index measure of 0 (Willmott, 1981). Willmott et al. (1985) also suggests that values meaningfully larger than 0.5 represent good model performance. Clearly, a greater IOA and lower MAE represent a better model performance.

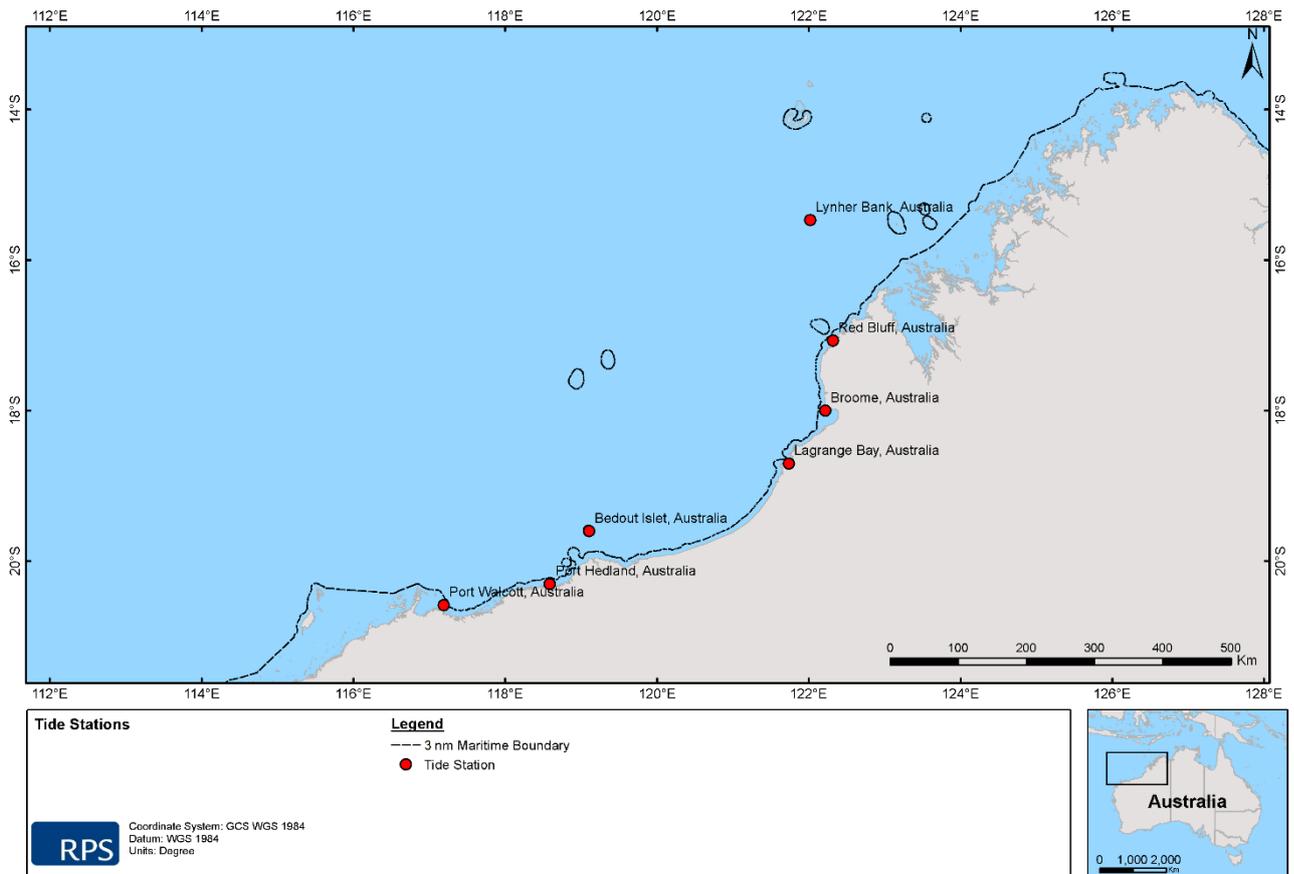
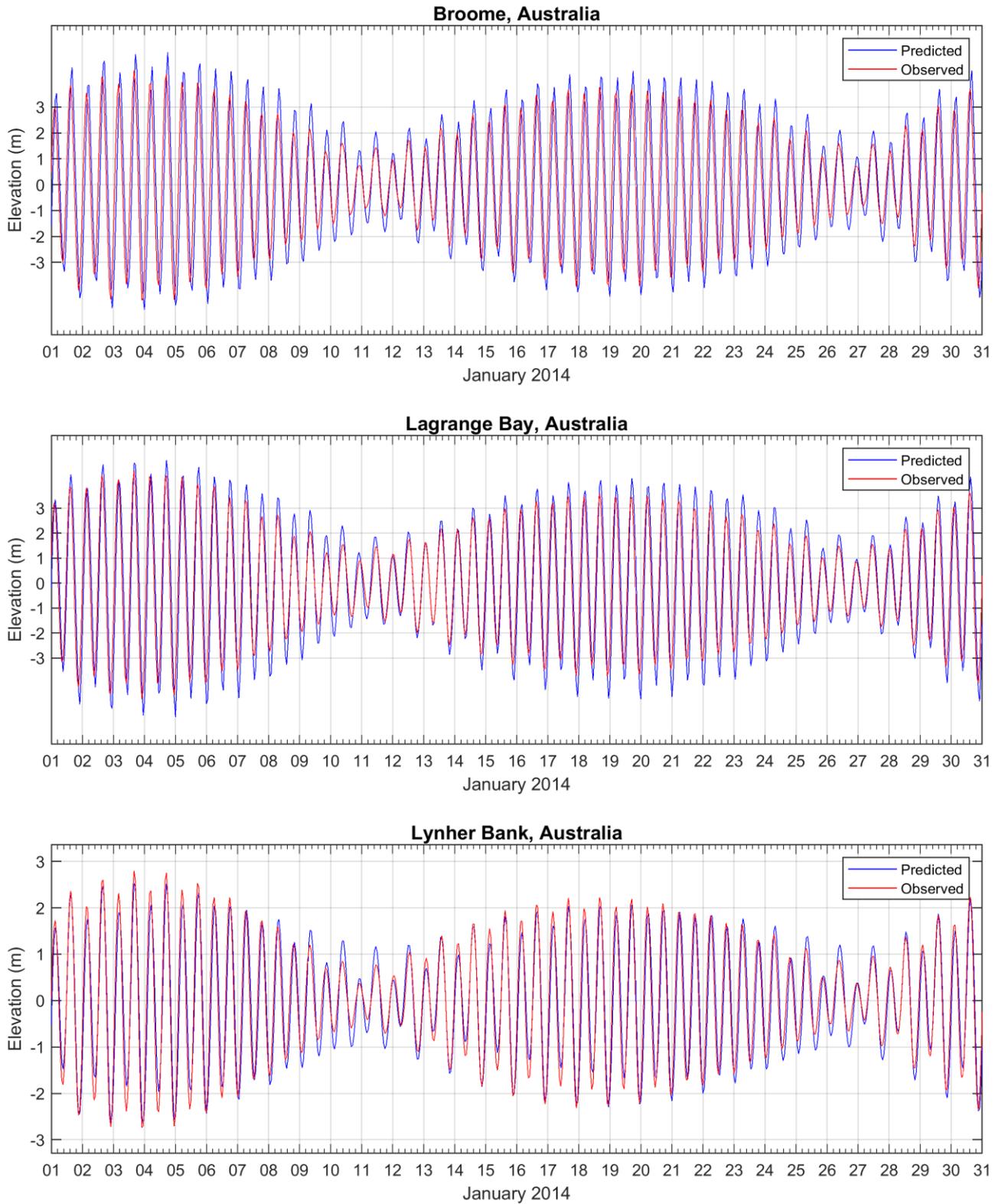


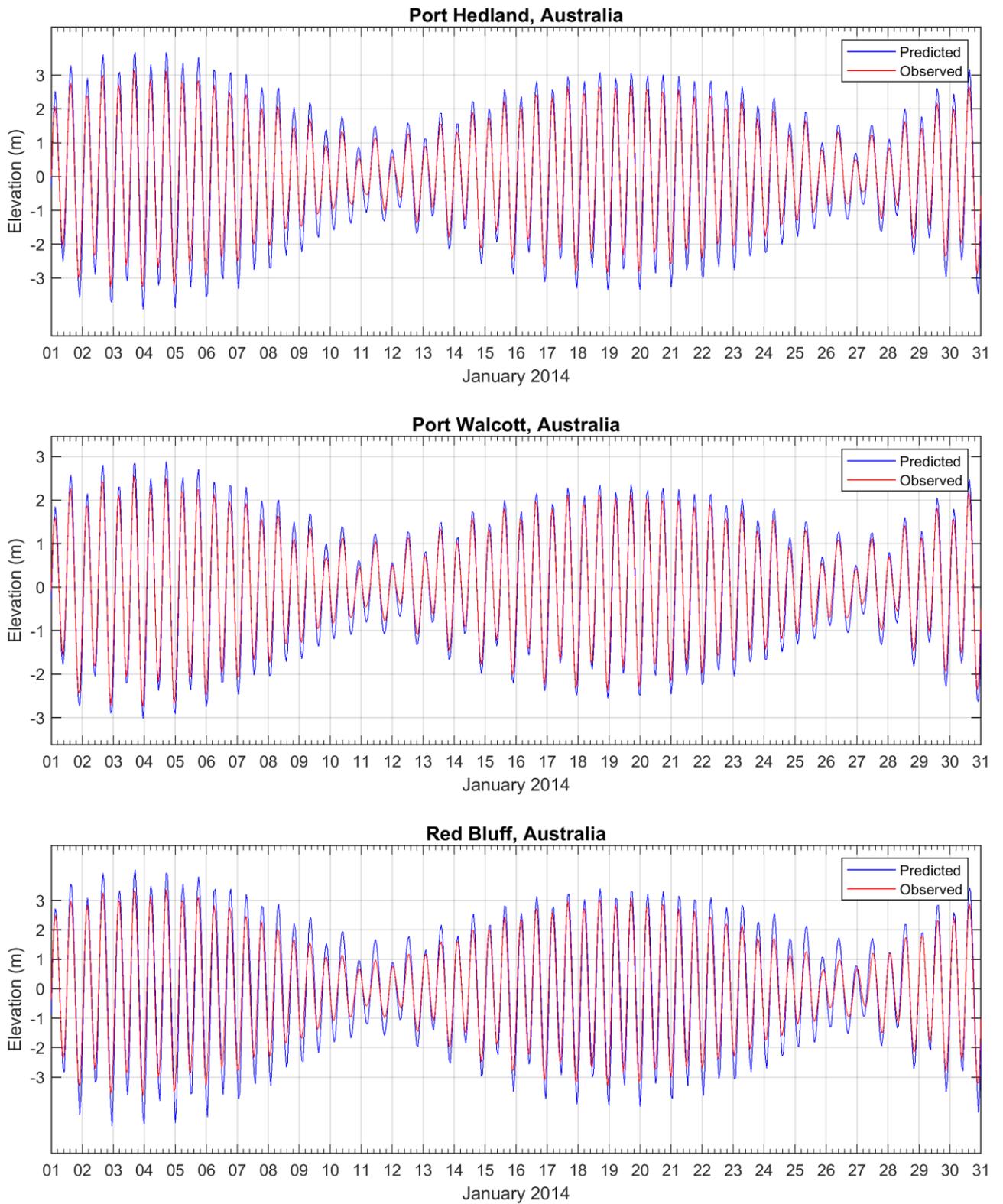
Figure 8 Tide stations used to validate surface elevation within the model.

**Table 2** Statistical comparison between the observed and predicted surface elevations.

Tide Station	IOA	MAE (m)
Broome	0.90	1.11
Lagrange Bay	0.96	0.71
Lynher Bank	0.98	0.31
Port Hedland	0.98	0.33
Port Walcott	0.99	0.20
Red Bluff	0.98	0.46



**Figure 9 Comparison between HYDROMAP predicted (blue line) and observed (red line) surface elevation.**



**Figure 10 Comparison between HYDROMAP predicted (blue line) and observed (red line) surface elevation.**

### 3.2 Ocean Currents

Data describing the flow of ocean currents was obtained from HYCOM (Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model, (Chassignet et al., 2007), which is operated by the HYCOM Consortium, sponsored by the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE). HYCOM is a data-assimilative, three-dimensional ocean model that is run as a hindcast (for a past period), assimilating time-varying observations of sea surface height, sea surface temperature and in-situ temperature and salinity measurements (Chassignet et al., 2009). The HYCOM predictions for drift currents are produced at a horizontal spatial resolution of approximately 8.25 km (1/12<sup>th</sup> of a degree) over the region, at a frequency of once per day. HYCOM uses isopycnal layers in the open, stratified ocean, but uses the layered continuity equation to make a dynamically smooth transition to a terrain following coordinate in shallow coastal regions, and to z-level coordinates in the mixed layer and/or unstratified seas.

For this study, the HYCOM hindcast currents were obtained for the years 2011 to 2015 (inclusive).

### 3.3 Surface Currents at the release site

Table 3 displays the predicted average and maximum surface current near the release site.

Figure 11 and Figure 12 show the monthly and seasonal combined current rose distributions (2011-2015 inclusive) derived from HYCOM ocean current data and HYDROMAP tidal data near the release location, respectively.

Note the convention for defining current direction is the direction the current flows towards, which is used to reference current direction throughout this report. Each branch of the rose represents the currents flowing to that direction, with north to the top of the diagram. Sixteen directions are used. The branches are divided into segments of different colour, which represent the current speed ranges for each direction. Speed intervals of 0.1 m/s are predominantly used in these current roses. The length of each coloured segment is relative to the proportion of currents flowing within the corresponding speed and direction.

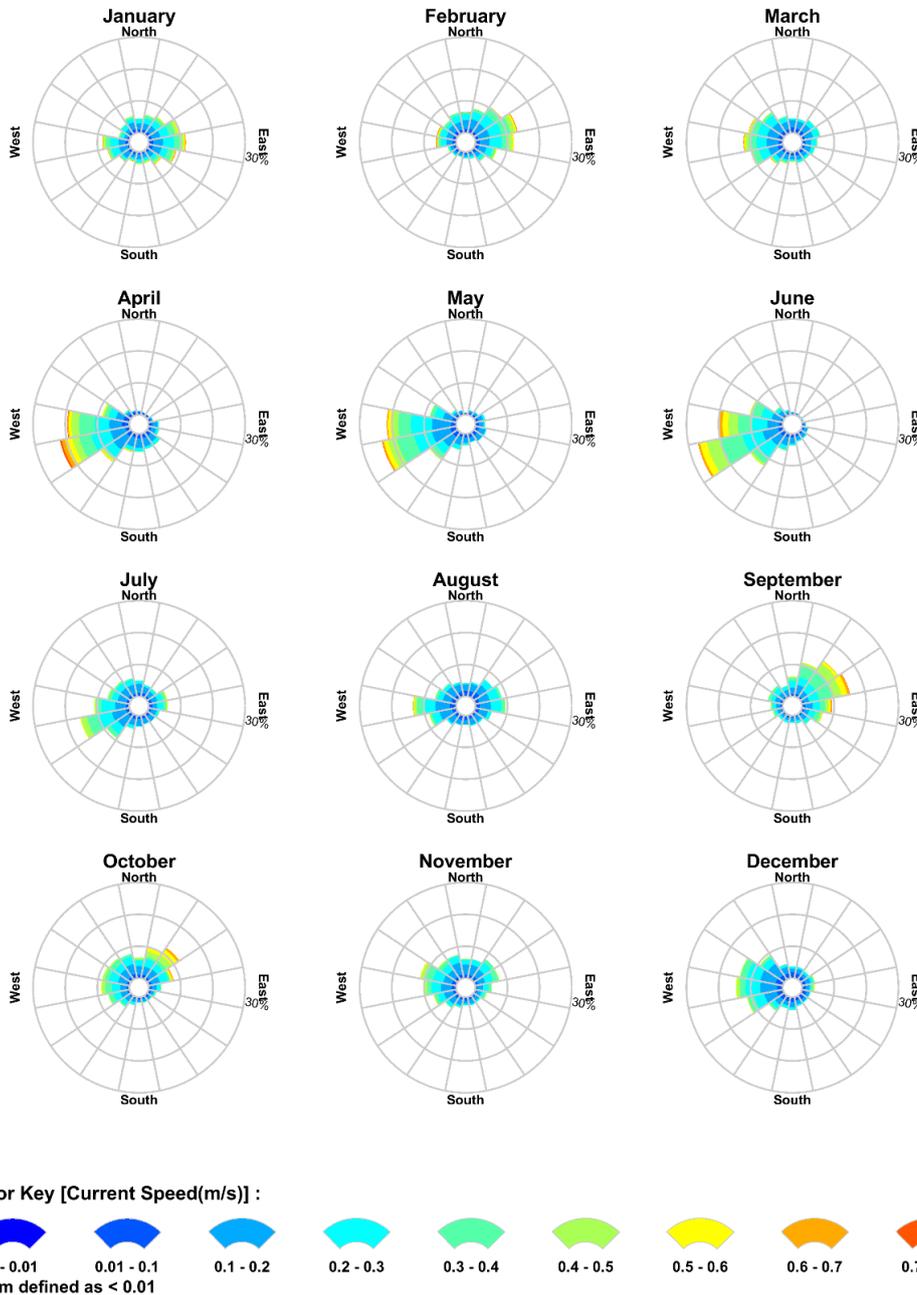
The combined current data (ocean plus tides) showed that waters nearby the release site flowed predominantly in an east-northeast and west-southwest direction (Figure 11 and Figure 12). Average monthly surface current speeds ranged between 0.17 and 0.25 m/s. Additionally, the maximum surface current speeds ranged between 0.56 and 1.03 m/s nearby the Ironbark release location.

**Table 3 Predicted average and maximum surface current speed near the Ironbark release location. Data derived by combining the HYCOM ocean data and HYDROMAP high resolution tidal data from 2011-2015 (inclusive).**

Season	Month	Average current speed (m/s)	Maximum current speed (m/s)	General Direction (Towards)
Summer	January	0.23	1.03	East – West
	February	0.22	0.89	East
	March	0.19	0.88	West
Transitional	April	0.22	0.81	West
Winter	May	0.21	0.79	West
	June	0.25	0.76	West-southwest
	July	0.20	0.58	West
	August	0.17	0.17	East – West
Transitional	September	0.17	0.17	East-northeast
Summer	October	0.23	0.23	Variable
	November	0.20	0.20	Variable
	December	0.18	0.18	West
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.56</b>	
	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.03</b>	

### RPS Data Set Analysis Current Speed (m/s) and Direction Rose (All Records)

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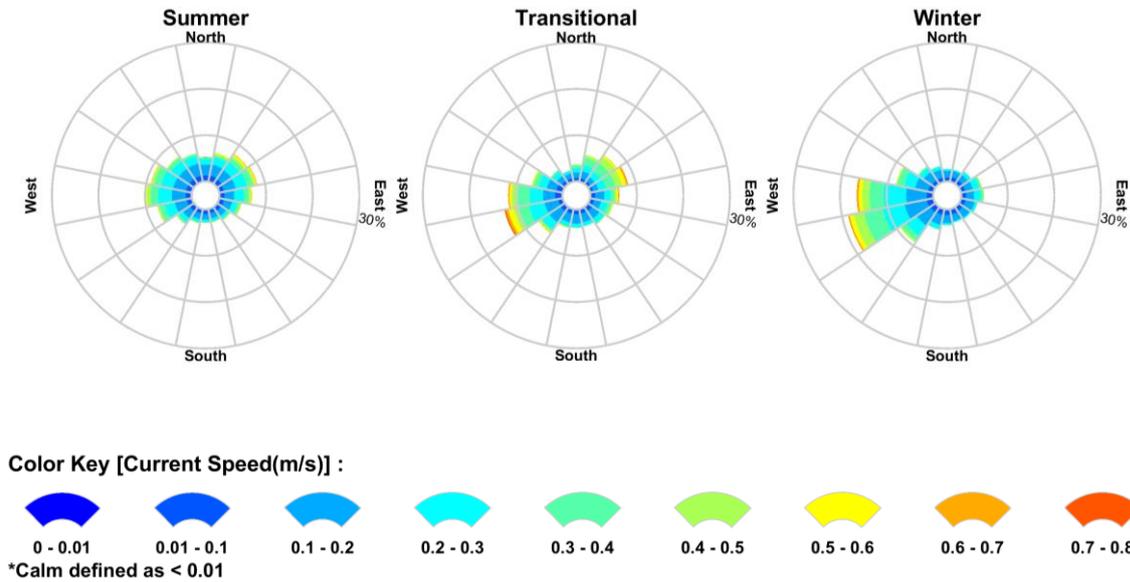


**Figure 11** Monthly surface current rose plots near the Ironbark release location (derived by combining the HYDROMAP tidal currents and HYCOM ocean currents for 2011 – 2015 inclusive). The colour key shows the current magnitude (m/s), the compass direction provides the current direction flowing TOWARDS and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

## RPS Data Set Analysis

### Current Speed (m/s) and Direction Rose (All Records)

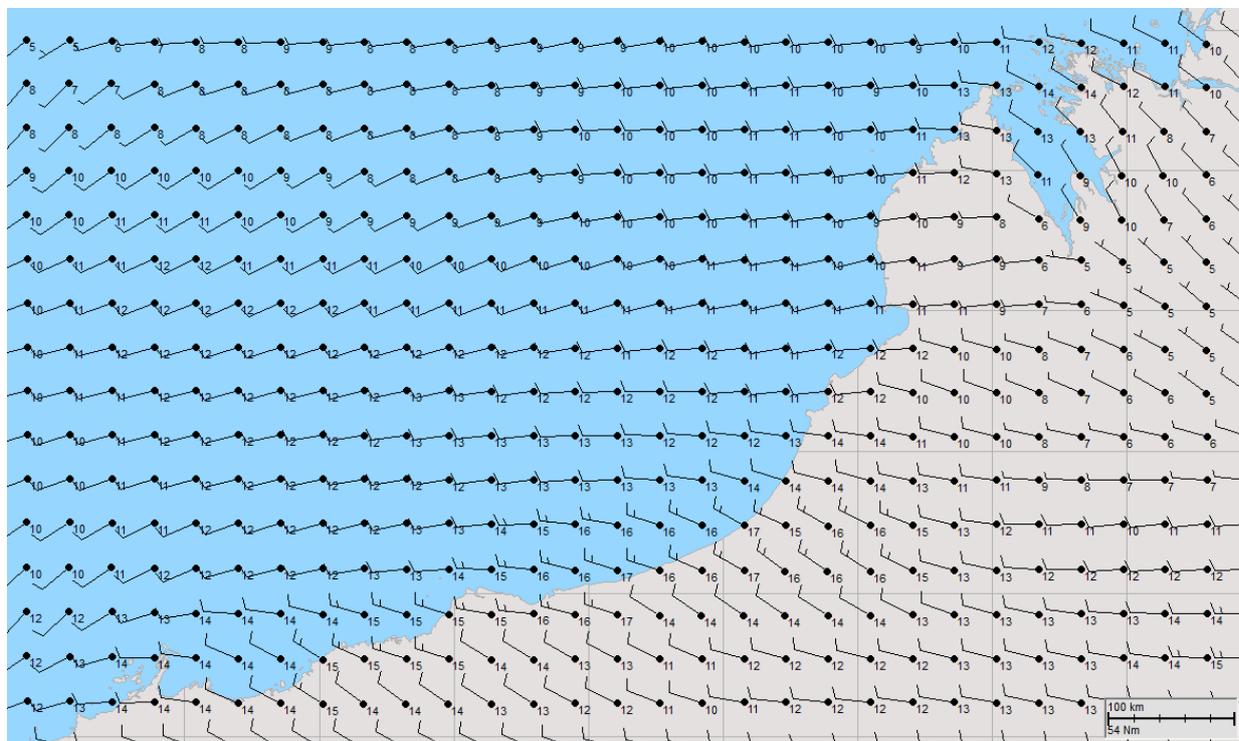
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**Figure 12** Seasonal combined current rose plot near the Ironbark release location (derived by combining the HYDROMAP tidal currents and HYCOM ocean currents for 2011 – 2015 inclusive). The colour key shows the current magnitude (m/s), the compass direction provides the current direction flowing TOWARDS and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

## 4 WIND DATA

High resolution wind data from 2011 to 2015 (inclusive) was sourced from the National Centre for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSR; see Saha et al., 2010). The CFSR wind model includes observations from many data sources; surface observations, upper-atmosphere air balloon observations, aircraft observations and satellite observations. The model is capable of accurately representing the interaction between the earth's oceans, land and atmosphere. The gridded wind data output is available at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a degree resolution ( $\sim 33$  km) and 1-hourly time intervals. Figure 13 displays the spatial resolution of the wind field used as input into the oil spill model and the station used to create the wind roses. Table 4 shows the monthly average and maximum winds derived from the CFSR station located within the operational area. Figure 14 and Figure 15 illustrates the monthly and annual wind rose distributions.



**Figure 13 Sample of the CFSR modelled wind data.**

Note that the atmospheric convention for defining wind direction, that is, the direction the wind blows from, is used to reference wind direction throughout this report. Each branch of the rose represents wind coming from that direction, with north to the top of the diagram. Sixteen directions are used. The branches are divided into segments of different colour, which represent wind speed ranges from that direction. Speed ranges of 3 knot intervals, excluding the calm and near calm conditions are used in these wind roses. The length of each segment within a branch is proportional to the frequency of winds blowing within the corresponding range of speeds from that direction.

The data indicated that the winds across the region are relatively weak (monthly average wind speeds varied slightly from 9 knots to 15 knots). Maximum wind speeds ranged between 23 and 46 knots. Winds were shown to be variable in direction however they predominantly occurred from the south-southwest (January–March, September–December) and east (May–August).

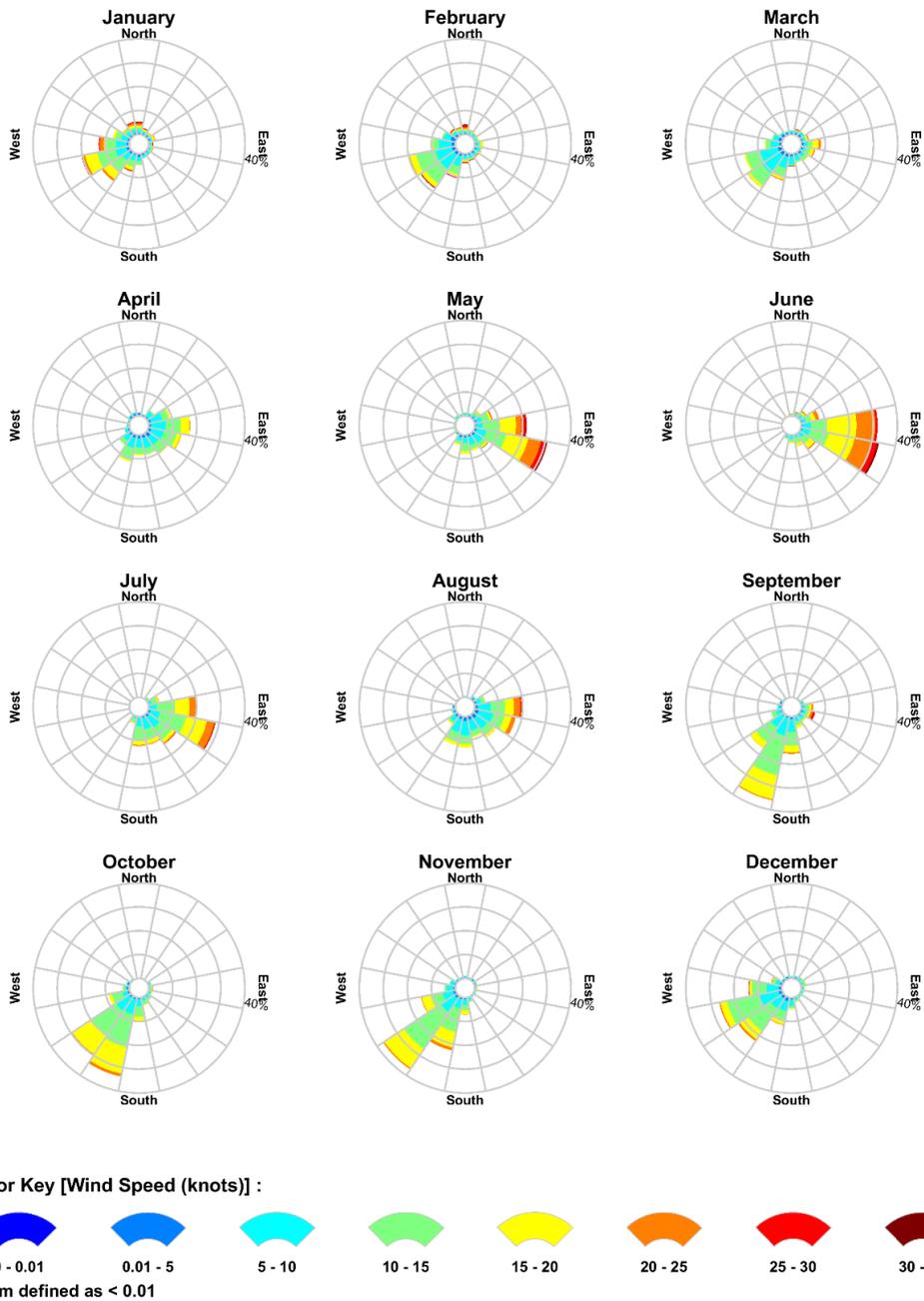
**Table 4** Predicted average and maximum winds for the wind station closest to the Ironbark release site. Data derived from CFSR hindcast model from 2011-2015 (inclusive).

Season	Month	Average wind speed (Knots)	Maximum wind speed (Knots)	General Direction (From)
Summer	January	12	40	Southwest
	February	11	41	Southwest
	March	10	46	Southwest
Transitional	April	9	23	Variable
Winter	May	13	34	East-Southeast
	June	15	34	East-Southeast
	July	13	36	East-Southeast
	August	10	28	East
Transitional	September	12	30	South-southwest
Summer	October	12	24	South-southwest
	November	11	23	South-southwest
	December	10	31	Southwest
		<b>Minimum</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	

### RPS Data Set Analysis

#### Wind Speed (knots) and Direction Rose (All Records)

Longitude = 116.08°E, Latitude = 19.16°S  
 Analysis Period: 01-Jan-2011 to 31-Jan-2015

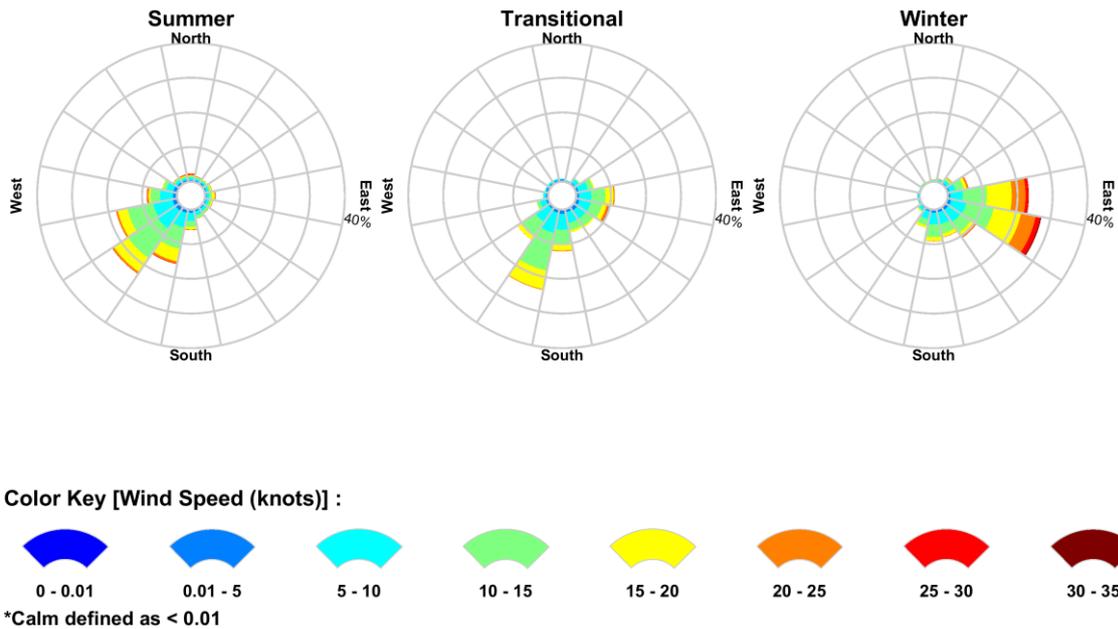


**Figure 14** Modelled monthly wind rose distributions from 2011–2015 (inclusive), for the wind station closest to the Ironbark release site. The colour key shows the wind magnitude, the compass direction provides the direction FROM and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

## RPS Data Set Analysis

### Wind Speed (knots) and Direction Rose (All Records)

Longitude = 116.08°E, Latitude = 19.16°S  
 Analysis Period: 01-Jan-2011 to 31-Jan-2015



**Figure 15** Modelled seasonal wind rose distributions from 2011–2015 (inclusive), for the wind station closest to the Ironbark release site. The colour key shows the wind magnitude, the compass direction provides the direction FROM and the length of the wedge gives the percentage of the record for a particular speed and direction combination.

## 5 WATER TEMPERATURE AND SALINITY

The monthly depth-varying water temperature and salinity profiles at 5 m intervals through the water column adjacent to the release location (refer to Figure 16) was obtained from the World Ocean Atlas 2013 database produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Centers for Environmental Information (formerly the National Oceanographic Data Centre) (see Levitus et al., 2013). The data is used to inform the weathering, movement and evaporative loss of hydrocarbon spills in the surface and subsurface layers.

Table 5 details the annual water temperature and salinity adjacent to the release location as a function of depth. The annual temperature for the surface waters is 27.3°C and 13.0°C near the seabed. Salinity remained consistent throughout the water column at approximately 35 psu.

**Table 5 Annual water temperature and salinity adjacent to the release location as a function of depth (data sourced: World Ocean Atlas (2013) database).**

Depth	Annual Mean Water Temperature	Annual Mean Salinity
	(°C)	(psu)
0	27.3	34.9
5	27.3	34.9
10	27.2	34.9
25	27.0	34.9
50	26.1	34.9
75	25.0	34.9
100	23.8	35.0
150	21.0	35.2
250	15.4	35.2
Bottom (300 m)	13.0	35.2

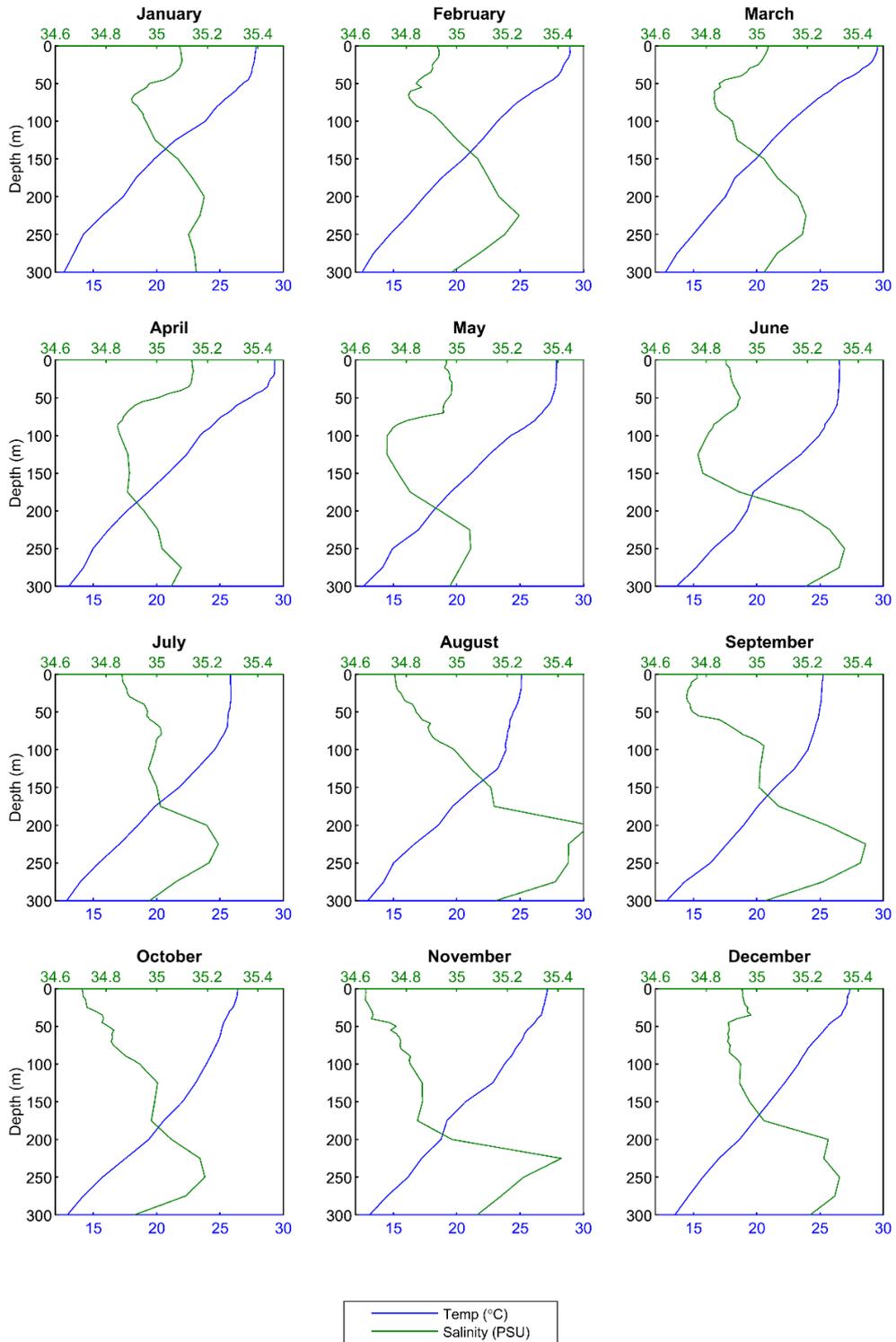


Figure 16 Monthly temperature (blue) and salinity (green) profiles adjacent to the Ironbark release locations as a function of depth. Data sourced from the World Ocean Atlas (2013) database.

## 6 NEAR-FIELD MODEL – OILMAPDEEP

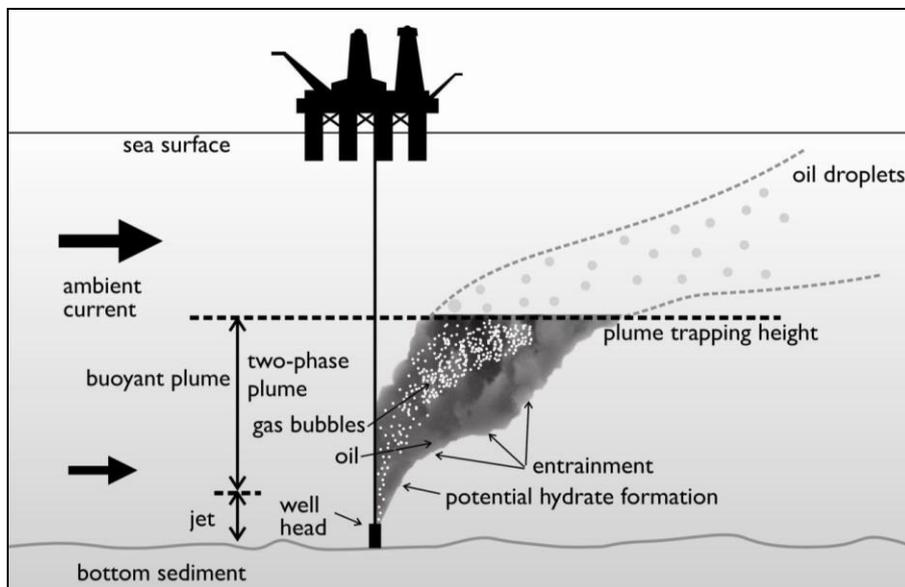
Near-field modelling was carried out for the loss of well control scenario to better understand the plume dynamics due to the amalgamation of condensate and gas at the seabed using the advanced OILMAPDEEP blowout model. OILMAPDEEP was developed by RPS and designed to provide the near-field behaviour of multi-phase gas-condensate plumes during subsurface blowout releases.

The model simulates the plume rise dynamics in two phases, the initial jet phase and the buoyant plume phase. The initial jet phase governs the plume dynamics directly above the subsea release location and is predominantly driven by the exit velocity. During this phase, the condensate droplet size and distribution are calculated. Next, the rise dynamics are dominated by the buoyant nature of the plume until the termination of the plume phase (known as the trapping depth). At this point, the results from OILMAPDEEP (including plume trapping depth, plume diameter and droplet size distribution) are integrated into the far-field model SIMAP to simulate the rise and dispersion of the condensate droplets.

More details on the OILMAPDEEP model, can be found in Spaulding et al. (2015). The model has been validated against observations from Deepwater Horizon as well as small and large-scale laboratory studies on subsurface oil releases (Brandvik et al 2013, 2014; Belore 2014; Spaulding et al. 2015; Li et al. 2017a, 2017b).

Figure 17 illustrates the various stages of an example blowout plume.

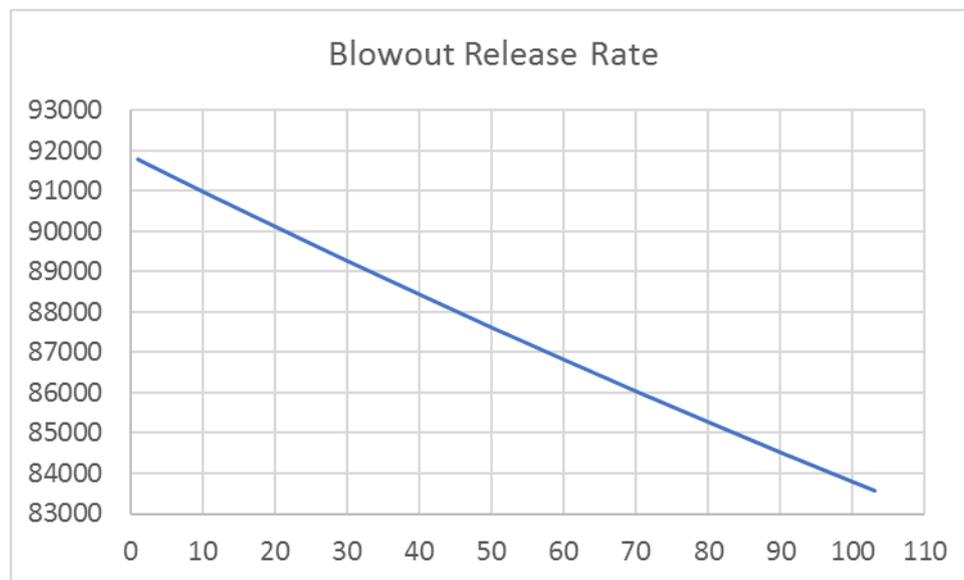
Table 6 provides a summary of the input data used for the subsea near-field plume modelling for Scenario 2. Note that a depleting release rate illustrated in Figure 18 was used for the scenario, starting from 91,793 bbl/day (14,595 m<sup>3</sup>/day) on day 1 and decreasing to 83,565 bbl/day (13,301 m<sup>3</sup>/day) on day 103. Droplet sizes ranged between 128 and 442 µm.



**Figure 17** Example of a blowout plume illustrating the various stages of the plume in the water column (Source: Applied Science Associates, 2011).

**Table 6** Input characteristics for modelling the near-field behaviour of a well blowout.

Input Variable	Value
Scenario	103-day loss of well control
Water depth (m)	298
Tubing diameter (inch)	12.25
Condensate Rate (stb/day)	91,793 bbl (day 1) depleting to 83,565 bbl (day 103)
Water Rate (stb/day)	11,504 bbl (day 1) depleting to 11,364 bbl (day 103)
Gas Rate (scf/day)	1,541 MMscf (day 1) depleting to 1,456 MMscf (day 103)
Gas to Condensate ratio (scf/bbl)	15,131 (average)
Gas to Total Liquids ratio (scf/bbl)	2,695 (average)
Reservoir temperature (°C)	145
Release Pressure (psia)	~10,000
<b>Key Results</b>	
Plume execution depth (m)	Plume ruptures the sea surface
Droplet Sizes (µm)	128 – 442

**Figure 18** Depleting release rate used for the scenario

## 7 SPILL MODEL – SIMAP

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Modelling of the fate of oil was performed using SIMAP. SIMAP is designed to simulate the fate and effects of spilled hydrocarbons for both the surface and subsurface releases (Spaulding et al. 1994; French et al. 1999; French-McCay, 2003, 2004; French-McCay et al. 2004).

SIMAP has been used to predict the weathering and fate of oil spills during and after major incidents including: Montara (Australia) well blowout August 2009 in the Timor Sea (Asia-Pacific ASA, 2010); Macondo (USA) well blowout April 2010 in the Gulf of Mexico; Bohai Bay (China) oil spill August 2011; and the pipeline oil spill July 2013 in the Gulf of Thailand

The SIMAP model calculates the transport, spreading, entrainment, evaporation and decay of surface hydrocarbon slicks as well as the entrained and dissolved oil components in the water column, either from surface slicks or from oil discharged subsea. The movement and weathering of the spilled oil is calculated for specific oil types. Input specifications for oil mixtures include the density, viscosity, pour point, distillation curve (volume lost versus temperature) and the aromatic/aliphatic component ratios within given boiling point ranges.

SIMAP is a 3D model that allows for various response actions to be modelled including oil removal from skimming, burning, or collection booms, and surface and subsurface dispersant application.

The SIMAP oil spill model includes advanced weathering algorithms, specifically focussed on unique oils that tend to form emulsions and/or tar balls. The weathering algorithms are based on 5 years of extensive research conducted in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico (French et al., 2015).

Biodegradation is included in the oil spill model. In the model, SIMAP, degradation is calculated for the surface slick, deposited oil on the shore, the entrained oil and dissolved constituents in the water column, and oil in the sediments. For surface oil, water column oil, and sedimented oil a first order degradation rate is specified. Biodegradation rates are relatively high for hydrocarbons in dissolved state or in dispersed small droplets.

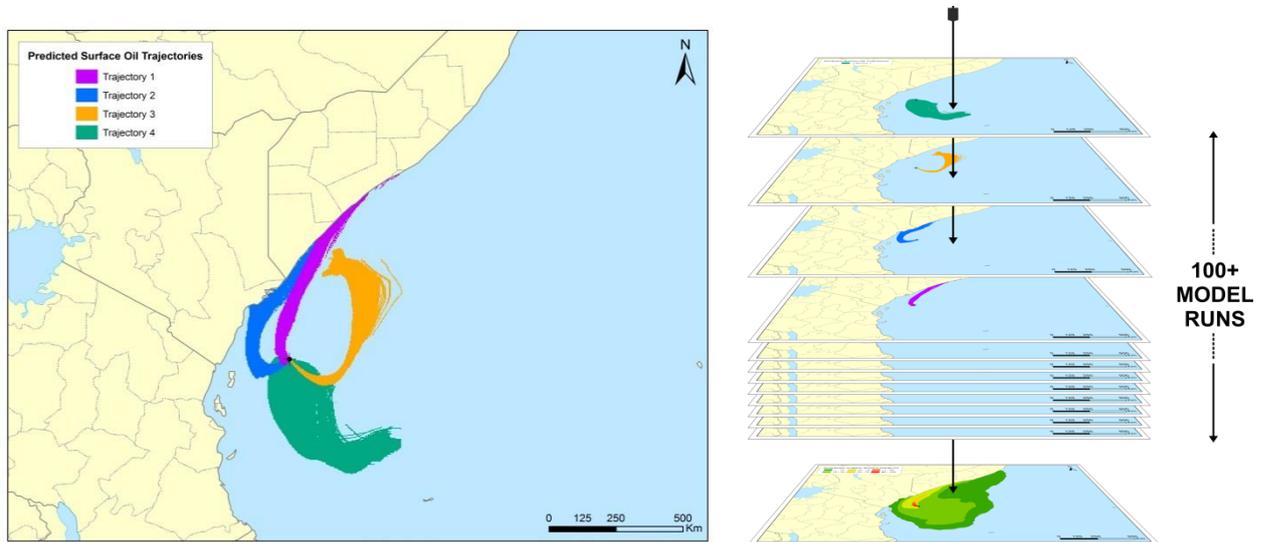
### 7.1 Stochastic Modelling

Stochastic oil spill modelling is created by overlaying a great number (often 100 hundred) simulated hypothetical oil spills (Figure 19). Stochastic modelling involves running numerous individual oil spill simulations using a range of prevailing wind and current conditions that are historically representative of the season and location of where the spill event may occur.

For the stochastic modelling presented herein, **100 oil spills** were simulated for each season for each scenario using the same spill information (release location, spill volume, duration and oil type) but with varied start dates and times corresponding to the period represented by the available wind and current data. During each simulation, the model records whether any grid cells are exposed to any oil concentrations, the concentrations involved and the elapsed time before exposure. The results of all 100 oil spill simulations were analysed to determine the following seasonal statistics for every grid cell:

- Exposure load (concentrations and volumes);
- Minimum time before exposure;
- Probability of contact above defined concentrations;
- Volume of oil that may strand on shorelines from any single simulation;
- Concentration that might occur on sections of individual shorelines;

- Exposure (concentration x duration of exposure) to dissolved hydrocarbons in the water column; and
- Exposure (concentration x duration of exposure) to entrained hydrocarbons in the water column.



**Figure 19** Predicted movement of four single oil spill simulations by SIMAP for the same scenario (Left image). All model runs are overlain (shown as the stacked runs on the right) and the number of times that trajectories contact a given location at a concentration is used to calculate the probability (Source: NOPSEMA, 2018).

## 7.2 Sea Surface, Shoreline and Water Column Thresholds

Table 7 shows the sea surface, shoreline and water column exposure thresholds used to assess and present the oil spill modelling results, which are based on the commonly used exposure values for oil spill modelling and the NOPSEMA recommended thresholds (NOPSEMA, 2019).

**Table 7** Sea surface, shoreline and water column exposure thresholds.

Level	Sea Surface Exposure (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Shoreline Contact (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	Dissolved Hydrocarbon Concentration (ppb) <sup>#</sup>	Entrained Hydrocarbon Concentrations (ppb) <sup>#</sup>
Low	1	10	10	10
Moderate	10	100	50	N/A
High	50	1,000	400	100

<sup>#</sup>These threshold values refer to a) instantaneous concentrations (i.e. exposure over a 1-hour timestep) and b) time-averaged exposure over a 48-hour window. Both sets of results are provided in the Result Section(s).

## 7.3 Oil Properties

### 7.3.1 Marine Diesel Oil

The marine diesel oil (MDO) used in Scenario 1 is a light-persistent fuel oil used in the maritime industry. It has a density of 829.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (API of 37.6) and a low pour point (-14°C). The low viscosity (4 cP) indicates that this oil will spread quickly when released and will form a thin to low thickness film on the sea surface, increasing the rate of evaporation. According to the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation classification scheme (ITOPF, 2014) the MDO is classified as a Group II light persistent oil. The classification is based on the specific gravity of hydrocarbons in combination with relevant boiling point ranges.

Table 8 details the physical properties of MDO, while Table 9 presents the boiling point ranges of the MDO used in this study.

Figure 20 illustrates the weathering graph for a 250 m<sup>3</sup> release of MDO over 6 hours during three wind speeds. The 5, 10 and 15 knot wind speeds were selected given that breaking waves and in turn entrainment takes place between 10 – 12 knots. The results illustrate that the prevailing wind speeds can and do influence the weathering and fate of the MDO. Under lower wind-speeds (5 knots), the MDO will remain on the surface longer, spread quicker, and in turn greater evaporation. Conversely, sustained stronger winds (>15 knots) will generate breaking waves at the surface, causing a higher amount of MDO to be entrained into the water column and reducing the amount available to evaporate.

### 7.3.2 Goodwyn Condensate

Goodwyn condensate was used as a proxy for the loss of well control scenario. The condensate has an API of 51.5, a density of 773.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (at 25°C) with a low pour point of -30°C and a viscosity of 0.912 cP (at 21.1°C) (refer to Table 8), classifying it as a Group I non persistent oil according to the International Tankers Owners Pollution Federation classification scheme (ITOPF, 2014). The condensate comprises of a significant portion of volatiles and semi to low volatiles (97.6% total) with very little residual components (2.4%) (refer to Table 9). This means that the condensate will evaporate readily when on the water surface, with a very small volume of persistent components to remain on the water surface over time.

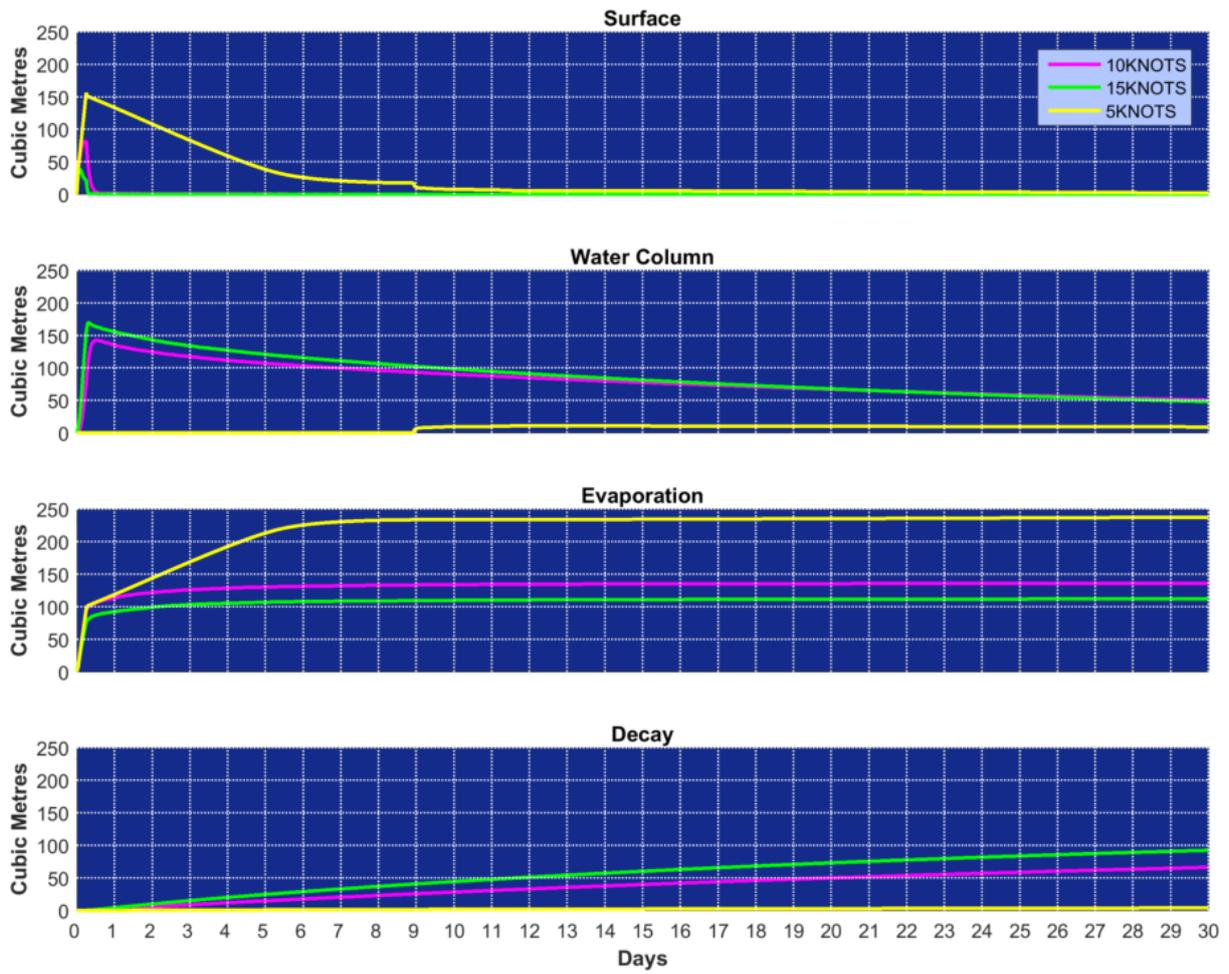
Figure 21 illustrates the weathering graph for a 92,000 bbl (14,628 m<sup>3</sup>) subsea release of Goodwyn Condensate over 24 hours during three wind speeds. Weathering shows rapid evaporation occurs while the condensate is still being released during all three wind speeds. Goodwyn condensate is predicted to readily entrain into the water column under the higher wind speeds (10 and 15 knots). Due to the high volatility of the condensate, little is predicted to remain on the water surface after the spill ceases.

**Table 8 Physical properties for the MDO and Goodwyn condensate used for the Ironbark oil spill modelling study.**

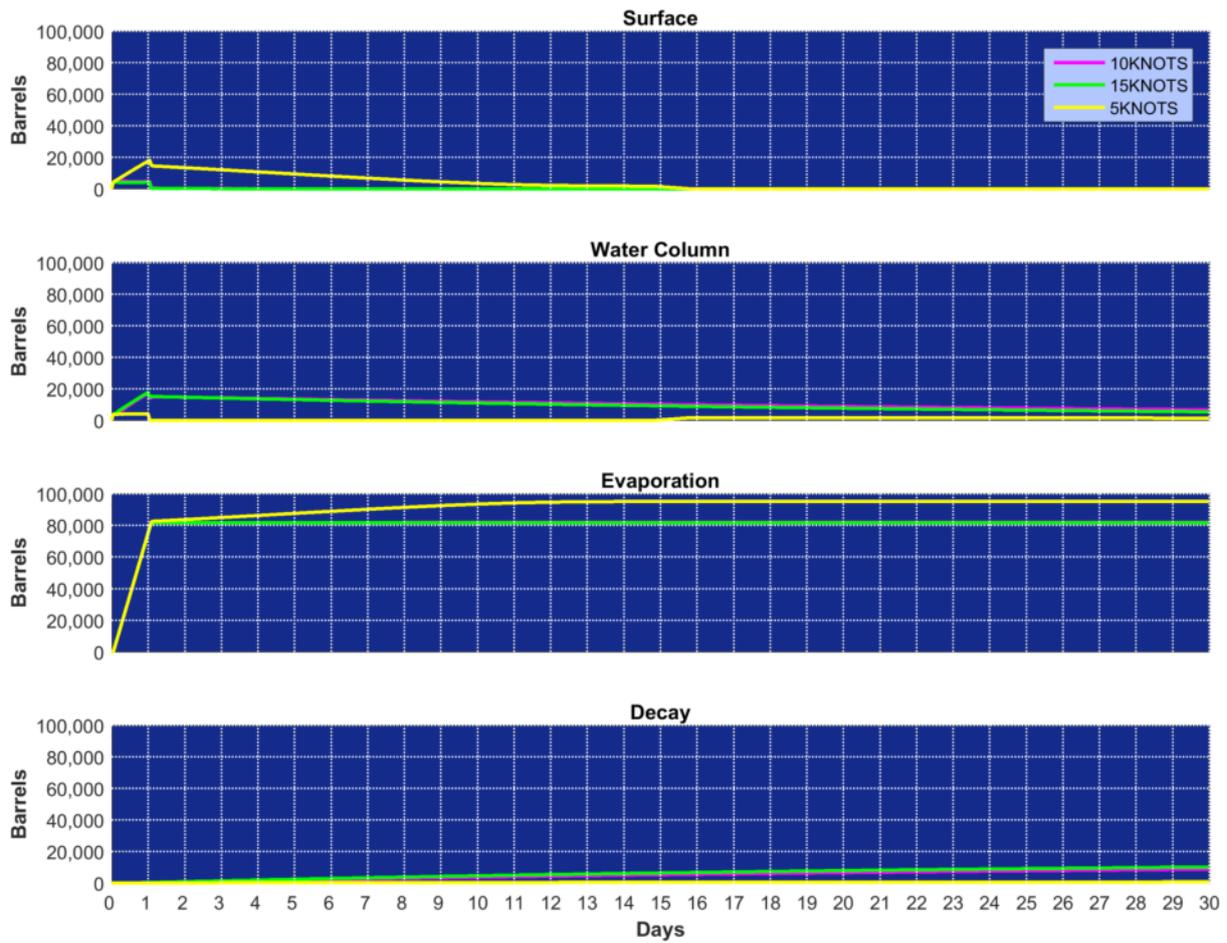
Properties	MDO	Goodwyn condensate
Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	829.1	773.1 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (at 25°C)
API	37.6	51.5
Dynamic Viscosity (cP)	4	0.912 cP (at 21.1°C)
Wax content (%)	1	4.8
Pour point (°C)	-14	-30
Oil Property Category	Group II	Group I
Oil Property Classification	Light-Persistent	Non-persistent hydrocarbon

**Table 9 Boiling point ranges for the MDO and Goodwyn condensate used for the Ironbark oil spill modelling study.**

Characteristic	Volatiles (%)	Semi-volatiles (%)	Low Volatiles (%)	Residual (%)
Boiling point (°C)	<180	180–265	265–380	>380
		Non-persistent		Persistent
MDO	6.0	34.6	54.4	5.0
Goodwyn condensate	62.0	22.0	13.6	2.4



**Figure 20** Weathering of MDO under three static winds conditions (5, 10 and 15 knots). The results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours and tracked for 30 days.



**Figure 21 Weathering of Goodwyn condensate under three static winds conditions (5, 10 and 15 knots). The results are based on a of 92,000 bbl (14,628 m<sup>3</sup>) subsea release over 24 hours and tracked for 30 days.**

## 7.4 Model Settings

The modelling study assessed the following two scenarios:

- 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours in the event of a vessel collision at the Ironbark well location; and
- 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days to represent a loss of well control event from the Ironbark well location.

The potential risk of exposure to surrounding waters and shorelines was assessed for three distinct seasons; (i) summer (November to March), (ii) transitional (April and September) and (iii) winter (May to September).

Table 10 provides a summary of the oil spill model settings used and assumptions for the two scenarios. The table also shows the thresholds that were used. It should be noted that concentrations above 10 g/m<sup>2</sup> on the sea surface (or moderate threshold) is considered the lower threshold, whereby oil may be thick enough for containment and recovery as well as surface dispersant treatment (AMSA, 2015).

The simulation lengths were carefully selected based on extensive sensitivity testing. During the sensitivity testing process, sample spill simulations were run for longer than intended durations. Upon completion of the spill simulations, the results were carefully assessed to examine the persistence of the hydrocarbons (i.e. whether the maximum evaporative loss has been achieved for the period of time modelled; and whether a substantial volume of hydrocarbons remain in the water column (if any)) in conjunction with the extent of sea surface exposure based on reporting thresholds. Once there was agreement between the two factors (i.e. the final fate of the hydrocarbon is accounted for and the full exposure area is identified) the simulation length was deemed appropriate.

**Table 10 Summary of the oil spill model settings for the Ironbark oil spill modelling study.**

<b>Data Input Parameters</b>	<b>Scenario 1</b>	<b>Scenario 2</b>
Scenario description	A loss following a vessel collision causing a surface release	A subsea well blowout
Location Name	Ironbark Well	Ironbark Well
Geographic Location	19° 9' 33.84" S 116° 4' 35.76" E	
Number of seasons assessed per scenario	3	3
Number of randomly selected spill start times per season	100	100
Total number of randomly selected spill start times per scenario	300	300
Hydrocarbon type	Marine Diesel Oil	Condensate
Total volume released	250 m <sup>3</sup>	9.016 MMstb (1,433,544 m <sup>3</sup> )
Release duration (days)	0.25 (6 hours)	103
Oil to gas ratio (scf/stb)	N/A	15,131
Exit hole size (inches)		12 ¼
Simulation length (days)	30	133
Seasons assessed	(i) summer (November to March), (ii) transitional (April and September) and (iii) winter (May to September)	
Reporting surface oil exposure thresholds (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	1 ( <u>low exposure</u> ), 10 ( <u>moderate exposure</u> ) and 50 ( <u>high exposure</u> )	
Reporting shoreline contact thresholds (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	10 ( <u>low contact</u> ), 100 ( <u>moderate contact</u> ) and 1,000 ( <u>high contact</u> )	
Dissolved hydrocarbons thresholds (ppb). <i>These thresholds were assessed for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows.</i>	10 ( <u>potential low exposure</u> ), 50 ( <u>potential moderate exposure</u> ) and 400 ( <u>potential high exposure</u> )	
Entrained hydrocarbon thresholds (ppb). <i>These thresholds were assessed for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows.</i>	10 (potential low exposure) and 100 (potential high exposure)	

## 8 PRESENTATION AND INTERPRETATION OF MODEL RESULTS

The results from the modelling study are presented in a number of statistical tables, which aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the predicted sea-surface and water column (subsurface) exposure and shoreline contact (if predicted).

### 8.1 Seasonal Analysis

The stochastic analysis (or seasonal analysis) provides a summary, based on the collective behaviour of all 100 spill simulations, for each of the three seasonal periods modelled. The results from the modelling study are presented in a number of tables and figures, which aim to provide an understanding of both the predicted sea surface exposure, shoreline and water column exposure for each scenario and each season.

The figures are based on the following principles:

- The **potential zones of exposure (surface hydrocarbon, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons)** – is determined by identifying the maximum loading (surface) or concentration/dosage (subsea) within a grid cell and is then classified according to identified surface or subsea thresholds.
- The **minimum time before hydrocarbon exposure on the sea surface** – is determined by recording the elapsed time before sea surface exposure to a grid cell, at a specified threshold.
- The **probability of exposure/contact (surface and shoreline hydrocarbon, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons)** – is calculated by dividing the number of spill trajectories passing over that given cell (surface, shoreline or subsea) by the total number of spill trajectories, above the specified threshold value.
- **Maximum potential shoreline loading** – is determined by identifying the maximum loading within a shoreline cell and is then classified according to the identified thresholds (i.e. 10, 100 and 1,000 g/m<sup>2</sup>).
- The **instantaneous dissolved and entrained hydrocarbon concentration** – is determined by recording the maximum instantaneous concentrations (i.e. exposure over the model 1-hour timestep) at each grid cell.
- The **time-averaged dissolved and entrained hydrocarbon exposure** – reporting of the highest concentration at each grid cell by applying a 48-hour time-based averaging at each grid cell.

The statistics are based on the following principles:

- The **greatest distance travelled by a spill trajectory** – is determined by: a) recording the maximum distance travelled by a single trajectory, within a scenario, from the release site to the identified exposure thresholds.
- The **probability of shoreline contact** – is determined by recording to the number of spill trajectories to contact the shoreline, at a specific threshold, divided by the total number of spill trajectories within that scenario.
- The **minimum time before oil exposure** – is determined by recording the minimum time for a grid cell to record exposure, at a specific threshold.

- The **average volume ashore for a single spill** – is determined by calculating the average hydrocarbon volume ashore of all the single spill trajectories which were predicted to make shoreline contact within a scenario.
- The **maximum volume ashore from a single spill trajectory** – is determined by identifying the single spill trajectory within a scenario/season, that recorded the maximum volume of oil to come ashore and presenting that value.
- The **average length of shoreline contacted by hydrocarbons** – is determined by calculating the average of the length of shoreline (measured as grid cells) contacted by oil above a specified threshold.
- The **maximum length of shoreline contacted by hydrocarbons** – is determined by recording the maximum length of shoreline (measured as grid cells) contacted by oil above a specified threshold.
- The **probability of oil exposure to a receptor** – is determined by recording the number of spill trajectories to reach a specified sea surface or subsea threshold within a receptor polygon, divided by the total number of spill trajectories within that scenario.
- The **minimum time before exposure to a receptor** – is determined by ranking the elapsed time before sea surface exposure, at a specified threshold, to grid cells within a receptor polygon and recording the minimum value.
- The **probability of hydrocarbon contact to a receptor** – is determined by recording the number of spill trajectories to reach a specified shoreline contact threshold within a receptor polygon, divided by the total number of spill trajectories within that scenario.
- The **minimum time before shoreline contact to a receptor** – is determined by ranking the elapsed time before shoreline contact, at a specified threshold, to grid cells within a receptor polygon and recording the minimum value.
- The **average potential loading within a receptor** – is determined taking the average of the maximum loading to any grid cell within a polygon, for all simulations within a scenario/season, that recorded shoreline.
- The **maximum potential loading within a receptor** – is determined by identifying the maximum loading to any grid cell within a receptor polygon, for a scenario.
- The **average volume ashore within a receptor** – is determined by calculating the average volume of oil to come ashore within a receptor polygon, from all the single spill trajectories which were predicted to make shoreline contact within a scenario.
- The **maximum volume ashore within a receptor** – is determined by recording the maximum volume of oil to come ashore within a receptor polygon, from all the single spill trajectories which were predicted to make shoreline contact within a scenario.
- The **average length of shoreline contacted within a receptor** – is determined by calculating the average of the length of shoreline (measured as grid cells) contacted by oil within a receptor polygon, at a specified threshold, from all the single spill trajectories which were predicted to make shoreline contact within a scenario.
- The **maximum length of shoreline contacted** – is determined by recording the maximum length of shoreline (measured as grid cells) contacted by oil within a receptor polygon, at a specified threshold, from all the single spill trajectories which were predicted to make shoreline contact within a scenario.

- The ***instantaneous dissolved and entrained hydrocarbon concentration*** – is determined by recording the maximum instantaneous concentrations (i.e. exposure over the model 1-hour timestep).
- The ***time-averaged dissolved and entrained hydrocarbon exposure*** – reporting of the highest concentration at each grid cell by applying a 48-hour time-based averaging.

## 8.2 Receptors Assessed

A range of environmental receptors and biological receptors and shorelines were assessed for sea surface exposure, shoreline contact and water column exposure as part of the study (Table 11). The receptors are presented graphically in Figure 22 to Figure 25.

**Table 11 Summary of receptors used to assess surface, shoreline and in-water exposure to hydrocarbons.**

Receptor Category	Acronym	Hydrocarbon Exposure Assessment		
		Water Column	Sea Surface	Shoreline
Marine National Park	MNP	✓	✓	✗
Australian Marine Park	AMP	✓	✓	✗
National Park	NP	✓	✓	✗
Integrated Marine and Coastal Regionalisation of Australia	IMCRA	✓	✓	✗
Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia	IBRA	✓	✓	✓
Key Ecological Feature	KEF	✓	✓	✗
Reefs, Shoals and Banks	RSB	✓	✓	✗
Ramsar	Ramsar	✓	✓	✓
State Waters	State Waters	✓	✓	✗
Local Government Areas	LGA	✓	✓	✓
Sub-Local Government Areas	Sub-LGA	✓	✓	✓

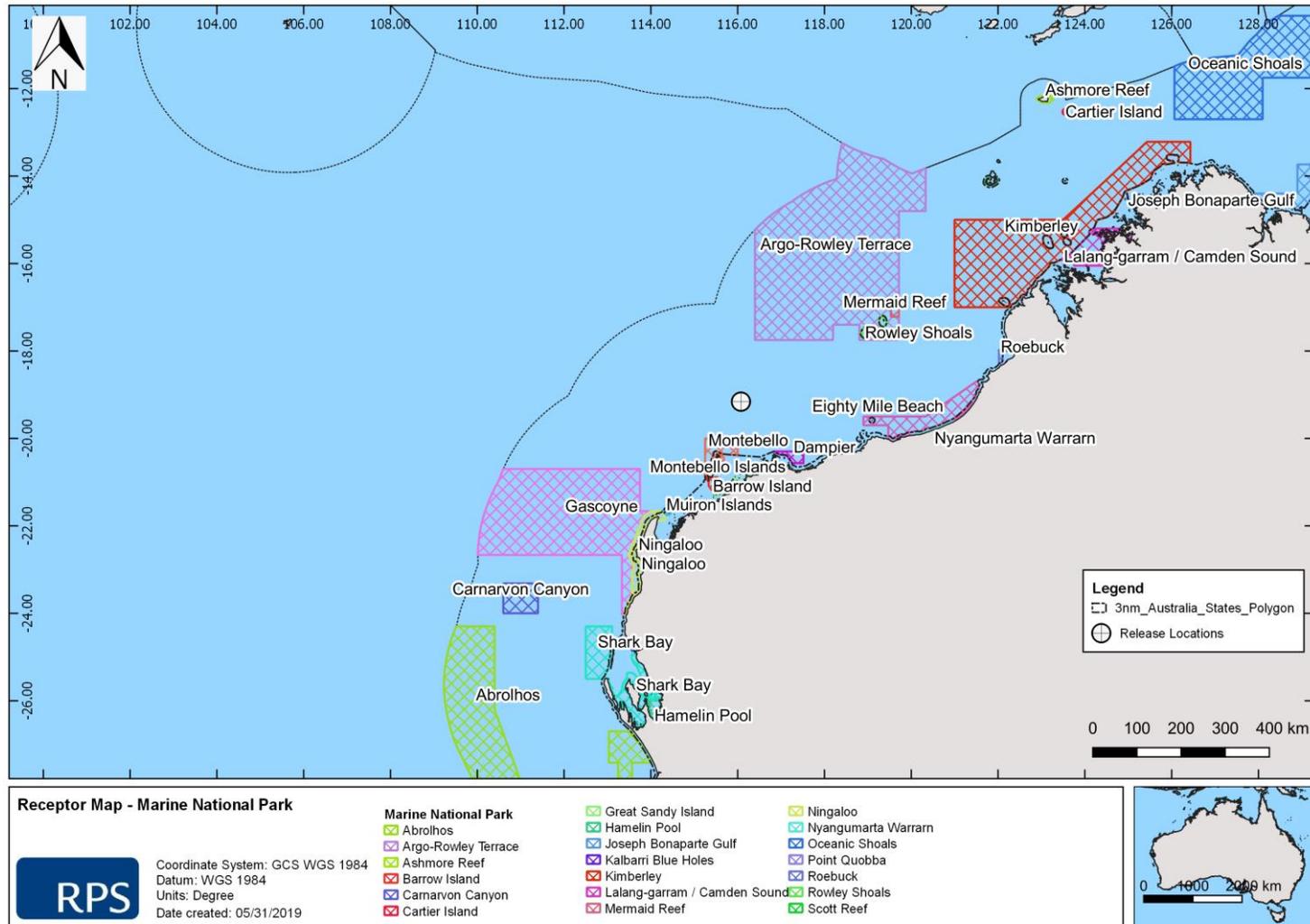


Figure 22 Receptor map for Marine Parks.

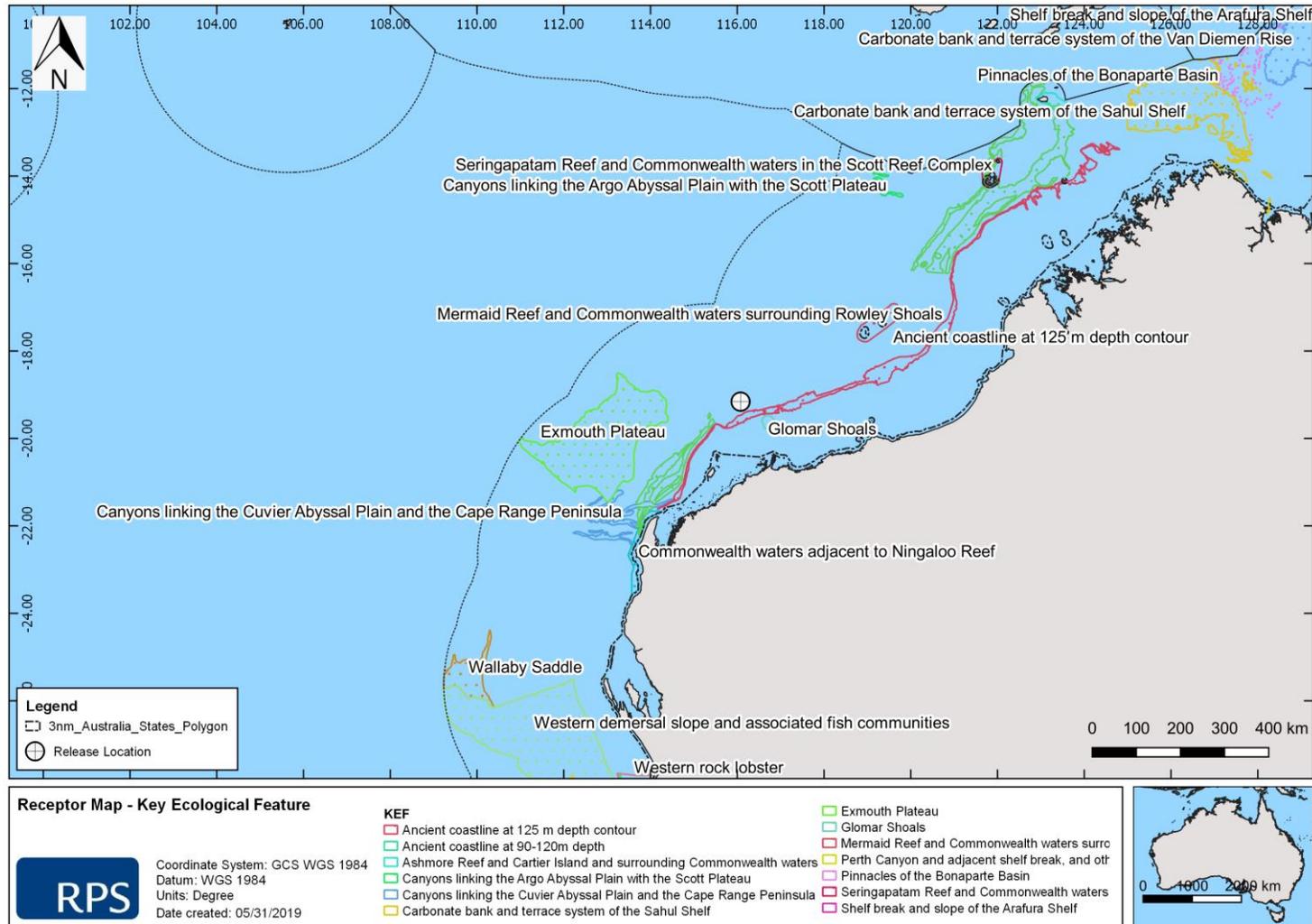


Figure 23 Receptor map of Key Ecological Features (KEF).

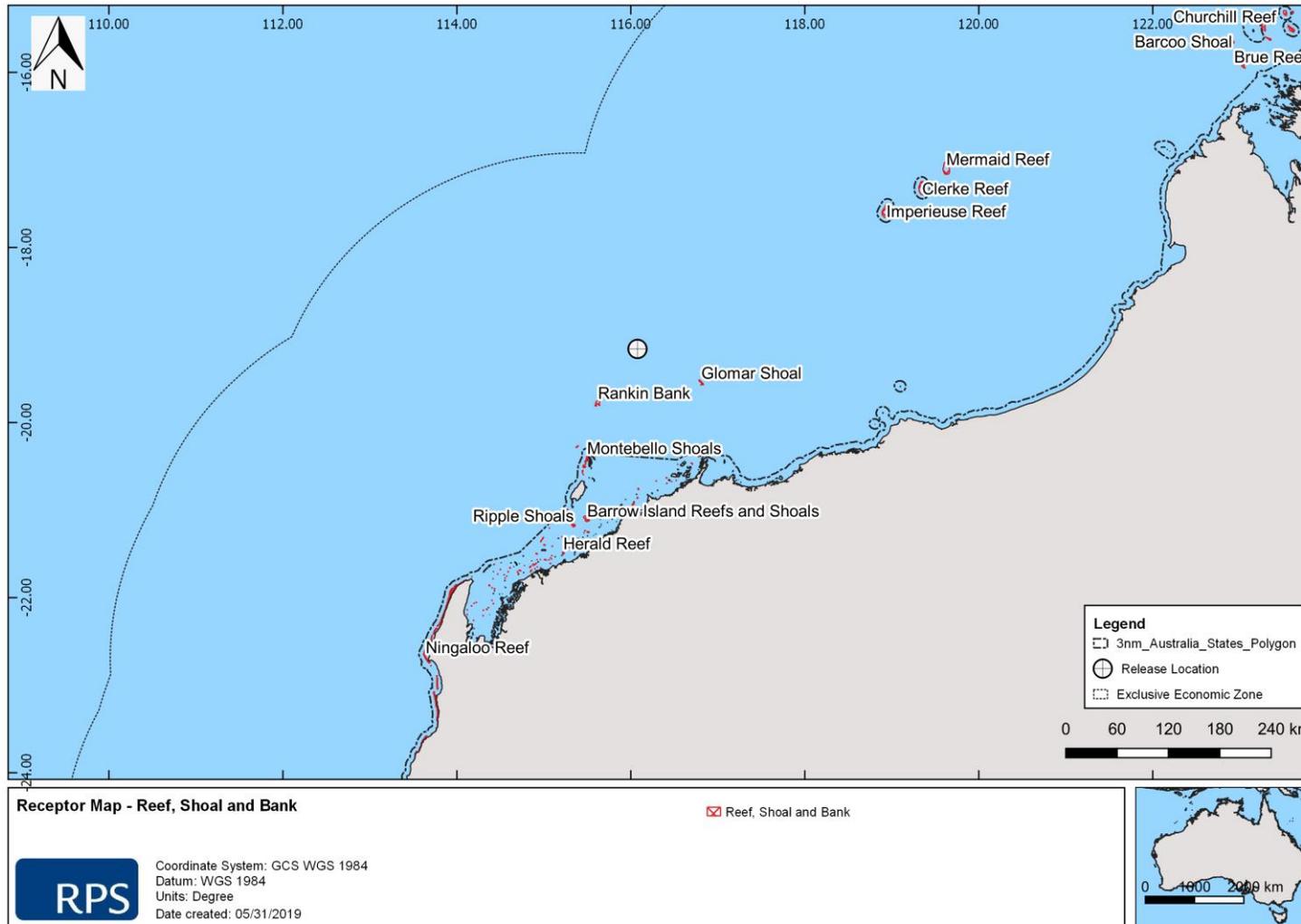


Figure 24 Receptor map of Reefs, Shoals and Banks (RSB) (1/2).

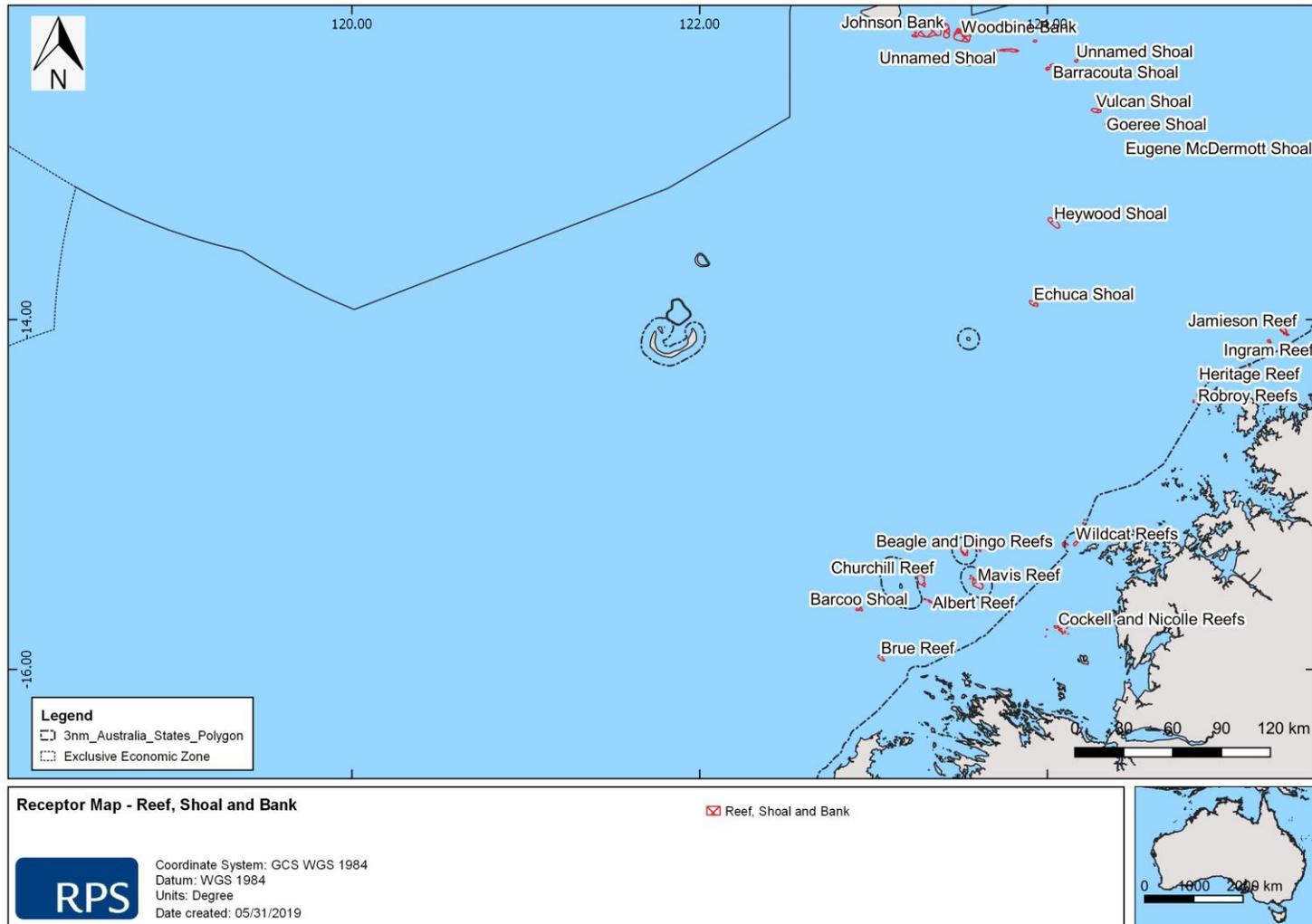


Figure 25 Receptor map of Reefs, Shoals and Banks (RSB) (2/2).

## 9 SCENARIO 1 RESULTS: 250 M<sup>3</sup> SURFACE RELEASE OF MARINE DIESEL OIL OVER 6 HOURS

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The scenario examined a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours (tracked for 30 days) to represent a vessel collision at the Ironbark well location. A total of 100 spill trajectories were simulated for each of the seasons, summer, transitional and winter.

Section 9.1 presents stochastic results in tabulated and figure-based formats.

Note, no shoreline contact was predicted for any of the seasons modelled above the minimum threshold.

### 9.1 Stochastic Analysis

#### 9.1.1 Sea Surface Exposure

Table 12 presents a summary of the maximum distance and direction travelled by the MDO on the sea surface at the low (1 – 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>), moderate (10 – 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>) and high (>50 g/m<sup>2</sup>) exposure thresholds for the three seasons considered, summer, transitional and winter. The maximum distance the low exposure surface hydrocarbons occurred from the release location ranged from 97 km and 166 km during winter and transitional conditions, respectively. Additionally, the maximum distance of sea surface exposure was predicted to occur from the release location at the moderate and high zones of exposure ranged from 45 km (summer) to 54 km (transitional) and 5 km (winter) to 27 km (summer), respectively.

Table 13 presents the potential sea surface exposure to individual receptors predicted during summer, transitional and winter conditions. For each of the seasonal conditions modelled one (1) receptor was predicted to be contacted at the low exposure sea surface threshold. The maximum probability of sea surface exposure to any given receptor was 2% predicted during summer conditions above the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth with a corresponding minimum time before exposure of 1.2 days. No sea surface exposure at the moderate or high exposure thresholds was predicted for any receptor during any of the seasons modelled (Table 13)

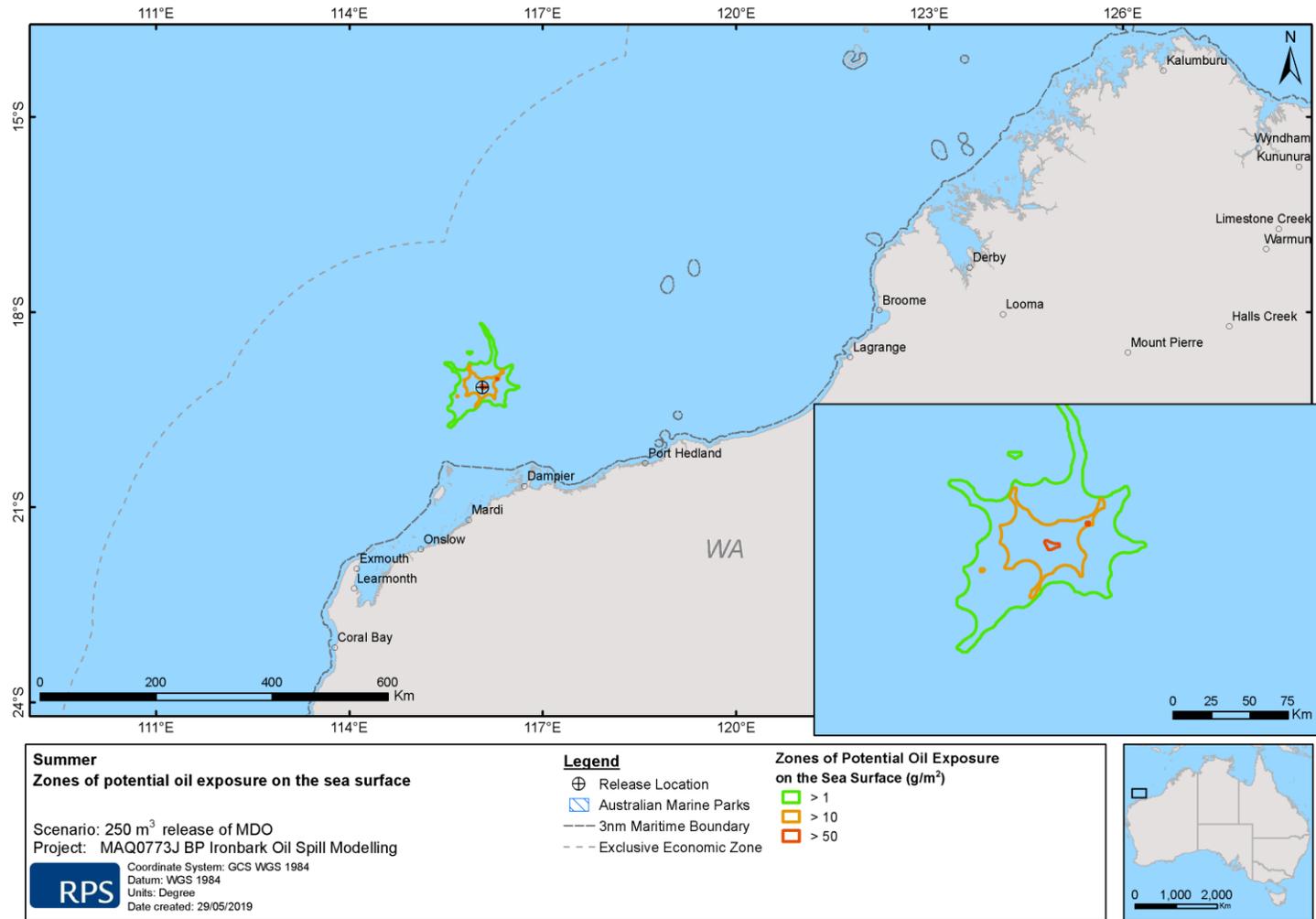
Figure 26 to Figure 28 show zones of sea surface exposure for the summer, transitional and winter seasons, respectively. Zones of sea surface exposure were variable in direction during the summer conditions with no dominant directionality, whilst exposure zones during the transitional and winter conditions typically occurred in a northeast and southwest direction from the release location corresponding with the predominant current patterns adjacent to the release location (see Section 3.2).

**Table 12 Maximum distance and direction travelled from the release location to oil exposure thresholds on the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours and tracked for 30 days.**

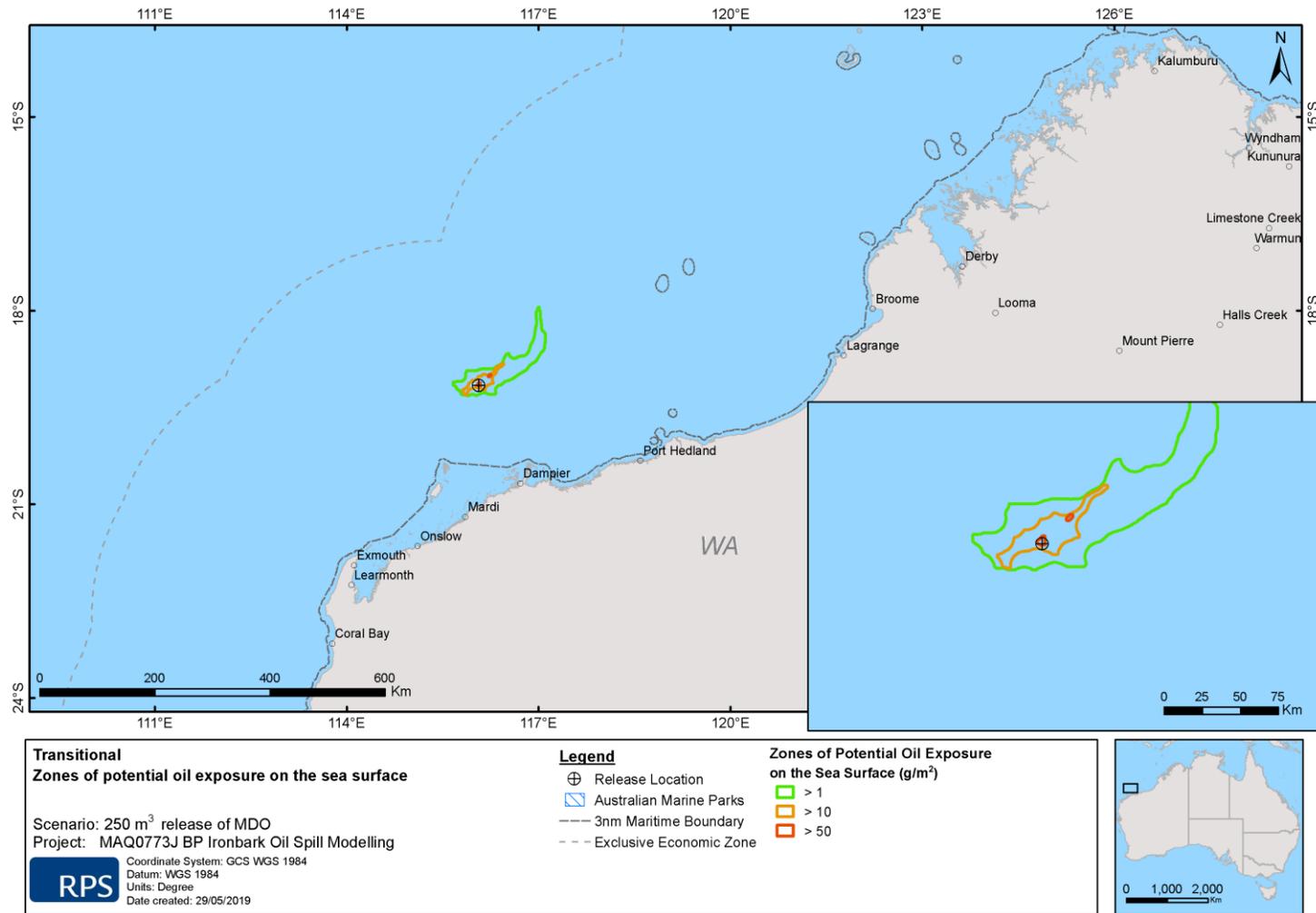
Season	Distance and direction	Zones of potential sea surface exposure		
		Low	Moderate	High
Summer	Max. distance from release site (km)	109	45	27
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	94	43	27
	Direction	N	WSW	ENE
Transitional	Max. distance from release site (km)	166	54	25
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	153	49	25
	Direction	NE	NE	NE
Winter	Max. distance from release site (km)	97	52	5
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	71	50	5
	Direction	SW	NE	W

**Table 13 Summary of the potential sea surface exposure to individual receptors. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours and tracked for 30 days.**

Season	Receptor	Probability of oil exposure on the sea surface (%)			Minimum time before oil exposure on the sea surface (days)			
		Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	High	
Summer	KEF	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	2	-	-	1.2	-	-
Transitional	AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	1	-	-	4.3	-	-
Winter	KEF	Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	1	-	-	1.3	-	-



**Figure 26** Zones of potential oil exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 27** Zones of potential oil exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.

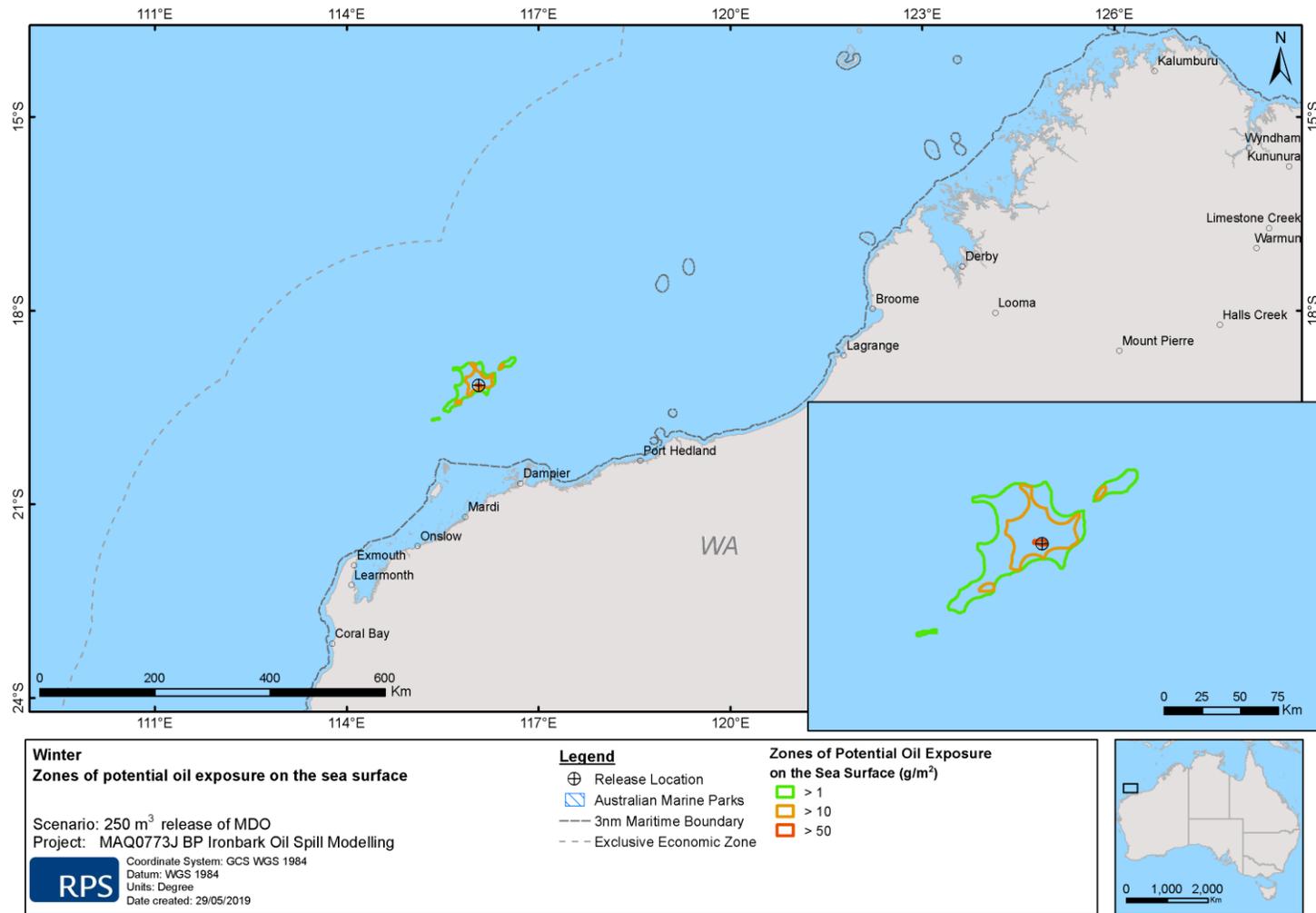


Figure 28 Zones of potential oil exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

## 9.2 Water Column Exposure

### 9.2.1 Dissolved Hydrocarbons

Table 14 and Table 15 summarise the probability and maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) to individual receptors in the 0–10 m depth layer, during the transitional and winter conditions. No receptors were predicted to be exposed to dissolved hydrocarbons during the summer conditions.

Based on the 1 hour exposure window, the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF receptor recorded the greatest dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 15.4 ppb during winter. Additionally, during the transitional conditions the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF recorded a dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 11 ppb. No dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48-hour window was predicted for any of the assessed receptors during any of the seasons modelled.

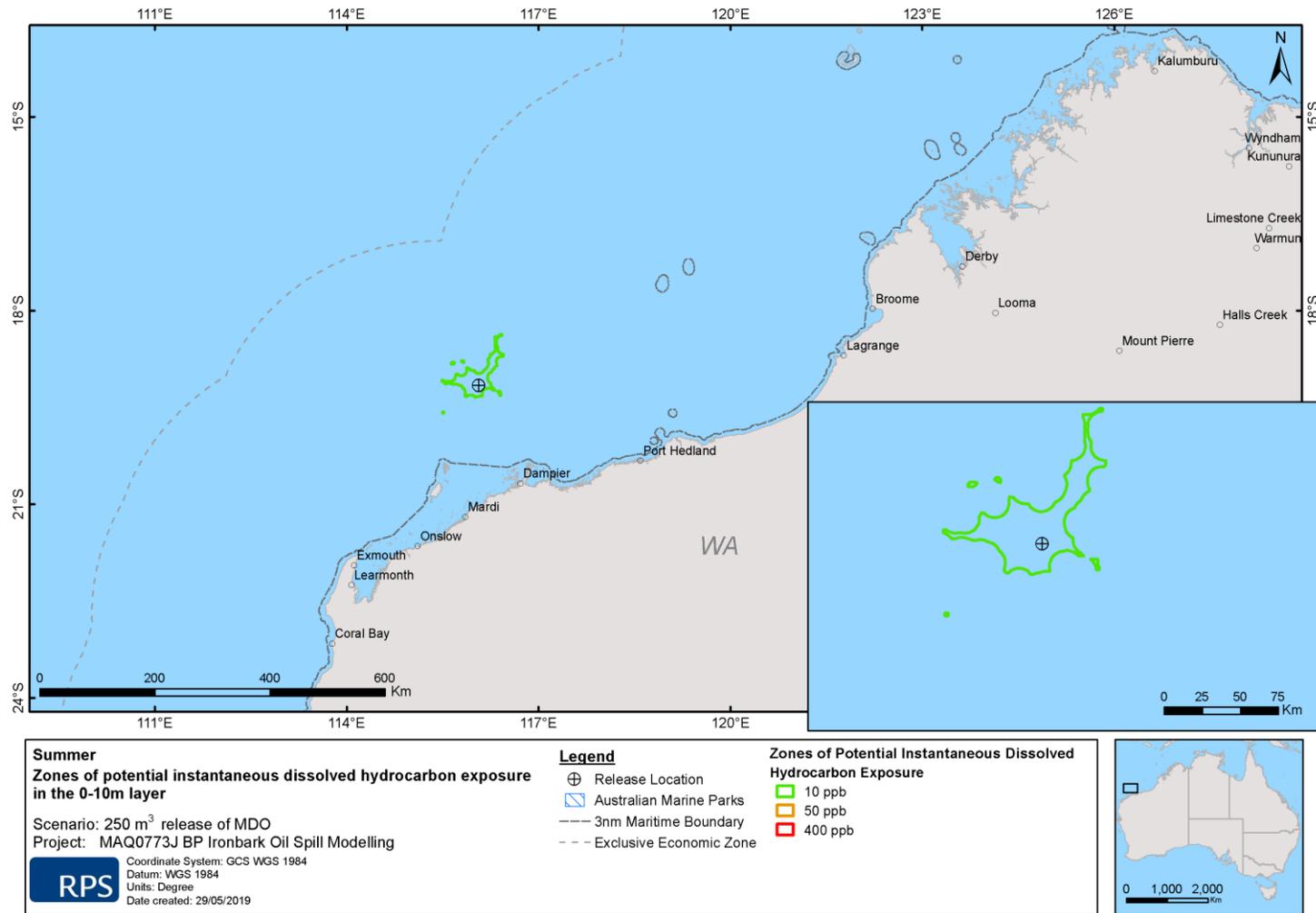
Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on the 1 hour exposure window are presented for each season in Figure 29 to Figure 34 for the 0–10 m and 10–20 m depth layers, respectively.

**Table 14** Probability of exposure to receptors from dissolved hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.

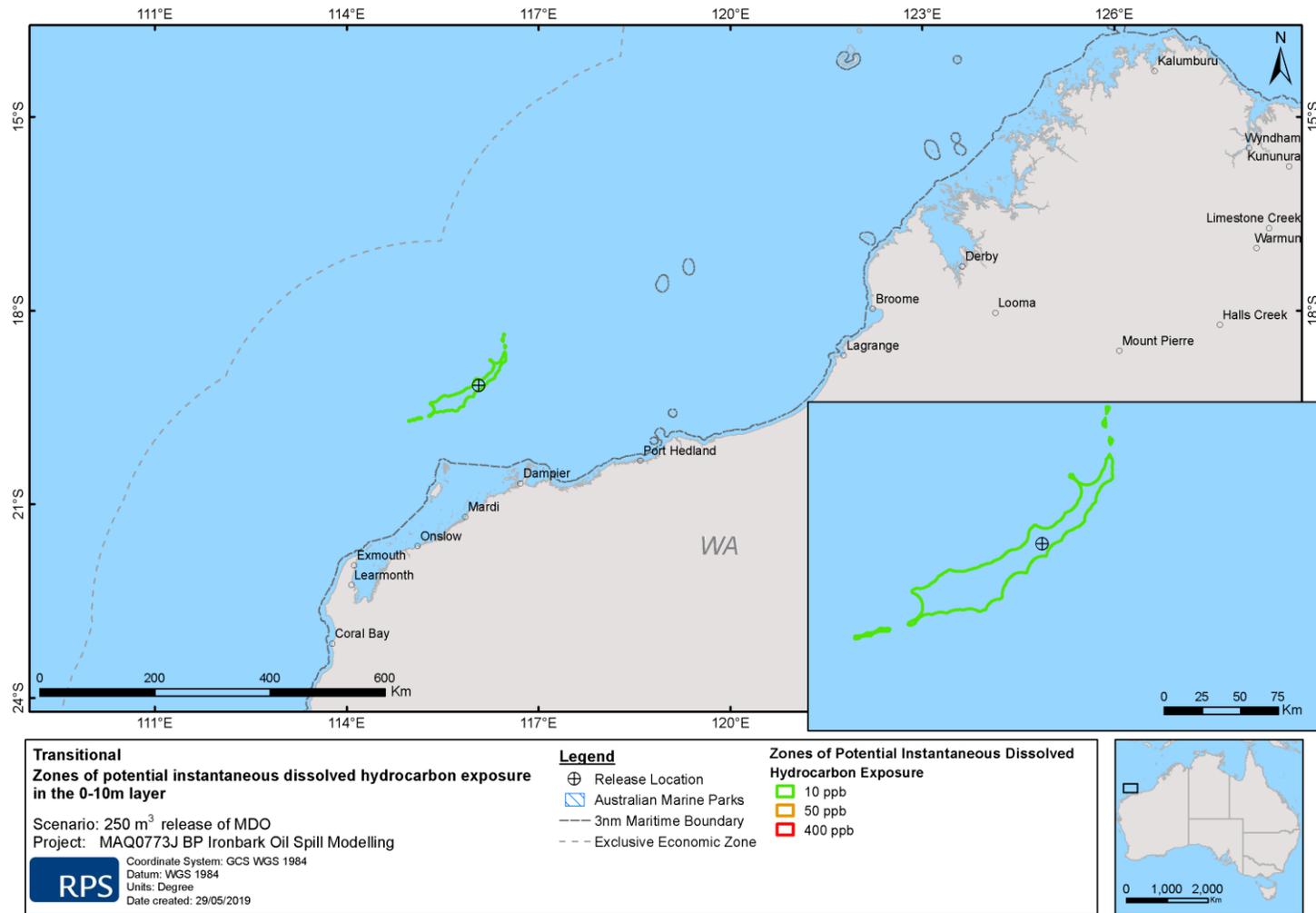
Transitional Receptor		Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 48 hour window			Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 1 hour window	Probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 1 hour window		
			Low	Moderate	High		Low	Moderate	High
KEF	Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	-	-	-	-	11.0	1	-	-

**Table 15** Probability of exposure to receptors from dissolved hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

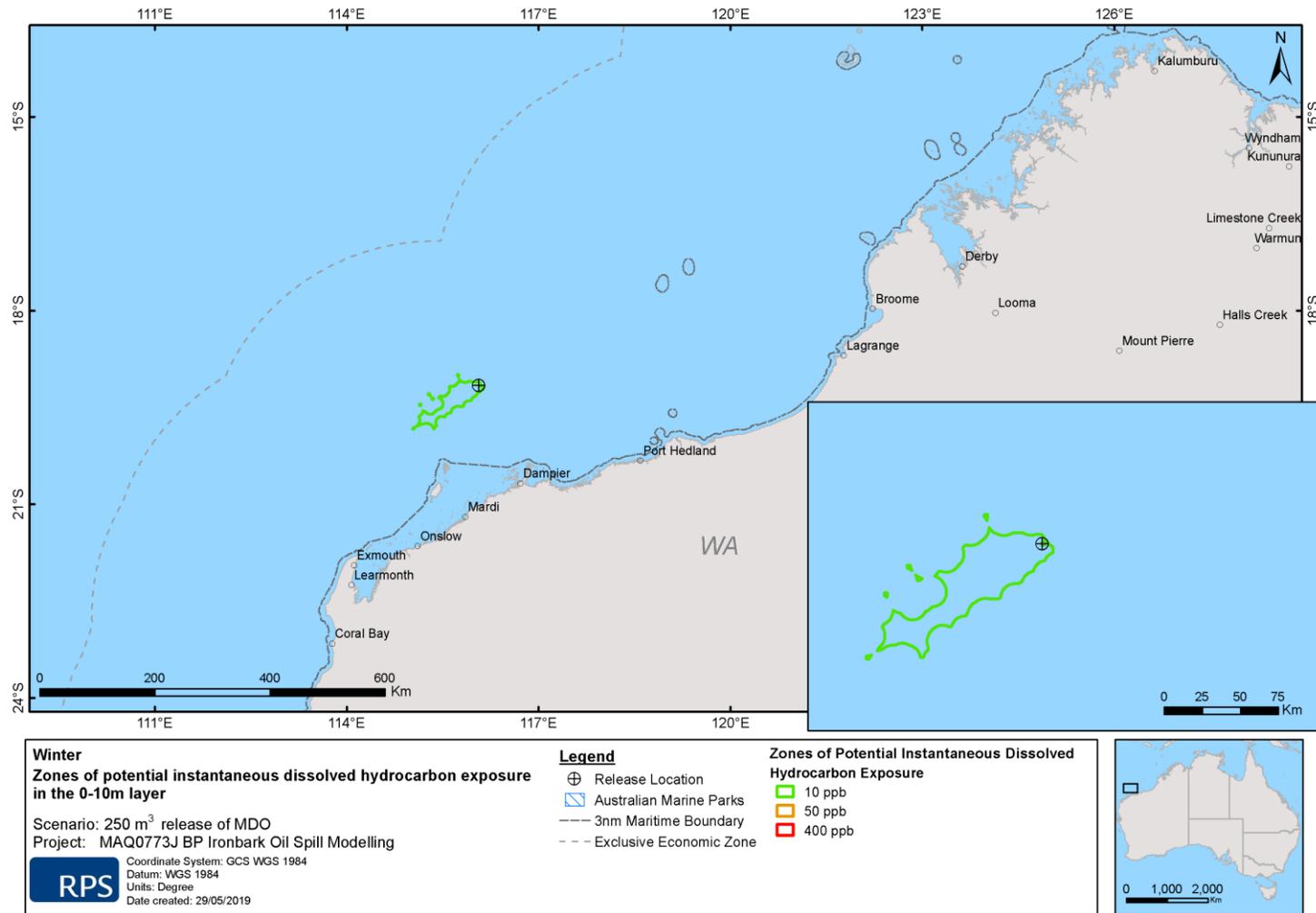
Winter Receptor		Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 48 hour window			Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 1 hour window	Probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 1 hour window		
			Low	Moderate	High		Low	Moderate	High
KEF	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	-	-	-	-	10.0	1	-	-
	Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	-	-	-	-	15.4	1	-	-



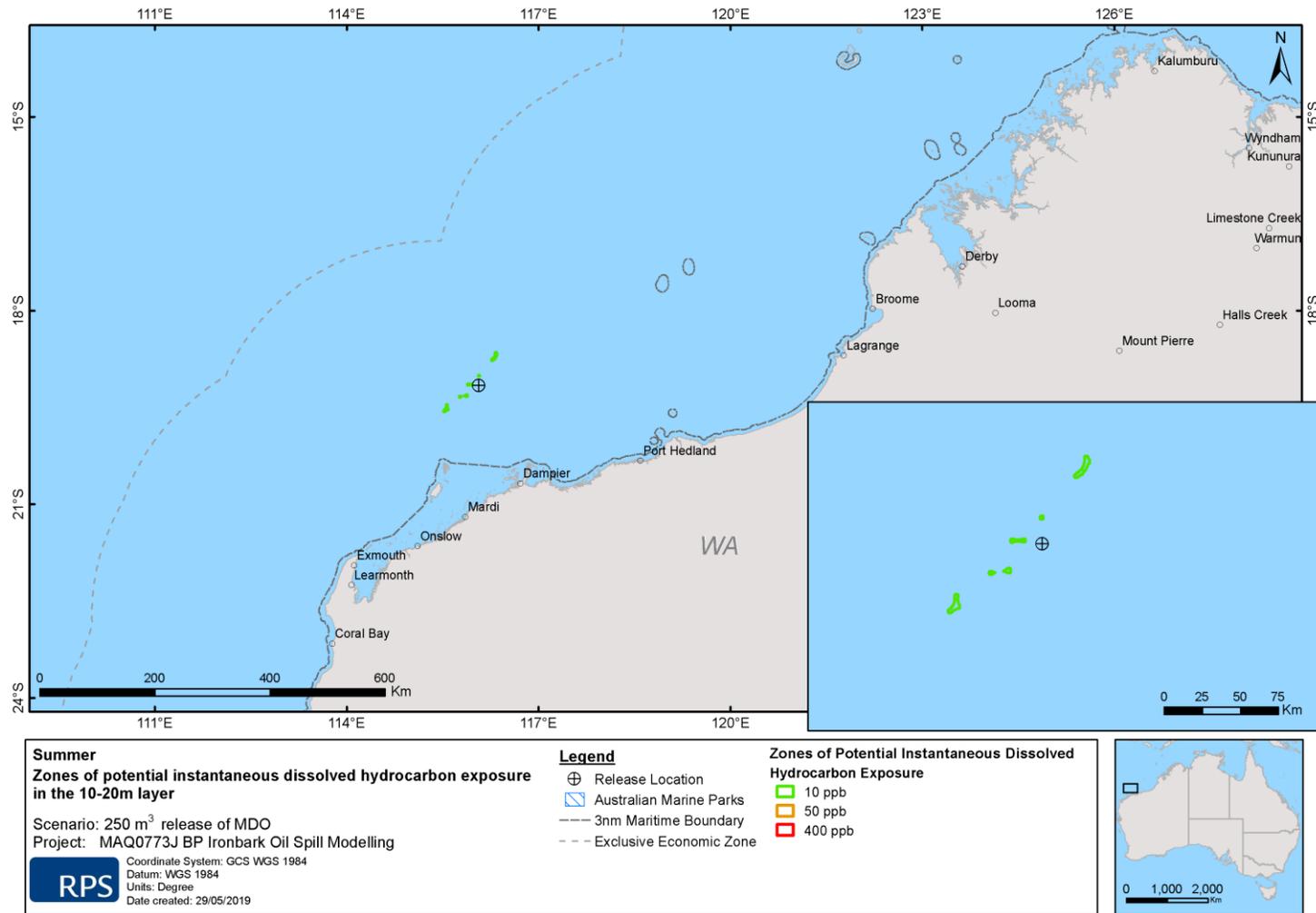
**Figure 29** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



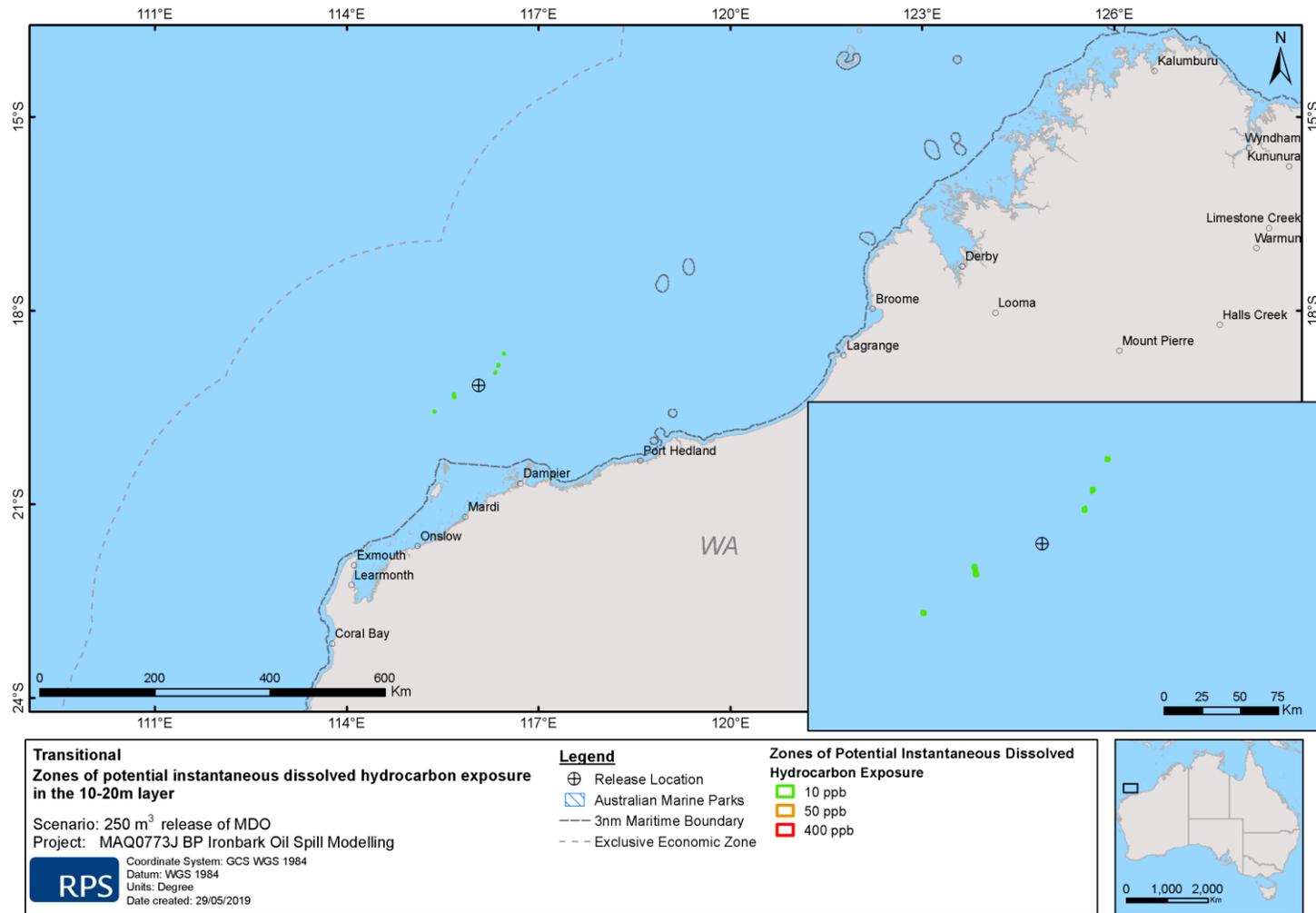
**Figure 30** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



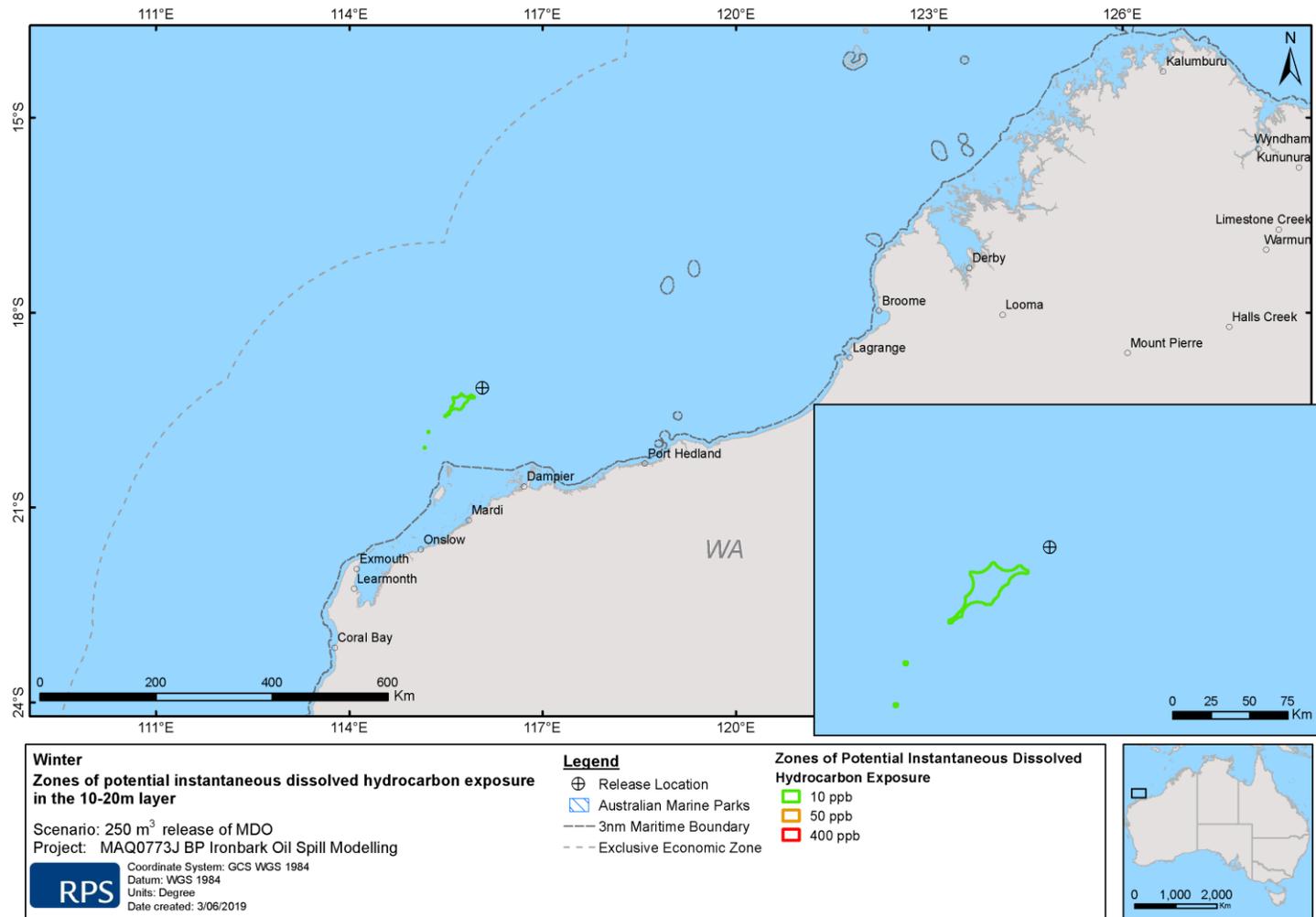
**Figure 31** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 32** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 33** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 34** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

## 9.2.2 Entrained Hydrocarbons

Table 16 to Table 18 summarise the maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) to receptors in the 0–10 m depth layer at or above the exposure thresholds discussed in Section 7.2 over the seasonal assessments.

For the 48 hour time-averaged exposure window, maximum entrained hydrocarbons were greatest at the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth contour and Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF, ranging between 41.5 ppb (winter) and 59.8 ppb (summer). Maximum concentrations at the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF ranged between 53.9 ppb (transitional) and 103.7 ppb (winter). During summer conditions, the probability of low exposure ranged from 1% (Gascoyne and Montebello AMPs) to 6% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF). During transitional conditions, the probability of low exposure ranged from 2% (Gascoyne AMP, Ningaloo MP and Ningaloo Reef RSB) to 12% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF). Additionally, during winter conditions, the probability of low exposure ranged from 1% (Mermaid Reef and Montebello AMPs, Mermaid Reef RSB, and Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals and Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula KEFS) to 14% (Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF).

The analysis for the entrained hydrocarbons over a 1 hour window showed that the maximum exposure was 218.6 ppb during summer, 327.5 ppb during transitional and 458.0 ppb during winter conditions, occurring at the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF in all seasons. During summer conditions, the probability of moderate exposure to entrained hydrocarbons ranged from 1% (Argo-Rowley Terrace AMP) to 2% (Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour and Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF). Under transitional conditions, the probability of moderate exposure (over 1 hour) to entrained hydrocarbons ranged from 1% (G Argo-Rowley Terrace and Montebello AMPs) to 9% for the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF. During winter conditions, the probability of moderate exposure to entrained hydrocarbons ranged from 1% to 11%, occurring at the Ancient coastline KEF at 125 m depth contour and the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF, respectively.

Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure based on 48 hour exposure window for each season for the 0–10 m and 10–20 m depth layers are shown in Figure 35 to Figure 37.

Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure based on the 1 hour exposure window are presented for each season in Figure 38 to Figure 40 for the 0–10 m and 10–20 m depth layers, respectively.

**Table 16** Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.

Summer Receptor		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window	
			Low	High		Low	High
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	38.0	4	-	148.5	9	1
	Gascoyne	14.7	1	-	23.5	2	-
	Montebello	15.1	1	-	36.3	1	-
	Ningaloo	-	-	-	16.3	1	-
MP	Barrow Island	-	-	-	18.3	1	-
	Montebello Islands	-	-	-	23.3	1	-
	Ningaloo	-	-	-	14.8	1	-
RSB	Rankin Bank	-	-	-	12.0	1	-
	Montebello Shoals	-	-	-	15.6	1	-
	Ningaloo Reef	-	-	-	12.4	1	-
KEF	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	-	-	-	24.1	2	-
	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	59.8	5	-	137.8	8	2
	Exmouth Plateau	23.8	2	-	59.9	6	-
	Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	-	-	-	16.3	1	-

Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	56.9	6	-	218.6	10	2
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**Table 17 Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.**

Transitional Receptor	Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window		
		Low	High		Low	High	
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	42.5	5	-	106.3	9	1
	Gascoyne	20.0	2	-	46.9	6	-
	Montebello	41.4	4	-	103.5	6	1
	Ningaloo	-	-	-	36.2	3	-
MP	Ningaloo	22.1	2	-	37.3	2	-
	Rowley Shoals	-	-	-	16.4	2	-
RSB	Imperieuse Reef	-	-	-	14.3	2	-
	Rankin Bank	-	-	-	25.4	3	-
	Ningaloo Reef	20.5	2	-	26.9	2	-
KEF	Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	-	-	-	17.9	2	-

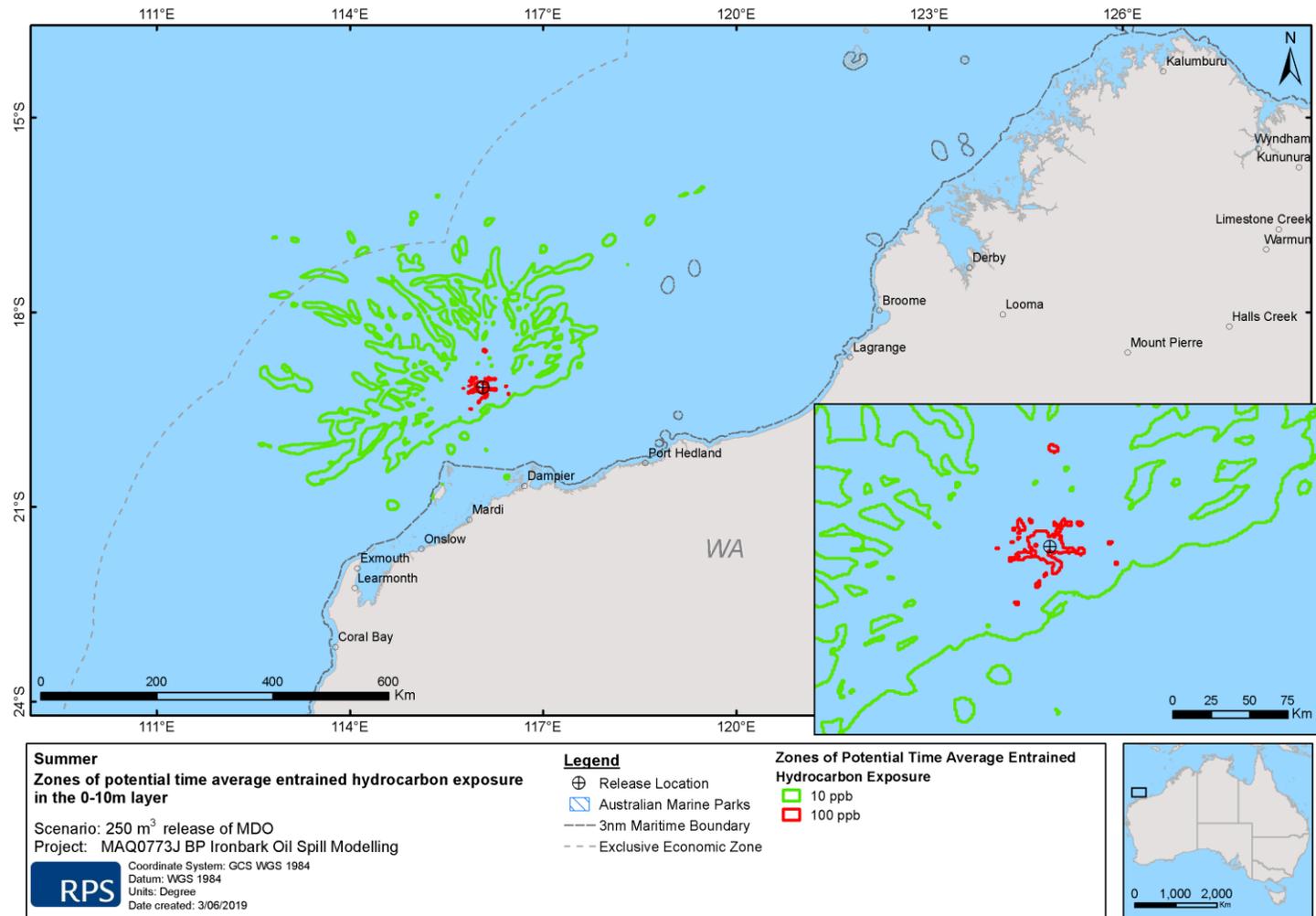
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	12.8	3	614.5	42.7	7	-
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	47.0	6	2,258.3	201.4	7	3
Exmouth Plateau	22.1	3	1,060.9	66.6	9	-
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	-	-	-	36.2	3	-
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	53.9	12	-	327.5	21	9

**Table 18 Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.**

Winter Receptor	Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window		
		Low	High		Low	High	
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	15.8	2	-	41.6	3	-
	Gascoyne	20.5	2	-	44.9	6	-
	Mermaid Reef	15.1	1	-	24.1	1	-
	Montebello	17.0	1	-	95.5	5	-
	Ningaloo	-	-	-	11.5	1	-
RSB	Mermaid Reef	10.9	1	-	17.6	1	-

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	Rankin Bank	24.3	2	-	50.9	4	-
	Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	15.8	1	-	27.5	1	-
	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	20.0	1	-	33.7	5	-
KEF	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	41.5	3	-	184.5	9	1
	Exmouth Plateau	27.8	3	-	56.1	8	-
	Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	-	-	-	11.5	1	-
	Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	103.7	14	-	458.0	23	11



**Figure 35** Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.

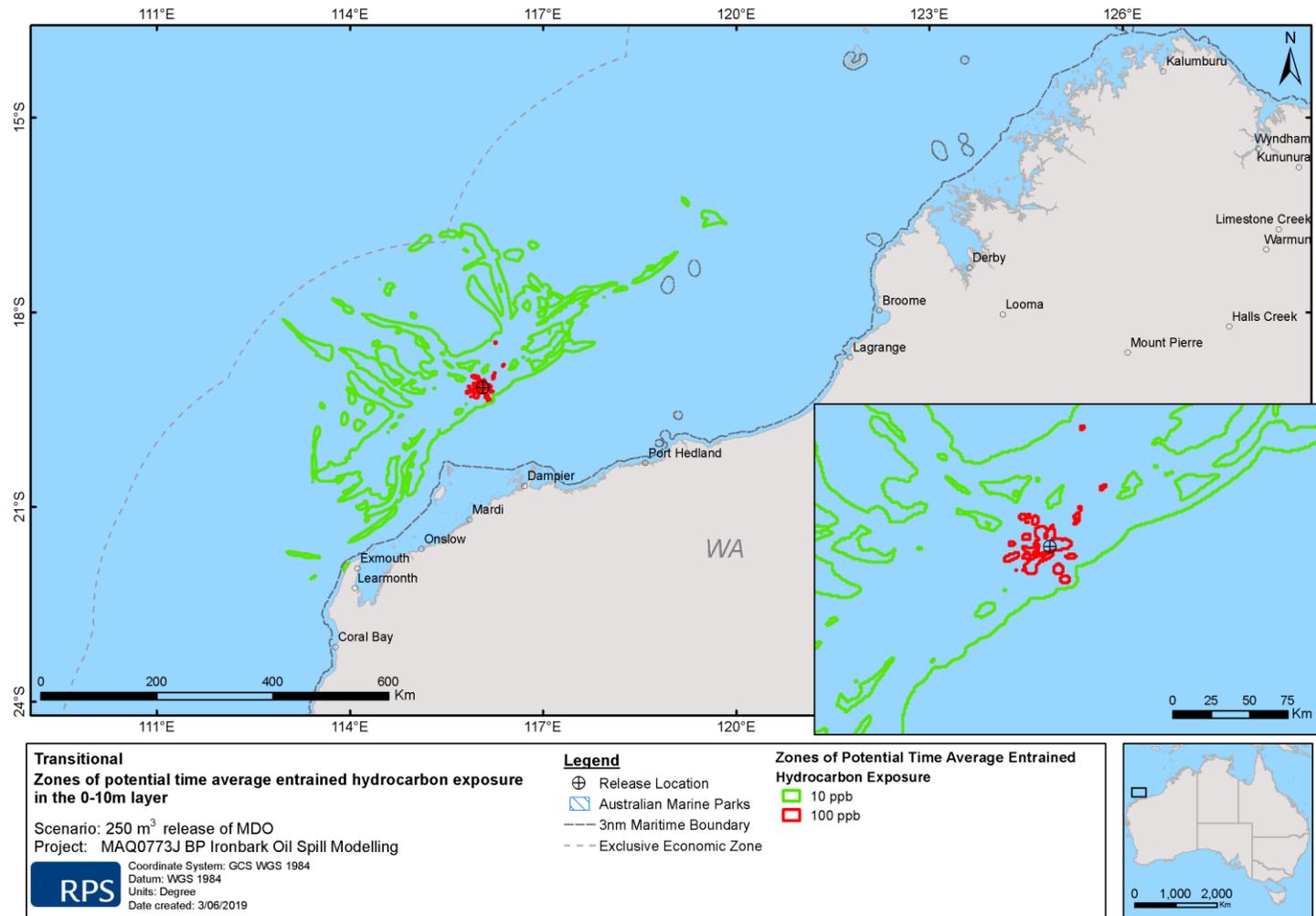


Figure 36 Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.

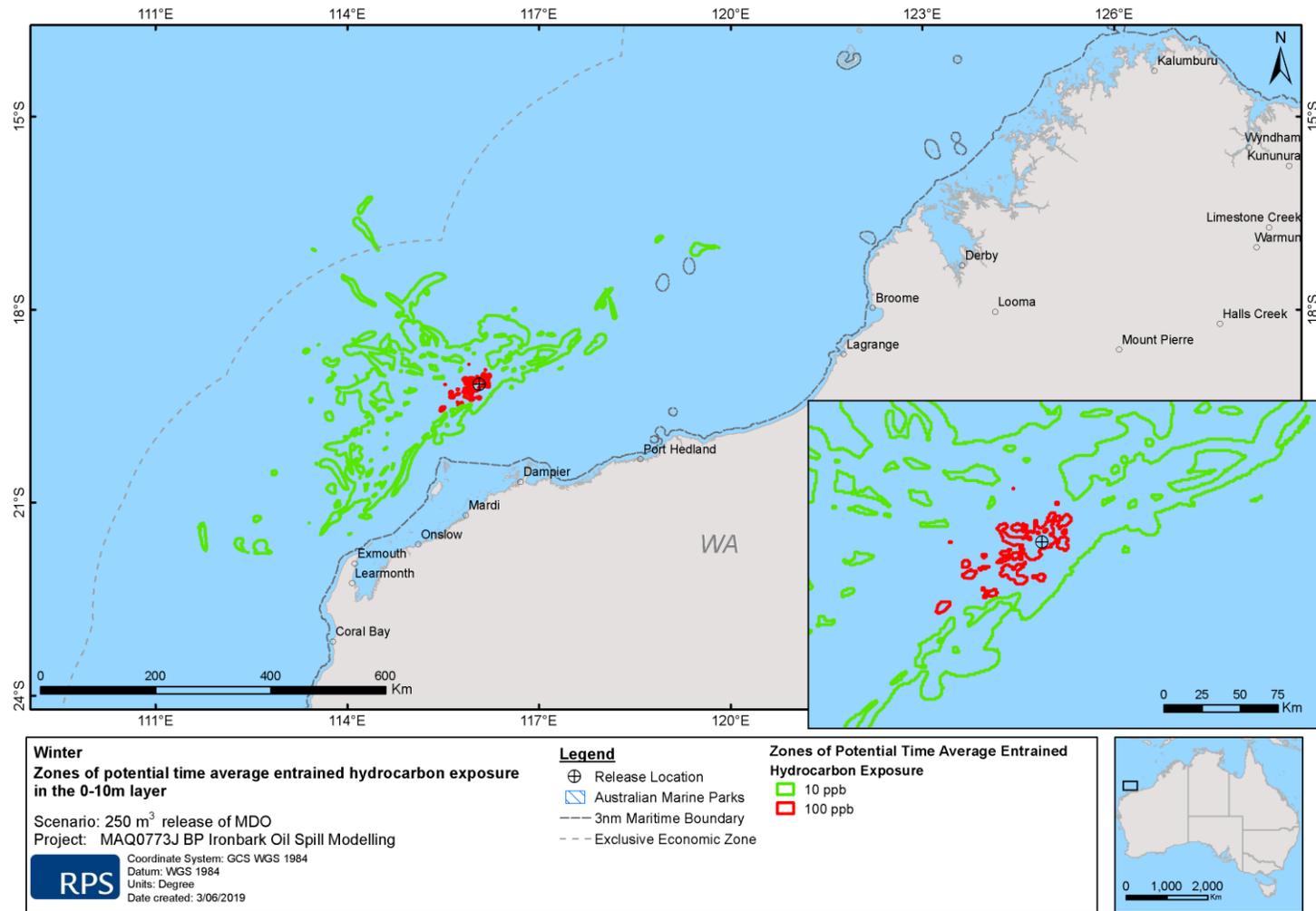
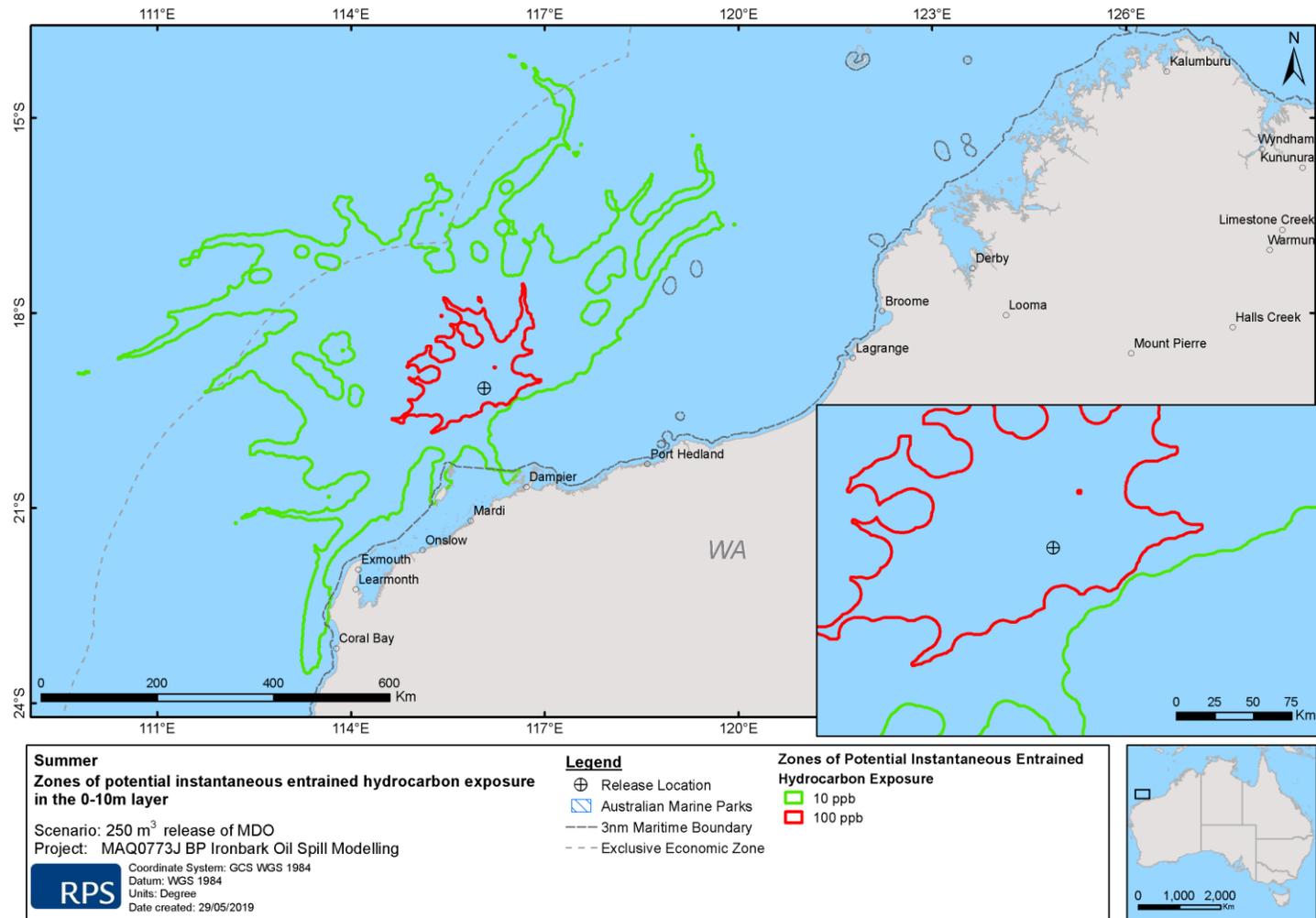
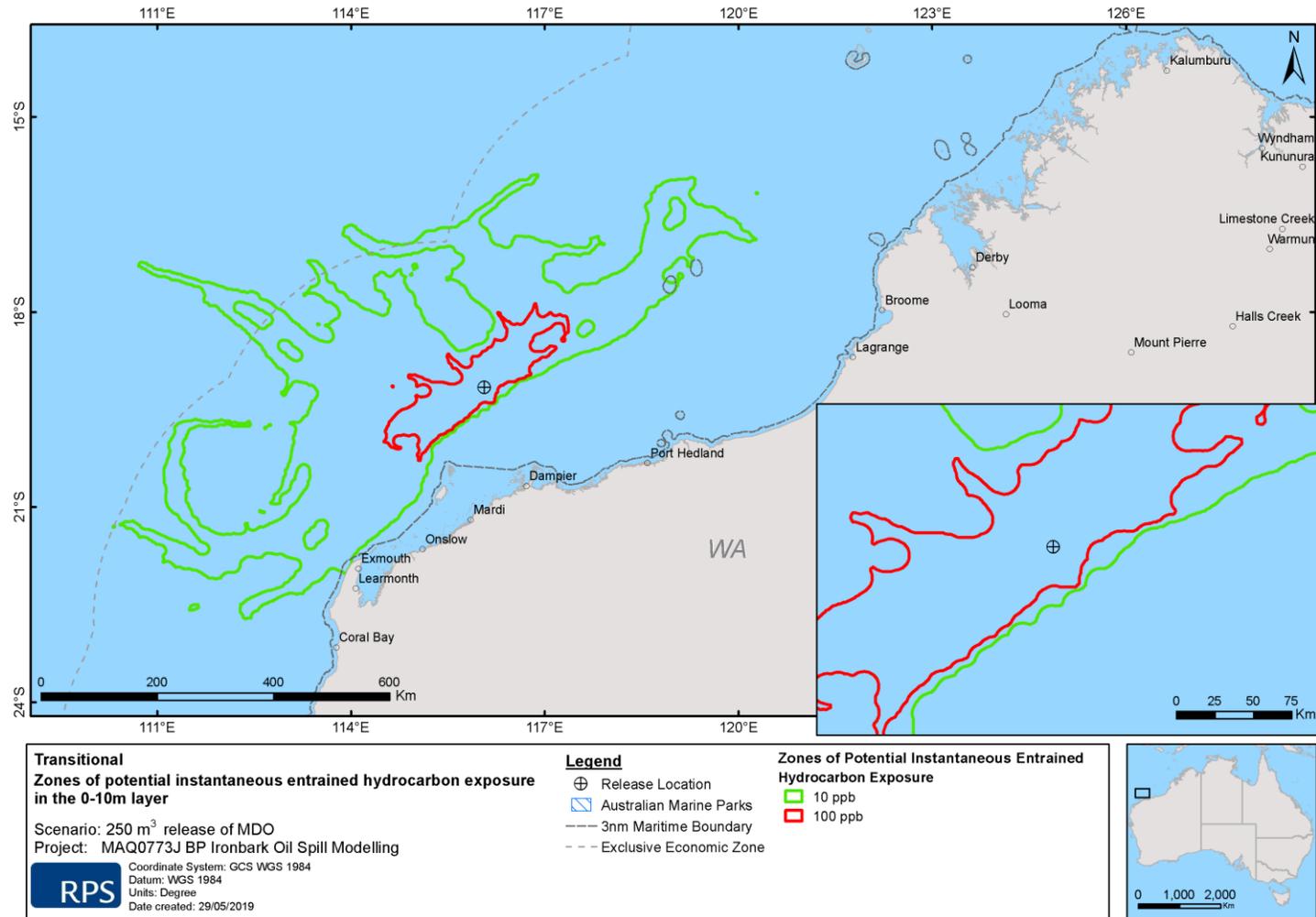


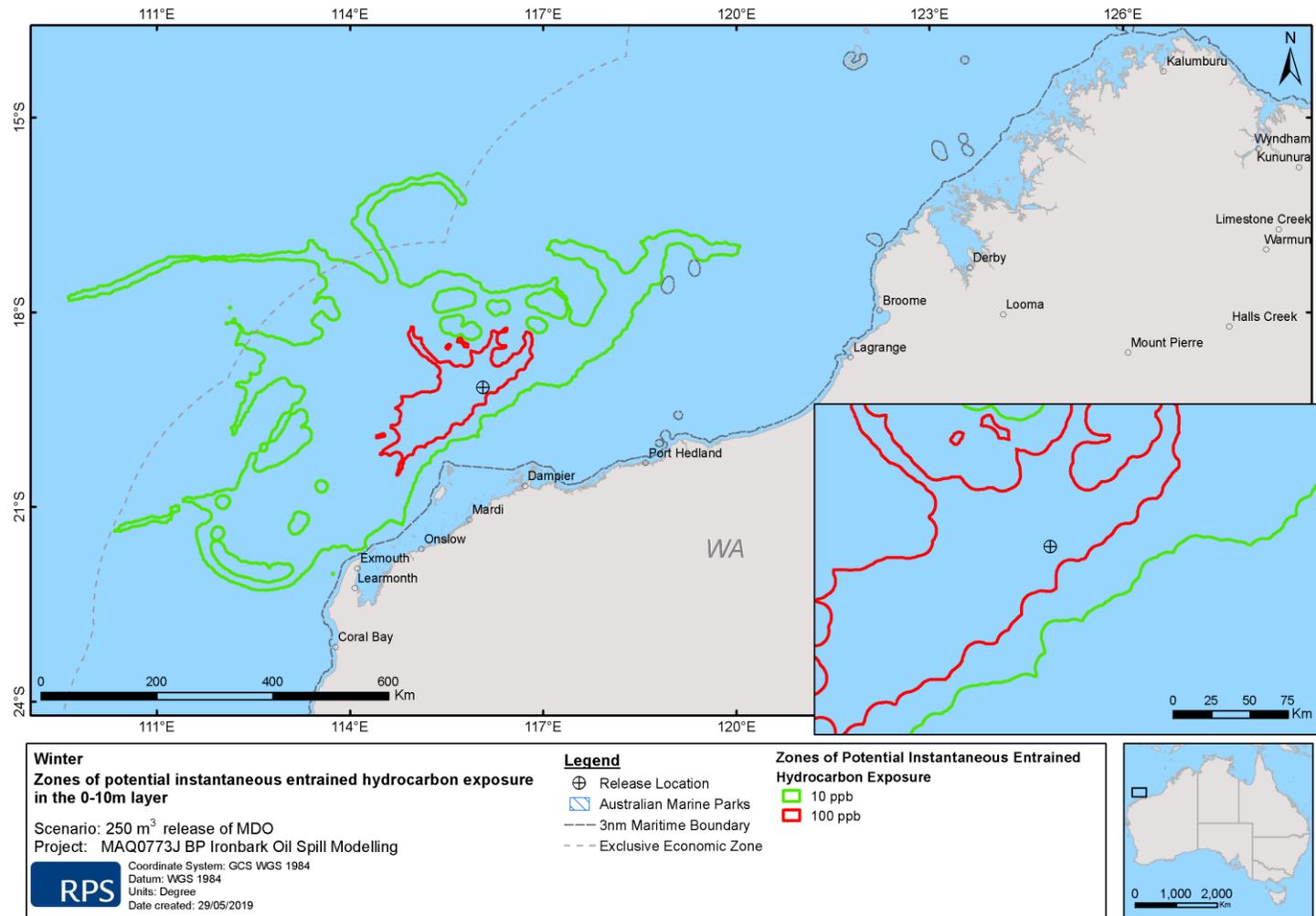
Figure 37 Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 38** Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 39** Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 40** Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure over a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 250 m<sup>3</sup> surface release of MDO over 6 hours, tracked for 30 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

## 10 SCENARIO 2 RESULTS: 9.016 MMstb SUBSEA RELEASE OF CONDENSATE OVER 103 DAYS

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The scenario examined a 9.016 MMstb (1,433,544 m<sup>3</sup>) subsea release of Goodwyn condensate over 103 days (tracked for 133 days) to represent a represent an unrestricted loss of well control at the Ironbark well location. A total of 100 spill trajectories were simulated for each of the seasons, summer, transitional and winter.

Section 10.1 presents stochastic results in tabulated and figure-based formats.

Note, no shoreline contact was predicted for any of the seasons modelled above the minimum threshold.

### 10.1 Stochastic Analysis

#### 10.1.1 Sea Surface Exposure

Table 19 presents a summary of the maximum distance and direction travelled by the condensate on the sea surface at the low (1 – 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>), moderate (10 – 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>) and high (>50 g/m<sup>2</sup>) exposure thresholds for each of the three seasons considered. The maximum distance for low exposure from the release location ranged from 374 km and 575 km during summer and transitional conditions, respectively. Additionally, the maximum distance from the release location at the moderate and high zones of exposure ranged from 174 km (transitional) to 180 km (winter) and 70 km (summer) to 115 km (winter), respectively.

Table 20 presents the potential sea surface exposure to individual receptors. The summer stochastic modelling results demonstrated the greatest number of receptors (13) potentially being exposed to surface hydrocarbons, at or above, the low exposure threshold out of all three seasons. Probabilities of low exposure on the sea surface, at or above, the low threshold under summer conditions ranged from 1% (KEF, RSB, and MP receptors) to 71% (KEF – Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities). During each of the seasons modelled the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF was predicted to have the greatest probability of sea surface exposure (above the low threshold, 68–77%) with corresponding minimum times to exposure ranging from 2 days (transitional) to 5 days (summer). Additionally, the Argo-Rowley Terrace AMP and Montebello AMP were both predicted to be exposed to surface hydrocarbons, at or above, the low exposure threshold during the modelled summer, transitional and winter conditions with probabilities of exposure ranging between 15–43% and 10–19%, respectively.

Figure 41 to Figure 43 show zones of sea surface exposure for the summer, transitional and winter seasons, respectively. Zones of sea surface exposure generally occurred in a northeast and southwest direction from the release location corresponding with the predominant current patterns adjacent to the release location (see Section 3.2).

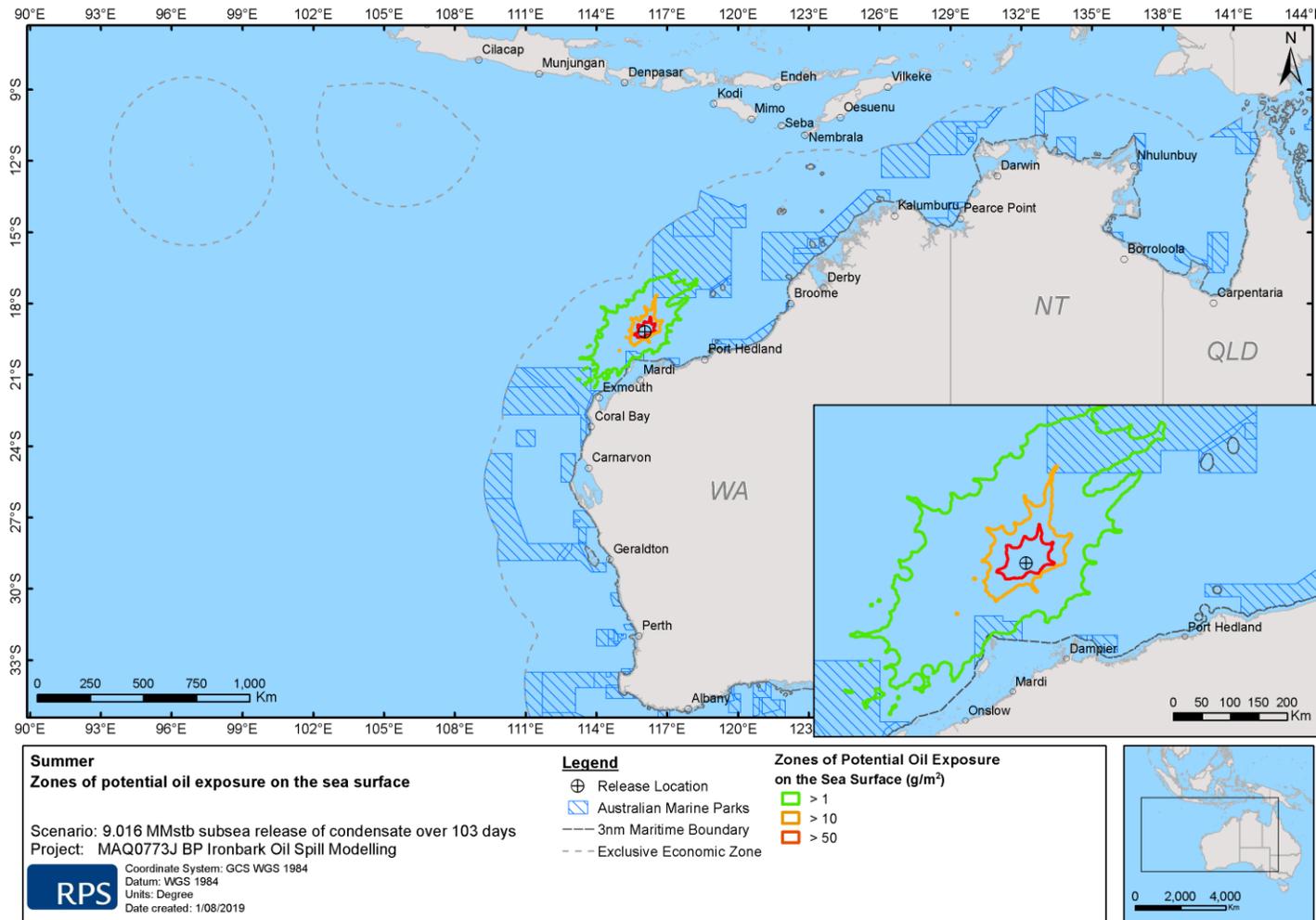
**Table 19 Maximum distance and direction from the release location to condensate exposure thresholds on the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days and tracked for 133 days.**

Season	Distance and direction	Zones of potential sea surface exposure		
		Low	Moderate	High
Summer	Max. distance from release site (km)	374	175	70
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	275	116	57
	Direction	SW	NNE	NNE
Transitional	Max. distance from release site (km)	575	174	96
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	290	154	62
	Direction	WSW	WSW	ENE
Winter	Max. distance from release site (km)	423	180	115
	Max distance from release site (km) (99 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	275	172	82
	Direction	WSW	NNE	ENE

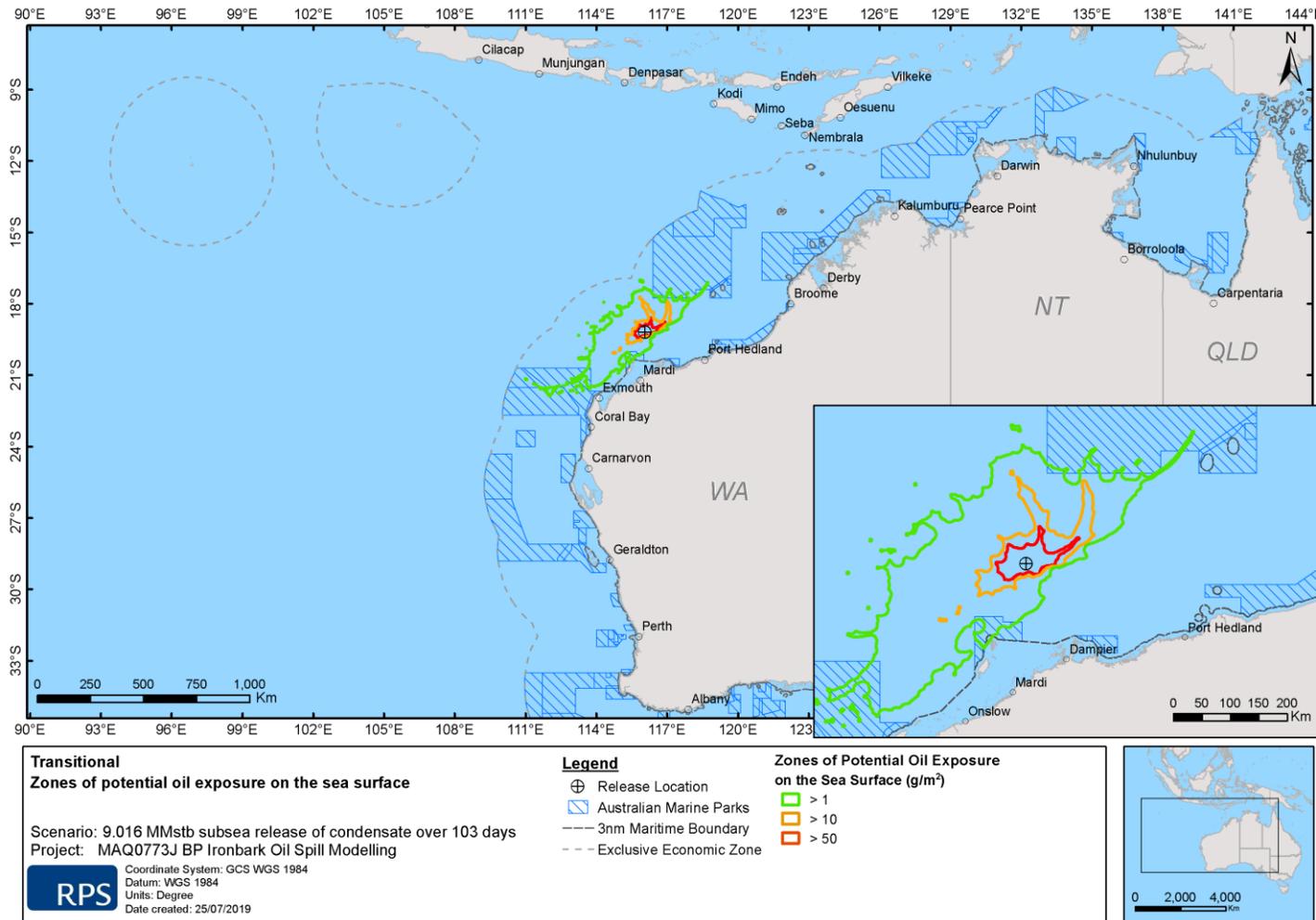
**Table 20 Summary of the potential sea surface exposure to individual receptors. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days and tracked for 133 days.**

Season	Receptor	Probability of exposure on the sea surface (%)			Minimum time before exposure on the sea surface (days)			
		Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	High	
Summer	AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	35	3	-	6	38	-
		Gascoyne	3	-	-	92	-	-
		Montebello	19	-	-	14	-	-
	RSB	Rankin Bank	19	-	-	13	-	-
		Glomar Shoal	1	-	-	15	-	-
	MP	Montebello Islands	1	-	-	48	-	-
	KEF	Glomar Shoals	10	-	-	11	-	-
		Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	1	-	-	93	-	-
		Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	59	4	-	2	16	-
		Exmouth Plateau	23	-	-	10	-	-

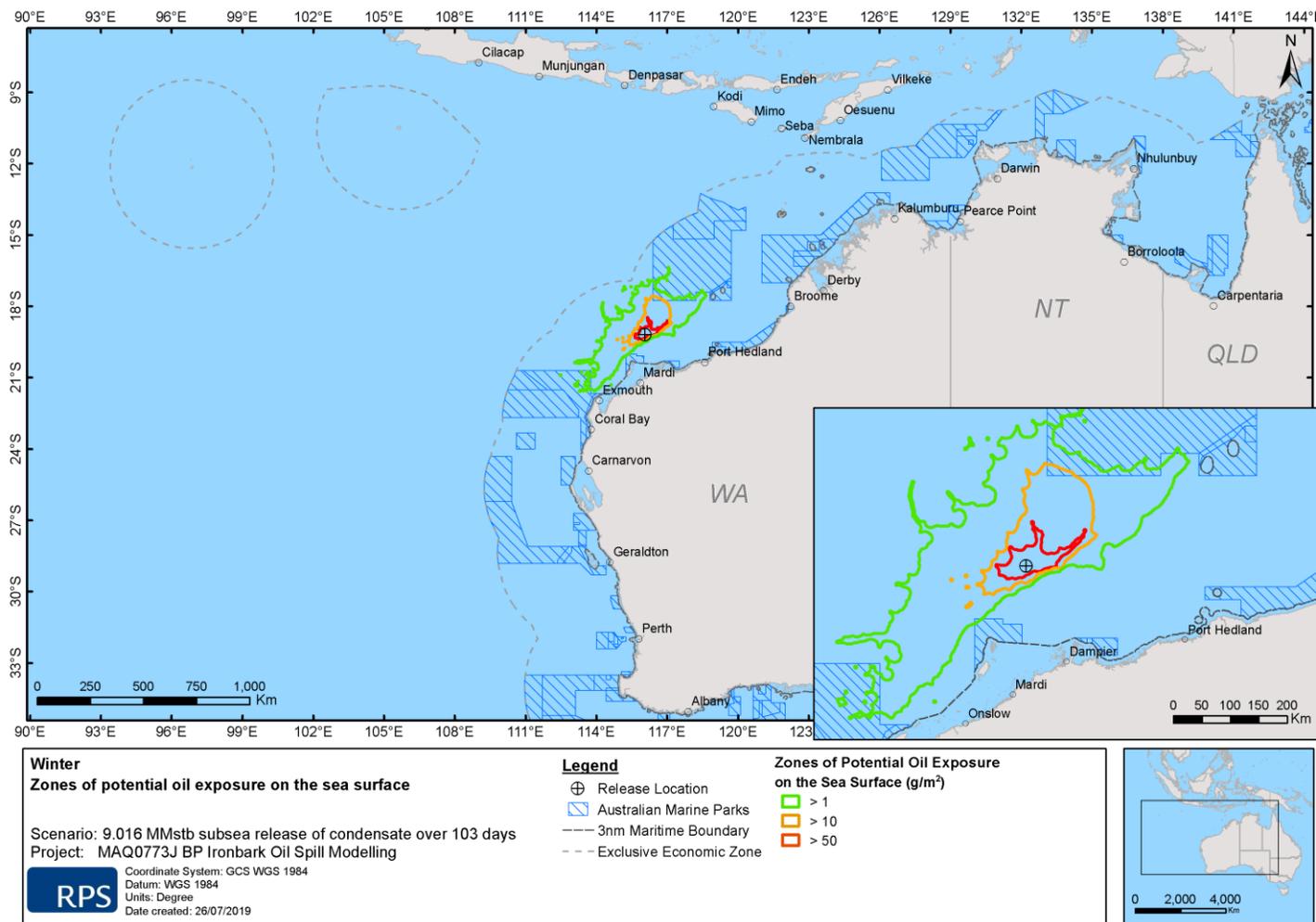
		Probability of exposure on the sea surface (%)				Minimum time before exposure on the sea surface (days)		
Transitional		Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	71	1	-	5	87	-
	IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	96	73	35	1	2	4
		Pilbarra (offshore)	21	-	-	13	-	-
	AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	15	0	0	5	0	0
		Gascoyne	16	0	0	10	0	0
		Montebello	12	0	0	61	0	0
	RSB	Rankin Bank	2	0	0	103	0	0
	MP	Montebello Islands	1	0	0	106	0	0
	KEF	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	3	0	0	88	0	0
		Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	31	0	0	6	0	0
Exmouth Plateau		36	0	0	6	0	0	
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities		77	6	0	2	33	0	
IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	87	31	10	2	2	2	
	Pilbarra (offshore)	12	0	0	61	0	0	
Winter	AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	43	19	0	11	17	0
		Gascoyne	9	0	0	11	0	0
		Montebello	10	0	0	7	0	0
	KEF	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	4	0	0	20	0	0
		Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	25	0	0	3	0	0
		Exmouth Plateau	18	0	0	11	0	0
		Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	68	2	0	3	30	0
	IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	73	18	0	2	2	0
		Pilbarra (offshore)	11	0	0	5	0	0



**Figure 41** Zones of potential exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 42** Zones of potential exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 43** Zones of potential exposure on the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

## 10.2 Water Column Exposure

### 10.2.1 Dissolved Hydrocarbons

Table 21 to Table 23 summarise the maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) to receptors in the 0–10 m depth layer at or above the assigned exposure thresholds.

For the 48-hour time-averaged exposure window, the greatest predicted concentration at a receptor was 306 ppb (IMCRA – Northwest Shelf) for a simulation commencing under winter conditions. The maximum (48 hour) time-averaged concentrations at the IMCRA Northwest Shelf KEF under summer and transitional conditions was 220 ppb and 173 ppb, respectively.

Based on the 1-hour exposure window, the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF receptor recorded the greatest dissolved hydrocarbon concentration of 2,890 ppb during transitional conditions. The probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure at the Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF was recorded as 97% (summer) and 100% (transitional) at low exposure threshold, 43% (summer) and 70% (transitional) at the moderate exposure threshold and 1% (summer) and 11% (transitional) at the high exposure threshold.

Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on 48 hour time exposure window for each season for the 0–10 m, 10–20 m and 20-30 m depth layers are shown in Figure 44 to Figure 52.

Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on the 1 hour exposure window are presented for each season in Figure 53 to Figure 61 for the 0–10, 10–20 m and 20-30 m depth layers, respectively.

**Table 21 Probability of exposure to receptors from dissolved hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.**

	Summer Receptor	Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 48-hour window	Probability of time-averaged dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 48-hour window			Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 1-hour window	Probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 1- hour window		
			Low	Moderate	High		Low	Moderate	High
IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	220	38	5	0	2,072	87	71	7
	Pilbarra (offshore)	34	1	0	0	360	25	3	-
	Ningaloo	1	0	0	0	13	1	-	-
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	11	1	0	0	300	25	4	-
	Gascoyne	2	0	0	0	56	3	1	-
	Montebello	24	1	0	0	360	18	2	-
	Ningaloo	1	0	0	0	13	1	-	-
RSB	Tryal Rocks	1	0	0	0	10	1	-	-
	Rankin Bank	26	1	0	0	177	27	2	-
	Glomar Shoal	1	0	0	0	11	1	-	-
KEF	Glomar Shoals	9	0	0	0	92	3	1	-
	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	2	0	0	0	30	2	-	-
	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	71	22	1	0	820	60	24	1
	Exmouth Plateau	7	0	0	0	101	8	1	-

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Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	1	0	0	0	13	1	-	-
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	53	18	1	0	1,005	97	43	1

**Table 22 Probability of exposure to receptors from dissolved hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.**

	Transitional Receptor	Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 48-hour window	Probability of time-averaged dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 48-hour window			Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 1-hour window	Probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 1- hour window		
			Low	Moderate	High		Low	Moderate	High
NEAR-SHORE	Sunday Island	5	-	-	-	63	1	1	-
	Murion Islands	6	-	-	-	105	3	1	-
	Flat Island	4	-	-	-	45	1	-	-
	Peak Island	4	-	-	-	66	2	1	-
	Exmouth	2	-	-	-	14	1	-	-
IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	173	42	10	-	1,911	78	49	3
	Pilbarra (offshore)	39	4	-	-	736	36	6	1
	Pilbarra (nearshore)	2	-	-	-	14	1	-	-
	Ningaloo	5	-	-	-	55	3	1	-
IBRA	Cape Range	6	-	-	-	105	3	1	-
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	25	1	-	-	329	13	6	-
	Gascoyne	2	-	-	-	94	4	1	-
	Montebello	16	1	-	-	130	18	2	-
MMA	Muiron Islands	12	1	-	-	139	3	1	-
AMP	Ningaloo	2	-	-	-	55	3	1	-
MP	Ningaloo	5	-	-	-	39	2	-	-

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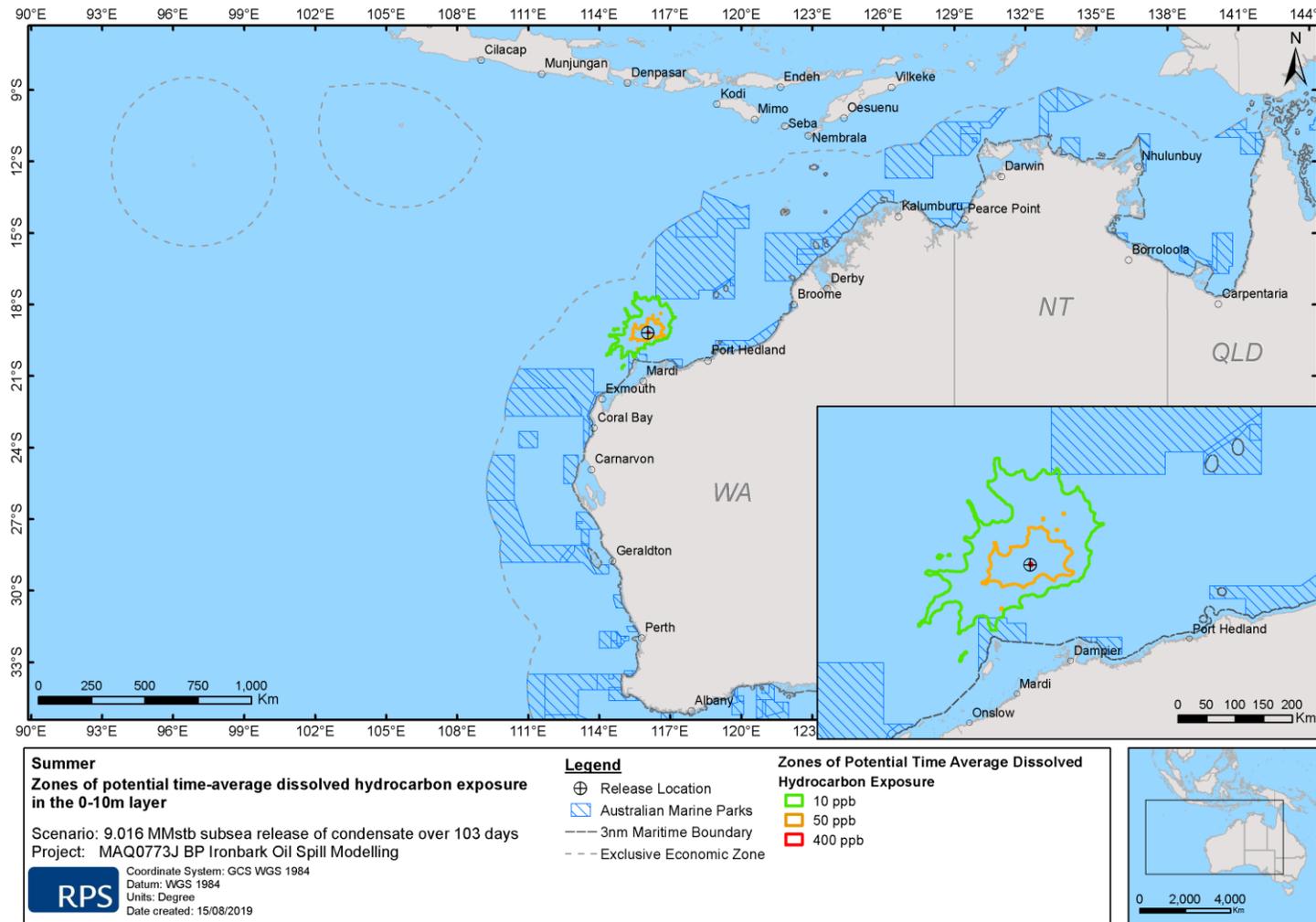
State Waters	Western Australia State Waters	12	1	-	-	157	3	1	-
RSB	Rankin Bank	6	-	-	-	60	13	1	-
	Ningaloo Reef	1	-	-	-	14	1	-	-
	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	3	-	-	-	92	3	1	-
	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	152	13	1	-	1,406	66	20	1
KEF	Exmouth Plateau	68	3	1	-	869	29	11	1
	Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	2	-	-	-	55	3	1	-
	Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	109	23	2	-	2,890	100	70	11

**Table 23 Probability of exposure to receptors from dissolved hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.**

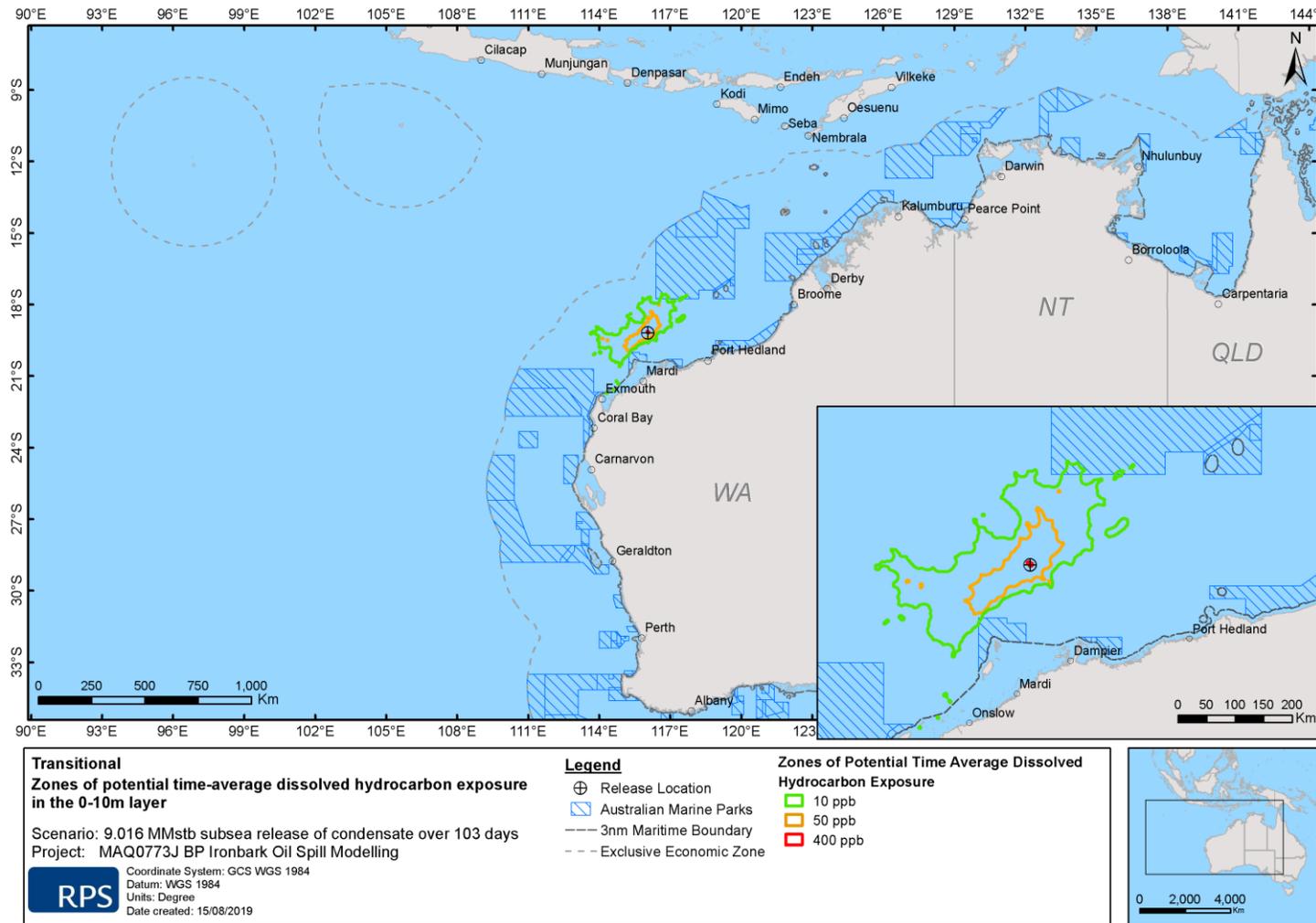
	Winter Receptor	Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 48-hour window	Probability of time-averaged dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 48-hour window			Maximum dissolved hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) for 1-hour window	Probability of dissolved hydrocarbon exposure for 1-hour window		
			Low	Moderate	High		Low	Moderate	High
NEAR-SHORE	Observation Island	2	-	-	-	18	1	-	-
	Sunday Island	5	-	-	-	59	2	1	-
	Murion Islands	4	-	-	-	59	4	1	-
	Flat Island	12	1	-	-	46	2	-	-
	Peak Island	2	-	-	-	39	4	-	-
	Serrurier Island	2	-	-	-	43	2	-	-
	Bessieres Island	3	-	-	-	35	1	-	-
IMCRA	Northwest Shelf	306	42	10	-	2,129	97	78	7
	Pilbarra (offshore)	40	3	-	-	1,033	32	10	2
	Pilbarra (nearshore)	4	-	-	-	48	2	-	-
	Ningaloo	3	-	-	-	52	5	1	-
IBRA	Cape Range	12	1	-	-	59	4	1	-
AMP	Argo-Rowley Terrace	9	-	-	-	161	16	3	-
	Gascoyne	5	-	-	-	92	2	1	-
	Montebello	25	2	-	-	240	21	5	-
MMA	Muiron Islands	5	-	-	-	105	4	1	-

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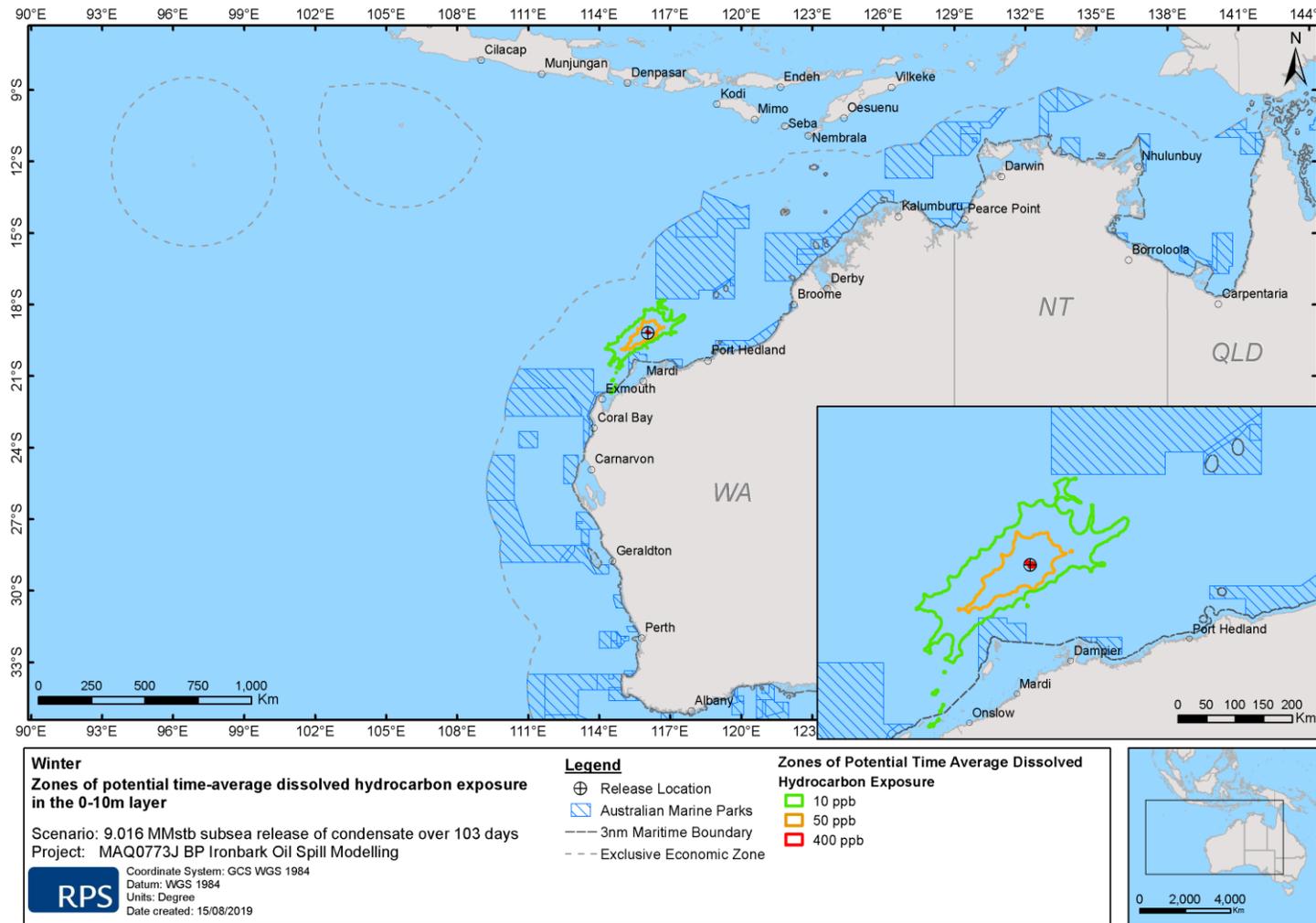
AMP	Ningaloo	3	-	-	-	51	3	1	-
MP	Ningaloo	2	-	-	-	56	2	1	-
State Waters	Western Australia State Waters	15	1	-	-	204	6	2	-
RSB	Rankin Bank	12	1	-	-	95	27	2	-
	Hood Reef	1	-	-	-	20	1	-	-
KEF	Glomar Shoals	1	-	-	-	11	1	-	-
	Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	1	-	-	-	22	1	-	-
	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	4	-	-	-	75	5	1	-
	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	126	12	3	-	1,001	62	20	2
	Exmouth Plateau	9	-	-	-	72	6	1	-



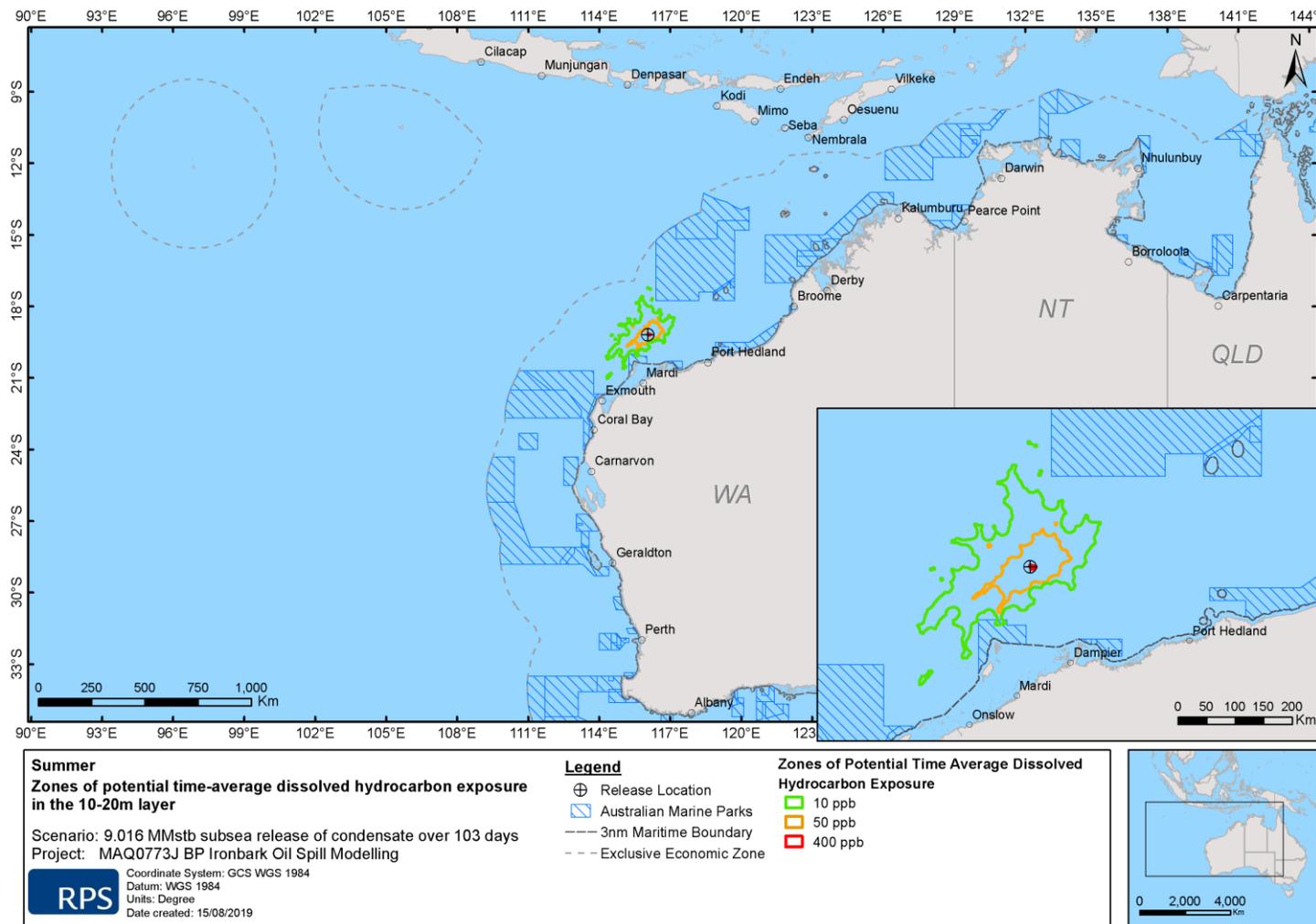
**Figure 44** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



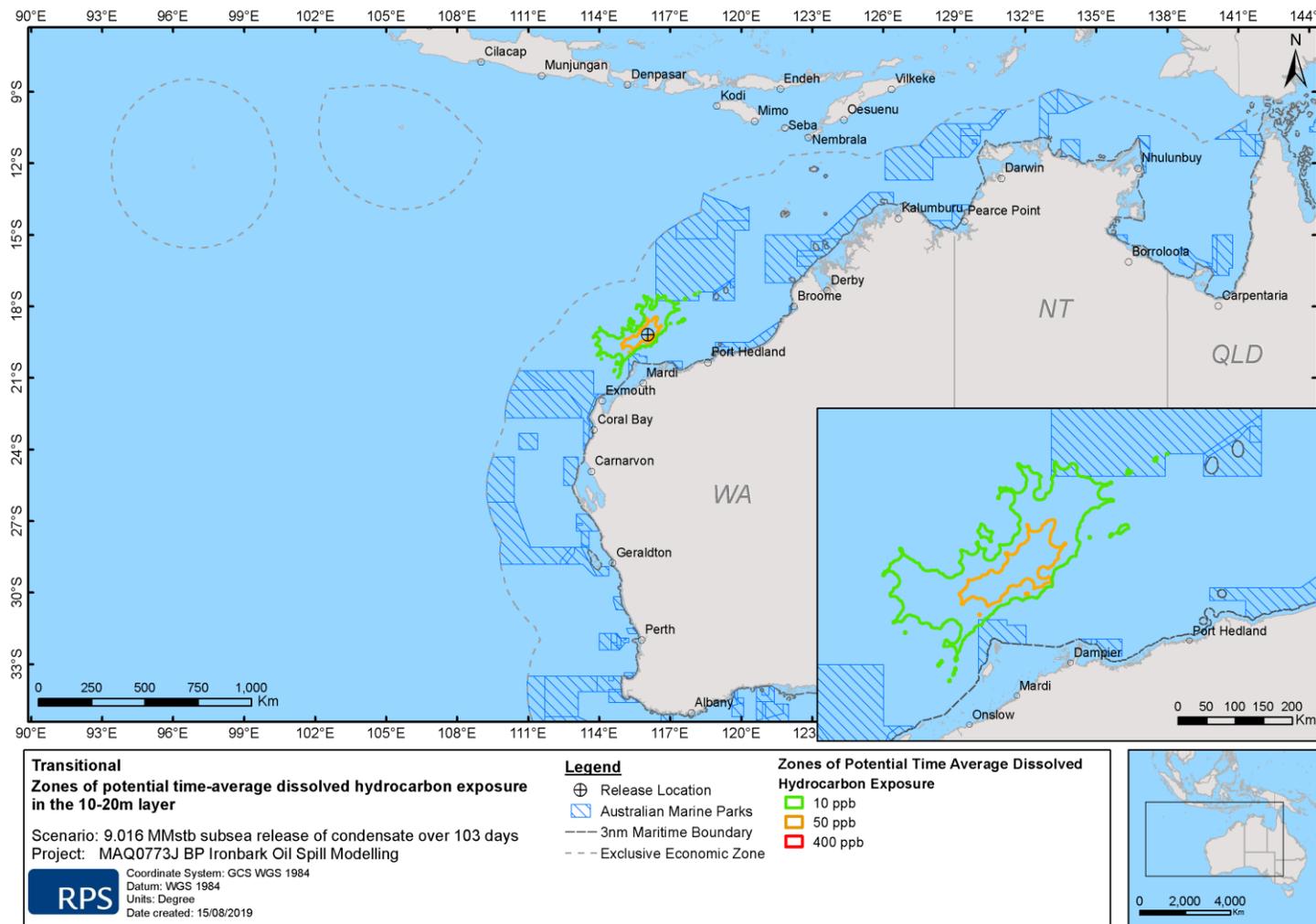
**Figure 45** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



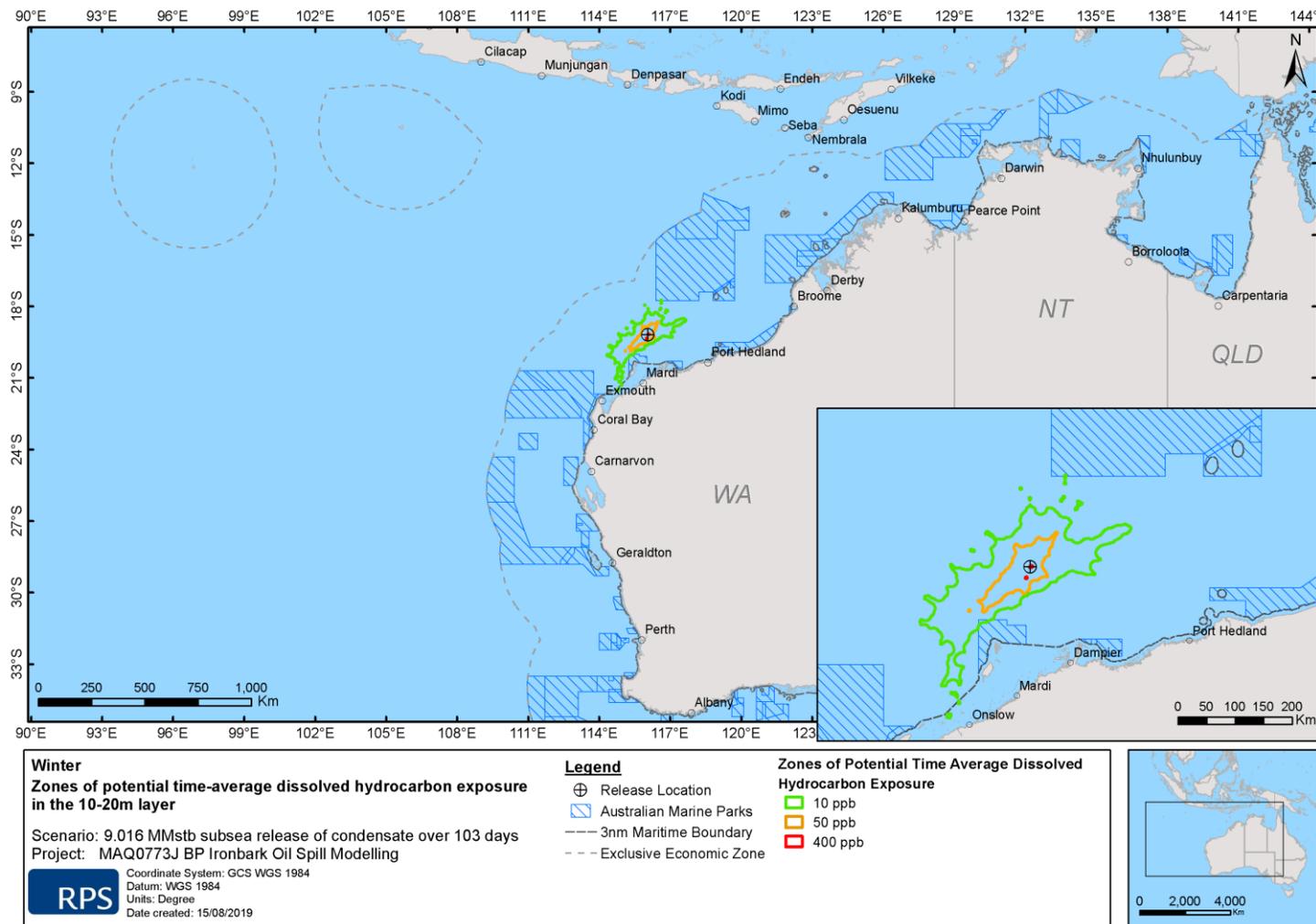
**Figure 46** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



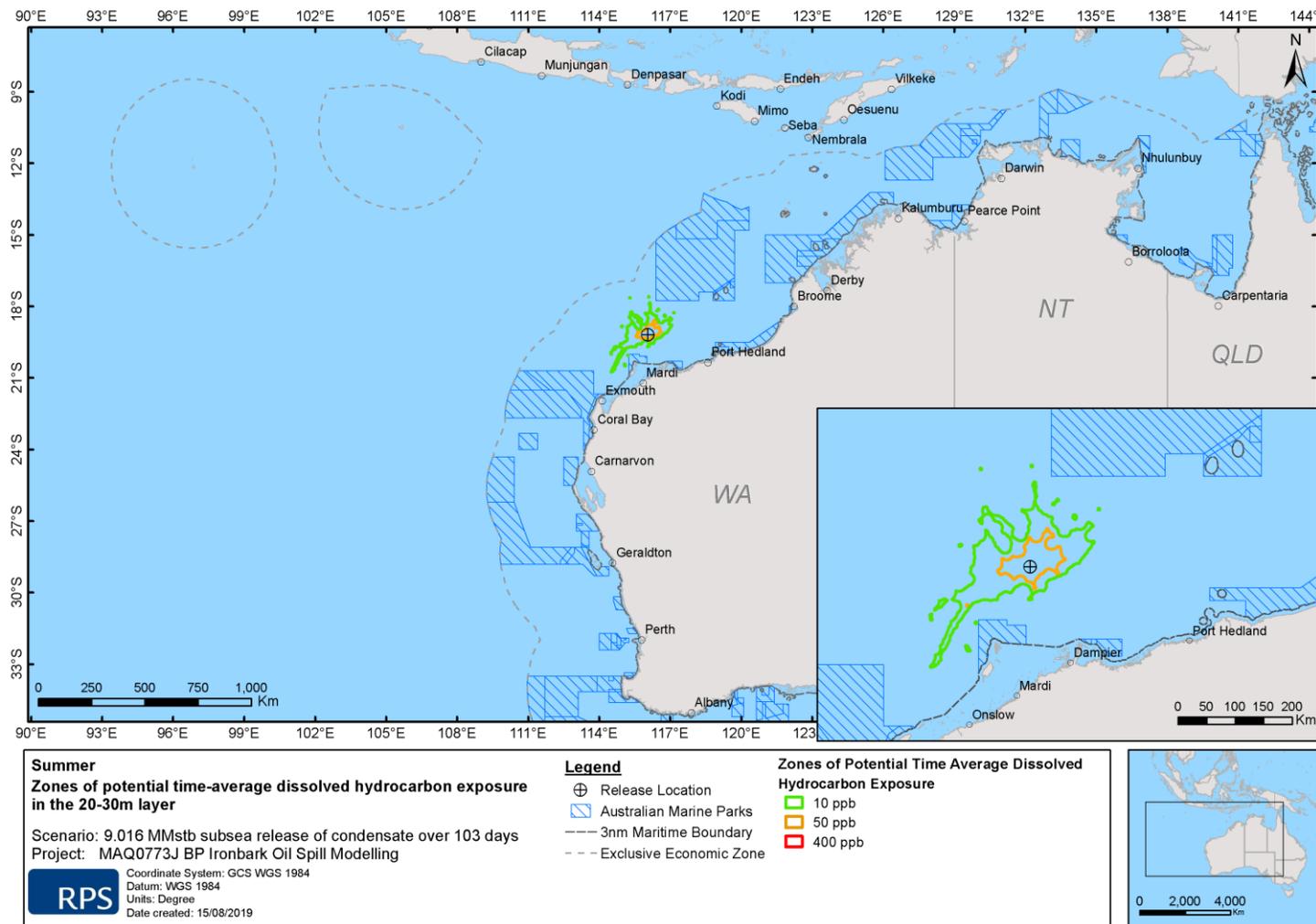
**Figure 47** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



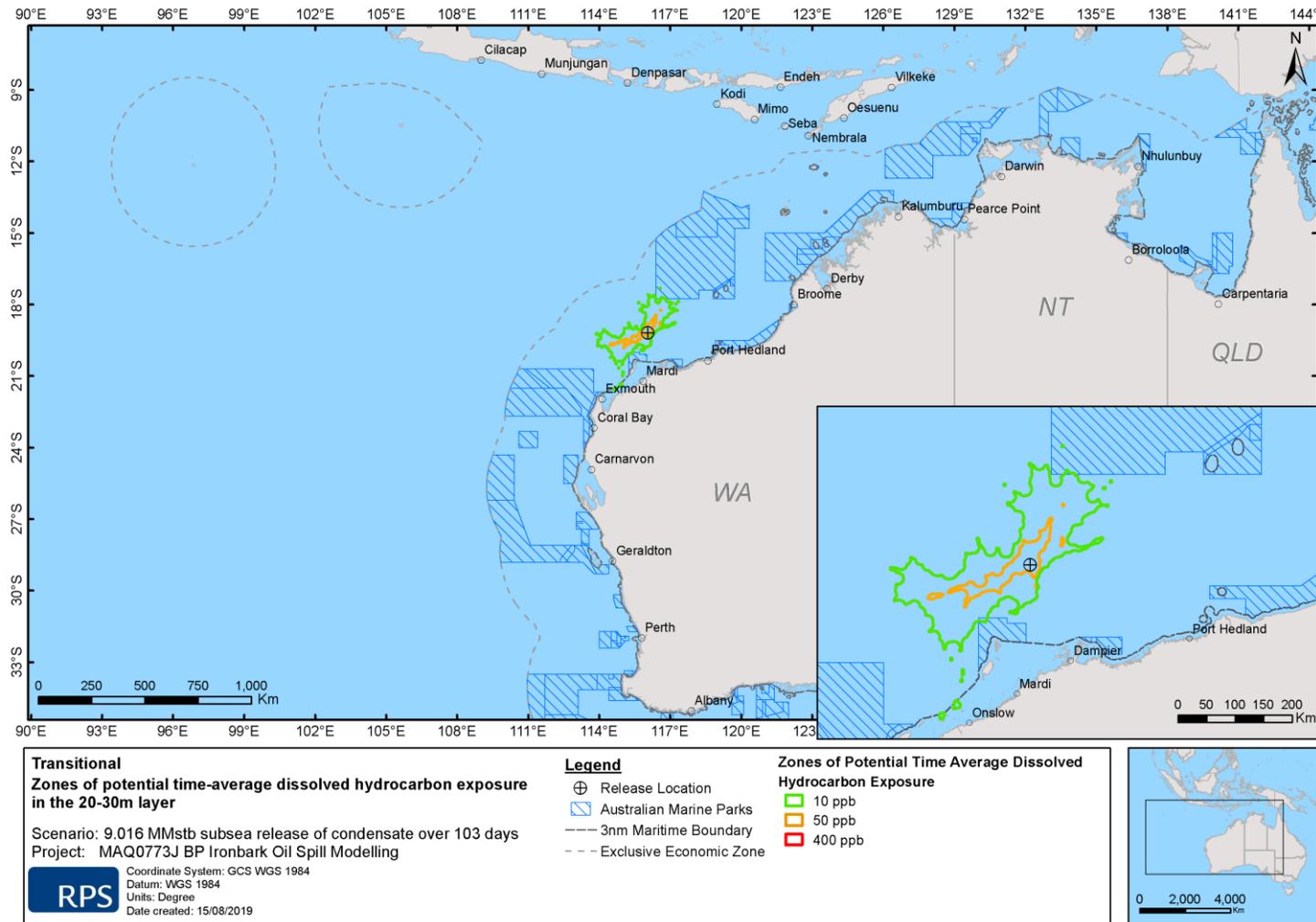
**Figure 48** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



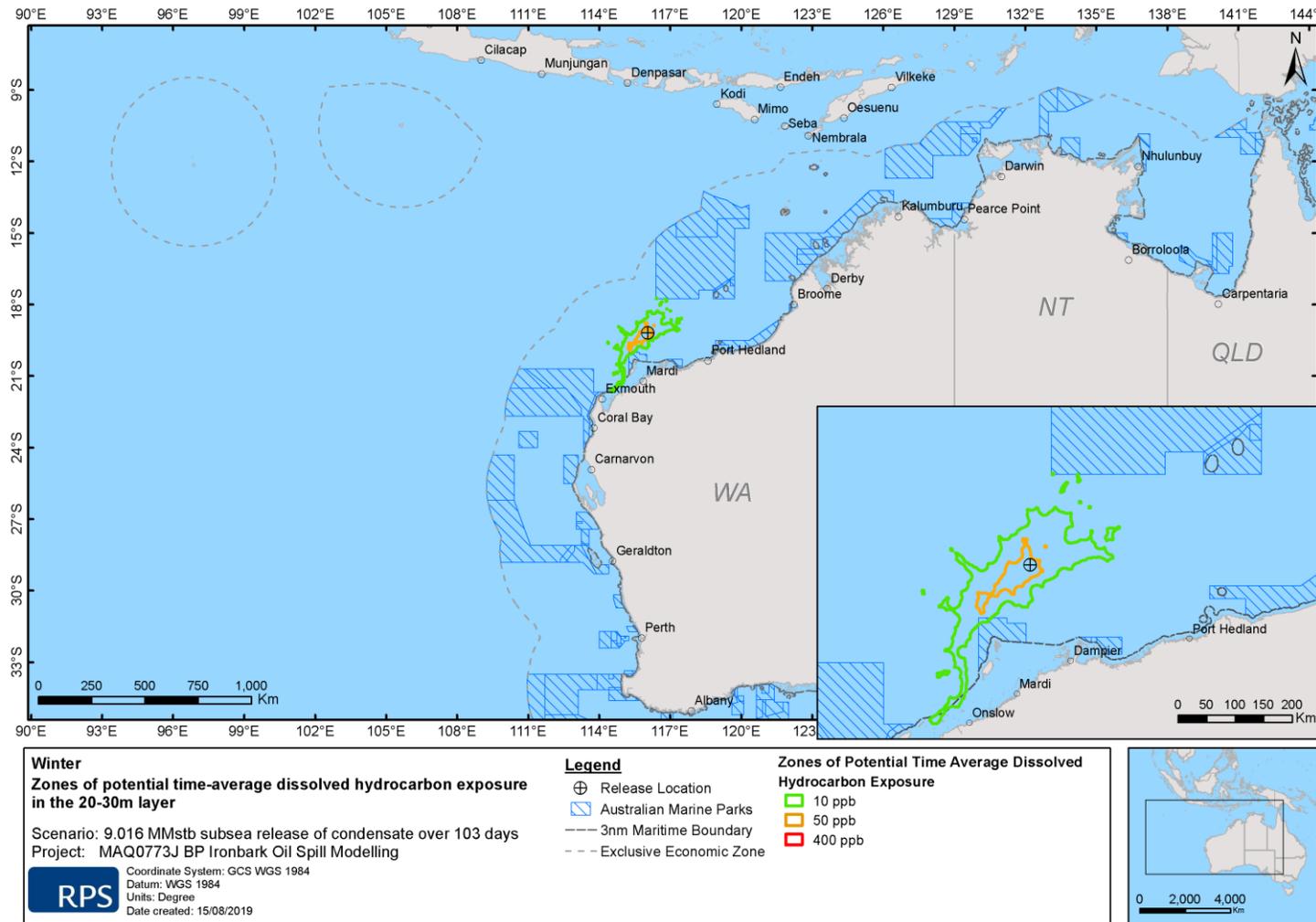
**Figure 49** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



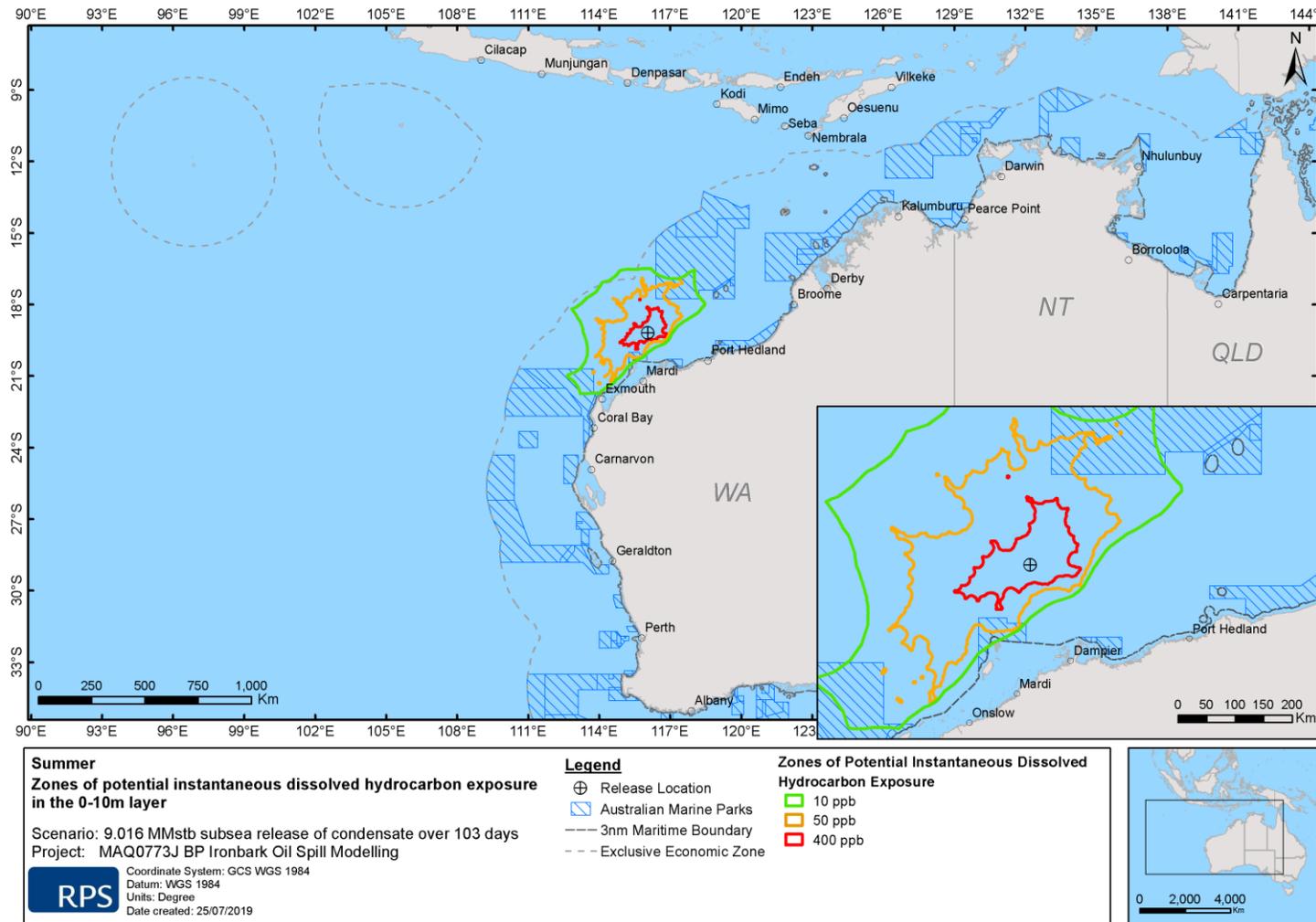
**Figure 50** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



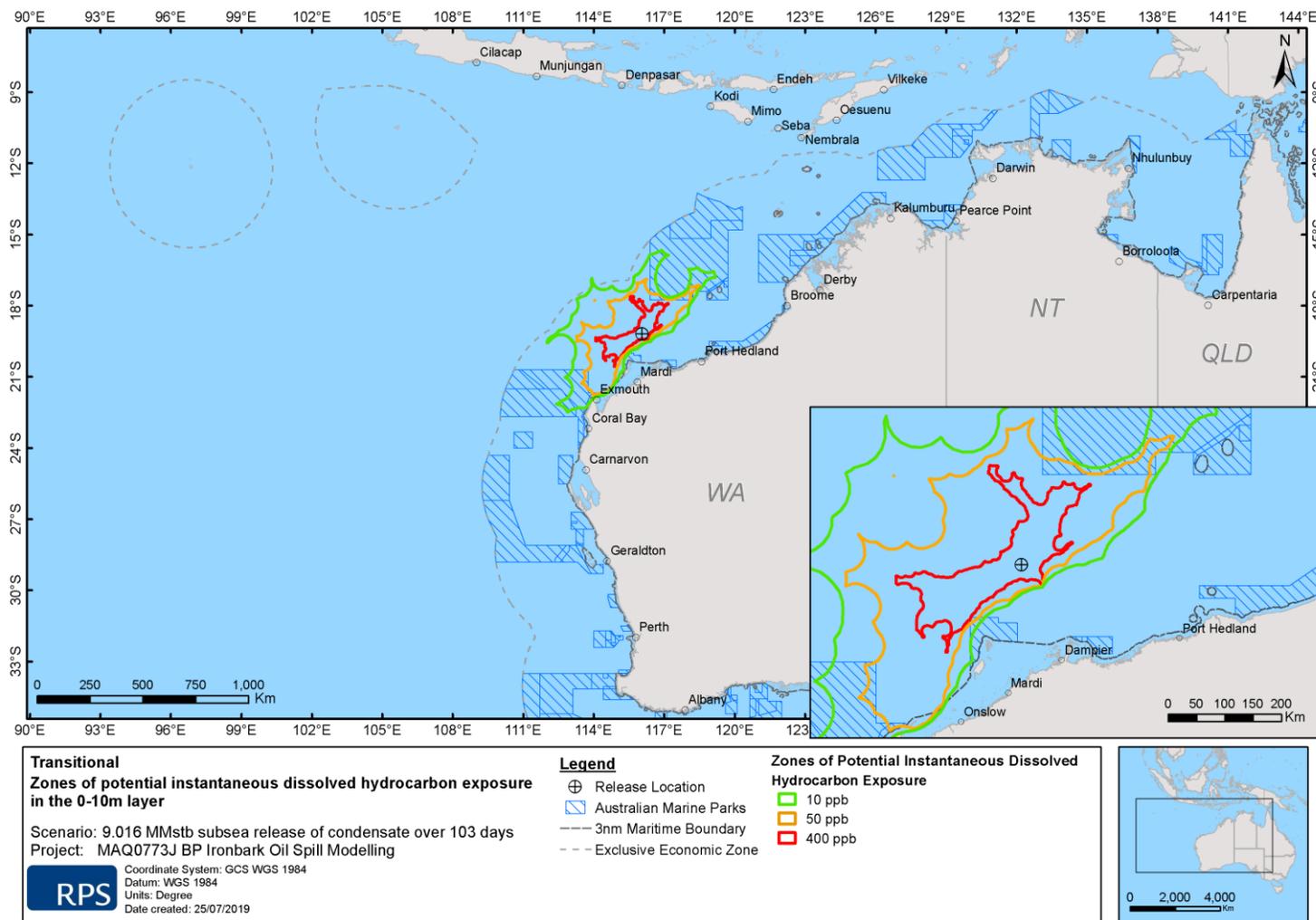
**Figure 51** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



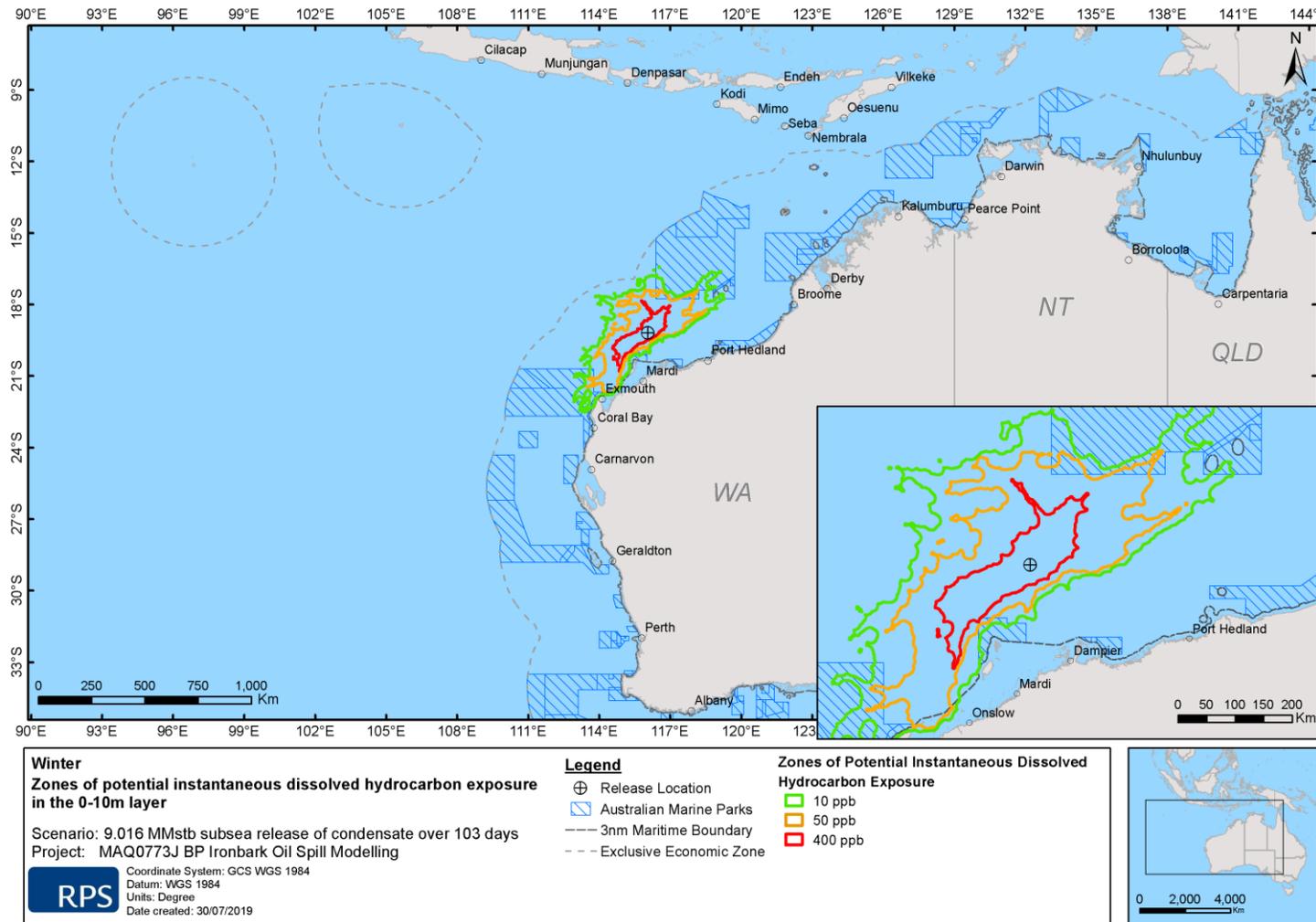
**Figure 52** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 48 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



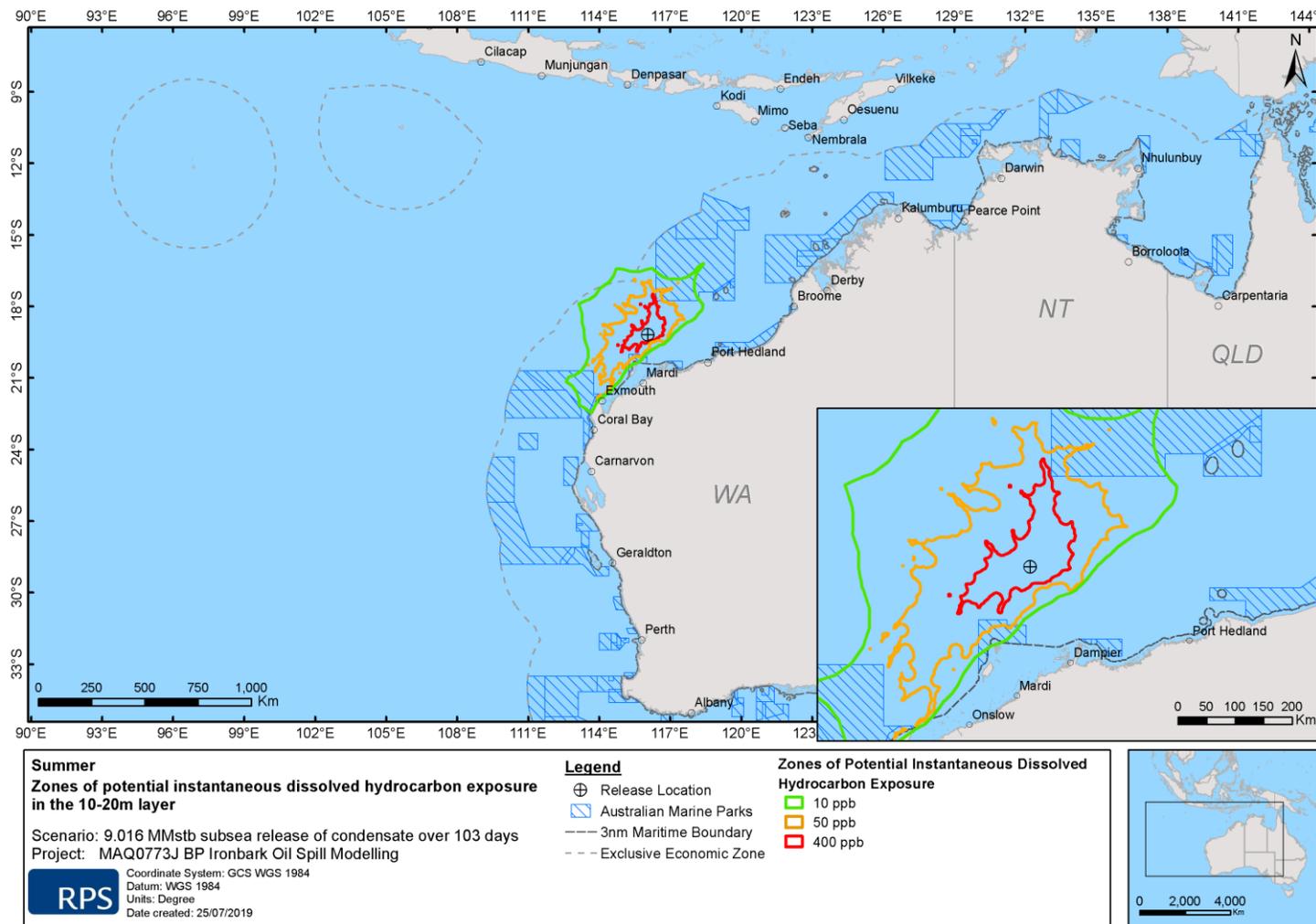
**Figure 53** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



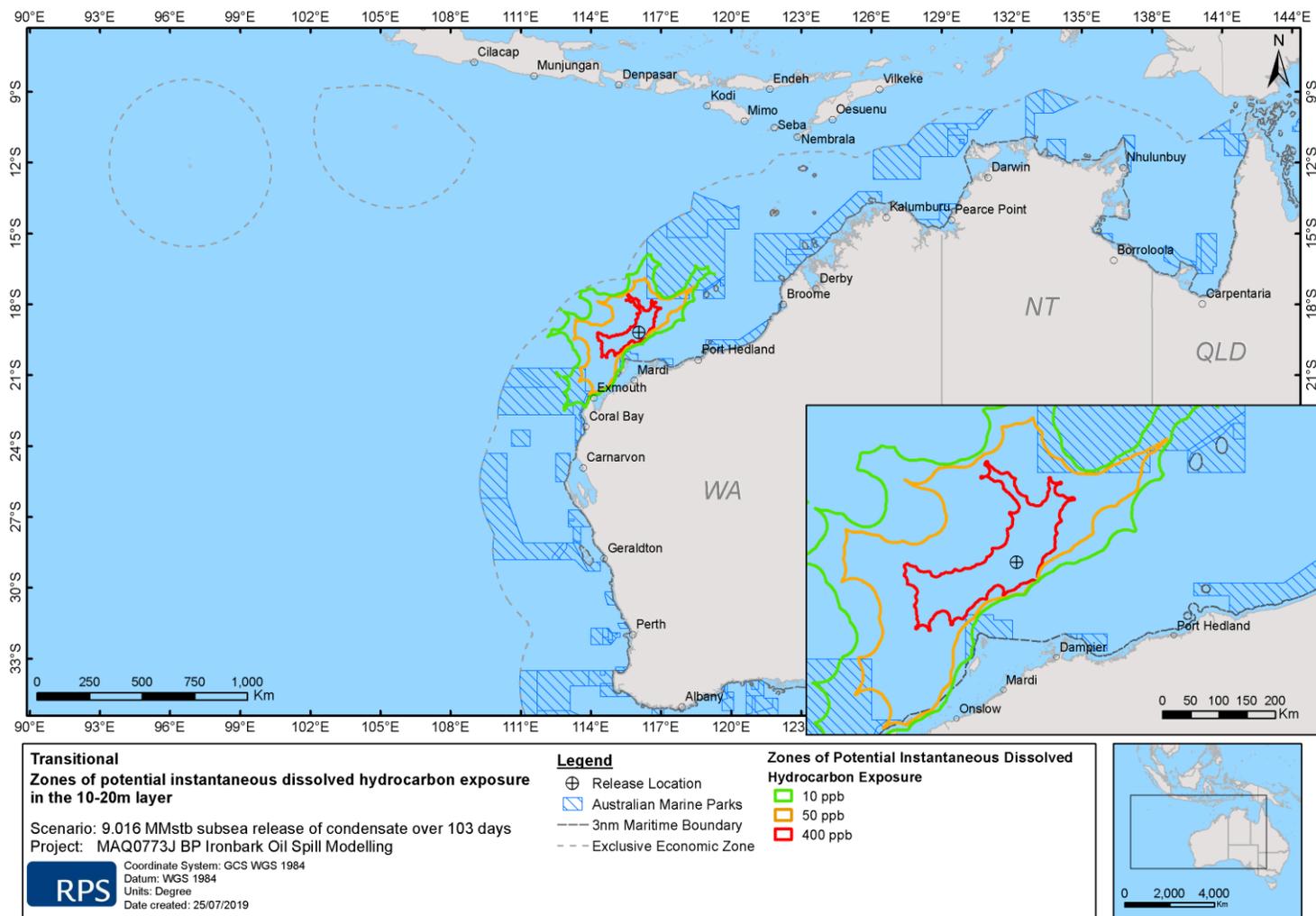
**Figure 54** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



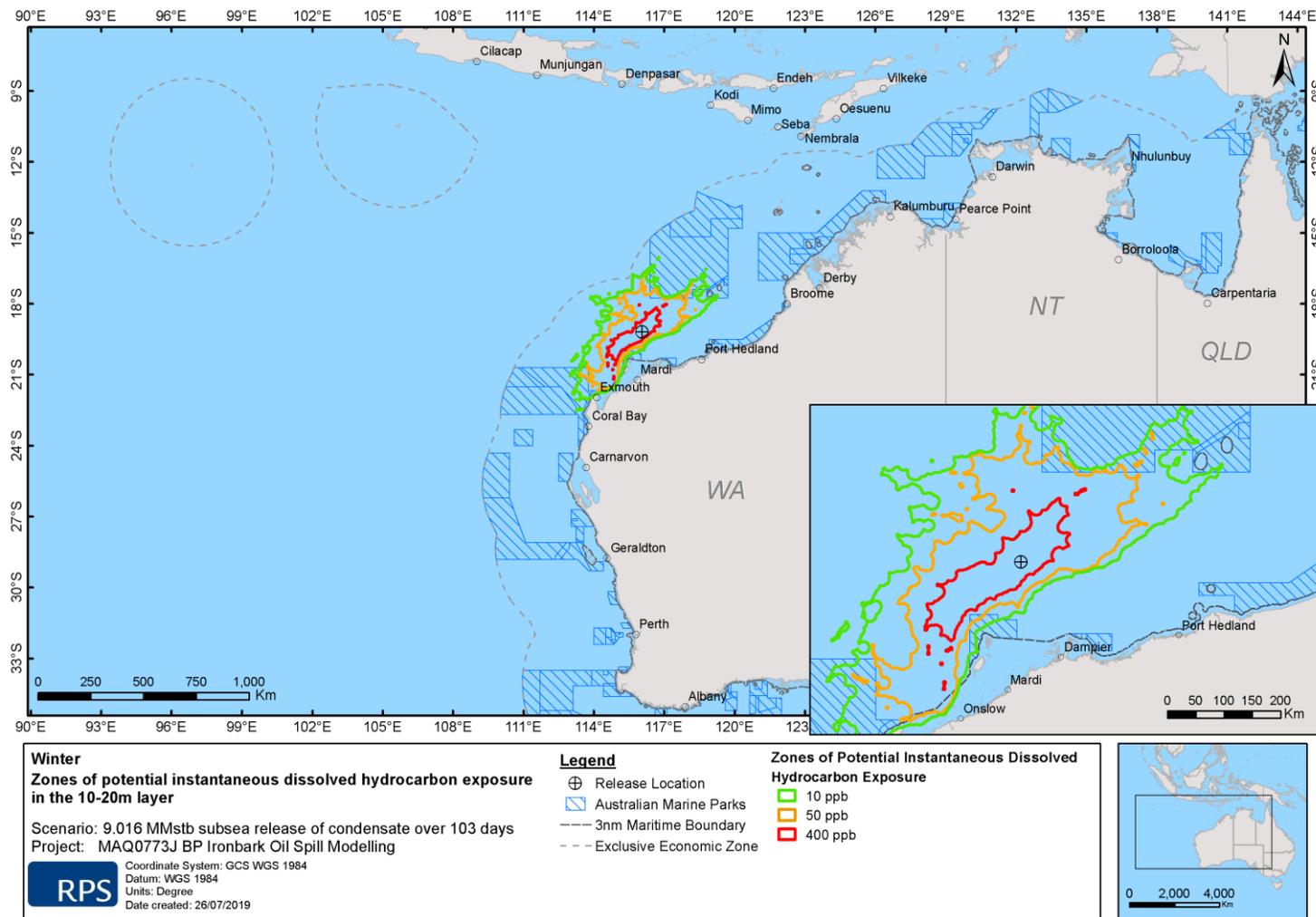
**Figure 55** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 0–10 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



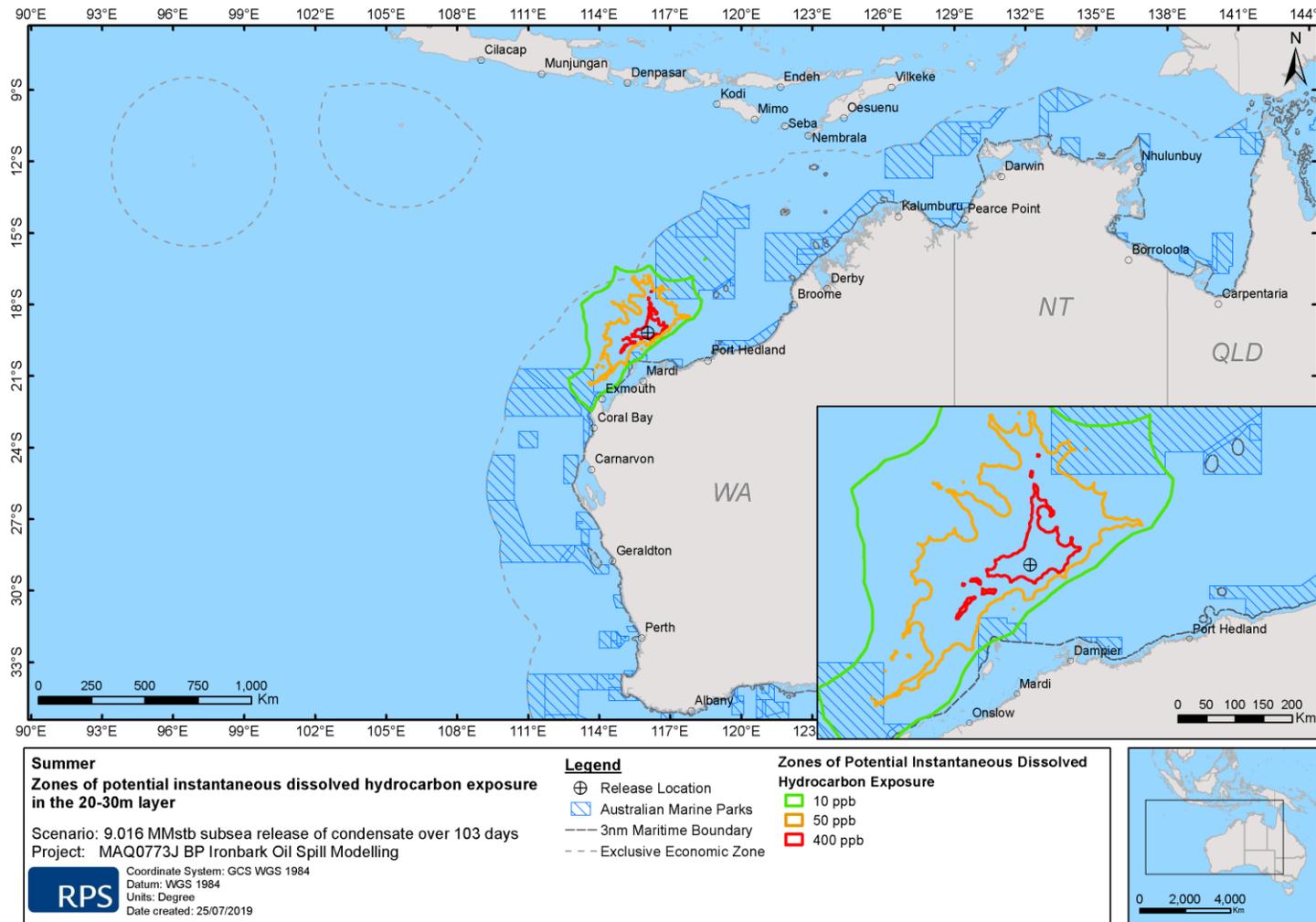
**Figure 56** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



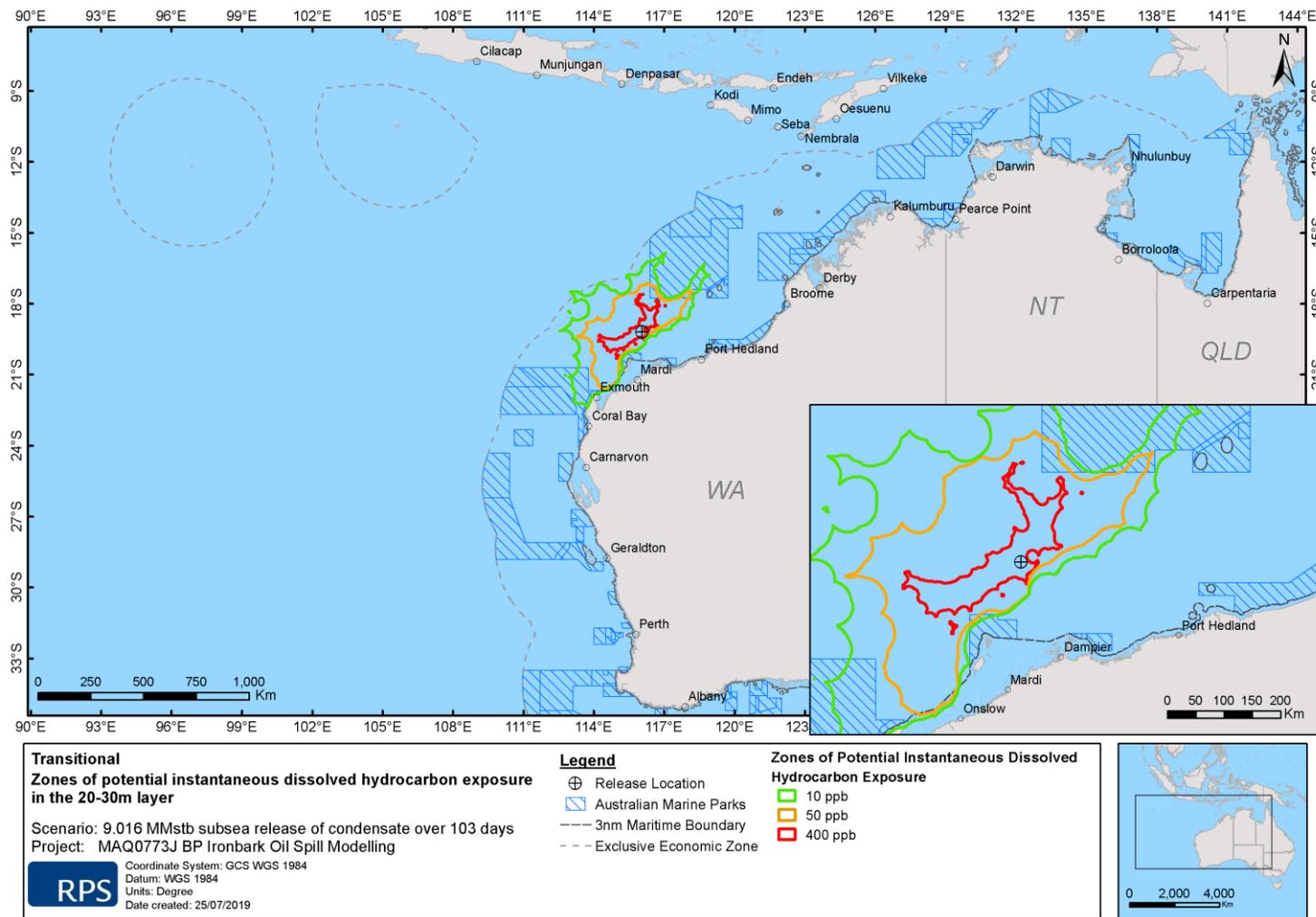
**Figure 57** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



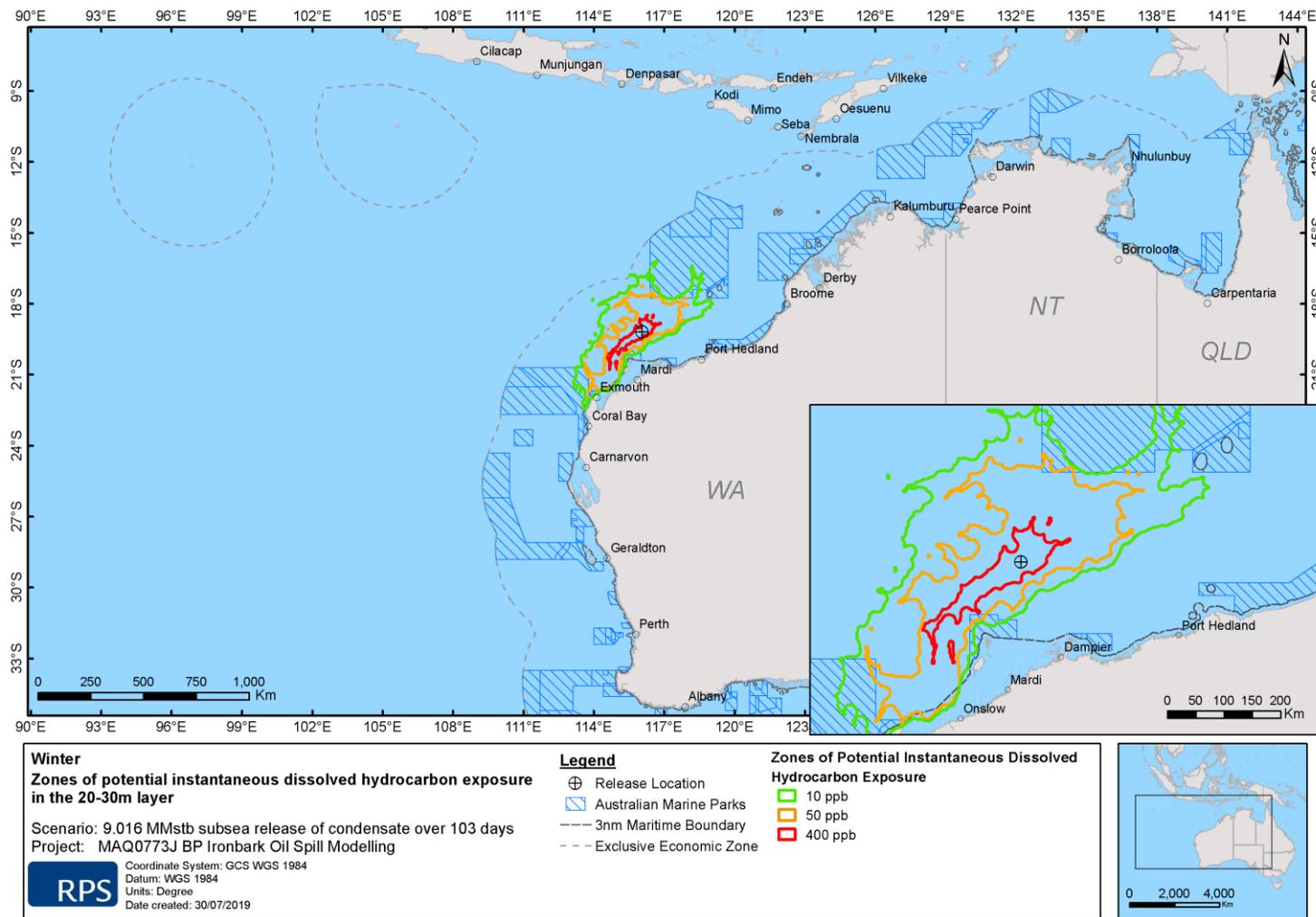
**Figure 58** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 10–20 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 59** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 60** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.



**Figure 61** Zones of potential dissolved hydrocarbon exposure based on a 1 hour window at 20–30 m below the sea surface, in the event of a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

### 10.2.2 Entrained Hydrocarbons

Table 24 to Table 26 summarise the maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) to receptors in the 0–10 m depth layer at or above the exposure thresholds discussed in Section 7.2 over the seasonal assessments.

For the 48 hour time-averaged exposure window, maximum entrained hydrocarbons were greatest at the IMCRA - Northwest Shelf. The maximum 48 hour time-averaged concentrations at the IMCRA Northwest Shelf ranged between 6,067 ppb (summer) and 3,445 ppb (winter).

The analysis for the entrained hydrocarbons over a 1 hour window showed that the maximum exposure was 12,087 ppb (IMCRA – Northwest Shelf) during transitional conditions, 12,045 ppb for summer conditions and 8,619 ppb for winter conditions.

Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure based on the 48 hour exposure window are presented for each season in Figure 62 to Figure 67 for the 0–10 m and 10–20 m depth layers, respectively.

Zones of potential entrained hydrocarbon exposure based on the 1 hour exposure window are presented for each season in Figure 68 to Figure 76 for the 0–10 m, 10–20 m and 20-30 m depth layers, respectively.

**Table 24 Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during summer (November to March) wind and current conditions.**

Summer Receptor	Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window		
		Low	High		Low	High	
NEAR-SHORE	Garden Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Pelsaert Group	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Easter Group	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Wallabi Group	4	-	-	19	3	-
	Dorre Island	3	-	-	15	2	-
	Bermier Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Airlie Island	167	4	4	336	8	4
	Mary Anne Group	69	4	-	130	6	2
	Passage Islands	22	4	-	65	6	-
	Boodie Island	366	4	4	540	21	4
	Middle Island	337	4	4	508	19	4
	Barrow Island	232	4	4	402	21	4
	Ragnard Islands	5	-	-	13	2	-
	Lowendal Island	60	4	-	84	5	-
	West Lewis Island	1	-	-	12	1	-
	Enderby Island	1	-	-	10	1	-

Hermite Island	167	4	3	362	17	4
Rosemary Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
Gidley Island	1	-	-	11	1	-
Legendre Island	1	-	-	10	1	-
Imperieuse Reef	96	47	-	163	59	15
Cunningham Island	88	52	-	155	61	3
Clerke Reef	77	58	-	138	68	16
Mermaid Reef	106	64	3	368	67	22
Lacepede Islands	2	-	-	11	1	-
Pulau Ndana	2	-	-	11	1	-
Pulau Dana	6	-	-	16	4	-
Pulau Sawu	3	-	-	11	1	-
Rivoli Islands	12	4	-	42	23	-
Fly Island	21	21	-	54	35	-
Observation Island	33	22	-	67	41	-
Locker Island	107	4	1	195	17	3
Sunday Island	67	35	-	135	46	3
Murion Islands	74	39	-	164	55	6
Round Island	213	22	4	426	39	4
Table Island	297	22	4	605	37	4
Flat Island	611	24	4	945	44	4

Peak Island	296	39	4	475	49	5
Serrurier Island	584	22	4	853	44	4
Ashburton Island	140	4	4	280	13	4
Tortoise Island	340	4	4	447	29	4
Direction Island	20	4	-	47	4	-
Twin Island	12	2	-	30	5	-
Bessieres Island	488	25	4	760	45	6
Mangrove Islands	5	-	-	18	5	-
Thevenard Island	304	8	4	492	37	4
Pulau Rajjua	3	-	-	14	1	-
Browse Island	5	-	-	14	3	-
Hibernia Reef	7	-	-	26	7	-
Sandy Islet	31	22	-	68	27	-
Cartier Island	12	6	-	42	15	-
Ashmore Reef	16	4	-	42	18	-
Seringapatam Reef	38	21	-	73	28	-
Scott Reef North	38	22	-	101	27	1
Scott Reef South	34	22	-	85	28	-
Fremantle	3	-	-	10	1	-
Stirling	3	-	-	15	1	-
Joondalup	5	-	-	16	1	-

	Wanneroo	6	-	-	20	1	-
	Gingin	5	-	-	15	2	-
	Dandaragan	3	-	-	16	1	-
	Carnarvon	11	1	-	42	19	-
	Exmouth	46	40	-	137	58	1
	Ashburton	62	4	-	114	14	1
	Karratha	7	-	-	22	4	-
	Broome	8	-	-	22	5	-
	Derby - West Kimberely	6	-	-	21	5	-
	Dirk Hartog Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
IMCRA	Oceanic Shoals	32	9	-	79	15	-
	Kimberley	16	5	-	46	6	-
	Northwest Shelf	6,067	98	93	12,045	98	97
	Canning	17	5	-	46	6	-
	King Sound	5	-	-	12	3	-
	Pilbarra (offshore)	1,748	98	70	3,042	99	72
	Pilbarra (nearshore)	334	22	4	504	43	4
	Ningaloo	477	67	14	823	79	41
	Zuytdorp	35	27	-	114	60	1
	Shark Bay	3	-	-	12	2	-
	Central West Coast	6	-	-	23	2	-

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	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	22	3	-
	Leeuwin-Naturaliste	3	-	-	17	1	-
IBRA	Geraldton Hills	4	-	-	19	3	-
	Perth	6	-	-	20	2	-
	Edel	3	-	-	15	2	-
	Wooramel	11	1	-	42	11	-
	Cape Range	611	40	4	945	58	6
	Roebourne	383	4	4	580	21	4
	Pindanland	8	-	-	22	5	-
	Mitchell	6	-	-	21	5	-
	Christmas Island	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Timor Sea Coral Islands	16	6	-	42	18	-
AMP	Abrolhos	53	22	-	108	51	1
	Argo-Rowley Terrace	1,459	90	66	2,202	93	74
	Ashmore Reef	16	4	-	42	18	-
	Carnarvon Canyon	396	46	12	698	83	21
	Cartier Island	13	7	-	48	15	-
	Dampier	1	-	-	13	1	-
	Gascoyne	1,096	98	73	2,528	100	94
	Jurien	4	-	-	18	2	-
	Kimberley	140	41	10	222	53	12

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	Mermaid Reef	131	64	12	486	70	35
	Montebello	1,301	75	42	2,460	85	50
	Ningaloo	298	66	11	514	75	32
	Oceanic Shoals	24	6	-	50	9	-
	Perth Canyon	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Shark Bay	25	16	-	63	53	-
	South-west Corner	1	-	-	13	1	-
	Two Rocks	5	-	-	23	2	-
MP	Barrow Island	219	4	4	477	23	4
	Jurien Bay	4	-	-	18	2	-
	Marmion	5	-	-	17	2	-
	Montebello Islands	295	16	4	507	31	16
	Ningaloo	104	49	1	261	72	14
	Rowley Shoals	117	62	9	187	71	23
NR	Buller, Whittell And Green Islands	3	-	-	12	1	-
	Great Sandy Island	127	4	4	184	4	4
	Scott Reef	34	22	-	85	27	-
	Thevenard Island	271	4	4	445	32	4
CP	Montebello Islands	144	4	3	238	16	4
MMA	Muiron Islands	86	40	-	200	62	6
MMA	Barrow Island	384	16	4	580	27	16

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FHPA	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	22	3	-
RAMSAR	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	16	4	-	42	18	-
State Waters	Western Australia State Waters	722	62	23	1,097	72	24
EEZ	Christmas Island EEZ	19	3	-	62	9	-
	East Timorian EEZ	13	6	-	32	7	-
	Joint regime area Australia / East Timor	13	6	-	32	7	-
	Australian EEZ	19,495	100	100	37,211	100	100
	Indonesian EEZ	526	36	20	854	47	23
RSB	Mermaid Reef	106	64	3	384	67	35
	Brue Reef	6	-	-	14	4	-
	Barcoo Shoal	5	-	-	14	5	-
	Churchill Reef	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Beagle and Dingo Reefs	2	-	-	10	1	-
	Imperieuse Reef	96	53	-	163	63	17
	Clerke Reef	92	60	-	162	68	22
	Tryal Rocks	203	27	4	439	29	16
	Rankin Bank	1,380	75	57	2,316	85	58
	Glomar Shoal	692	21	21	1,029	22	21
	Dillon Shoal	8	-	-	22	6	-
Echo Shoals	4	-	-	11	1	-	

Big Bank Shoals	3	-	-	11	1	-
Karnt Shoal	10	1	-	25	6	-
Jabiru Shoals	8	-	-	25	10	-
Pee Shoal	5	-	-	13	5	-
Mangola Shoal	6	-	-	22	8	-
Johnson Bank	11	1	-	28	17	-
Woodbine Bank	10	2	-	40	15	-
Barracouta Shoal	20	9	-	59	10	-
Vulcan Shoal	16	9	-	43	14	-
Goeree Shoal	15	8	-	48	10	-
Eugene McDermott Shoal	5	-	-	11	1	-
Echuca Shoal	5	-	-	17	6	-
Barrow Island Reefs and Shoals	137	4	4	216	8	4
Montebello Shoals	160	4	4	259	17	4
Meda Reef	7	-	-	23	4	-
Lightfoot Reef	39	4	-	78	4	-
Herald Reef	14	2	-	32	4	-
Ningaloo Reef	54	41	-	137	59	4
West Reef	37	4	-	55	4	-
North West Reef	37	34	-	88	45	-
Geelvink Channel Shoals	2	-	-	10	1	-

Pelsaert Bank	1	-	-	10	1	-
Direction Bank	4	-	-	14	2	-
North Tail Reef	2	-	-	11	1	-
Exmouth Reef	15	5	-	30	24	-
Fairway Reef	46	22	-	113	38	1
Web Reef	20	21	-	48	38	-
Hood Reef	138	22	1	302	38	4
Baylis Patches	46	4	-	86	34	-
Hayman Rock	64	4	-	118	34	2
Tongue Shoals	221	4	4	362	15	4
Manicom Bank	109	4	1	158	10	4
Inner Northwest Patch	180	4	4	261	12	4
Southwest Patch	77	4	-	123	9	1
Brewis Reef	291	4	4	474	35	4
Saladin Shoal	71	4	-	145	8	3
Rosily Shoals	283	24	4	548	39	4
Trap Reef	272	10	4	411	32	4
Taunton Reef	163	4	4	255	5	4
Moresby Shoals	26	4	-	52	4	-
Poivre Reef	354	4	4	481	21	4
Ripple Shoals	146	4	4	233	7	4

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	Flinders Shoal	90	4	-	145	6	4
	O'Grady Shoal	5	-	-	15	2	-
	Cod Bank	10	-	-	15	4	-
	Unnamed Timor Sea Shoal	11	2	-	22	9	-
	Unnamed Shoal	21	9	-	57	14	-
KEF	Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain with the Scott Plateau	441	43	18	868	63	26
	Glomar Shoals	1,647	27	21	2,049	58	21
	Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	140	64	18	486	71	35
	Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	620	97	44	2,329	100	71
	Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin	11	1	-	25	6	-
	Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	2,414	91	71	6,122	94	75
	Wallaby Saddle	19	12	-	59	47	-
	Exmouth Plateau	1,068	100	100	1,819	100	100
	Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf	28	9	-	63	11	-
	Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	298	66	11	514	75	32
	Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise	2	-	-	13	2	-

Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west coast canyons	17	13	-	49	21	-
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west coast inshore lagoons	6	-	-	23	2	-
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	4	-	-	21	5	-
Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth	3	-	-	15	2	-
Western demersal slope and associated fish communities	43	28	-	103	54	1
Western rock lobster	6	-	-	23	3	-
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	3,295	100	100	5,885	100	100
Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters	16	7	-	49	19	-
Seringapatam Reef and Commonwealth waters in the Scott Reef Complex	41	22	-	105	29	1

**Table 25** Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during transitional (April and September) wind and current conditions.

Transitional Receptor		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window	
			Low	High		Low	High
NEAR- SHORE	Sumbawa	2	-	-	13	2	-
	Pulau Flores	2	-	-	10	1	-
	Garden Island	4	-	-	14	2	-
	Carnac Island	3	-	-	11	1	-
	Rottneest Island	3	-	-	14	3	-
	Pelsaert Group	2	-	-	12	2	-
	Easter Group	3	-	-	14	3	-
	Wallabi Group	4	-	-	21	5	-
	North Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Dorre Island	3	-	-	14	2	-
	Bermier Island	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Airlie Island	3	-	-	18	3	-
	Boodie Island	4	-	-	18	6	-
	Middle Island	6	-	-	21	13	-
	Barrow Island	13	2	-	44	16	-
Hermite Island	10	-	-	48	16	-	

Rosemary Island	2	-	-	11	1	-
Kendrew Island	2	-	-	13	1	-
Imperieuse Reef	57	28	-	123	47	2
Cunningham Island	66	29	-	149	51	2
Clerke Reef	59	20	-	104	30	2
Mermaid Reef	52	17	-	101	24	1
Pulau Ndana	3	-	-	10	1	-
Pulau Doo	3	-	-	12	3	-
Pulau Dana	15	3	-	35	6	-
Pulau Rote	3	-	-	12	4	-
Pulau Dao	4	-	-	14	2	-
Pulau Nuse	3	-	-	12	2	-
Pulau Sawu	14	2	-	32	7	-
Pulau Mangudu	2	-	-	12	2	-
Pulau Lahalura	3	-	-	12	3	-
Sumba Barat	3	-	-	14	3	-
Pulau Rinca	5	-	-	14	3	-
Pulau Komodo	4	-	-	12	2	-
Pulau Kawula	4	-	-	12	2	-
Rivoli Islands	5	-	-	19	14	-
Fly Island	14	2	-	34	28	-

Observation Island	22	6	-	47	44	-
Locker Island	4	-	-	12	2	-
Sunday Island	40	22	-	98	55	-
Murion Islands	53	33	-	162	65	6
Round Island	24	6	-	52	46	-
Table Island	26	6	-	50	34	-
Flat Island	39	16	-	88	59	-
Peak Island	52	33	-	104	63	3
Serrurier Island	37	11	-	77	55	-
Tortoise Island	4	-	-	19	8	-
Bessieres Island	39	12	-	98	52	-
Thevenard Island	9	-	-	26	14	-
Pulau Raijua	16	2	-	34	7	-
Sumba Timur	3	-	-	17	5	-
Timor-Leste	3	-	-	10	1	-
Hibernia Reef	34	9	-	84	22	-
Sandy Islet	64	16	-	149	22	8
Cartier Island	20	4	-	42	20	-
Ashmore Reef	61	17	-	125	18	2
Seringapatam Reef	31	17	-	62	26	-
Scott Reef North	47	17	-	127	24	4

	Scott Reef South	83	17	-	196	22	9
	Busselton	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Waroona	2	-	-	10	1	-
	Mandurah	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Rockingham	3	-	-	13	1	-
	Kwinana	4	-	-	12	2	-
	Cockburn	4	-	-	14	4	-
	Fremantle	4	-	-	15	4	-
	Stirling	4	-	-	14	5	-
	Joondalup	5	-	-	19	10	-
	Wanneroo	5	-	-	20	11	-
	Gingin	6	-	-	21	9	-
	Dandaragan	3	-	-	15	3	-
	Irwin	1	-	-	10	1	-
	Greater Geraldton	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Carnarvon	11	1	-	33	27	-
	Exmouth	42	22	-	112	64	1
	Ashburton	3	-	-	15	5	-
	Dirk Hartog Island	2	-	-	11	1	-
IMCRA	Oceanic Shoals	20	5	-	53	24	-
	Kimberley	3	-	-	12	1	-

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	Northwest Shelf	3,834	100	78	12,087	100	92
	Pilbarra (offshore)	1,385	97	80	2,994	100	88
	Pilbarra (nearshore)	33	8	-	72	50	-
	Ningaloo	442	51	10	755	72	37
	Zuytdorp	39	33	-	127	62	1
	Shark Bay	3	-	-	15	2	-
	Central West Coast	6	-	-	23	11	-
	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	26	7	-
	Leeuwin-Naturaliste	4	-	-	18	5	-
IBRA	Southern Jarrah Forest	1	-	-	13	1	-
	Geraldton Hills	4	-	-	21	5	-
	Perth	6	-	-	21	11	-
	Edel	3	-	-	14	2	-
	Wooramel	11	1	-	32	12	-
	Cape Range	53	33	-	162	65	6
	Roebourne	6	-	-	21	13	-
	Christmas Island	2	-	-	23	2	-
	Timor Sea Coral Islands	61	17	-	125	20	2
AMP	Abrolhos	29	20	-	90	44	-
	Argo-Rowley Terrace	1,647	73	57	2,790	73	68
	Ashmore Reef	61	17	-	125	19	2

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	Carnarvon Canyon	362	44	13	651	57	14
	Cartier Island	21	5	-	49	20	-
	Gascoyne	1,136	100	89	2,322	100	100
	Geographe	1	-	-	11	1	-
	Jurien	4	-	-	23	6	-
	Kimberley	64	14	-	162	21	5
	Mermaid Reef	80	20	-	154	27	6
	Montebello	1,013	66	42	1,685	82	54
	Ningaloo	275	53	5	470	70	29
	Perth Canyon	2	-	-	16	1	-
	Shark Bay	26	31	-	64	60	-
	South-west Corner	1	-	-	11	1	-
	Two Rocks	5	-	-	23	9	-
MP	Barrow Island	17	4	-	51	19	-
	Jurien Bay	4	-	-	20	4	-
	Marmion	5	-	-	18	11	-
	Montebello Islands	53	11	-	167	20	2
	Ngari Capes	2	-	-	13	1	-
	Ningaloo	84	40	-	213	69	14
	Rowley Shoals	75	44	-	186	57	8
	Shark Bay	1	-	-	11	1	-

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	Shoalwater Islands	3	-	-	11	1	-
	Swan Estuary - Alfred Cove	3	-	-	11	1	-
FHPA	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	24	7	-
	Cottesloe Reef	3	-	-	11	2	-
MMA	Barrow Island	32	11	-	142	23	2
	Muiron Islands	59	33	-	227	68	9
CP	Montebello Islands	8	-	-	28	15	-
NR	Scott Reef	83	14	-	153	22	9
NR	Thevenard Island	7	-	-	18	12	-
RAMSAR	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	61	17	-	125	19	2
State Waters	Western Australia State Waters	132	44	5	266	68	14
EEZ	Christmas Island EEZ	19	12	-	54	20	-
	Oecussi Ambeno EEZ	3	-	-	12	1	-
	East Timorian EEZ	4	-	-	15	2	-
	Joint regime area Australia / East Timor	4	-	-	15	1	-
	Australian EEZ	25,156	100	100	42,693	100	100
	Indonesian EEZ	209	29	8	505	38	16
RSB	Mermaid Reef	53	17	-	121	25	2
	Imperieuse Reef	74	40	-	169	53	3
	Clerke Reef	59	20	-	108	30	2

Tryal Rocks	68	10	-	183	24	2
Rankin Bank	991	48	36	1,305	70	36
Glomar Shoal	107	13	1	267	20	2
Karnt Shoal	3	-	-	11	1	-
Jabiru Shoals	8	-	-	19	7	-
Pee Shoal	8	-	-	16	5	-
Mangola Shoal	5	-	-	17	3	-
Vee Shoal	8	-	-	19	12	-
Fantome Shoal	9	-	-	23	9	-
Johnson Bank	28	17	-	54	18	-
Woodbine Bank	18	3	-	37	17	-
Barracouta Shoal	7	-	-	22	18	-
Vulcan Shoal	2	-	-	13	3	-
Goeree Shoal	2	-	-	12	1	-
Eugene McDermott Shoal	3	-	-	13	2	-
Heywood Shoal	4	-	-	18	4	-
Montebello Shoals	10	-	-	49	15	-
Sand Knoll Ledge	2	-	-	10	1	-
Beagle Knoll	2	-	-	15	5	-
Ningaloo Reef	44	30	-	127	64	1
North West Reef	33	15	-	76	54	-

	Geelvink Channel Shoals	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Assail Bank	3	-	-	20	2	-
	Direction Bank	3	-	-	17	2	-
	North Tail Reef	2	-	-	10	1	-
	Exmouth Reef	10	-	-	19	25	-
	Fairway Reef	18	5	-	56	41	-
	Web Reef	11	3	-	29	28	-
	Hood Reef	26	8	-	51	45	-
	Baylis Patches	4	-	-	16	13	-
	Hayman Rock	9	-	-	22	16	-
	Brewis Reef	9	-	-	25	15	-
	Rosily Shoals	30	5	-	59	35	-
	Trap Reef	9	-	-	26	17	-
	Poivre Reef	6	-	-	21	14	-
	Cod Bank	2	-	-	19	1	-
	Unnamed Timor Sea Shoal	40	10	-	72	18	-
	Unnamed Shoal	17	4	-	30	20	-
KEF	Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain with the Scott Plateau	228	31	12	478	42	19
	Glomar Shoals	145	20	1	350	36	3
	Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters	270	53	8	412	59	15

surrounding Rowley Shoals						
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	784	83	51	2,175	94	66
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	2,270	88	75	6,276	100	83
Wallaby Saddle	18	8	-	75	42	-
Exmouth Plateau	1,092	100	100	1,976	100	100
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf	7	-	-	22	9	-
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	275	53	5	470	70	29
Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west coast canyons	15	12	-	39	33	-
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west coast inshore lagoons	5	-	-	21	9	-
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	26	9	-
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to Geographe Bay	1	-	-	10	1	-
Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth	4	-	-	21	5	-
Western demersal slope and associated fish communities	46	25	-	104	56	1

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Western rock lobster	5	-	-	26	9	-
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	3,395	100	100	6,030	100	100
Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters	61	17	-	125	22	2
Seringapatam Reef and Commonwealth waters in the Scott Reef Complex	89	18	-	196	27	9

**Table 26** Probability of exposure to receptors from entrained hydrocarbons (for 1 hour and 48-hour exposure windows) in the 0–10 m depth layer below the sea surface. Results are based on a 9.016 MMstb subsea release of condensate over 103 days, tracked for 133 days. The results were calculated from 100 spill trajectories simulated during winter (May to August) wind and current conditions.

Winter Receptor		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 48 hour window	Probability of time-averaged entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 48 hour window		Maximum entrained hydrocarbon exposure (ppb) over 1 hour window	Probability of instantaneous entrained hydrocarbon exposure over 1 hour window	
			Low	High		Low	High
NEAR-SHORE	Sumbawa	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Pulau Flores	1	-	-	11	1	-
	Garden Island	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Pelsaert Group	1	-	-	12	2	-
	Easter Group	3	-	-	16	4	-
	Wallabi Group	4	-	-	20	6	-
	North Island	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Bermier Island	1	-	-	15	1	-
	Airlie Island	2	-	-	15	1	-
	Boodie Island	4	-	-	20	4	-
	Middle Island	6	-	-	23	8	-
	Barrow Island	14	2	-	40	13	-
	Hermite Island	9	-	-	43	11	-
Rosemary Island	1	-	-	12	1	-	

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Legendre Island	1	-	-	12	1	-
Imperieuse Reef	816	60	33	1,183	86	37
Cunningham Island	789	65	33	1,197	93	37
Clerke Reef	110	41	3	225	74	16
Mermaid Reef	137	40	12	221	58	28
Lacepede Islands	23	11	-	50	11	-
King Leopold Ranges	1	-	-	11	1	-
Adele Island	15	8	-	34	9	-
Pulau Ndana	3	-	-	13	1	-
Pulau Doo	3	-	-	13	1	-
Pulau Dana	15	2	-	30	3	-
Pulau Rote	3	-	-	10	1	-
Pulau Sawu	14	2	-	31	2	-
Pulau Mangudu	3	-	-	12	2	-
Pulau Lahalura	4	-	-	14	2	-
Sumba Barat	2	-	-	10	1	-
Pulau Rinca	2	-	-	13	1	-
Pulau Komodo	3	-	-	11	1	-
Rivoli Islands	5	-	-	21	7	-
Fly Island	8	-	-	34	17	-
Observation Island	11	1	-	43	29	-

Locker Island	3	-	-	14	2	-
Sunday Island	26	15	-	67	36	-
Murion Islands	61	20	-	175	46	8
Round Island	10	1	-	38	37	-
Table Island	8	-	-	27	29	-
Flat Island	21	11	-	79	45	-
Peak Island	36	20	-	141	47	3
Serrurier Island	18	5	-	58	40	-
Ashburton Island	2	-	-	10	1	-
Tortoise Island	3	-	-	15	4	-
Bessieres Island	12	2	-	57	42	-
Thevenard Island	4	-	-	20	6	-
Pulau Raijua	16	2	-	36	2	-
Sumba Timur	4	-	-	20	6	-
Browse Island	5	-	-	16	4	-
Hibernia Reef	33	8	-	91	12	-
Sandy Islet	66	33	-	145	54	9
Cartier Island	28	11	-	56	13	-
Ashmore Reef	63	12	-	124	24	2
Seringapatam Reef	73	33	-	138	51	9
Scott Reef North	48	37	-	134	54	6

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	Scott Reef South	86	37	-	169	55	12
	Wyndham - East Kimberley	4	-	-	16	4	-
	Cockburn	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Fremantle	2	-	-	12	1	-
	Joondalup	4	-	-	14	2	-
	Wanneroo	4	-	-	17	2	-
	Gingin	3	-	-	16	3	-
	Dandaragan	2	-	-	12	2	-
	Greater Geraldton	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Northampton	2	-	-	11	1	-
	Carnarvon	7	-	-	31	8	-
	Exmouth	30	5	-	95	40	-
	Ashburton	3	-	-	21	4	-
	Broome	5	-	-	23	6	-
	Derby - West Kimberely	5	-	-	17	9	-
	Dirk Hartog Island	1	-	-	11	1	-
IMCRA	Oceanic Shoals	26	8	-	59	12	-
	Kimberley	22	9	-	53	9	-
	Northwest Shelf	3,445	100	99	8,619	100	100
	Canning	40	11	-	79	11	-
	Pilbarra (offshore)	561	87	53	2,019	100	63

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	Pilbarra (nearshore)	14	2	-	50	36	-
	Ningaloo	117	24	6	326	59	14
	Zuytdorp	20	10	-	62	24	-
	Shark Bay	2	-	-	14	1	-
	Central West Coast	4	-	-	22	4	-
	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	28	7	-
	Leeuwin-Naturaliste	2	-	-	13	1	-
IBRA	Geraldton Hills	4	-	-	20	6	-
	Perth	4	-	-	17	3	-
	Edel	1	-	-	15	1	-
	Wooramel	1	-	-	12	1	-
	Cape Range	61	20	-	175	47	8
	Roebourne	5	-	-	23	8	-
	Pindanland	23	11	-	50	11	-
	Mitchell	14	8	-	32	9	-
	Christmas Island	10	-	-	24	9	-
	Timor Sea Coral Islands	63	12	-	124	24	2
AMP	Abrolhos	24	4	-	82	15	-
	Argo-Rowley Terrace	1,673	100	95	2,953	100	99
	Ashmore Reef	63	12	-	124	24	2
	Carnarvon Canyon	111	28	1	194	34	10

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	Cartier Island	28	11	-	59	13	-
	Dampier	2	-	-	14	1	-
	Gascoyne	649	93	51	1,158	99	65
	Jurien	3	-	-	21	3	-
	Kimberley	274	55	28	437	58	40
	Mermaid Reef	160	45	13	267	62	31
	Montebello	351	71	26	1,561	97	43
	Ningaloo	100	23	-	311	61	14
	Oceanic Shoals	3	-	-	12	1	-
	Shark Bay	18	5	-	52	23	-
	Two Rocks	4	-	-	17	3	-
MP	Barrow Island	15	4	-	60	20	-
	Jurien Bay	3	-	-	16	2	-
	Lalang-garram / Camden Sound	5	-	-	20	6	-
	Marmion	4	-	-	16	3	-
	Montebello Islands	15	6	-	59	20	-
	Rowley Shoals	816	92	35	1,228	97	50
	Ningaloo	65	20	-	173	53	4
NR	Scott Reef	82	33	-	163	53	12
	Thevenard Island	3	-	-	16	6	-
CP	Montebello Islands	8	-	-	32	10	-

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MMA	Barrow Island	17	6	-	60	18	-
	Muiron Islands	62	20	-	203	52	11
FHPA	Abrolhos Islands	5	-	-	24	6	-
RAMSAR	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	63	12	-	124	24	2
State Waters	Western Australia State Waters	816	92	35	1,228	97	50
EEZ	Christmas Island EEZ	62	20	-	126	51	2
	Australian Exclusive EEZ	26,968	100	100	45,273	100	100
	Indonesian Exclusive EEZ	674	59	29	924	76	38
RSB	Mermaid Reef	146	40	13	261	58	28
	Brue Reef	14	7	-	30	9	-
	Barcoo Shoal	13	4	-	36	9	-
	Churchill Reef	14	8	-	30	9	-
	Beagle and Dingo Reefs	13	4	-	32	9	-
	Barton Shoal	5	-	-	11	1	-
	Heritage Reef	3	-	-	11	1	-
	Imperieuse Reef	816	81	34	1,201	97	45
	Clerke Reef	141	42	13	247	78	16
	Tryal Rocks	15	3	-	38	34	-
	Rankin Bank	658	70	67	988	90	68
	Glomar Shoal	144	49	17	345	63	18

Robroy Reefs	4	-	-	15	5	-
Jamieson Reef	2	-	-	11	1	-
Wildcat Reefs	3	-	-	15	2	-
Mavis Reef	9	-	-	27	9	-
Albert Reef	12	4	-	27	9	-
Jabiru Shoals	10	-	-	20	1	-
Pee Shoal	10	-	-	24	1	-
Mangola Shoal	7	-	-	19	1	-
Vee Shoal	9	-	-	20	7	-
Fantome Shoal	11	2	-	23	7	-
Johnson Bank	30	11	-	62	14	-
Woodbine Bank	24	8	-	54	12	-
Barracouta Shoal	7	-	-	17	9	-
Vulcan Shoal	7	-	-	22	9	-
Goeree Shoal	6	-	-	18	8	-
Eugene McDermott Shoal	8	-	-	22	8	-
Heywood Shoal	9	-	-	28	9	-
Echuca Shoal	4	-	-	11	1	-
Holothuria Banks	2	-	-	13	1	-
Montebello Shoals	9	-	-	44	11	-
Beagle Knoll	3	-	-	13	1	-

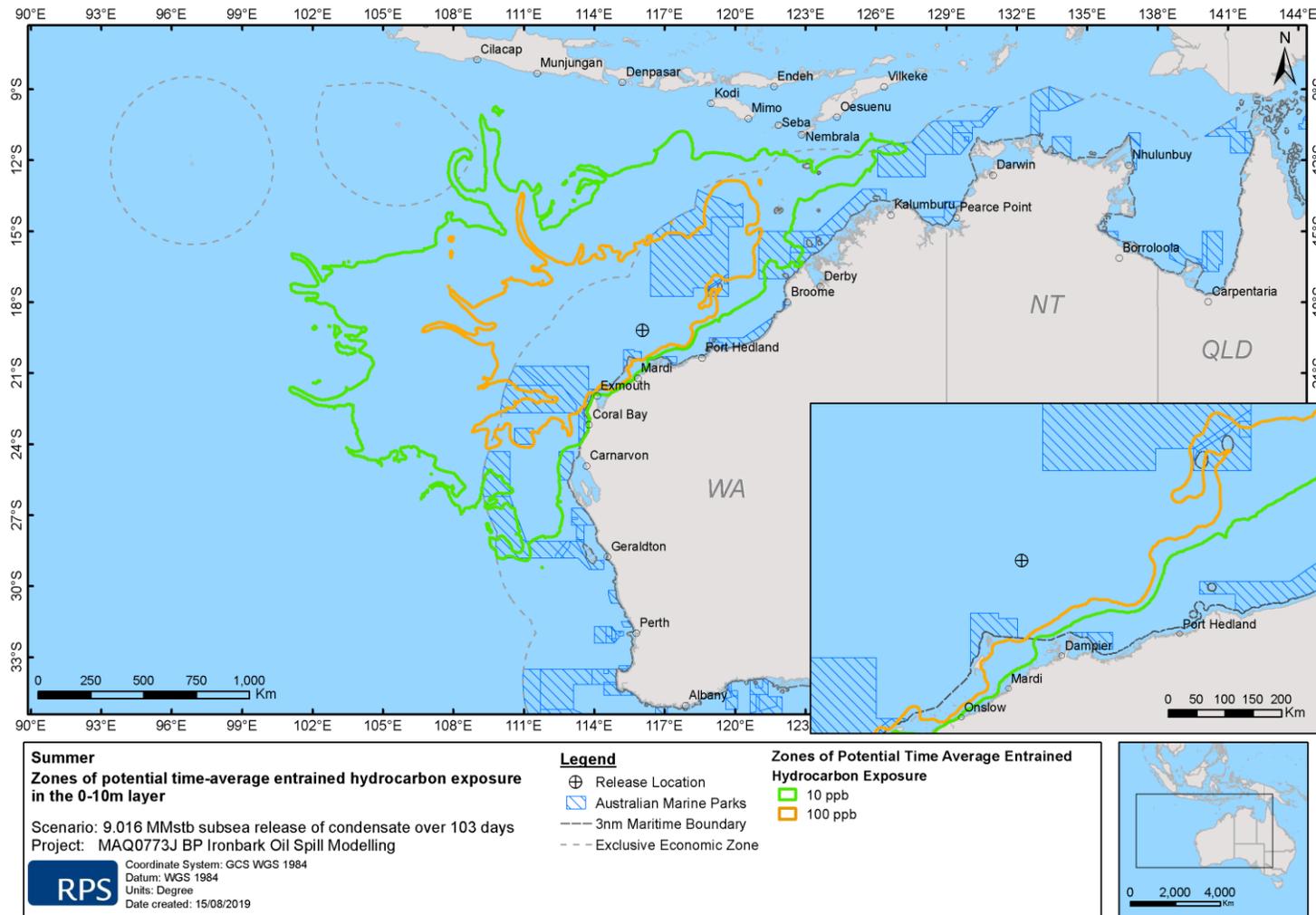
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	Ningaloo Reef	30	7	-	83	38	-
	North West Reef	12	2	-	45	35	-
	Gee Bank	1	-	-	10	1	-
	Geelvink Channel Shoals	1	-	-	11	1	-
	Assail Bank	3	-	-	11	2	-
	Pelsaert Bank	1	-	-	11	1	-
	Direction Bank	3	-	-	13	1	-
	Exmouth Reef	4	-	-	25	11	-
	Fairway Reef	10	1	-	42	24	-
	Web Reef	10	-	-	29	18	-
	Hood Reef	10	1	-	31	37	-
	Baylis Patches	4	-	-	19	5	-
	Hayman Rock	4	-	-	17	13	-
	Brewis Reef	3	-	-	22	6	-
	Rosily Shoals	8	-	-	33	25	-
	Trap Reef	3	-	-	18	5	-
	Poivre Reef	5	-	-	23	8	-
	Unnamed Timor Sea Shoal	40	8	-	76	11	-
	Unnamed Shoal	21	7	-	43	9	-
KEF	Canyons linking the Argo Abysal Plain with the Scott Plateau	164	78	15	452	83	19

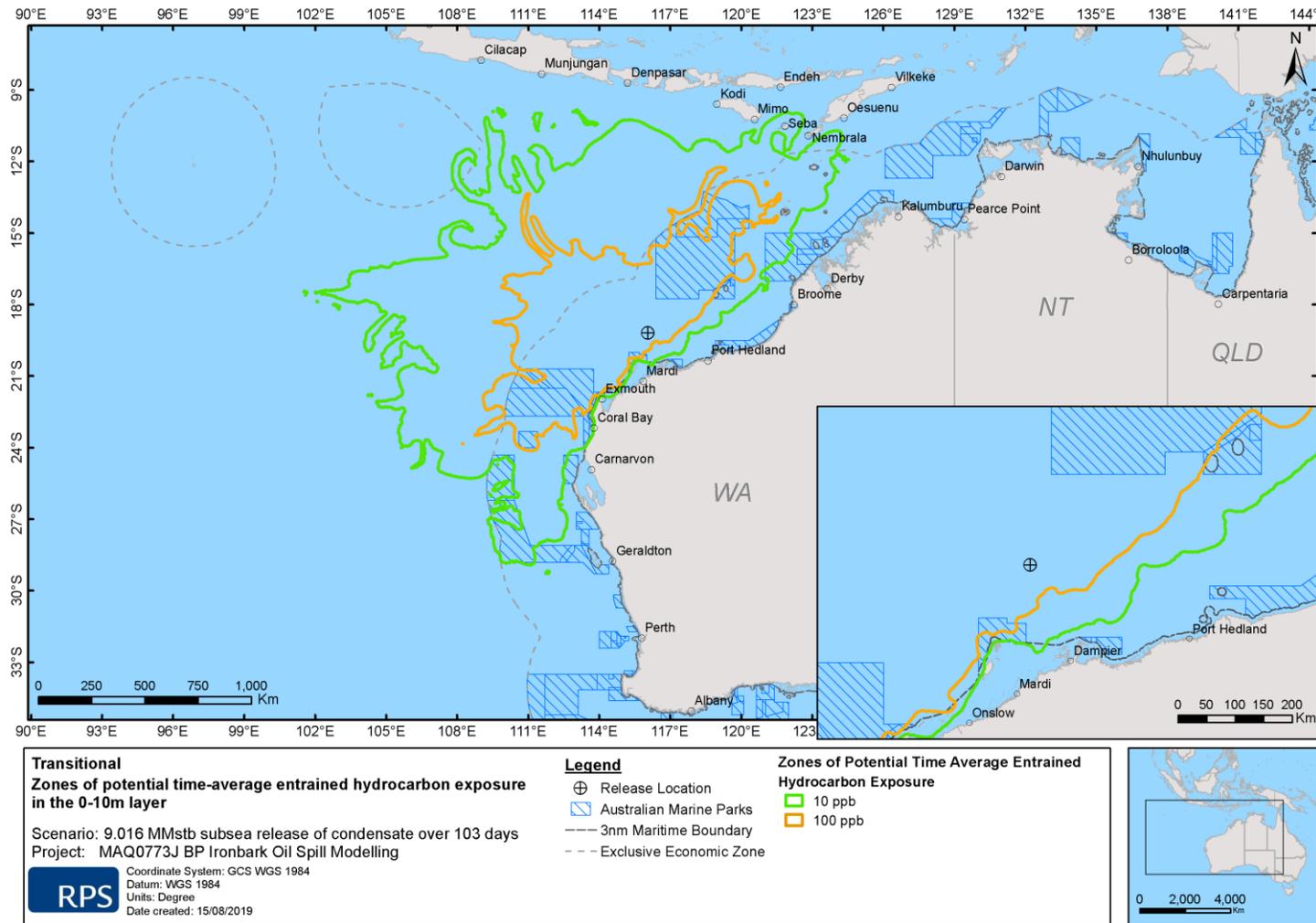
Glomar Shoals	177	61	18	430	73	21
Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	965	96	50	1,483	97	76
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	636	64	27	919	74	44
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	2,477	100	83	4,526	100	96
Wallaby Saddle	15	4	-	82	14	-
Exmouth Plateau	1,119	100	94	1,973	100	97
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf	8	-	-	23	7	-
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	100	23	-	311	61	14
Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west coast canyons	6	-	-	29	10	-
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west coast inshore lagoons	4	-	-	17	3	-
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	4	-	-	28	7	-
Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth	4	-	-	21	6	-
Western demersal slope and associated fish communities	20	4	-	78	27	-

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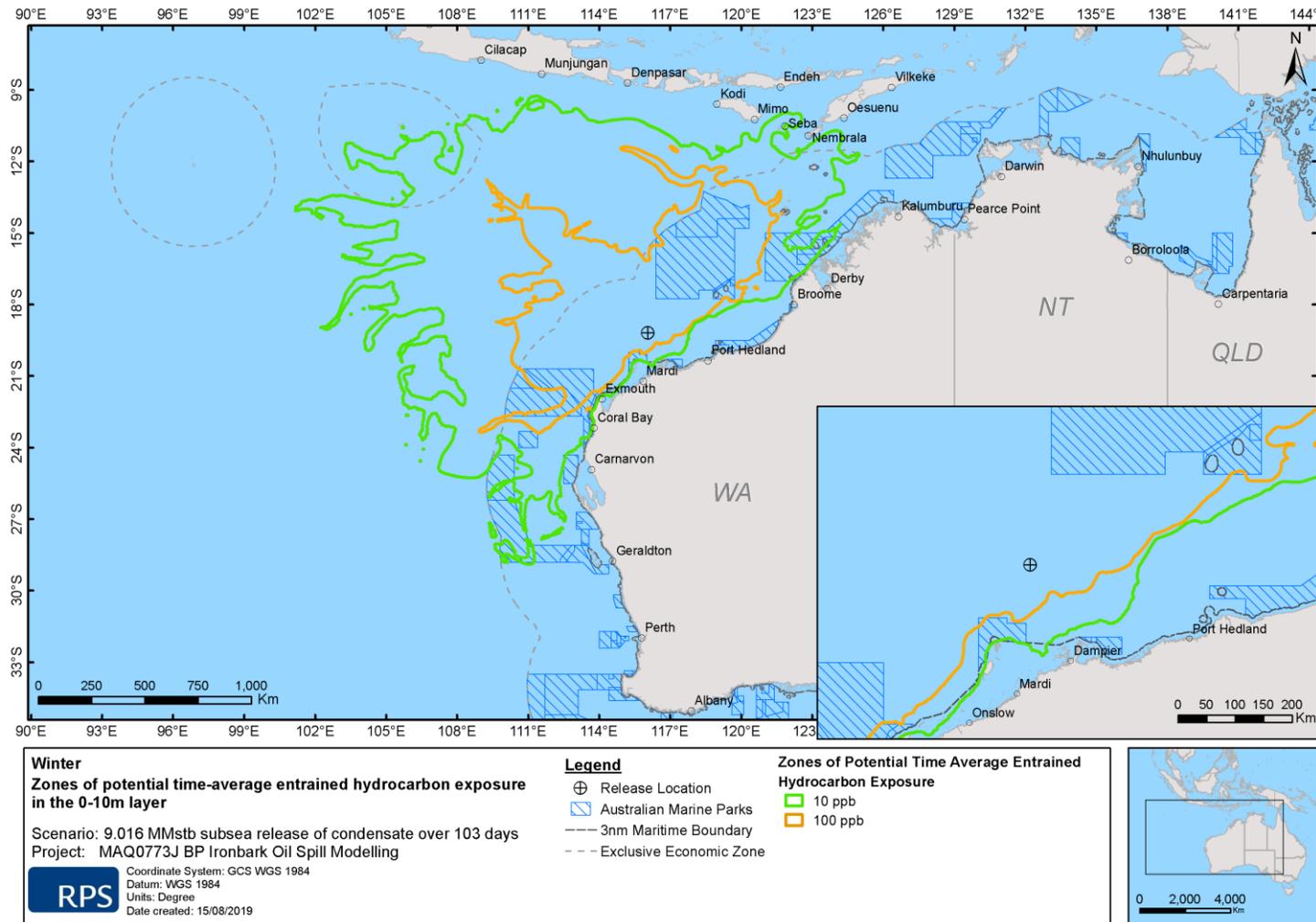
Western rock lobster	4	-	-	28	6	-
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	1,989	100	100	4,091	100	100
Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters	63	13	-	124	24	2
Seringapatam Reef and Commonwealth waters in the Scott Reef Complex	100	42	1	196	58	12



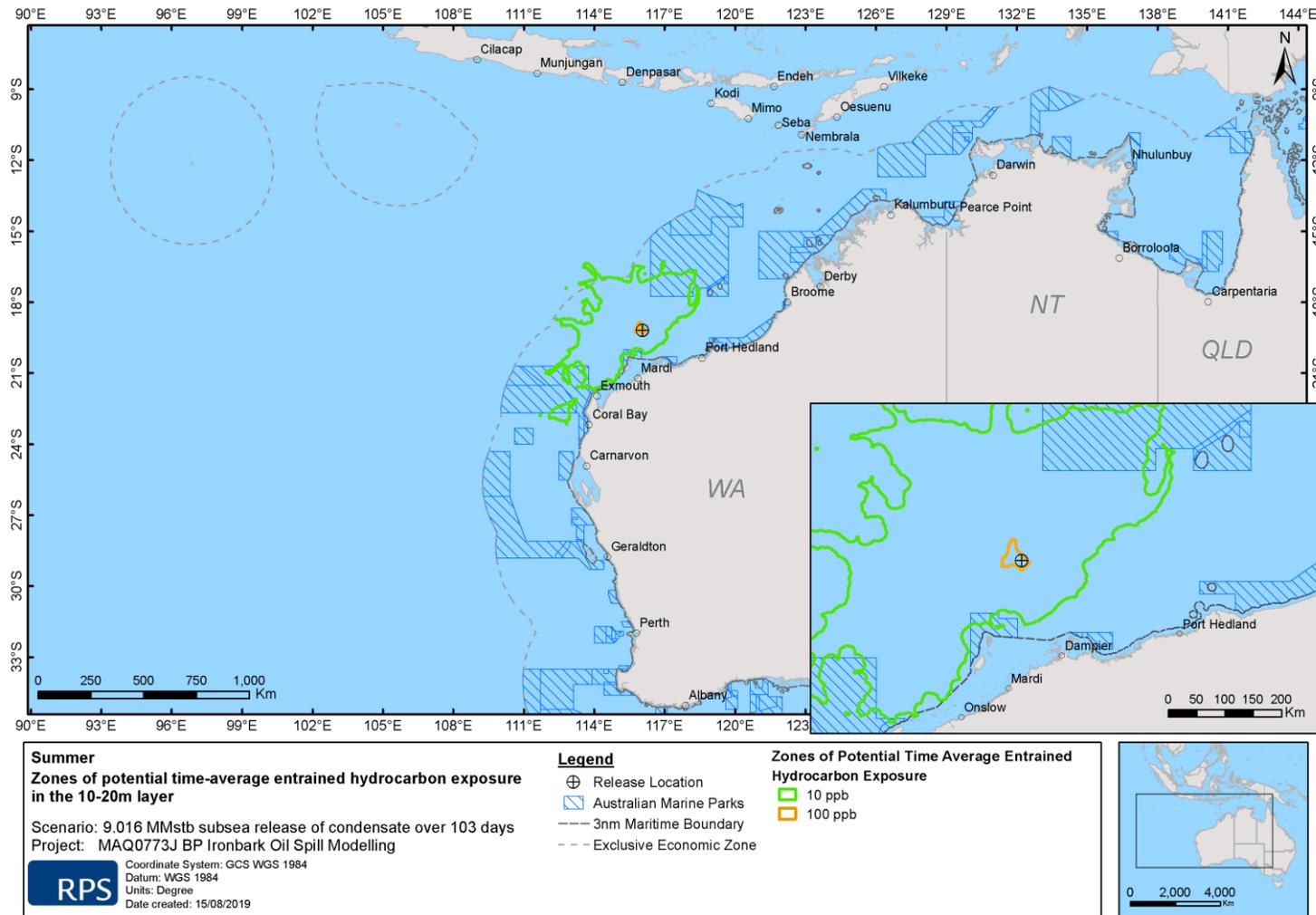
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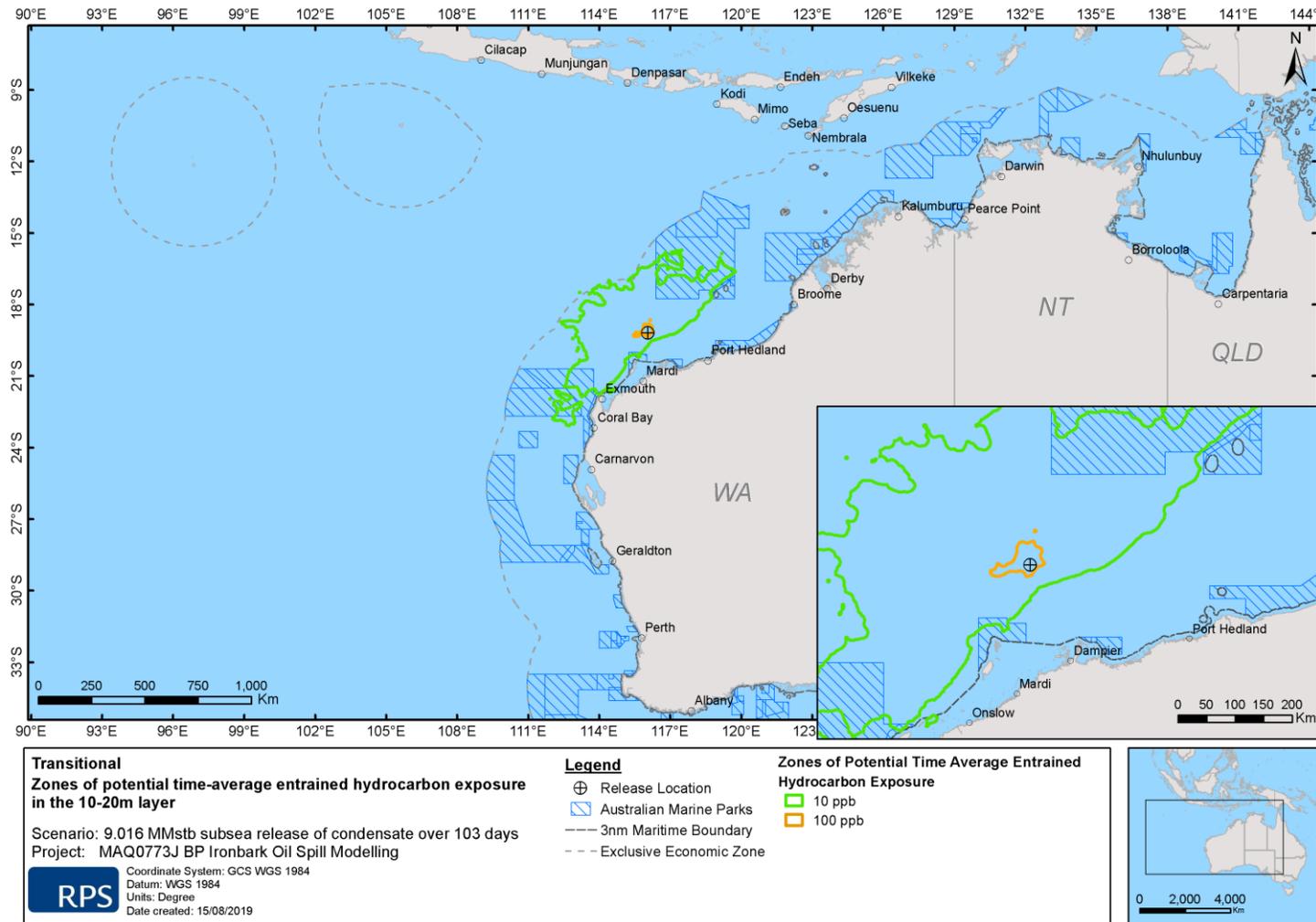
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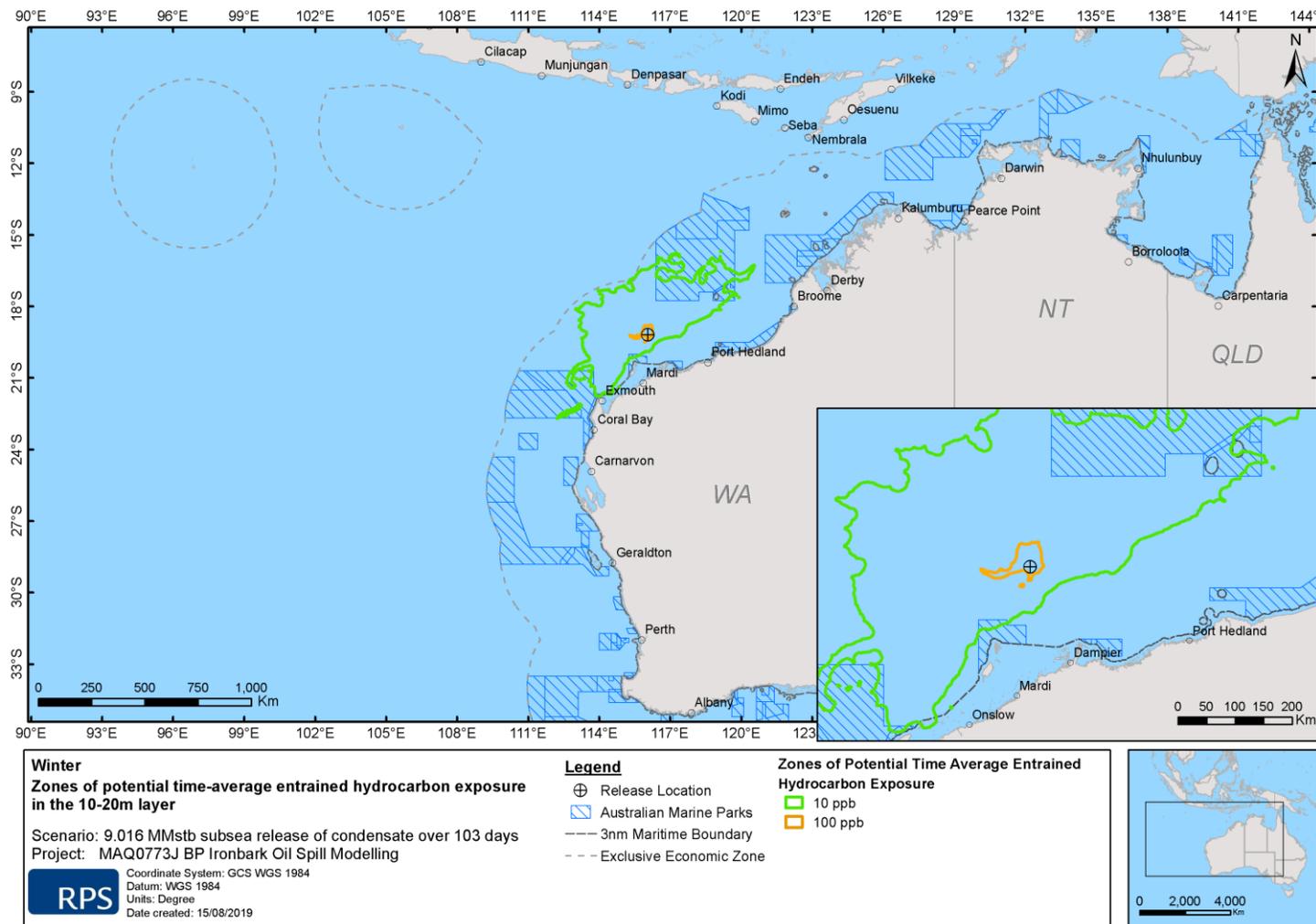
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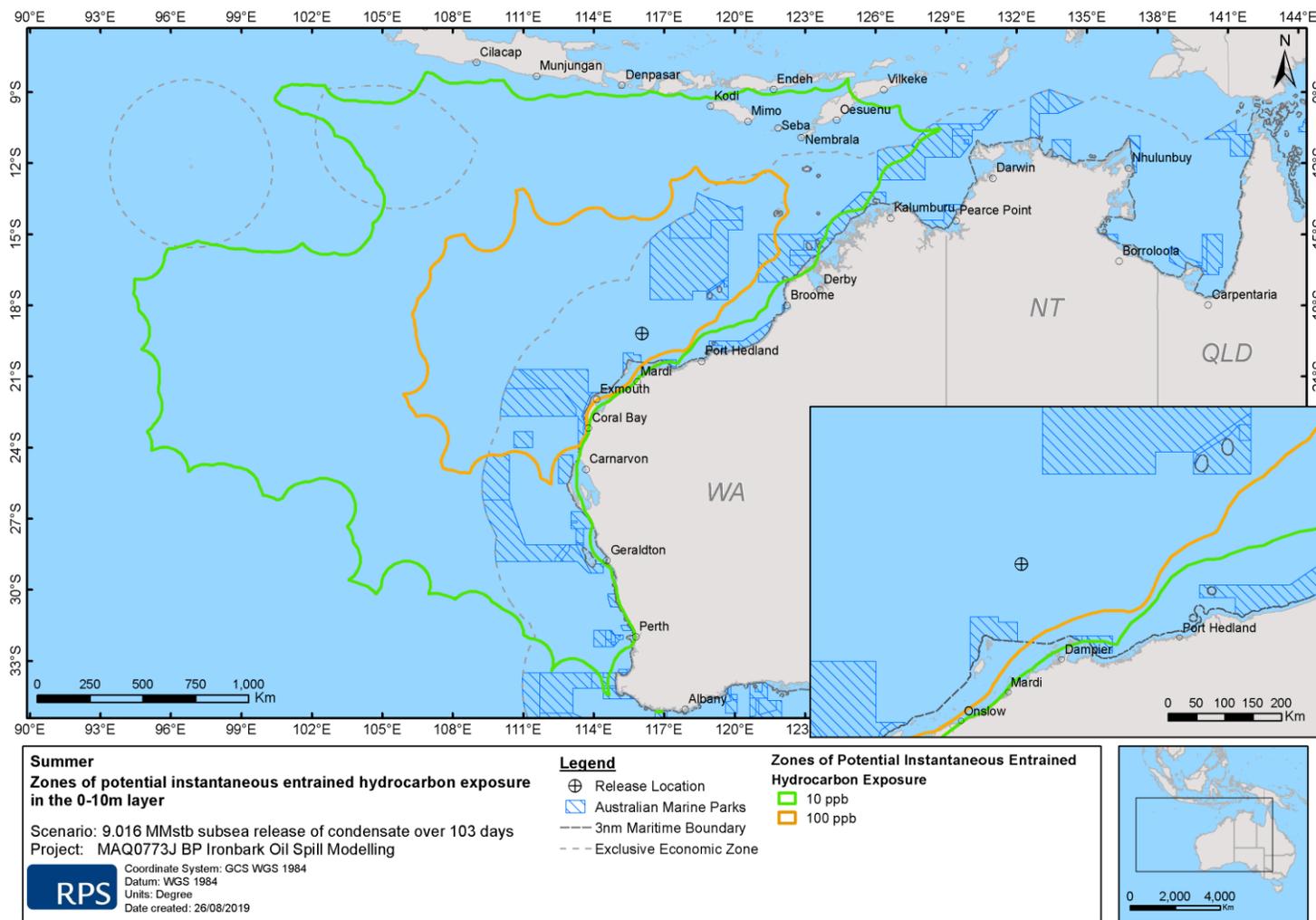
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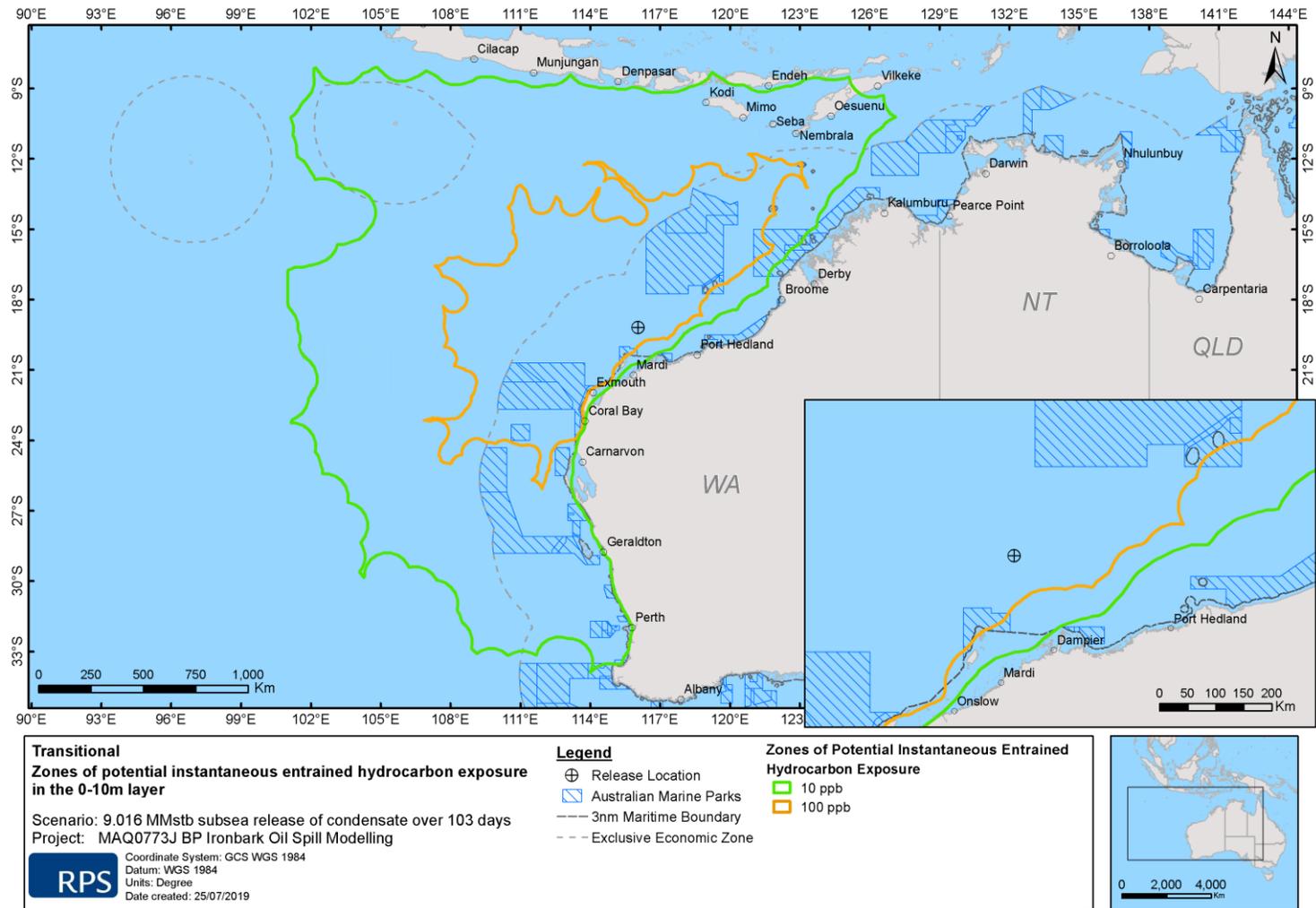
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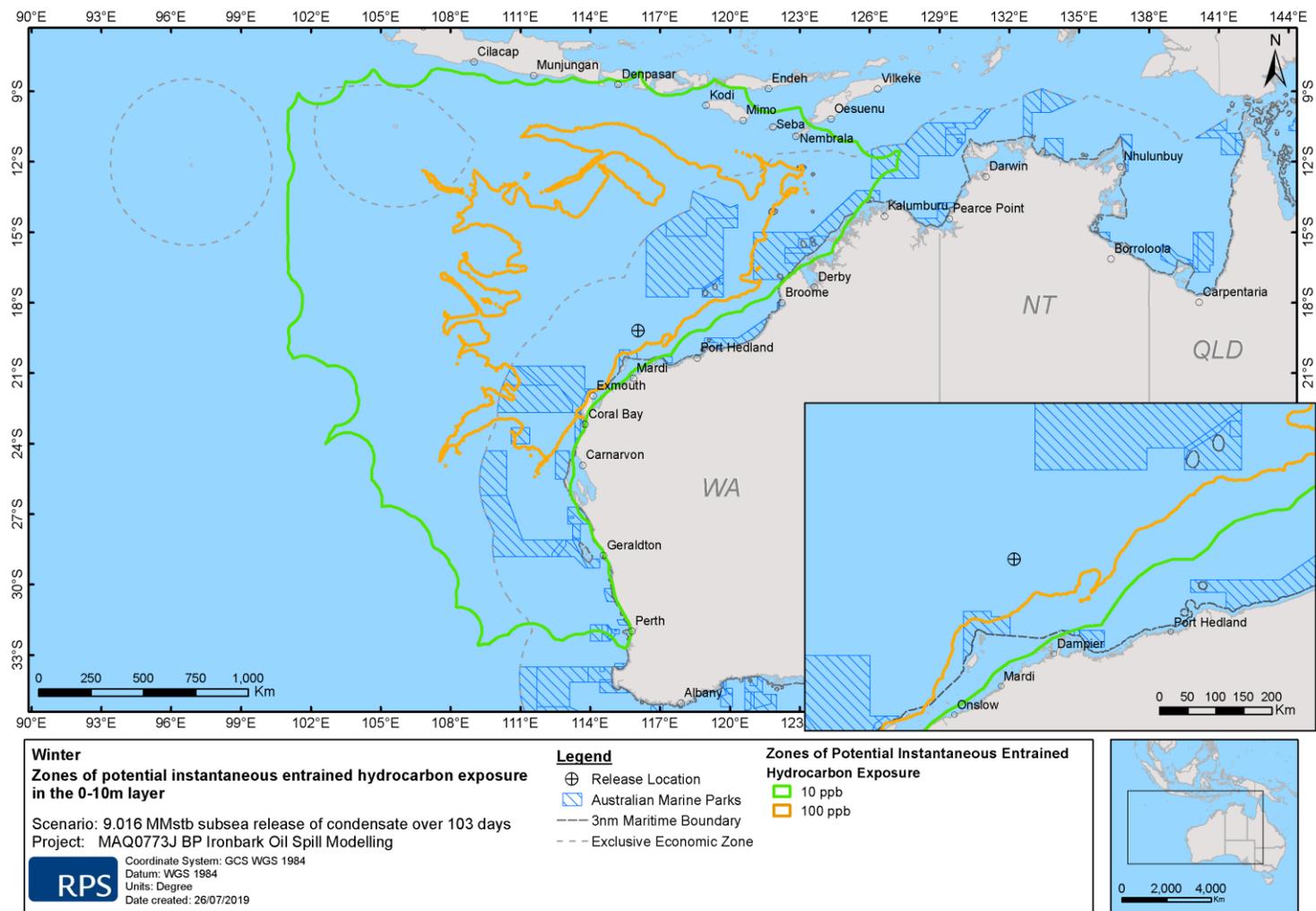
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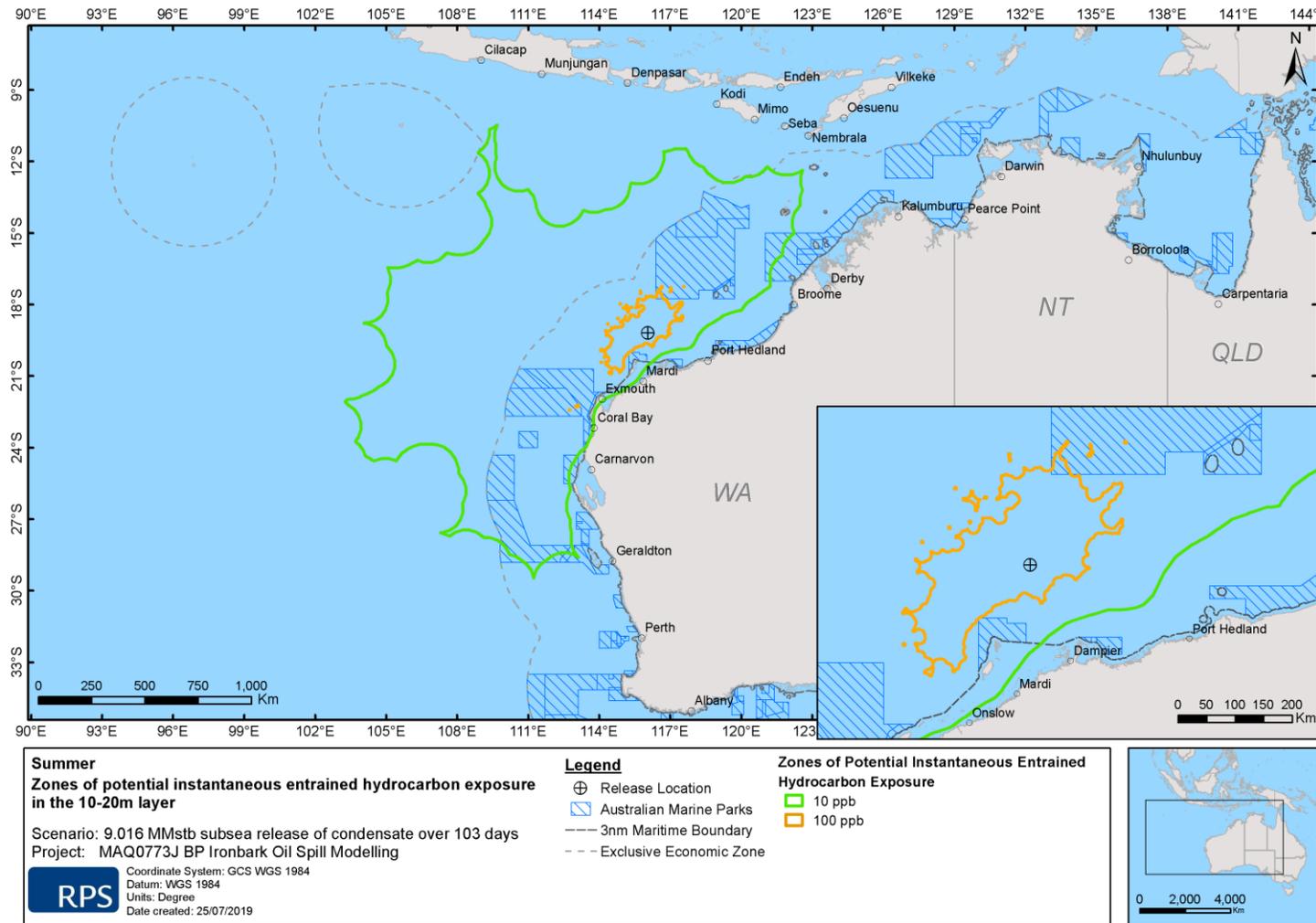
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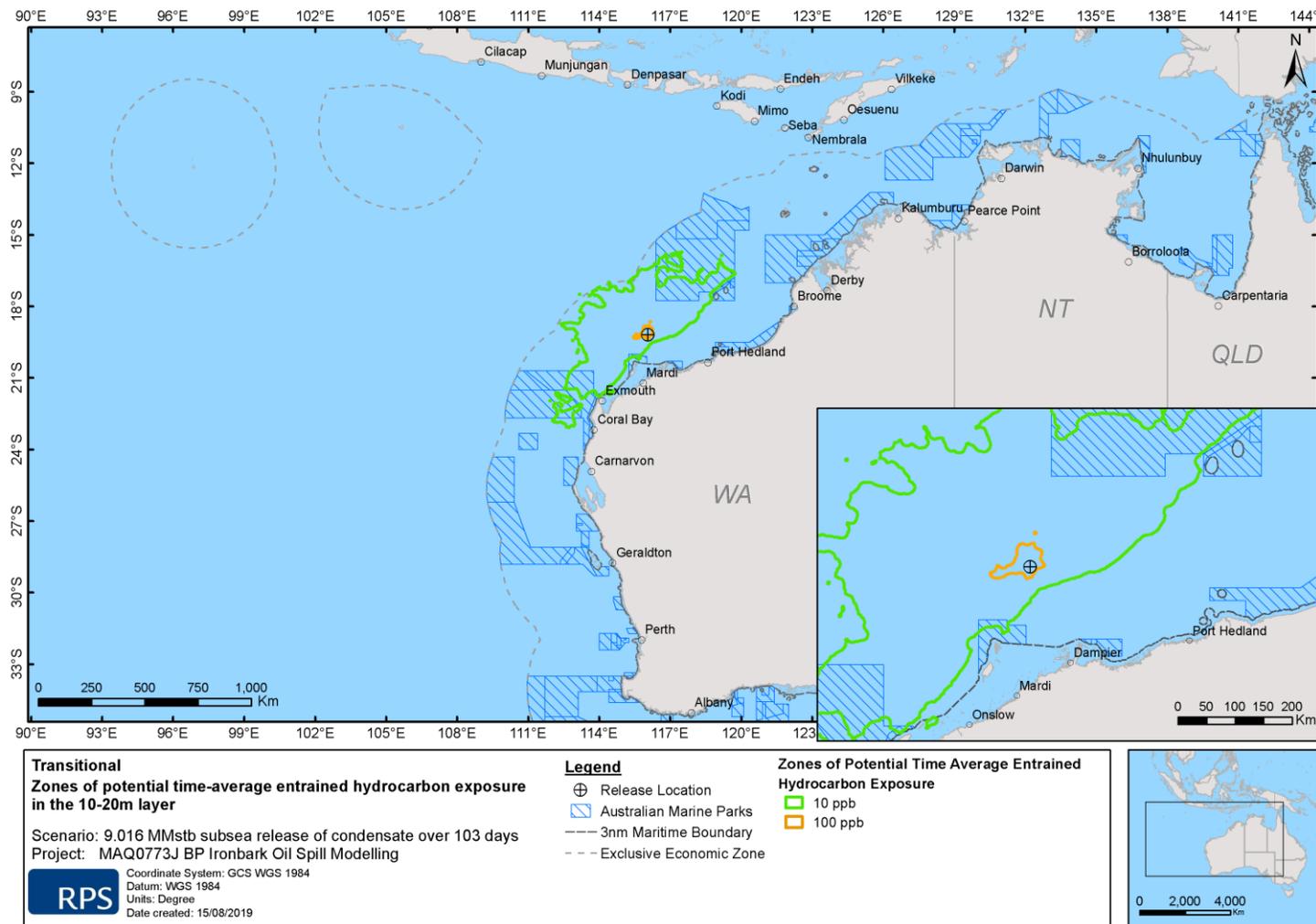
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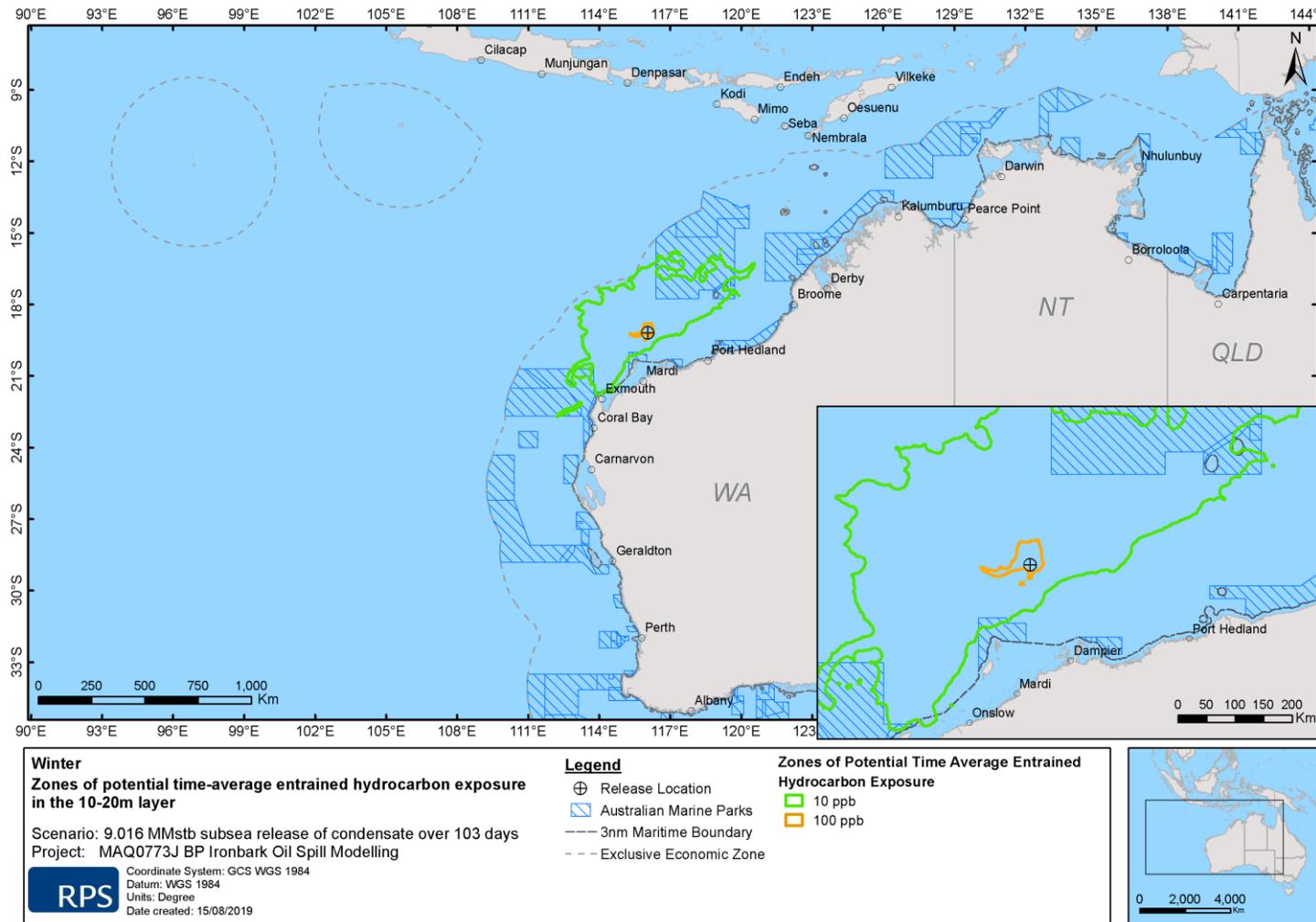
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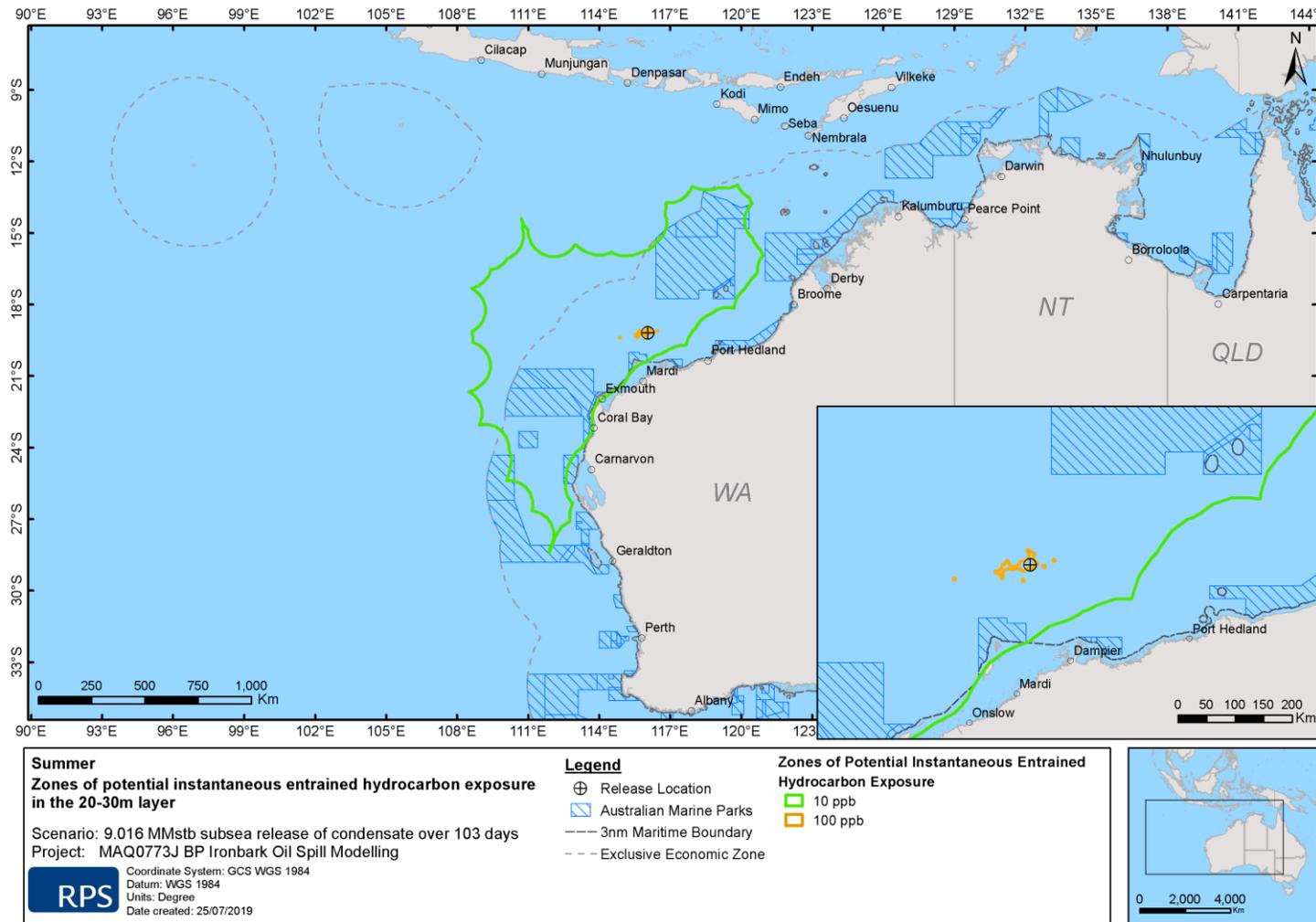
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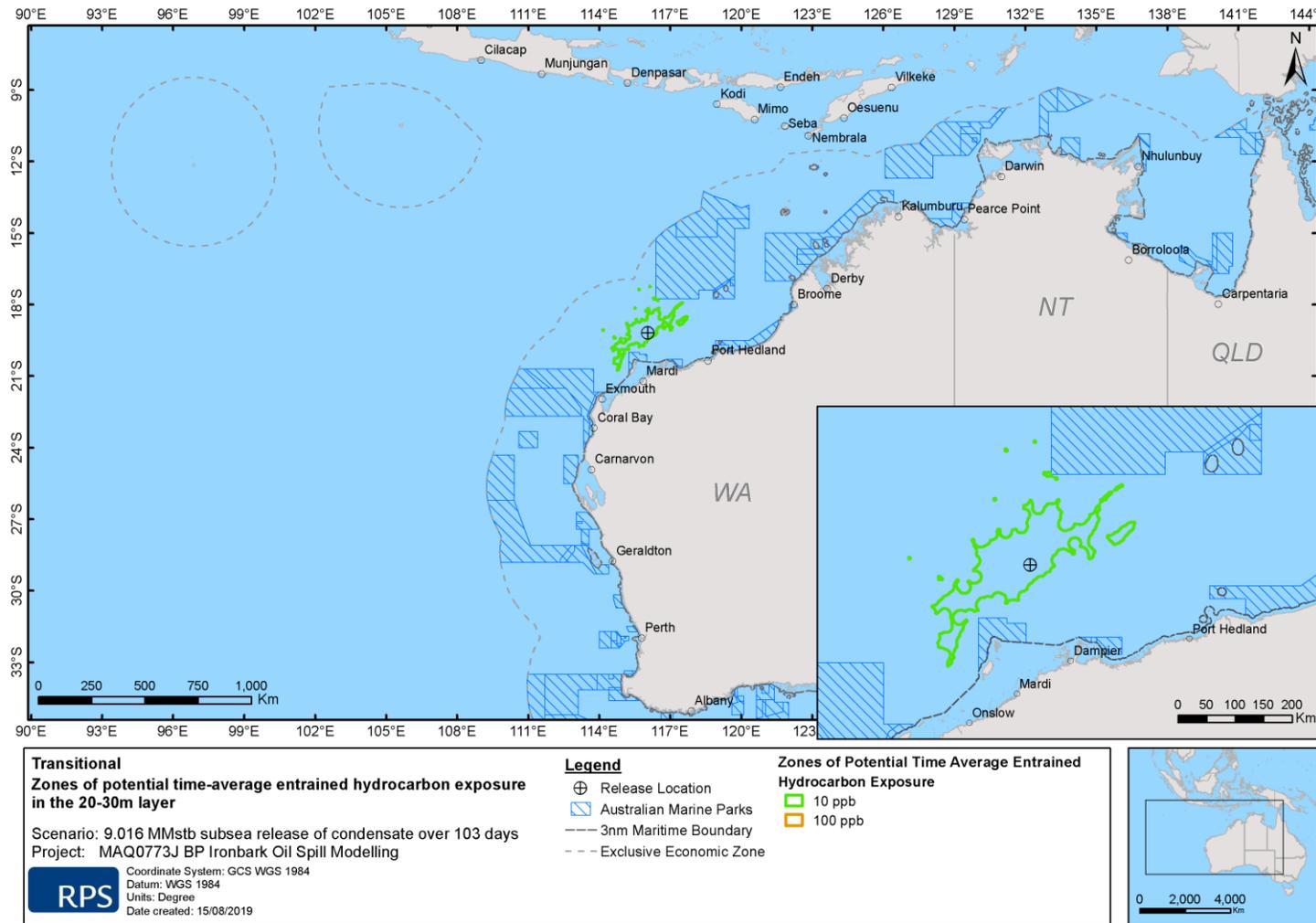
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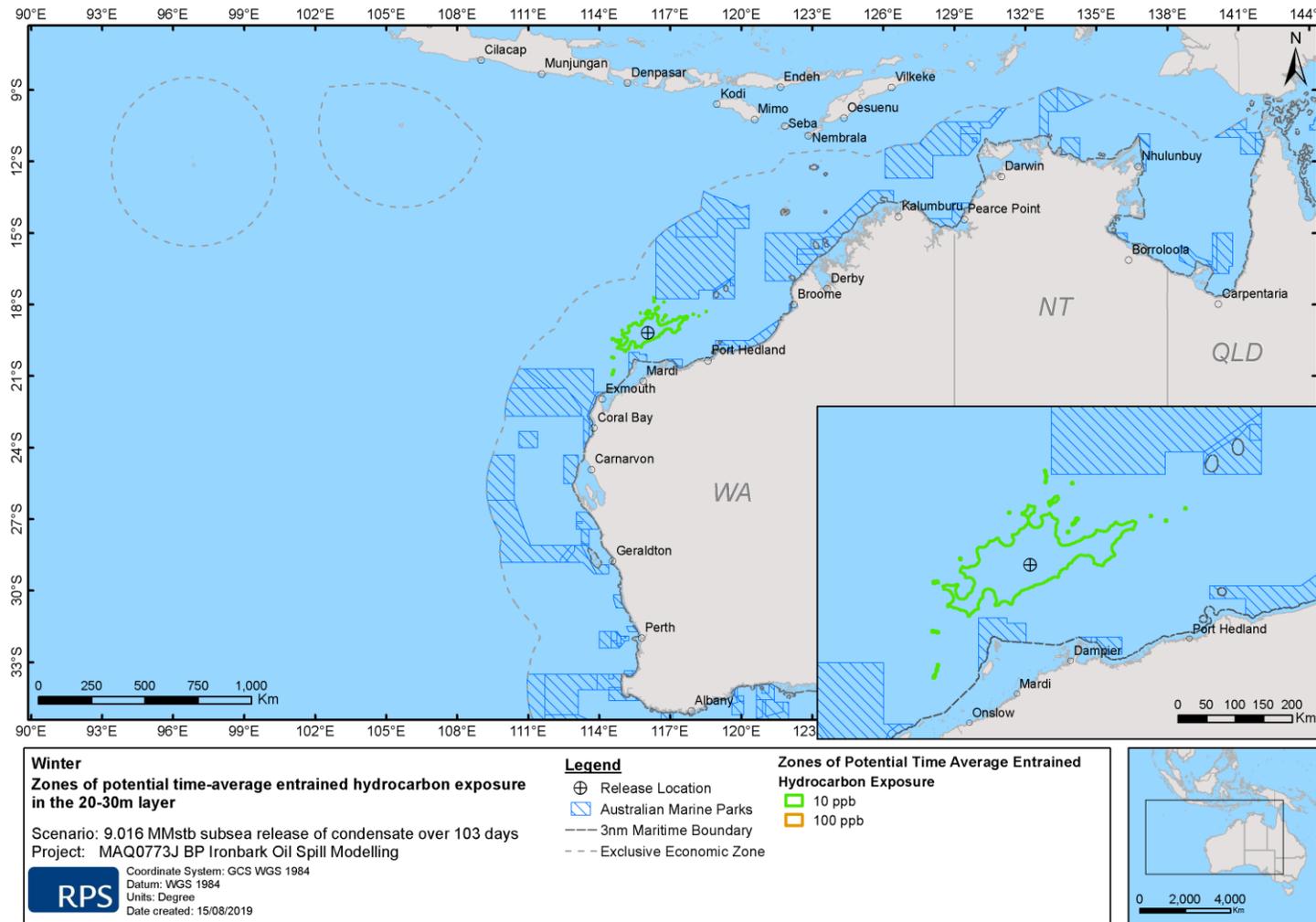
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## **Appendix D**

# **Oil Pollution Emergency Plan**



# **BP IRONBARK Exploration Drilling**

## **Oil Pollution Emergency Plan**

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

AMOSC	Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
AMP	Australian Marine Park
BIA	Biologically Important Area
BOP	Blowout Preventer
BST	Business Support Team
CAA	Company Authorities AMOSPlan
C&EA	Communication & External Affairs
CBT	Computer Based Training
CST	Country Support Team
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DoT	Department of Transport
DotEE	Department of the Environment and Energy
EP	Environment Plan
ERP	Emergency Response Plan
EST	Executive Support Team
GDS	Global Dispersant Stockpile
HR	Human Resources
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IC	Incident Commander
ICP	Incident Command Post
ICS	Incident Command System
IMP	Incident Management Plan
IMS	Incident Management System
IMT	Incident Management Team
IPIECA	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association
JSCC	Joint Strategic Coordination Committee
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit
LOWC	Loss of Well Control
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978
MDO	Marine Diesel Oil
MEE	Western Australian State Hazard Plan: Maritime Environmental Emergencies
MEER	DoT Maritime Environmental Emergency Response
MES	Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance
MRT	Mutual Response Team
NatPlan	Commonwealth National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
NOPTA	National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator
OC	On-scene Commander
OIE	Offset Installation Equipment
OIM	Offshore Installation Manager
OMS	Operating Management System
OPEP	Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
OPGGG(E)R	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009
OSRL	Oil Spill Response Limited
OSTM	Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling
OSWMP	Oil Spill Waste Management Plan
OWR	Oil Wildlife Response
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
SFRT	Subsea First Response Toolkit
SIMA	Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment
SSDI	Sub Sea Dispersant Injection
TRP	Tactical Response Plan

UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
WA	Western Australia
WSL	Well Site Leader

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose and Scope

This Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) has been prepared to support BP’s exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P (Figure 1.1). It has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 14(8) (8AA) (8A) of the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (OPGGs(E)R) to integrate with the Commonwealth National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies (NatPlan) and the Western Australian State Hazard Plan: Maritime Environmental Emergencies (MEE) (Section 1.3).

BP’s exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P are described in the BP Ironbark Exploration Drilling Program Environment Plan (EP; AU601-HS-PLN-600-00001). Based on the activities described in the EP, BP have identified several accidental release scenarios that could credibly occur during the undertaking of exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P. These are described in Section 6.3 of the EP. Two of these scenarios have the potential to result in a spill of hydrocarbons to the marine environment which could require activation of the OPEP:

- A vessel loss of containment resulting from a release of Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) to the surface.
- A total loss of well control (well blowout) resulting in a subsea release of hydrocarbon gas and gas condensate.

Table 1 summarises the details of those scenarios which have informed the preparation of this OPEP. Further information regarding spill response strategies applicable to these events is provided in Section 5.1.

In the event of a spill where the event differs from the scenarios described above, an Incident Action Plan (IAP) will be developed to detail response objectives and applicable strategy (Section 6.2). Initial actions described in Section 2 will remain applicable regardless of the spill event encountered.

**Table 1: Credible Spill Scenarios for OPEP Implementation**

Spill Scenario Parameter	Details
Release location	Ironbark-1 Exploration Well
Indicative Coordinates (WGS94)	Long: 116° 04' 35.80 (E); Lat: 19° 09' 34.01" (S)
Oil type	MDO
Release depth	Surface
Total volume released	250 m <sup>3</sup>
Assumed Release duration	6 hours
Applicable Spill Response Levels *	1, 2
<b>Scenario 2 – Subsea condensate release resulting from a total loss of well control</b>	
Oil type	Gas condensate (Goodwyn analogue)
Release depth	Subsea (approx. 300 m deep)
Total volume of condensate released	9.016 MMstb
Flow rate	91,793 bbl/day (condensate) 11,504 bbl/day (water) 1,541 MMscf/day (gas)
Assumed Release duration	103 days

Applicable Spill Response Levels*	2, 3
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\*refer to Table 2.

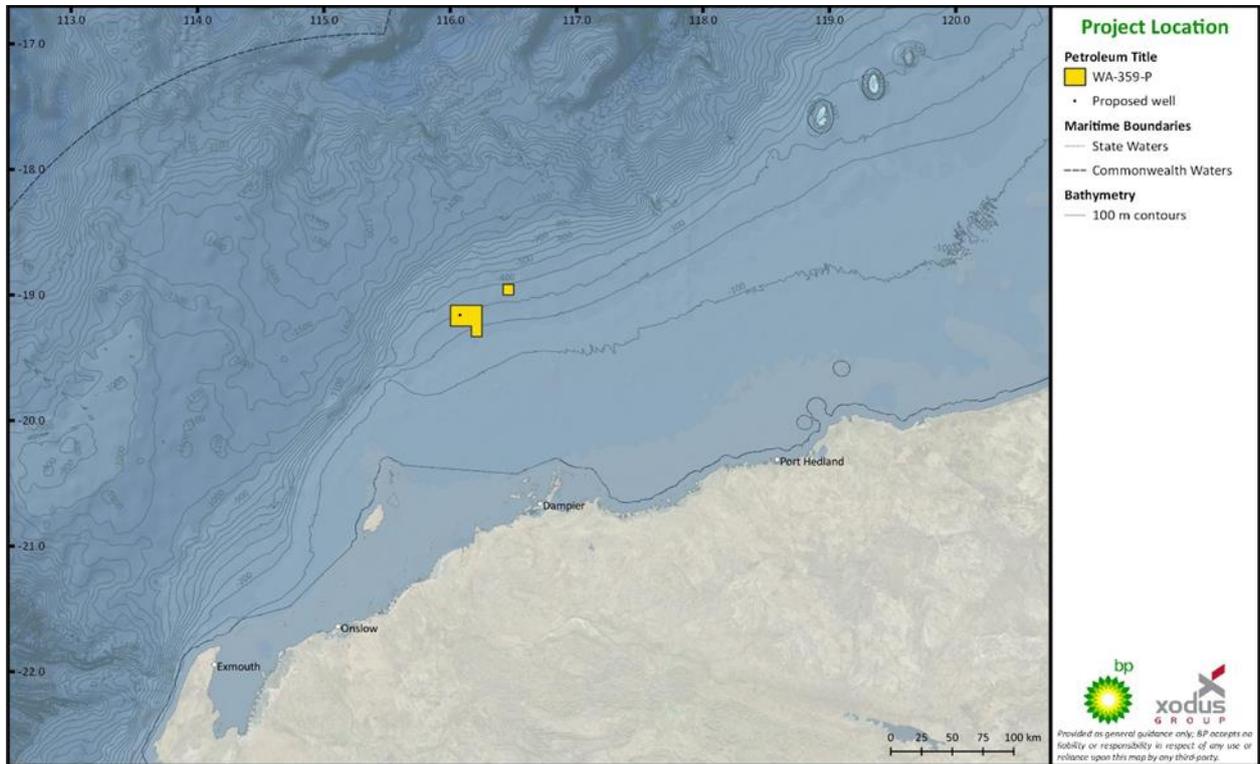


Figure 1-1: Project Location

## 1.2 Initial Response Action Guide

This OPEP is organised to follow the general sequence of response activities, as outlined in Figure 1.2.

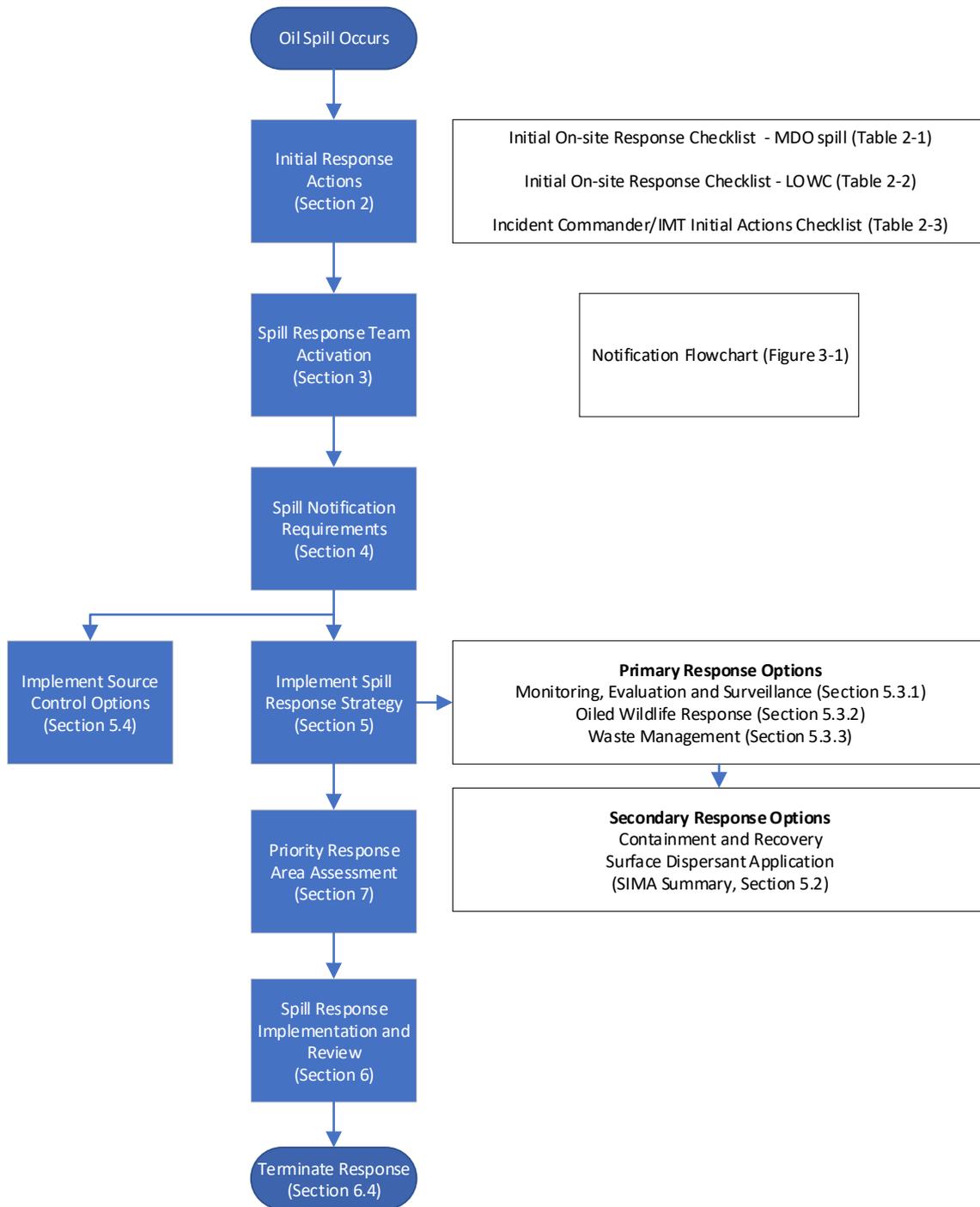


Figure 1.2: Alert Procedures and Initial Response Actions Guide

### 1.3 Overall Spill Response Framework

#### 1.3.1 Applicable Framework

The OPEP has been prepared to integrate with the NatPlan and the State Hazard Plan: Maritime Environmental Emergencies (MEE) (WA).

The National Plan covers:

- National, regional, state, local and industry contingency planning for oil spill response.
- Prepositioned spill combat equipment.
- Arrangements for mobilisation of personnel and equipment.
- National oil spill management training programs.
- Awareness by government, media and the community of issues in responding to a major spill.

The National Plan is administered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), the Commonwealth agency responsible for marine safety, marine environmental protection and sea search and rescue.

The State Hazard Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies covers:

- Arrangements for the management of marine oil pollution in Western Australia;
- Prevention, preparedness, response and recovery information.

The Department of Transport (DoT) is the Hazard Management Agency for marine oil pollution and vessel emergencies.

#### 1.3.1 Evaluation of Spill Incident Level

Criteria developed to support the classification of spill levels are provided in the NatPlan and summarised in Table 2. These should be used when required to identify the appropriate spill level.

**Table 2: NATPLAN Guidance on Spill Level Classification**

Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Management</b>			
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	Single jurisdiction	Multiple jurisdiction	Multiple jurisdiction including international
<b>Number of Agencies</b>	First Response Agency	Routine multi-agency response	Agencies from across government and industry
<b>Incident Action Plan</b>	Simple/Outline	Outline	Detailed
<b>Resources</b>	Onsite resources required only	Requires intra-state resources	Requires national or international resources
<b>Type of Incident</b>			
<b>Type of response</b>	First Strike	Escalated	Campaign
<b>Duration</b>	Single shift	Multiple shifts Days to weeks	Extended response Weeks to months
<b>Hazard</b>	Single Hazard	Single Hazard	Multiple Hazards

Resource at Risk			
<b>Human</b>	Potential for serious injuries	Potential for loss of life	Potential for multiple loss of life
<b>Environment (Habitat)</b>	Isolated impacts with natural recovery in a few weeks	Significant impacts and recovery may take months. Remediation required.	Significant area and recovery may take months. Remediation required.
<b>Wildlife</b>	Individual fauna	Groups of fauna or threatened fauna	Large numbers of fauna
<b>Economy</b>	Business level disruption	Business failure	Disruption to a sector
<b>Social</b>	Reduced services	Ongoing reduced services	Reduced quality of life
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Short term failure	Medium term failure	Severe impairment
<b>Public Affairs</b>	Local and regional media coverage	National media coverage	International media coverage

### 1.3.2 BP Incident Management Plan and OPEP

BP manages incidents resulting from its offshore petroleum activities in accordance with a project specific Incident Management Plan (IMP). The purpose of the IMP is to provide the Incident Management Team (IMT) with the necessary information to respond to any emergency, including hydrocarbon spills. The IMP:

- Describes the emergency notification and management process.
- Details the response process.
- Lists the roles and responsibilities for the IMT members.
- Provides useful resources (e.g. forms, templates) that can be used to store and organise information during an emergency situation.

An Ironbark Exploration Drilling Program specific IMP will be prepared prior to the commencement of the drilling activities which will refer to the OPEP as the operational document for use in the event of a spill. The OPEP will be implemented in accordance with BP’s Operating Management System (OMS) which is described in detail within the Implementation Strategy section of the Environment Plan (EP).

A suite of other related plans and management documents exist which support an integrated response. The oil spill response management arrangements outlined in this OPEP reflect the ICS response organisation structure (described in Section 8) and associated documentation. How all these plans and documents are related, linked and interface within BP is shown in Figure 1.3.

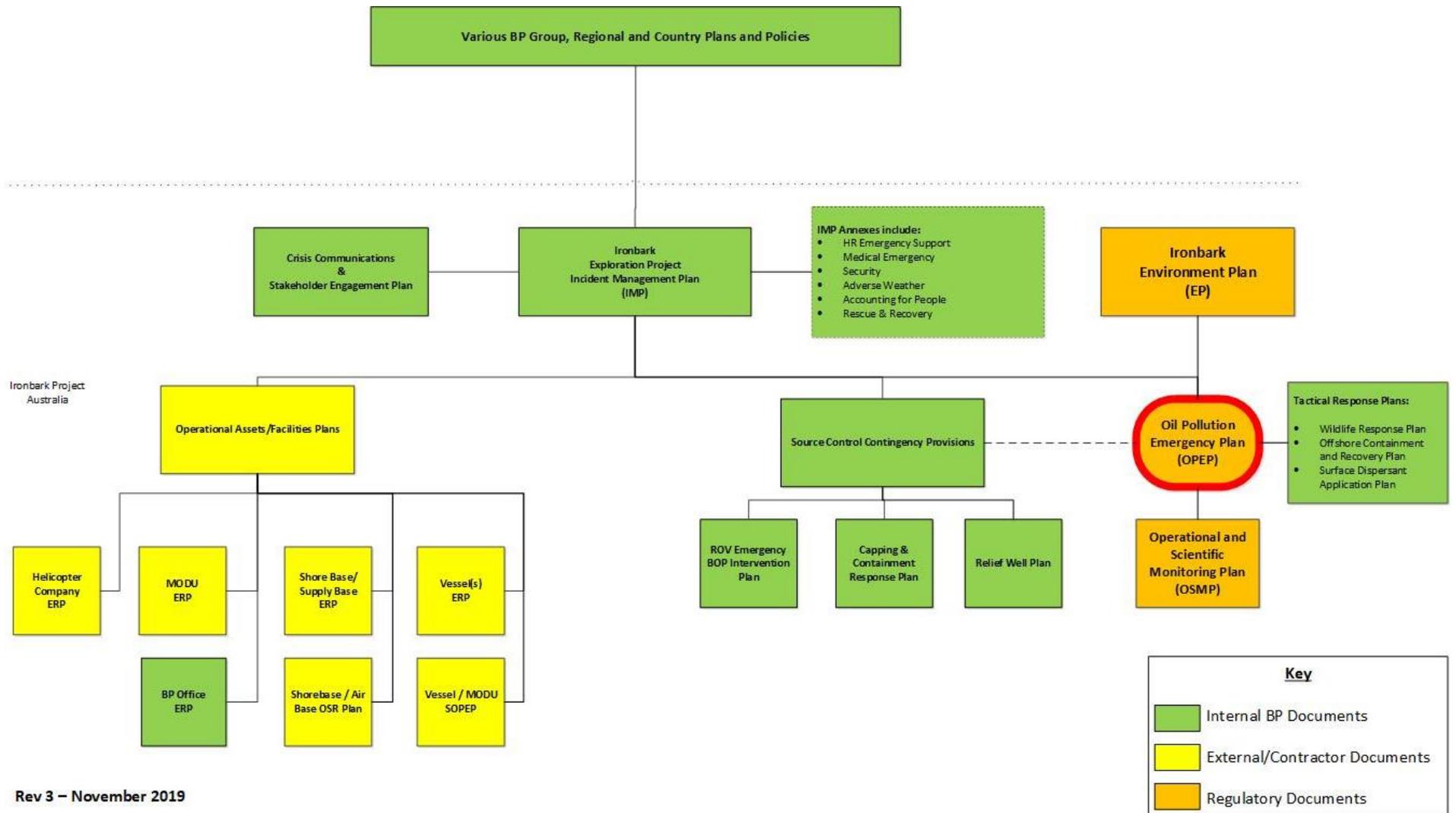


Figure 1.3: Alert Procedures and Initial Response Actions Guide

#### 1.4 Strategic Response Priorities

The following strategic response priorities have been developed for this OPEP and are consistent with the overall protection priorities detailed in the National Plan and State Hazard Plan – Maritime Environmental Emergencies:

- Priority 1 – Human health and safety;
- Priority 2 – Protected habitats and cultural artefacts;
- Priority 3 – Threatened flora and fauna;
- Priority 4 – Commercial resources; and
- Priority 5 – Recreational and amenity areas.

These priorities provide context to decision making when evaluating spill response options and selecting the overall response strategy, and are continuously reviewed and assessed when reviewing feasibility and effectiveness of response options during an actual spill event.

## 2. Initial Response to Spill Checklists

Table 3 outlines the sequence of activities to be followed on detection of a spill.

Immediate Response Actions Checklists are provided for:

- On-site response to an MDO spill from vessel (Level 1 or 2) – refer to Table 3.
- On-site response to a condensate spill from loss of well control during drilling activities (Level 2 or 3) – refer to Table 4.
- Shore-based response from Incident Commander (IC) and IMT – refer to Table 5.

These are to be used as a guide and are subject to change dependent on the specific incident and conditions on the day.

Spill levels are detailed in Table 2.

**Table 3: Initial On-Site Response Checklist – MDO spill from vessel**

Step	Action	Initiated by	Additional Information	Complete
1	On discovery of a spill from the vessel - notify the Vessel Master	Spill Observer	SOPEP	
2	Manage the safety of all personnel Secure sources of ignition and alert all personnel (appropriate to the level of the spill)	Vessel Master	SOPEP	
3	If safe, stop the spill through source control actions. Assess incident and prevent further spillage.	Vessel Master	SOPEP	
4	Estimate the quantity of oil released Determine Spill Response Level required: Level 1 or 2	Vessel Master	Section 3	
5	Notify BP Wells Superintendent of spill. If Level 1: Vessel Master to act as Incident Commander and refer to SOPEP If Level 2: BP Wells Superintendent to assume role of Incident Commander, with Vessel Master becoming On-scene Commander. Proceed with Steps 6-9	Vessel Master	SOPEP	
6	In the event of a significant (Level 2) spill, deploy the oil spill tracking Buoy(s) following the deployment instructions.	Vessel Master	Section 5.3.1	
7	Provide available spill information to Incident Commander: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is it - oil type/group/properties</li> <li>• Where is it - lat/long, leading edge (if known)</li> <li>• How big is it - area/volume</li> <li>• What is happening to it - status of release i.e. continuing or under control?</li> <li>• Weather conditions at site (wind/currents)</li> </ul>	Vessel Master	Section 5.3.1	
8	Provide regular reports to the IC regarding the appearance and behaviour of surface spill and weather (surface wind speed, direction, sea state, current speed and direction) and tidal conditions and any changes to status of release	Vessel Master	Section 5.3.1	

**Table 4: Initial On-Site Response Checklist – Loss of well control**

Step	Action	Initiated by	Additional Information	Complete
1	Immediately notify the Offshore Installation Manager (OIM) of a hydrocarbon release	Spill Observer	Section 3.1	
2	Manage the safety of all personnel. Secure sources of ignition and alert all personnel (appropriate to the level of the spill)	OIM		
3	If safe, stop the spill through source control actions. Assess incident and prevent further spillage.	OIM	Section 5.4	
4	Estimate the quantity of oil released. Determine Spill Response Level required: Level 2 or 3	OIM	Section 5.3.1	
5	Notify BP Well Superintendent Confirm Well Superintendent will assume role of Incident Commander with OIM becoming On-scene Commander	OIM via WSL	Section 3.1	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deploy the Oil Spill Tracking Buoy following the deployment instructions.</li> <li>Alert support vessels</li> <li>Alert supply base</li> <li>Alert helicopters provider</li> </ul>	OIM or delegate	Section 5.3.1	
7	Provide available spill information to Incident Commander: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is it - oil type/group/properties</li> <li>Where is it - lat/long, leading edge (if known)</li> <li>How big is it - area/volume</li> <li>What is happening to it - status of release i.e. continuing or under control?</li> </ul>	OIM or delegate	Section 5.3.1	
8	Provide regular reports to the IMT IC (as required) regarding the appearance and behaviour of surface spill and weather (surface wind speed, direction, sea state, current speed and direction) and tidal conditions.	OIM or delegate	Section 5.3.1	

**Table 5: Incident Commander and IMT Initial Actions Checklist**

Step	Action	Initiated by	Additional Information	Complete
1	Upon notification from site (Vessel Master or OIM), determine if Incident Commander role being assumed by shoreside (e.g. Wells Superintendent). If yes, proceed below, with Vessel Master/OIM assuming role of On-scene Commander. If no, Wells Superintendent to monitor situation pending change in status of response.	Incident Commander	Section 3.1	
2	Notify Incident Management Team (IMT) members to standby or mobilise to Incident Command Post (ICP)	Incident Commander	Section 3.1	
3	Confirm a reliable communications line with the incident site / On-scene Commander	Incident Commander	IMP	
4	Confirm with On-scene Commander: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muster numbers and status of personnel</li> <li>• Current situation with release                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ shutdown and isolation</li> <li>○ continuing or under control</li> <li>○ material and quantity released</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Incident Commander	IMP	
5	Implement the project Incident Management Plan; establish Incident Command Post	Incident Commander	IMP	
6	Determine spill trajectory – weather conditions and perform initial vector analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where is it going - Weather conditions/currents/tides</li> <li>• What is in the way - Resources at risk</li> <li>• When will it get there - Weather conditions/currents/tides</li> </ul>	BP Incident Commander or IMT Planning Section	Section 5.3.1	
7	Based on the preliminary spill assessment and operational monitoring data provided from the-OIM/Vessel Master: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess response required.</li> <li>• Implement spill response commensurate to the size and level of risk.</li> </ul>	Incident Commander	Section 5	
8	If a Source Control event (Section 5.4), notify the GWO VP – AsPac, as per the Incident Notification Chart for Subsea Wells in Non-US Waters for mobilisation of Source Control resources.	Incident Commander	Section 3.1	
9	Determine if call out of oil spill response contractor(s) is required based on the potential of the incident to escalate into a higher-level incident. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activate AMOSC Member Agreement to support the response, if appropriate</li> <li>• Activate OSRL to support the response, if appropriate</li> </ul>	Incident Commander or delegate AMOSPlan (CAA)	Section 5.6	
10	Undertake regulatory notifications and other stakeholder notifications (as required) via the Emergency Contact Directory. Develop press release (if required)	Incident Commander or delegate	Section 4	

Step	Action	Initiated by	Additional Information	Complete
11	Notify Business Support Team and GWO VP – AsPac	Incident Commander	Section 3.1	
12	Put Mutual Response Team (MRT) resources on standby and be ready to mobilise if required	Incident Commander	Section 3.1	
13	Prepare for potential evacuation of personnel from the incident site	Incident Commander	IMP	
14	Obtain all necessary maps/modelling from GIS software and establish sensitivity mapping. Identify protection priorities and confirm response options via SIMA	Planning Section Chief (or delegate)	Section 7 Section 9.1	
15	Review OSMP to determine which rapid assessments initiation criteria are triggered, and direct personnel to undertake required assessments.	Planning Section Chief (or delegate)	OSMP	
16	In the event of a vessel spill within Operational Area (6 km radius from the well location), support incident action plan (IAP) (as required) in consultation with AMOSC and Control Agency (AMSA or DoT)	Incident Commander	Section 8.2	
17	In the event of a MODU spill, develop and implement incident action plan (IAP) in consultation with AMOSC and other stakeholders as required	Incident Commander (IC) (or Delegate)	Section 6.2	
18	Ensure essential information is recorded on Events Board	Incident Commander or delegate		

### 3. Spill Response Team Activation

#### 3.1 Notification Process

All those that may be required to assist in an emergency are to be notified as early as possible. They are to be stood down as per instruction from the Business Support (BST) Team Leader or BP Incident Commander (IC) respectively, only when their level of involvement has been accurately assessed.

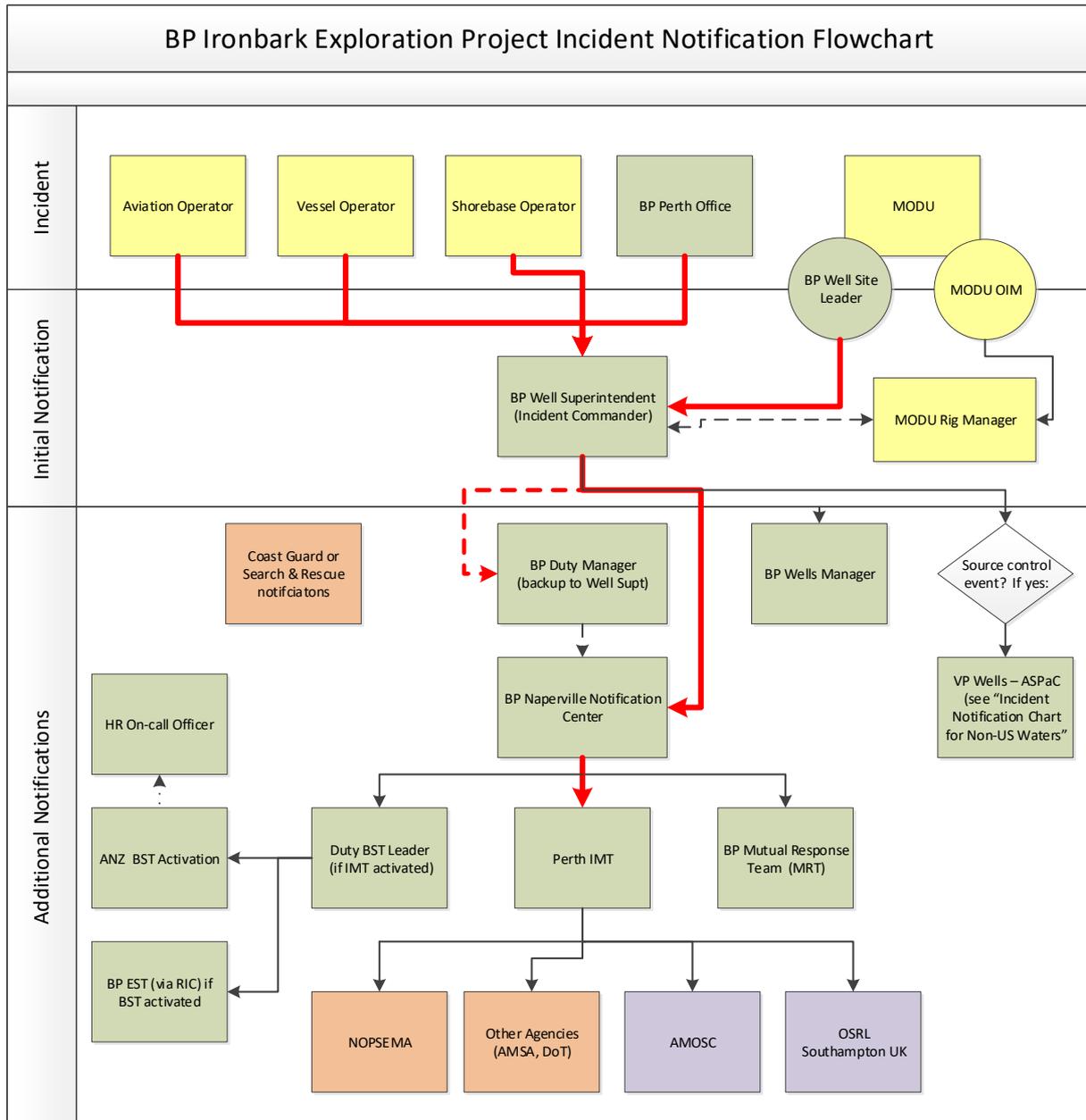


Figure 3.1: Incident Notification Flowchart

The following notification process is to be used, as depicted in Figure 3.1:

1. The incident is reported to the Wells Superintendent via the duty phone number (BP Ironbark Contacts directory). Should the Wells Superintendent not be immediately available, a Duty Manager can be contacted via on-call phone number (BP Ironbark Contacts directory). At this point, if the incident has escalated beyond a Level 1, the person contacted will confirm they are assuming the role of Incident Commander and, as such, becomes accountable for managing the BP response to the incident. The lead in the field (e.g. Vessel Master or OIM) will become the On-Scene Commander.
2. After consulting with the On-scene Commander, the BP Incident Commander will notify the Incident Management Team (IMT) members to either standby or mobilise to Incident Command Post (ICP).
3. If this is a well control event, the IC will notify the VP of Wells for Asia Pacific, as per the BP Incident Notification Chart for Subsea Wells in Non-US Waters for mobilisation of Source Control resources.
4. The IMT will action any appropriate response plans and mobilise the required resources for the incident.
5. If the IMT is activated, the Incident Commander will notify the BST Leader (or alternate) via the BP Naperville Notification Centre using Send Word Now. The Incident Commander and BST Leader will decide if a BST needs to be stood up, and what type of support it would provide. For example, depending on the nature and scale of the incident, the Incident Commander may request additional support from Perth such as HR and C&EA, or MRT support.
6. If the BST mobilises, the BST Leader will notify the Group Duty Manager, by calling the Response Information Centre, who will liaise with the Duty Segment Executive and Head of Region as required.
7. The BST Leader and Group Duty Manager will review the situation and will consider the requirement to mobilise the Executive Support Team (EST) in London.

### 3.2 Command Structure

The command structure encompasses the high-level, internal BP teams that support an incident response. The Incident Management Team (IMT), Business Support Team (BST) and Executive Support Team (EST) form BP's tiered response structure (Figure 3.2). Further detail on BP's ICS within the IMT is provided in Section 8.1). The BST and EST work with the Country Support Team (CST) to support the IMT in managing the incident response, as needed. Further details of these response arrangements are contained within internal BP Incident Management Handbook

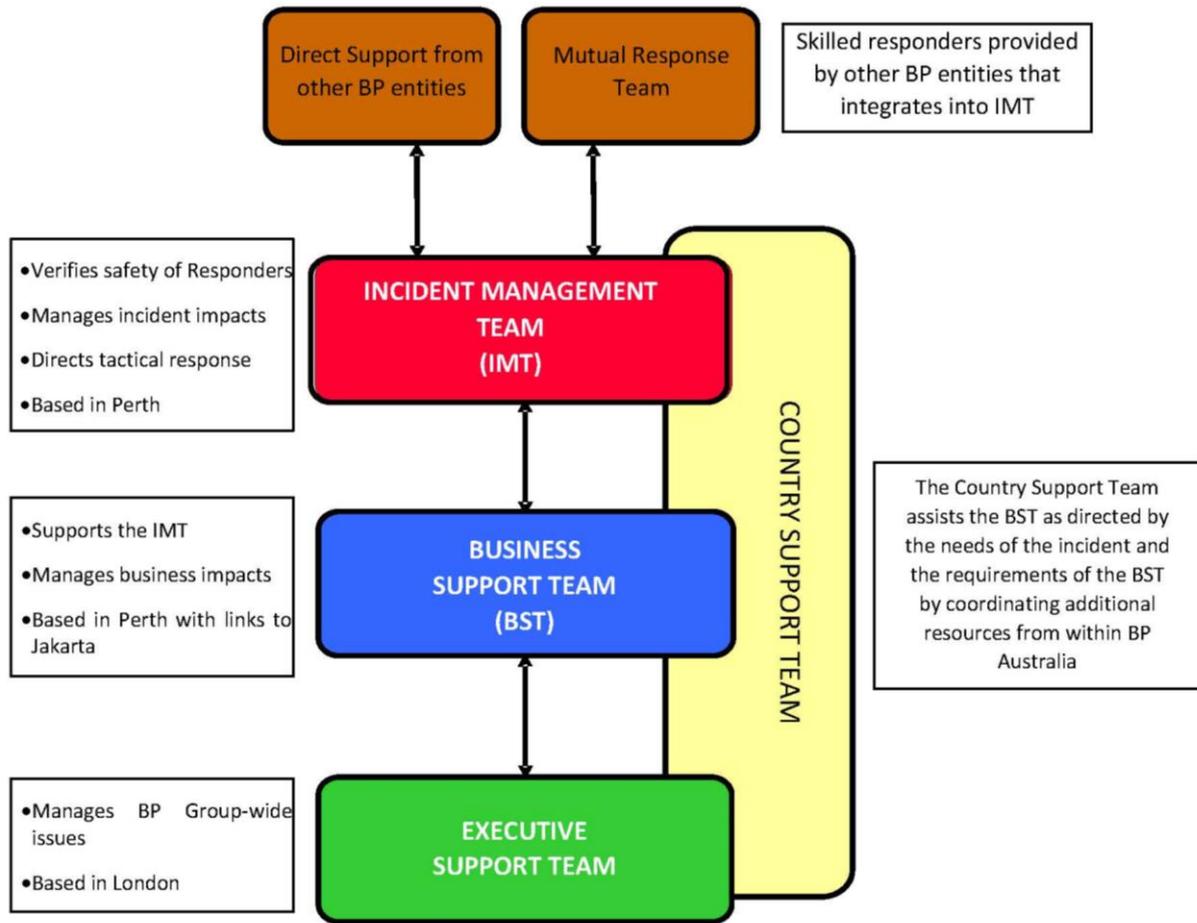


Figure 3.2: The BP “3 Tier Structure”

### 3.3 Local, Regional and BP Global Support

In the event of an incident, the Wells Superintendent will receive the notification and, if the incident requires management beyond the site, will assume the role of Incident Commander. The IC will activate the Ironbark IMT, consisting of the Perth-based Ironbark project team, supplemented by key staff from the BP Upstream Australia team in Perth, This IMT is on 24-hour call and can be stood up within 1 hour. Additional support can be drawn from the BP Kwinana Refinery in WA, which has an established and experienced IMT. Furthermore, BP also has other experienced IMT staff within the Australian Downstream businesses outside of WA, who, in the event of an incident, will support the response. Additional in-country support can be drawn from the AMOSC Core Group, which can supply up to 30 additional staff to support the IMT.

As required, the response will be supported by additional personnel, from within BP’s Asia-Pacific region, from BP offices in Sunbury, UK and/or Houston, Texas, USA (for source control support) and globally, from BP’s Mutual Response Team (MRT). The MRT has been established specifically to provide business units working to resolve complex incidents with experienced personnel, familiar with incident response. Upon notification of a Level 2 or 3 incident, the IMT will scale appropriately in size and scope (all operational and tactical levels across the maritime, shoreline and aerial domains, as applicable) to manage the impending work load that such an incident will require.

## 4. External Notification and Reporting

A spill which may result from BP's exploration drilling activities is required to be reported to a range of stakeholders. Table 6 lists additional information relevant to external notification and reporting requirements, including the relevant legislation and the responsible party. Notifications and reporting should be undertaken by the Incident Commander or delegate. Links to spill notification and reporting forms are also included.

**Table 6: Spill-specific Notification Requirements**

Spill type	From	To	Reporting Trigger	Type	Timing	Supporting Information	
Level 1 spill	Vessel Master or OIM	BP Wells Superintendent	All spills	Verbal	Immediately	-	
		AMSA – Commonwealth Waters (> 3nm)	Level 1 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Verbal	Immediately	Report verbally or by email if phone contact is not possible to AMSA immediately: Ph: +61 2 62306811 Email: <a href="mailto:mdo@amsa.gov.au">mdo@amsa.gov.au</a>	
			Level 1 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Written notification	ASAP	POLREP available at: <a href="https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/">https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/</a>	
			Level 1 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Written updates	As requested or every 24 hours	SITREP / POLREP available at <a href="https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/">https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/</a> and IAP	
Port Authorities	Level 1 vessel spills (threatening State waters)	Telephone	ASAP	Port authorities details available at: <a href="https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/Freight-Ports/port-authorities.asp">https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/Freight-Ports/port-authorities.asp</a>			
Level 2 MDO spill from vessel	Vessel Master	BP Wells Superintendent	All spills	Verbal	Immediately	-	
		BP Incident Commander (or delegate)	AMSA – Commonwealth Waters (> 3nm)	Level 2 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Verbal	Immediately	Report verbally or by email if phone contact is not possible to AMSA immediately: Ph: +61 2 62306811 Email: <a href="mailto:mdo@amsa.gov.au">mdo@amsa.gov.au</a>
				Level 2 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Written notification	ASAP	POLREP form available at: <a href="https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/">https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/</a>

Spill type	From	To	Reporting Trigger	Type	Timing	Supporting Information
			Level 2 vessel spills in Commonwealth waters	Written updates	As requested or every 24 hours	SITREP / POLREP form available at <a href="https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/">https://amsa-forms.nogginoca.com/public/</a> and IAP
		Port Authorities	Level 2 vessel spills (threatening State waters)	Verbal	ASAP	Port authorities details available at: <a href="https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/Freight-Ports/port-authorities.asp">https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/Freight-Ports/port-authorities.asp</a>
Level 2/3 spill from MODU	Offshore Installation Manager (OIM)	BP Incident Commander	All spills	Verbal	immediately	IMT Duty Roster
	BP IC or delegate	NOPSEMA Commonwealth Waters (> 3 nm)	Level 2/3 spill or Spill has caused, or has the potential to cause, moderate to more serious than moderate environmental damage (refer to activity-specific spill risk assessment in EP)	Verbal	As soon as practicable and no later than 2 hours	Ph: 08 6461 7090
			Level 2/3 spill or Spill has caused, or has the potential to cause, moderate to more serious than moderate environmental damage (refer to activity-specific spill risk assessment in EP)	Written notification	As soon as practicable after oral notification	Email: <a href="mailto:submissions@nopsema.gov.au">submissions@nopsema.gov.au</a> Copy also to NOPTA Email: <a href="mailto:info@nopta.gov.au">info@nopta.gov.au</a>
			Level 2/3 spill or Spill has caused, or has the potential to cause, moderate to more serious than moderate environmental damage (refer to activity-specific spill risk assessment in EP)	Written report	As soon as practicable, but within 3 days of incident	NOPSEMA Form N-03000-FM0831 Email: <a href="mailto:submissions@nopsema.gov.au">submissions@nopsema.gov.au</a> Copy also to NOPTA Email: <a href="mailto:info@nopta.gov.au">info@nopta.gov.au</a>
		DoT Maritime Environmental	Level 2/3 spill or	Verbal and Written	As soon as practicable	DoT MEER Unit: Ph: (08) 9480 9924 (24 hours)

Spill type	From	To	Reporting Trigger	Type	Timing	Supporting Information
		Emergency Response (MEER) Unit – State Waters (< 3nm)	Spill has caused, or has the potential to cause, moderate to more serious than moderate environmental damage (refer to activity-specific EP spill risk assessment)			Email: <a href="mailto:marine.pollution@transport.wa.gov.au">marine.pollution@transport.wa.gov.au</a>
		Internal BP notifications (including BST/CST Leader, as needed)	Level 2/3 spill	Verbal	As soon as practicable	Initial reports on incident; Incident Potential Worksheet, if possible
		Resources/Contractors	Level 2/3 spill	Verbal	As directed	BP Ironbark Contacts directory
		Marine Stakeholders (Fisherpersons, AHS, adjacent titleholders)	Level 2/3 spill	Verbal	As directed	BP Ironbark Contacts directory

## 5. Spill Response Strategy Selection

### 5.1 Summary of Oil Spill Response Strategies

The oil spill response strategy is the implementation of one or several spill response options, at various times and locations, identified to be feasible and effective through the Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment (SIMA) process (see Section 5.2 and Appendix A).

The response strategy selected in this OPEP for an MDO release from a vessel/MODU consists of the following response options:

- Establishing a robust situational awareness
- Implementing any necessary wildlife response

The oil spill response strategy selected in this OPEP for a loss of well control (LOWC) event consists of the following primary response options:

- A comprehensive situational awareness (monitoring, evaluation and surveillance) from many different platforms.
- A robust oiled wildlife response, including measures to keep wildlife from the oil to the extent practicable;
- A monitoring/sampling program as described in the OSMP
- A waste management program implemented to properly handle, track, and document any wastes

While not primary response options, strategic aerial application of dispersant and deployment of containment and recovery equipment on isolated patches of condensate residue that may occur are considered as secondary response options (see Appendix A).

It should be noted that BP considers two distinct aspects of a response for a LOWC event:

1. Oil spill response – those actions implemented to monitor, remove, and/or mitigate the effects of hydrocarbons that have been released. Details on these selected options are provided in Section 5.3 of this OPEP.
2. Source control – the steps implemented to stop the flow/release of hydrocarbons to the environment, which include ROV emergency BOP intervention, capping and containment and drilling of a relief well. A summary of the Source Control steps to be implemented by BP for a LOWC event are summarized in Section 5.4 of this OPEP.

Both aspects (oil spill response and source control) occur simultaneously and are managed by the same IMT; however, they have distinct resources and expertise and, therefore, are addressed separately in this OPEP.

### 5.2 Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment Summary

A Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment (SIMA) (IPIECA 2018) is a structured, scientific and consensus-based tool used by BP to help select the most effective and feasible oil spill response option(s) that will yield the greatest benefit with the least net environmental and socio-economic effects.

The SIMA conducted for this project utilised project specific stochastic modelling outputs to help determine the full geographic area for response. The results of the planning SIMA for this project are summarised below. For more details regarding the SIMA process, refer to the Appendix A of this OPEP.

Key considerations and operational limitations and assumptions identified in the Project SIMA include:

- No shoreline contact above modelled thresholds is predicted. Due to the low waxy content expected for the condensate (less than 5%, compared to 11% for Montara hydrocarbons), waxy residues are not expected to form. Therefore, shoreline protection and cleanup are not applicable for this type of spill event.
- Given gas condensate has limited persistence and upon release the surface expression is expected to rapidly evaporate and disperse, in situ burning is not considered suitable for this type of spill event.
- On-water recovery is considered to only be effective on isolated patches of heavier/waxier residual hydrocarbons that may form (although this is not expected to occur) therefore this is considered as a secondary response option.
- If effective, dispersant use (surface or subsurface) would increase the amount of hydrocarbons entrained in the water column, negatively affecting both the water column and seabed in nearshore (<30m depth) areas.
- Any incremental worker safety increases that might be realised by use of dispersants near the release site (surface or subsurface) would be limited to the immediate area of release, and are likely to be masked by risks posed by high volumes of gas.
- Therefore, subsurface dispersant injection (SSDI) is not considered an applicable response option for this type of spill event.
- Surface application of dispersants may have some limited effect on any patches of waxy residue present away from the source that threaten sensitive receptors (although this is not expected). Therefore, this is considered as a secondary response option.

It should be noted that, in the unlikely event of an actual spill, an incident-specific expedited SIMA will be conducted, with appropriate stakeholder input to confirm and/or modify the response strategy to reflect the specific circumstances at the time of the spill. The review and verification process is detailed in Section 7.

### **5.3 Primary Response Options**

Primary spill response options to be implemented in the event of a spill include monitoring, evaluation and surveillance (MES) (Section 5.3.1), oiled wildlife response (Section 5.3.2) and waste management (Section 5.3.3).

#### **5.3.1 Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance**

Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance (MES) is important for anticipating resources at risk of exposure, directing response resources, and evaluating the effectiveness of response techniques. MES should be conducted throughout the response duration, along with other response options, as determined by the SIMA process.

MES assists in determining whether further action is required, helps inform the decision-making for prioritisation of protection of sensitive receptors, and provides valuable information for conducting a SIMA, coordinating other response options, and continually assessing the effectiveness of those spill response options.

This OPEP includes MES tactics that may be used to evaluate the parameters and potential trajectory of the spill and may include one or more of the following:

- Fate and weathering modelling – uses computer modelling and computational techniques to estimate the weathering of an oil spill
- Trajectory modelling – uses computer models and computational techniques to estimate the speed and direction of movement, weathering spread patterns, and impacts of an oil spill
- Visual observation (from aircraft and/or vessels) – observers on aircraft or vessels use standard references to characterise oil slicks. Visual observation is the most common surveillance and reconnaissance tactic. Observers onboard the vessel (i.e. the source of potential spill) would be best placed to provide information.
- Remote sensing – uses remote sensing technologies, including tracking buoys and satellite imagery, to identify and track oil slicks.

The Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan (AU601-HS-PLN-600-00003) is triggered when initiation criteria for the various assessment components are met. Those MES tactics that are associated with protecting environmental receptors are addressed in the OSMP and are not discussed further in this OPEP, with initiation and termination triggers provided in the OSMP.

Table 7 provides action guidance for implementing MES for this activity (noting this is guidance only and the Incident Commander may vary tasks). MES tactics will be terminated in accordance with the process detailed in Section 6.4.

**Table 7: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Surveillance Implementation Guide**

MES Tactic	Implementation / Activation Guide	Complete
<b>Information gathering</b>	Obtain weather data via of the Bureau of Meteorology ( <a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/">http://www.bom.gov.au/</a> ) for the spill location.	
<b>Hydrocarbon, distribution, fate and weathering assessment</b>	<p>If necessary, conduct hydrocarbon distribution, fate and weathering assessment to further develop response strategies. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill fates, weathering and trajectory (for marine spills) modelling – conduct internally, through AMOSC; or conduct through AMSA National Plan arrangements.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If using AMSA, complete then email the AMSA Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling (OSTM) request form, available from: <a href="http://www.amsa.gov.au/environment/maritime-environmental-emergencies/national-plan/General-Information/SPILLREQUEST/index.asp">http://www.amsa.gov.au/environment/maritime-environmental-emergencies/national-plan/General-Information/SPILLREQUEST/index.asp</a></li> <li>○ If using AMOSC – Initiate via AMOSC Duty Manager</li> <li>○ If internally, through BP Upstream HSE Team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Undertake ADIOS modelling using hydrocarbon characteristics detailed in the Environment Plan <a href="https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/adios">https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/adios</a></li> <li>• Conduct satellite/optical imagery (through AMSA, AMOSC and OSRL)</li> </ul>	

MES Tactic	Implementation / Activation Guide	Complete
<b>Vectoring</b>	Use vectoring to identify predicted spill trajectory. A description regarding vectoring (along with a method for its implementation) can be found here: <a href="https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/Trajectory_Analysis_Handbook.pdf">https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/Trajectory_Analysis_Handbook.pdf</a>	
<b>Tracking Buoy Monitoring</b>	Access oil spill tracking buoy live feed data if a buoy has been deployed from the vessel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buoy service will be activated prior to spudding well and vessel and rig operators will be trained on their deployment.</li> <li>BP – through Metocean Services - can log into the tracking buoy account and monitor location.</li> </ul>	
<b>Aerial Observation</b>	Mobilise Aerial Observation aircraft (if Level 2/3 incident) to commence operations in daylight hours (through AMOSC or BP)  Initial aerial observation to be conducted from crew change helicopter supplier followed by AOO identified through AMOSC and/or OSRL	
<b>Marine Observation</b>	Obtain vessel observations and confirm deployment of satellite tracking buoys (as appropriate if Level 2/3 incident).  Access oil spill tracking buoy live feed data from buoy deployed from the vessel / MODU.	
<b>Satellite Imagery Observation</b>	Access satellite imagery through AMOSC and/or OSRL.	

### 5.3.2 Oiled Wildlife Response

Any release of oil into the marine environment has the potential to immediately impact wildlife. As such, rapid establishment of the Wildlife Branch, activation of an oiled wildlife response contractor, and the immediate implementation of wildlife response actions are in the best interest of prevention and mitigation of impact to wildlife and responding to oiled animals through capture and rehabilitation.

The level of escalation of the OWR is determined by the IMT, informed by advice from BP and Parks and Wildlife Oiled Wildlife Advisors and data collected via initial MES tactics. The OWR will be conducted in accordance with the WA Oiled Wildlife Response Plan (Parks and Wildlife & AMOSC 2014). This overarching document provides the framework for OWR, with the regional context and detail required to carry out an OWR provided in seven regional response plans. The relevant Regional Oiled Wildlife Response Plan(s) will be enacted following initial MES information.

**Table 8: Oiled Wildlife Response Implementation Guide**

Tactic	Implementation / Activation Guide	Complete
<b>OWR Activation and Escalation</b>	Activate the relevant Regional Oiled Wildlife Response Plan(s) in accordance with the Western Australian – Oiled Wildlife Response Plan (Parks and Wildlife & AMOSC 2014).  <a href="https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/conservation-management/marine/wildlife/West_Australian_Oiled_Wildlife_Response_Plan_V1.1.pdf">https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/images/documents/conservation-management/marine/wildlife/West_Australian_Oiled_Wildlife_Response_Plan_V1.1.pdf</a>  Notify key stakeholders as outlined in the relevant regional OWR plan, based on preliminary reports and trajectory information.	
<b>Wildlife First Strike Response</b>	Activate the relevant Regional Oiled Wildlife Response Plan in accordance with the Western Australian – Oiled Wildlife Response Plan.  Undertake the Wildlife First Strike Response steps outlined in the Western Australian – Oiled Wildlife Response Plan.	

<b>Mobilisation of Resources</b>	Mobilise personnel, equipment and facilities in coordination with AMOSC and Parks and Wildlife.	
<b>Wildlife Reconnaissance</b>	<p>Determine potential wildlife resources at risk based on initial MES data (aerial and marine observation).</p> <p>Mobilise personnel to conduct shoreline observations. Focus resources on potential populations at risk, based on trajectory analysis (MES tactics).</p> <p>Information gained from these surveys is key to mounting effective deterrence, search and capture, and response efforts and will be used to determine the scope and scale of wildlife response.</p>	
<b>Incident Action Plan Wildlife Sub-Plan</b>	<p>Develop the incident action plan wildlife sub-plan in coordination with regulatory agencies (DotEE, DBCA, WA DoT) and AMOSC based on known conditions and information gathered from wildlife reconnaissance and MES. The sub-plan is to be modified or amended throughout the incident as needed when conditions change. The sub-plan is to include the appropriate response options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife priorities for protection from oiling,</li> <li>• Deterrence measures,</li> <li>• Recovery and treatment of oiled wildlife; resourcing of equipment and personnel.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wildlife Rescue and Staging</b>	<p>Based on daily wildlife monitoring observations and assessment of oil-impacted wildlife, determine location of wildlife rescue effort locations (where there are known concentrations of impacted animals) and appropriate rescue methods based on individual animal health condition or potential for rapidly declining health secondary to oiling.</p> <p>Mobilise OWR kit(s) and containers managed by AMSA, AMOSC to site.</p>	
<b>Wildlife Rehabilitation</b>	<p>Rehabilitate oiled wildlife immediately after an incident. Guiding best practice documents include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPIECA, 2014. Wildlife Response Preparedness: Good Practice Guidelines for Incident Management and Emergency Response Personnel</li> <li>• IPIECA, 2017. Key Principles for the Protection and Care of Animals in an Oiled Wildlife Response</li> <li>• USFWS, 200. Best Practices for Migratory Bird Care During Oil Spill Response, 2003</li> <li>• ECCC-CWS (in draft). National Policy on Wildlife Emergency Response</li> <li>• NOAA, 2015. Pinniped and Cetacean Oil Spill Response Guidelines</li> <li>• NOAA, 2010. Oil and Sea Turtles: Biology, Planning and Response</li> <li>• Oiled Wildlife Care Network–UC Davis Wildlife Health Center, 2016. Protocols for the Care of Oil-Affected Birds</li> <li>• NWRA/IWRC 2012. Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation 3rd edition</li> </ul>	
<b>Oiled wildlife carcass collection</b>	Recover dead oiled wildlife at sea as part of ongoing oil recovery operations. Oiled wildlife carcasses will be bagged and labelled and transported in accordance with approved wildlife response plan.	
<b>Marine mammal and turtle sampling/necropsy</b>	Investigate marine mammal and turtle strandings, collect samples and conduct carcass necropsy as determined on a case-by-case basis. BP to request AMOSC assistance whenever needed.	

<p><b>Waste Management</b></p>	<p>Refrigerate carcasses to preserve for pathology studies and reduce potential for further contamination.</p> <p>Oil contaminated wastes and carcasses to be managed in accordance with local council and waste contractor requirements.</p>	
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**5.3.3 Waste Management**

Oil spills to the marine environment can generate significant amounts of oily waste that need to be collected and disposed of properly, in accordance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex V – Garbage, relevant Commonwealth and State/Territory laws and regulations.

Immediately upon knowledge of an oil spill, BP will develop an Oil Spill Waste Management Plan (OSWMP) in consultation with AMOSC and the relevant control agency. The OSWMP will ensure the ongoing supply and backload of appropriate waste management equipment.

Based on the predicted outcomes of the modelling of maximum credible spill scenarios (Section 1.1), large volumes of waste are not expected to be generated. Waste generated from the spill is anticipated to be managed and contained within small transportable waste receptacles, suitable for the storage capacity on support vessels and port waste reception facilities at the Port of Dampier and Port of Port Hedland.

All waste stored or transferred will be fully documented, including details of exact volume and nature of the waste, date and time, receiver of the waste and destination of the waste, in accordance with vessel Garbage Management Plans and the onshore licenced waste contractor’s waste tracking process.

**5.4 Source Control**

Source control tactics for consideration in this plan include:

- ROV emergency BOP intervention
- Well capping and containment
- Relief well installation

The feasibility/effectiveness of ROV emergency BOP intervention, well capping and containment and relief well installation is provided in Table 9. Source control tactics will be terminated in accordance with the process detailed in Table 13.

**Table 9: Source Control Response Option Feasibility / Feasibility / Effectiveness Evaluation**

Parameter	ROV Emergency BOP Intervention	Well Capping and Containment (including Offset Installation Equipment (OIE))	Relief Well Operations
<p><b>Suitability/Feasibility - Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b></p>	<p>ROV emergency BOP Intervention involves secondary efforts to activate the existing BOP barriers to achieve well control using a ROV.</p> <p>BP conservatively assumes the incident rig ROV is inoperable and generates formal plans for how to respond via non-rig-based ROV intervention. This would utilise an ROV with an integral pumping system available on the nominated first responder vessel.</p> <p>This is considered an effective solution having maximum potential to minimise environmental impact.</p>	<p>Well capping relies on access to specialist capping stack equipment. Furthermore, in the event the water depth and flow rates prohibit vertical access over the incident well, further specialist equipment would also be required to permit offset installation of a capping stack.</p> <p>BP maintains an active membership with OSRL and all subsea wells are nominated to OSRL to ensure equipment access. The OSRL equipment is comprehensive and adopts an integrated approach catering for escalation of an incident. This ranges from subsea toolkits through to capping stacks and the sophisticated Offset Installation System held in Trieste, Italy. Furthermore, the access includes containment legs to interface the capping stacks should concerns exist regarding well integrity during shut in. This hardware is designed to interface seamlessly with each other.</p> <p>Additionally, BP is an active member of AMOSC and retains access to mobilise their resources. Both elements would be aggressively pursued in parallel.</p> <p>Through a supplementary agreement with OSRL, BP also has access to proprietary vessel sourcing software to determine vessel availability to meet our response needs. This software is utilised during a pre-spud table-top exercise to assess real time vessel availability to further validate our plans and underlying assumptions.</p> <p>Given the water depth and potential discharge rates, BP believes the OSRL suite of capabilities provides the most robust and comprehensive response to a source control event.</p> <p>The effectiveness of capping a condensate well with a high gas component in 300 m water depth is uncertain and largely dependent on</p>	<p>Relief wells are an independent means of stopping a LOWC. The relief well is drilled to intersect the blowing out well at the last casing shoe positioned above the blowing out reservoir. Kill weight mud is then pumped down the relief well at high rates. The kill mud gets caught up in the stream of blowing out fluids. Kill mud gradually fills the blowing out well increasing the density of the flowing fluid column until such time as the increased fluid density kills the blowing out well.</p>

Parameter	ROV Emergency BOP Intervention	Well Capping and Containment (including Offset Installation Equipment (OIE))	Relief Well Operations
		<p>the specific event conditions encountered. Successful capping offers significant benefits from a source control point of view, greatly reducing the operational scope of the response and consequentially the duration of the spill. BP would mobilise all relevant equipment in the event that the conditions were suitable for an effective response.</p>	
<p><b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b></p>	<p>Secondary BOP activation relies on delivering hydraulic fluid directly to the BOP stack using a Remotely Operated Vehicle. This is to mitigate any problems that may have arisen with the BOP control system as a result of the original Well Control Event. Secondary BOP activation allows the delivery of the BOP control fluid direct to the stack. If the existing barriers are fully compromised then this route would not be effective. If these are potentially operable then BP would utilise the designated First Response Vessel, with ROV installed complete with an API Standard 53 compliant skid, to attempt secondary activation of the rig BOP system following risk assessment and authorisation.</p>	<p>The key dependency for well capping (including use of the OIE), is the mobilisation of equipment to location, and access to suitable vessels for transport and deployment.</p> <p>BP has access to four capping stacks via OSRL and can mobilise any two.</p> <p>Two (in Singapore and South Africa) are 10kpsi stacks and not compatible with the Offset Installation Equipment (OIE). These are excluded from consideration.</p> <p>The two 15kpsi stacks (in Norway and Brazil) are nominated for Ironbark use due to pressure rating and OIE compatibility. Additionally, to improve response times, the Norway stack can be air freighted without being first broken down into sub-components. This capability was physically demonstrated on a trial flight from Norway by OSRL.</p> <p>An alternative 15kpsi capping stack is available in Singapore through Wildwell Control. However, this cannot be air freighted assembled and is incompatible with the OIE system required for cap installation on the Ironbark well. Hence, given both compatibility and scheduling constraints, there is currently no benefit in pursuing alternative capping stacks.</p>	<p>Response is dependent on the availability of trained and experienced resources to undertake activities.</p> <p>The key dependency for drilling a relief well is access to a suitable MODU and the time required to mobilise it to the incident location. Draft relief well plans estimate that this step could take in the order of 44 days.</p> <p>BP is a signatory to the APPEA MOU for Mutual Assistance to share drilling units during an emergency.</p> <p>At the time of writing this plan, BP understands there will be four MODUs capable of drilling a relief well present within Australian waters during the expected operational window, and two available in Singapore that are currently stacked and ready to be mobilised.</p>
<p><b>Availability – When is the earliest the</b></p>	<p>BP would typically plan to mobilise the necessary</p>	<p>Capping response is dependent on vertical access on the incident well.</p>	<p>Relief well installation timeframe is estimated to take</p>

Parameter	ROV Emergency BOP Intervention	Well Capping and Containment (including Offset Installation Equipment (OIE))	Relief Well Operations
<p><b>response option is available to be implemented?</b></p>	<p>equipment required for secondary BOP activation within 48 hours. However, the deployment and use of such equipment would be dependent on the scenario and conditions encountered.</p>	<p>If vertical well access is available, then capping implementation is forecast by day 20. This is inclusive of cap mobilisation (conservatively OSRL Norway stack) together with sourcing a cap installation vessel (BP will endeavour to source installation vessels that have valid Australian safety cases to minimise the potential response time). Well control and salvage specialists can mobilise from Singapore and the USA in 1-2 days.</p> <p>If no vertical well access is available, then capping implementation is forecast to commence by day 62. This is significantly shorter than the relief well duration that would be pursued in parallel. The cap would be available for deployment by Day 20 however would await arrival of the OIE system from Trieste, Italy. The complex OIE system would be mobilised using the most expedient route available and vessels would be sourced to aid the installation. Vessel availability is determined via specialist vessel sourcing software available through OSRL. Detailed logistics plans for mobilisation are included with the project capping plans.</p>	<p>103 days based upon drill rig availability in the Australasian region with an approved Safety Case and using agreements in place with other operators (e.g. APPEA Memorandum of Understanding). This estimate is based upon the following assumptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact existing operators of suitable equipment (rigs/vessels) (2 days)</li> <li>• Prepare to mobilise to incident location. Abandon / suspend current well. Pull anchors (21 days)</li> </ul> <p>Tow rig and moor at relief well site (21 days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drill relief well. Locate and intercept blowing out well (52 days)</li> <li>• Perform well kill (7 days).</li> </ul> <p>Timeline assumes that a Safety Case revision can be prepared off the critical path, during rig mobilisation and preparation to spud.</p>

Implementation and Activation guidelines for each of the source control tactics are detailed in the following plans:

- Ironbark-1 ROV Emergency BOP Intervention Plan
- Ironbark-1 Capping and Containment Plan
- Ironbark-1 Relief Well Plan

### 5.5 Implementation Timeline

Timeframes for implementation of primary and secondary spill response strategies, as well as source control strategies are presented in Table 10.

**Table 10: Response strategy and implementation timeline**

Strategies			Type	Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	N *		
Primary Response	Oil Spill	Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance*																				
		Oiled Wildlife Response*																				
		Waste Management*																				
Secondary Response (if implemented)	Oil Spill	On-water Containment and Recovery*																				
		Surface Dispersant Application*																				
Source Control	ROV Emergency BOP Intervention																					
	Relief Well																					
	Capping Stack - OIE																					
	Capping Stack - Conventional																					

\*Spill response strategy implemented until termination criteria met.

### 5.6 Response Strategy Arrangements

The response arrangements to meet the proposed response strategy are detailed in Table 11.

**Table 11: Response Strategy Arrangements**

Response Options	Type	Arrangements	Capability	Activation process
Primary Oil Spill Response	Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spill fates, weathering and trajectory (for marine spills) modelling</li> <li>ADIOS modelling</li> <li>Vectoring</li> <li>Satellite tracking buoys (on vessels/MODU)</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory Buoys deployed by vessels
		AMOSC Services Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spill fates, weathering and trajectory (for marine spills) modelling</li> <li>Hindcast modelling</li> <li>ADIOS Modelling</li> <li>OSTM Tracking buoys</li> <li>Aerial Surveillance</li> <li>Satellite imagery via KSAT</li> <li>Trained observers</li> </ul>	Notify AMOSC Duty Manager +61 (0) 438 379 328
		AMSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spill fates, weathering and trajectory (for marine spills) modelling</li> <li>Satellite/optical imagery</li> <li>OSTM Tracking buoys</li> </ul>	Notify AMSA Search and Rescue (02) 6230 6811
		GHD / Cardno	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational and Scientific monitoring contractor</li> </ul>	Activation of Master Service Agreement with service providers
		OSRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial surveillance (trained observers and access to aircraft)</li> <li>Satellite imagery</li> <li>Unmanned Aerial Vehicle available to support containment and recovery</li> </ul>	Notify OSRL Duty Manager + 44 (0) 23 8033 1551
	Oiled Wildlife Response	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Team	IMT support and field operations	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		AMOSC Services Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training instructors and oiled wildlife response training programs</li> <li>Industry Team Mutual Aid personnel (10 personnel trained to Level 2-4 [WA Department of Parks and Wildlife])</li> </ul>	Notify AMOSC Duty Manager +61 (0) 438 379 328

Response Options	Type	Arrangements	Capability	Activation process
			Trained personnel to assist in response AMOSC developed relationship with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blue Planet Marine (Capacity 10-20 OWR responders)</li> <li>• Massey University (Capacity 4-6 OWR responders);</li> <li>• International Bird Rescue (Capacity 4 OWR responders)</li> </ul> Oiled Wildlife Response Kits (Fremantle, Geelong) – 50 units per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oiled Wildlife Response Containers (Fremantle, Geelong) – 100 units per day</li> </ul>	
		OSRL Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training instructors and oiled wildlife response training programs</li> <li>• Field response through Sea Alarm Foundation</li> </ul>	Notify OSRL Duty Manager + 44 (0) 23 8033 1551
		Department of Parks and Wildlife	Oiled Wildlife Advisory (OWA) - advisory role to IMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel to assist in coordination of wildlife response (advisors, licencing)</li> </ul>	Notify DPaW State Duty Officer +61 (0) 8 9219 9108
		AMSA	Through activation of the National Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response personnel, including management and operational staff</li> <li>• Oiled Wildlife Response Containers (Dampier, Darwin, Townsville) – 100 units per day</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		Waste Management Services	Refer to Waste Management Spill Response Option	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
	<b>Waste Management</b>	Licensed waste contractor (to be selected)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• waste receptacles</li> <li>• waste disposal</li> <li>• helicopters</li> <li>• vessels</li> <li>• manifesting</li> <li>• tracking</li> <li>• disposal</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
<b>Secondary Oil Spill Response</b>	<b>Containment and Recovery</b>	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BP Perth Incident Management Team to cover initial actions, activation.</li> <li>• BP Mutual Response Team available to supply personnel for larger/extended response</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory

Response Options	Type	Arrangements	Capability	Activation process
		AMOSC Services Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boom</li> <li>• Skimmers</li> <li>• Waste storage</li> <li>• Trained responders in field and IMT (Core team)</li> </ul>	Notify AMOSC Duty Manager +61 (0) 438 379 328
		OSRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boom, skimmers, waste storage, trained response personnel in IMT</li> </ul>	Notify OSRL Duty Manager + 44 (0) 23 8033 1551
		Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessels of opportunity from Clarkson’s subscription search and consultation with AMOSC</li> <li>• PSVs to provide logistical support</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		Waste Contracting Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Waste Management Spill Response Option</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
	<b>Surface Dispersant Application</b>	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Team	IMT support and field operations	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		AMOSC Services Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMOSC dispersant stockpile (&gt;750m3 of dispersant in-country) -Dasic Slickgone NS, Corexit 9500 and ARDROX 6120, suitable for ship-board or aerial spray application.</li> <li>• Trained responders in field and IMT (Core Group)</li> </ul>	Notify AMOSC Duty Manager +61 (0) 438 379 328
		OSRL Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aircraft</li> <li>• Dispersant through Global Dispersant Stockpile</li> <li>• Trained responders in field and IMT</li> </ul>	Notify OSRL Duty Manager + 44 (0) 23 8033 1551
		Aircraft	Minimum of one aircraft available within WA (Jandakot)	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		BP Internal dispersant stockpiles	>3000m <sup>3</sup> Corexit 9500	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory

Response Options	Type	Arrangements	Capability	Activation process
		AMSA stockpiles	Dasic Slickgone EW stockpile	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		SMART Monitoring	Refer to OSMP	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
Source Control	BOP Activation	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained Source Control Personnel</li> </ul>	BP notification centre, as outlined in IMP
		Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vessels of opportunity from AMOSC list and Clarkson’s search</li> <li>One ROV-capable vessel to be used as PSV throughout Ironbark operations.</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		BOP intervention skids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsea first responders kit</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
	Relief Well	BP Internal Capability / BP Mutual Response Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trained Source Control Personnel</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		Global master services agreements are in place with Wild Well Control and Boots and Coots. Wild Well Control are the preferred well control company.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief Well Kill Modelling</li> <li>Trained Source Control Personnel.</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory
		Mutual Aid Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>APPEA MOU: Mutual Assistance for transfer of drilling units for emergency situations</li> </ul>	IMT via the BP Ironbark Emergency Contacts Directory

Response Options	Type	Arrangements	Capability	Activation process
	<b>Capping Stack &amp; Offset Installation Equipment</b>	OSRL Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capping Equipment &amp; Toolkits</li> <li>• Offset Installation Equipment</li> <li>• Deployed specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the Capping Stacks located in Stavanger, Norway, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil</li> <li>• Access to the OIE located in Italy</li> </ul>	Notify OSRL Duty Manager + 44 (0) 23 8033 1551

## 6. Implement, Review and Revise Response

Section 5 presents the initial planned response strategy for a credible worst case spill event; however in the event of a spill during BP’s exploration drilling program, the assessment of response options will be reviewed and verified prior to implementation to ensure that the assumptions made in the planning process are valid and the response strategy will be effective.

### 6.1 Response Strategy Verification Process

The process for reviewing response options is illustrated in Figure 6.1. The purpose of including this process in the OPEP is to ensure effective and efficient decision making into selecting response options which are suitable to the conditions at the location at the time of the spill event. Outputs from this process are captured using the SIMA assessment process (Appendix A).

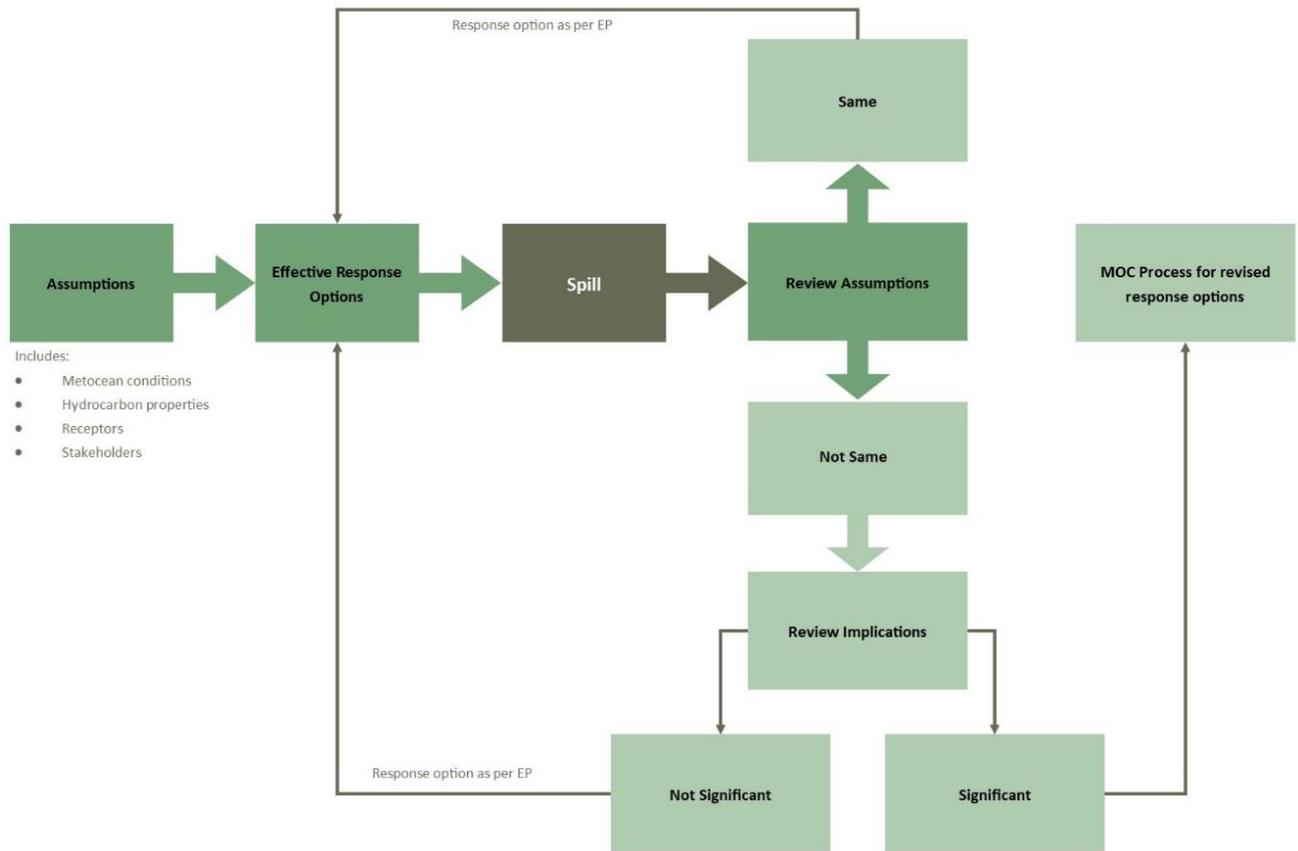


Figure 6.1: Process for Verifying Response Strategy Effectiveness in the Event of a Spill

### 6.2 Incident Action Plan (IAP)

As the incident moves from the “reactive phase” to the “proactive phase”, an Incident Action Plan (IAP) will be prepared for each Operational Period, as defined by the IMT (typically within 24-hours). The IAP specifies the objectives, tactics, resources and work assignments for the next operational period. It details the response mechanisms and priority areas for protection based on the actual circumstances of the event, considering the spill trajectory and weather conditions, but also importantly safety considerations. Incident management template plans, including the IAP, are developed and made available to BP’s IMT. The templates are designed to provide a starting point to facilitate the generation of the plan during an incident. These templates are maintained internally and regularly reviewed.

The main steps in planning the response and preparing the IAP are detailed in Table

**Table 12: Incident Action Plan Steps**

Step	Examples
1. Setting the incident objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control the source of the spill</li> <li>• Contain and recover spilled materials</li> <li>• Recover and rehabilitate injured wildlife</li> <li>• Terminate the response</li> </ul>
2. Describe the strategies required to meet the objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve situational awareness</li> <li>• Evaluate dispersant use and prepare for potential activation</li> <li>• Containment/recovery of hydrocarbons to avoid affecting sensitive on-water and nearshore resources</li> <li>• Initiate waste management</li> <li>• Collection and treatment of oiled wildlife</li> </ul>
3. Develop the tactics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per tactics identified in OPEP</li> </ul>
4. Detail the implementation strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources required</li> <li>• Equipment required</li> <li>• Location, timing and duration of mobilisation</li> </ul>

It is the responsibility of the Planning Section Chief to prepare an IAP under the direction of the IC for his endorsement. The IMT will implement and monitor the effectiveness of the IAP ensuring regular updates to the plan are made as appropriate. The IAP process utilised by BP is detailed within the BP Incident Management Handbook.

To ensure that the IAP is appropriate for the nature of the spill, BP will seek the advisory support of technical experts or liaison officers from DoT, AMSA, DBCA (Oiled Wildlife) and/or AMOSC.

**6.3 Effectiveness Monitoring**

During the incident response, the effectiveness of the response will be assessed every Operational Period (24 hours or as set by the IC). This assessment will utilise predictive modelling results, received monitoring data in the context of the affected environment, the environmental conditions and the level of hydrocarbons released. Where a change to operational conditions has occurred, the effectiveness review process may be conducted using the SIMA process (Appendix A). Where a change to response options is required (to ensure ongoing effectiveness of spill response), BP will update the relevant documentation in accordance with the BP Management of Change process (Section 7.1.2 of EP).

Effectiveness monitoring will be conducted until the termination criteria have been met. SIMA will be used to inform the decision to terminate the response (Appendix A). Outcomes of the effectiveness monitoring will inform the IAP process.

**6.4 Response Termination**

Generally, the decision to stop the spill response will be made by the Control Agency when response efforts are not returning any tangible benefit. This may include a gradual downsizing of response teams and resources or complete termination of the response. BP will undertake a SIMA with the relevant response team members / liaison officers to inform the decision to terminate the response in line with the SIMA format used in formulating the spill response strategy.

Decision factors will include:

- The efficacy and benefit of the response options implemented against natural cleaning;
- The significance of the environmental receptor impacted;

- Potential for environmental damage caused by further clean-up efforts weighed up against other factors such as response team risk in undertaking the activity.

Table 13 provides indicative termination criteria which may be amended because of response team advice and/or the outcomes of stakeholder engagement during a spill event. Although indicative, it provides a guide for the purpose of capability planning.

For spill clean-up operations in Western Australian waters, termination of response will be taken by the state Incident Commander.

The Incident Commander will ensure that all relevant organisations and personnel are notified to stand down once the termination criteria have been satisfied. Upon conclusion of the response, the Incident Commander must:

- Inform all personnel involved in the response;
- Advise all government authorities involved in the response;
- Provide an incident brief internally and to all government authorities involved in the response;
- Instigate an investigation into the cause of the spill;
- Prepare reports and collate all documents including statements concerning the incident; and
- Undertake an inventory of all consumables and prepare accounts for dissemination.

**Table 13: Spill Response Termination Criteria**

Response Option	Termination Criteria
Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance	Termination occurs when the following criteria are fulfilled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spill has ceased;</li> <li>• The spill is no longer visible to human observers. Specifically, a silver/grey sheen as defined by the Bonn Agreement (BAOAC 2007) is not observable and 24 hrs has elapsed since the last confirmed observation of surface hydrocarbons;</li> <li>• Modelling results do not predict surface exposures at visible levels.</li> </ul> Termination criteria to be agreed with DoT in state waters.
Oiled wildlife response	To be determined in consultation with WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Suggested criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is discontinued when all affected/recovered animals are cleaned and rehabilitated as advised by relevant expert bodies.</li> </ul>
Waste management	Termination occurs when the following criteria are fulfilled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response is discontinued when all waste generated from spill response activities has been appropriately disposed of by selected waste contractors.</li> </ul> Termination criteria to be agreed with DoT in state waters.
On-water containment and recovery	Termination occurs when the following criteria are fulfilled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spill is no longer observable to human observers;</li> <li>• Slick thickness and characteristics mean that on-water containment and recovery equipment will not be effective as determined by the SIMA;</li> <li>• SIMA concludes that continued activity will not produce any net environmental benefit.</li> </ul>

Response Option	Termination Criteria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIMA has been signed off by IC.</li> </ul> Termination criteria to be agreed with DoT in state waters.
Surface Dispersants	Termination occurs when the following criteria are fulfilled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The spill is no longer observable to human observers;</li> <li>• Slick thickness and characteristics mean that surface dispersants will not be effective as determined by the SIMA;</li> <li>• SIMA concludes that continued activity will not produce any net environmental benefit.</li> <li>• SIMA has been signed off by IC.</li> </ul> Termination criteria to be agreed with DoT in state waters.
Source Control	Termination criteria varies according to the incident and spill level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For vessels, the spill source has been eliminated (e.g. fuel tank is secure (tank rupture)) or the leak has been contained and controlled on-board;</li> <li>• For a well incident, the hydrocarbon release has been contained and well control re-established.</li> </ul>

## 7. Tactical Response Planning

Tactical response plans (TRPs) are detailed spill response work instructions for specific locations that describe how specific sensitivities will be protected or response options implemented to enable a rapid, effective and targeted response to those areas ranked as having a high protection priority or higher.

### 7.1 Tactical Response Plan Development Process

To determine BP’s priority response areas for this activity, BP initially estimated the time it would take to develop and finalise a location specific TRP along with estimated equipment and personnel mobilisation times to locations.

Consequently, BP estimates that the timeframe for developing and implementing a TRP is **seven days** based upon:

- 1 day to complete hindcast modelling,
- 2 days to draft plan,
- 1 day to review plan with relevant people and regulators, and
- 3 days to mobilise equipment and personnel.

This process assists BP, in the event of a spill, in focusing its spill response strategy, where required, on sensitive areas or receptors that are considered to have a higher protection priority.

### 7.2 Protection Priority Ranking Process

The Department of Transport (DoT, 2018) has ranked protection priorities for the entire Western Australian coastline. They have completed this activity through the following process:

- Identifying sensitive receptors
- Assigning receptors a ranking from Very Low to Very High
- Rank their priority for protection in the event of an oil spill.

**Table 14: DoT Protection Priority Ranking**

Protection Priority	Ranking
Very High	5
High	4
Medium	3
Low	2
Very Low	1

BP has adopted the same protection priority ranking developed by DoT so that areas identified as high protection priority and above will be prioritised by BP in the event of a spill.

### 7.3 Priority Response Area Identification

#### 7.3.1 Overview

In order to identify priority response areas, stochastic modelling is analysed to identify nearshore areas that have the potential to be exposed to surface hydrocarbon concentrations above ecological impact thresholds within the timeframe required to develop TRPs, i.e. seven days.

This process enables BP to identify nearshore areas that have a risk of exposure in a timeframe for which detailed TRPs cannot feasibly be developed or implemented.

Once this is complete, ecological and socio-economic receptors are identified, and their priority ranked based on rankings presented in Table 14 (DoT, 2018).

Those areas that have been identified as having High to Very High protection priority are then considered to be the priority response areas for which a TRP is required to be developed prior to commencement of drilling activities.

#### **7.4 Outcome**

Stochastic modelling did not predict exposure to surface hydrocarbon concentrations above ecological impact thresholds within seven days for any nearshore areas (Appendix G of EP).

Therefore no areas ranked as High to Very High protection priority were identified to require a TRP to be developed prior to the drilling program commencing.

TRPs will therefore be developed in the event of a spill, based on the outcomes of the operational monitoring program (Section 5.3.1).

## 8. Emergency Response Organisation

### 8.1 BP’s Incident Command System

BP utilise the Incident Command System (ICS), as the company’s preferred incident management system (IMS). As a result, ICS has been adopted as the IMS that BP will use to manage events under this OPEP.

There are a number of advantages to using this system critical for BP to successfully manage all incidents, including Level 3:

- It offers a standardised and systematic approach to command, control and coordination of BP’s (and its contractors and other parties) efforts towards the resolution of an incident or emergency,
- It allows for the easy integration of BP’s global Mutual Response Team for Level 3 incidents,
- It includes methods of consultation and coordination for different controlling agencies to come together under a single incident management structure (unified command), and
- It allows for easy upscaling, adoption and flexibility of new response needs as the response changes (i.e. – adaption to requirements for on-water containment & recovery, oiled wildlife response branches, etc.).

The greatest advantage of using the ICS for a Level 3 incident is that it allows for BP to respond to a dynamic, changing scenario in a deliberate, decisive fashion. This allows BP to use the pre-planned oil spill scenarios in this OPEP and select, adapt and vary the spill response options, to an optimal level that reduces the consequences of the spill and reduces/prevents environmental damage, specific to the conditions at the time.

### 8.2 Control Agency

The control agency is determined based on the source of the spill and whether the spill takes place in Commonwealth or State waters. Control agencies for the spill scenarios within the scope of this OPEP are detailed in Table 16.

Where a spill originates in Commonwealth waters but has the potential to impact State waters or lands, the WA Department of Transport (DoT) would establish an IMT and may assume control of response activities within State jurisdiction. Where response activities are implemented in Commonwealth jurisdiction, the control agency remains either AMSA for vessel spills or BP for spills relating to their exploration drilling activities.

**Table 15: Jurisdictional Authorities and Control Agencies during Oil Spill Response**

Location	Source of Oil Pollution	Jurisdictional Authority	Control Agency		
			Level 1 Spill	Level 2 Spill	Level 3 Spill
Commonwealth Waters	Vessel	AMSA	AMSA	AMSA	AMSA
	Offshore petroleum activity	NOPSEMA	BP	BP	BP
State Waters	Vessel	DoT	DoT	DoT	DoT
	Offshore petroleum activity	DoT*	BP	DoT	DoT

### 8.2.1 Commonwealth Jurisdiction

BP will be the Control Agency for spill incidents arising from their petroleum activities, in Commonwealth waters. BP will initiate the operational structure shown in Figure 8-1 and 8-2 for all spill incidents that have the potential to be considered as a level 3 incident and either escalate or de-escalate depending on the size of the spill.

### 8.2.2 State Jurisdiction

In the event of a Level 3 spill, and if oil is predicted to enter State waters, BP will establish a Joint Strategic Coordination Committee (JSCC). This will expand the IMT as needed to encapsulate the Western Australian's DoT's (state agency) need to maintain control of their respective area of remit under a common response organisation. The JSCC as an expansion of the ICS organization structure brings together the "Incident Commanders/Controllers" of BP along with the State of WA to coordinate an effective response while carrying each agency's jurisdictional responsibility. The organisational structure (Figure 8.1 and Figure 8.2) allows for integration of the relevant DoT personnel.

This structure allows for each jurisdiction – as well as other key agencies – to make consensus decisions and blend resources throughout the organisation to create an integrated response team. In respecting each jurisdiction's positions to remain in control of their territorial areas, BP will support other control agencies through the provision of resources, technical advice, systems and other supporting mechanisms through Strategic Coordination.

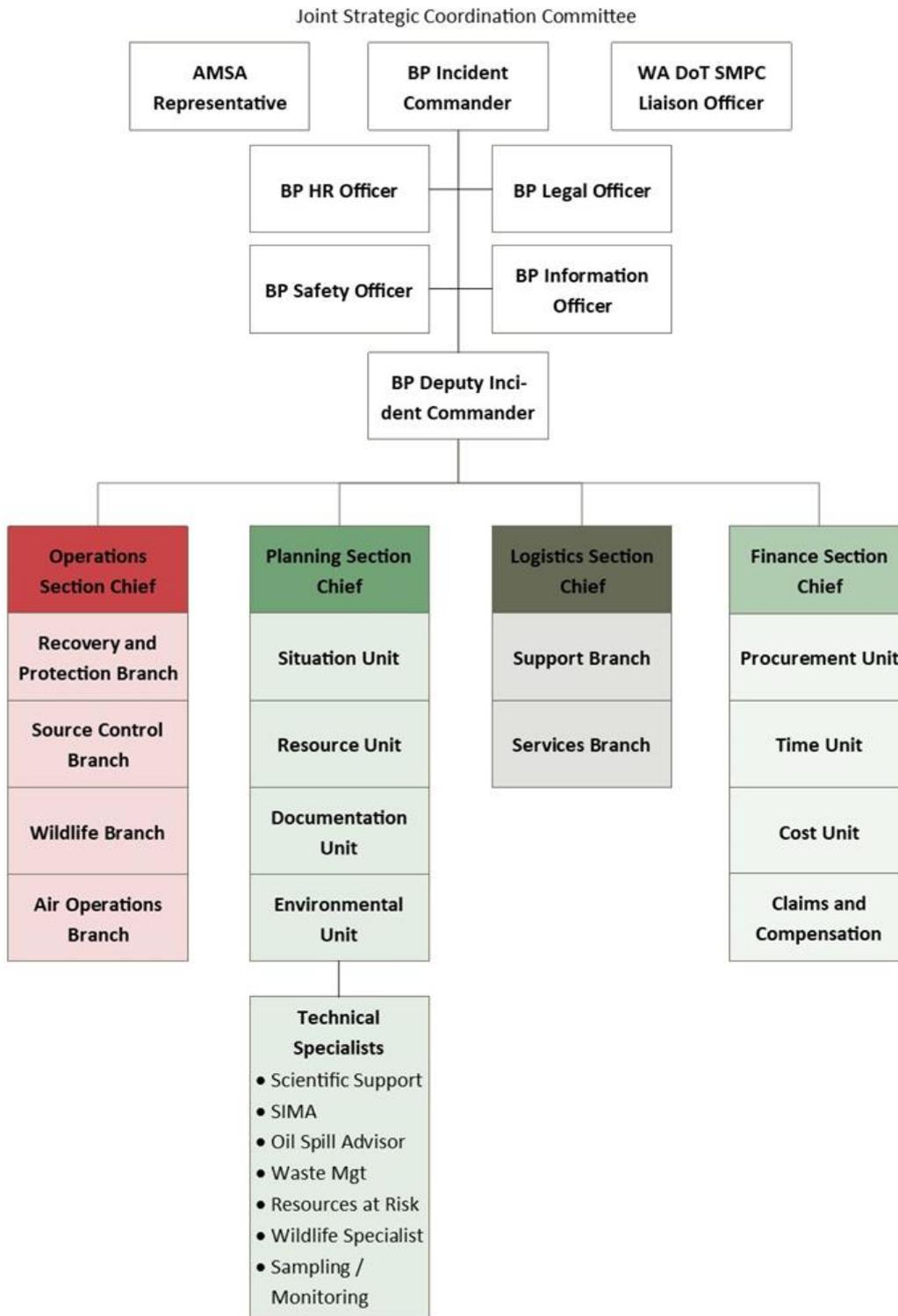


Figure 8.1: Example IMT Organisation Chart for Level 3 Spill Events

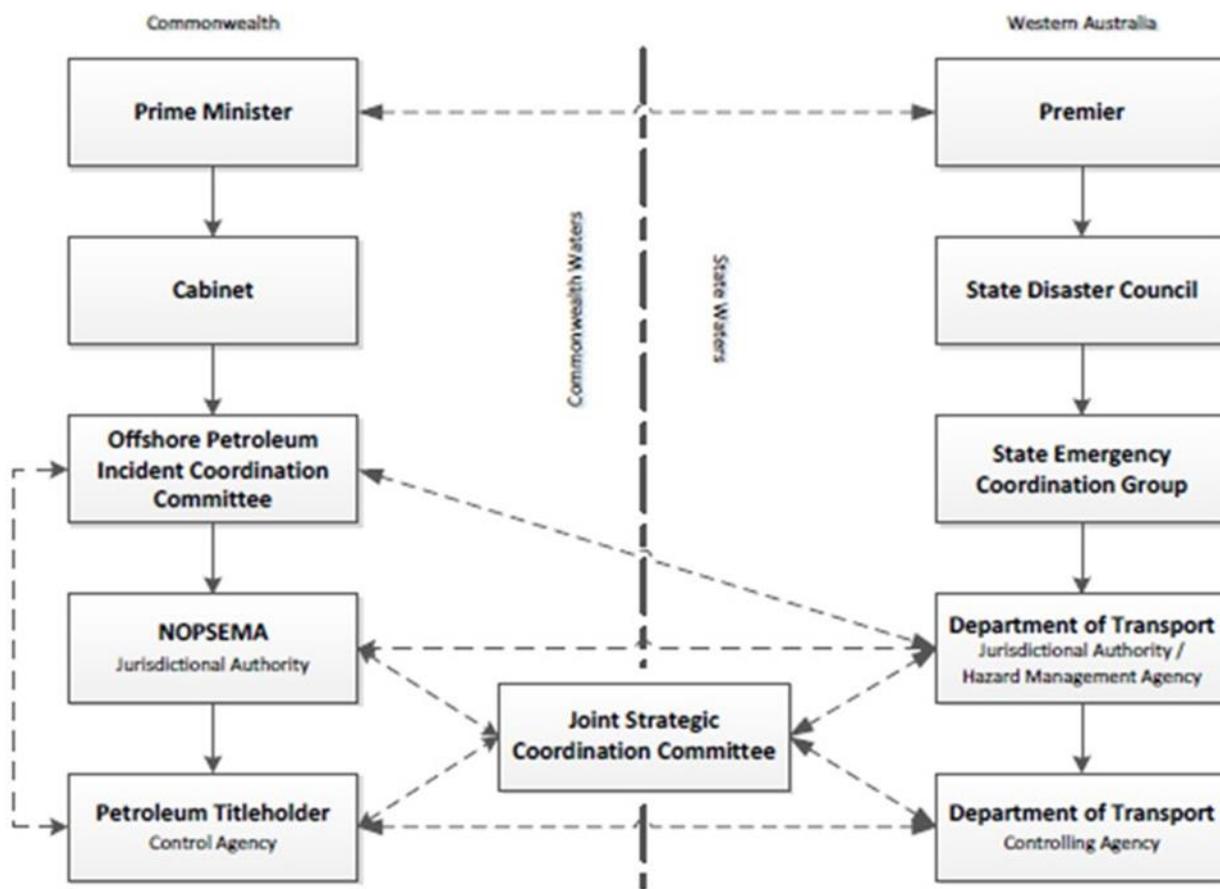


Figure 8.2: Overall Control and Coordination Structure – Offshore Petroleum Cross Jurisdiction Incident

### 8.3 Roles, Responsibilities and Competencies

#### 8.3.1 Resourcing

The initial BP IMT resourcing strategy, and the responsibilities for these key roles is provided in . Surge capacity resources are also nominated together with the role competency requirements.

In the event of a prolonged large-scale oil spill event, additional resources would be sourced from external agencies to fulfil the necessary roles.

provides competency details of a Level 3 oil spill support organisation. Each unit within the Planning, Operations, Logistics and Finance/ Administration functional area is headed by trained Section Chief.

Table 16: IMT (Oil Spill) Resourcing Matrix

Initial Responder (Competency)	Responsibilities	Initial Responder (Competency)	Surge
Incident Commander	The management of all activities necessary for the resolution of an incident.	Internal competencies*	BP
Operations Section Chief	The tasking and application of resources to achieve resolution of an incident.	Internal competencies*	AMOSC Core Group, AMSA NRT, BP MRT
Planning Section Chief	The collection, analysis and dissemination of information and the	Internal competencies*	AMOSC Core Group, AMSA NRT

Initial Responder (Competency)	Responsibilities	Initial Responder (Competency)	Surge
	development of plans for the resolution of an incident.		BP MRT
Logistics Section Chief	The acquisition and provision of human and physical resources, facilities, services and materials to support achievement of incident objectives.	Internal competencies*	AMOSOC Core Group, AMSA NRT BP MRT
Finance Section Chief	The management of all financial and administrative activities to enable and record the incident.	Internal competencies*	BP

\*defined for role and maintained as part of BP’s training and competence matrix.

### 8.3.1 OPEP Testing - Training and Exercises

The Training and Exercise Program is a critical component of BP’s oil spill preparedness. Training sessions and exercises are conducted regularly to improve and evaluate BP capability to execute one or more portions of its response plans. They are used to improve both individual skills and the overall emergency management system. A comprehensive program is made up of progressively more complex and demanding situations, each one building on the previous; culminating into an exercise that is as close to reality as possible to measure the capabilities of the team. An outline of the oil spill response-related training and exercise elements is presented in Table 17.

Individual / team training and competencies are integral to a company’s ability to respond effectively to an incident. Emergency response training can take the form of formal classroom training, computer-based training (CBT), on-the-job training, and lessons learned during exercises. This training will be designed and instructed to meet the requirements of the members of the IMT and response personnel. BP will assess training requirements for all personnel that would be involved in a response, ensure roles and responsibilities are understood and that the transfer of knowledge is complete through exercises and training.

**Table 17: Training and Exercises planned for the Ironbark Exploration Drilling Program**

Training / Exercise	Timing	Scenario	Duration	Exercise Level (Notification/ Tabletop / Training & Exercise)	Summary of Exercise/Training Objectives	Target audience
Training	Q2-Q3 2020	N/A	1 day	N/A	One day training course for Perth-based IMT to cover IMT Foundation / Fundamentals and role specific training.	Perth IMT
Training	Q2-Q3 2020	N/A	½-day	N/A	Provide Ironbark project-specific awareness training to Upstream and ANZ BST	BSTs
Exercise	quarterly	Test of IMT Call-out messaging	30 mins	Notification	Test call out process – quarterly and in conjunction with exercise program	Perth IMT
Exercise	Q2 2020	Loss of Well Control - Initial Response (Tabletop Exercise 1)	4 hrs	Tabletop	Focus on initial hours/response to a LOWC event Precursor to full training/exercise seminar Test notifications to internal and external	Perth Office

					support mechanisms including Source Control	
<b>Training</b>	tbc	N/A	N/A	N/A	Series of Crisis Communications training events in Perth	Perth Office
<b>Exercise</b>	Q3 2020	Loss of Well Control - Capping Stack Logistics (Tabletop Exercise 2)	2 Days	Notification/ Tabletop	Pre-cursor full training/exercise seminar. Exercise, test notifications and logistical aspects for capping stack mobilisation	Houston and/or Sunbury Office
<b>Training &amp; Exercise</b>	Q3 2020	Loss of Well Control (Seminar)	1-2 weeks	Training & Exercise	Multi-faceted command-post exercise, with participation of Perth IMT, MRT & Source Control Teams, and relevant external support (AMOSC/OSRL etc.) and Agencies based on WCD scenario.  Progressing from Day 2 "life/safety response to Day ~10 source control/spill response aspects with intervening tabletops and training	IMT, MRT, Response Organisations . Agencies / stakeholders
<b>Training</b>	Q4 2020	Various	1 hr	N/A	Awareness training on applicable BP plans and notification/reporting requirements	Rig/Base/Office  BP field personnel, key support (OIM, Vessel Masters)

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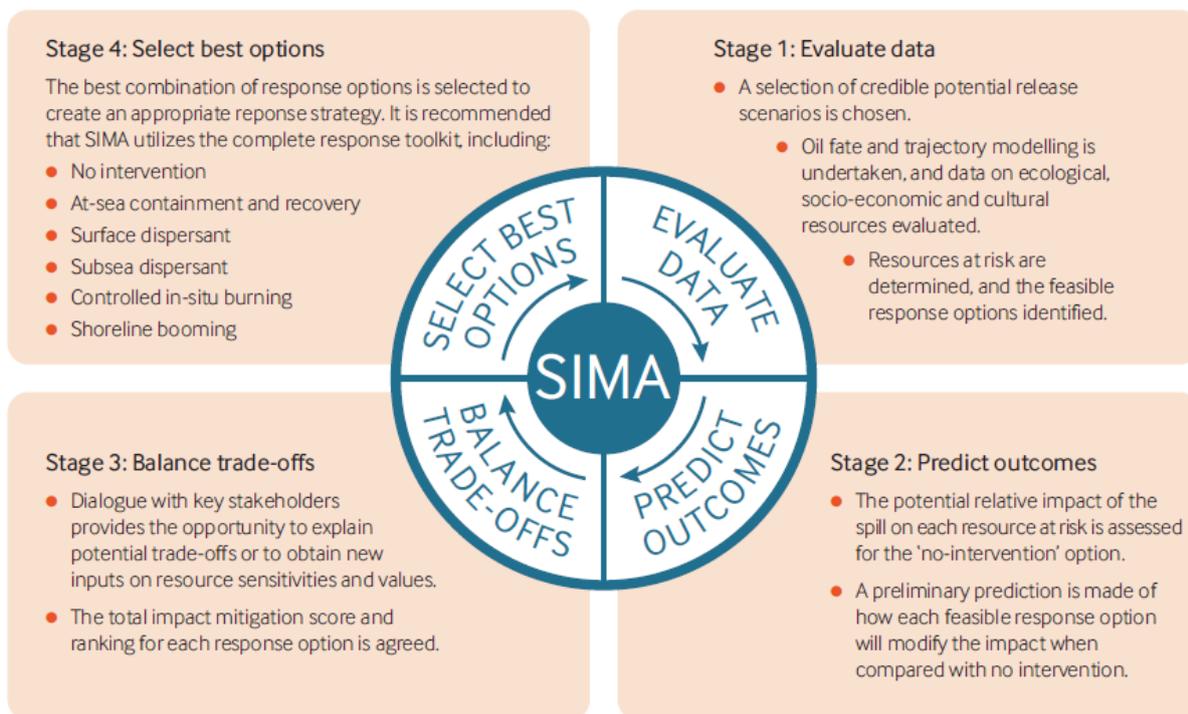
## **Appendix A -Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment Process**

**A.1 SIMA Process**

This Appendix details the process and output used to identify and select the feasible and effective oil spill response options that make up the oil spill response strategy in this OPEP, in accordance with the Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment (SIMA) process documented by IPIECA (2018).

The SIMA process comprises 4 stages of assessment, as depicted in Figure A.1:

- Stage 1: Data evaluation
- Stage 2: Predicting outcomes
- Stage 3: Balancing trade-offs
- Stage 4: Selecting best options.



**Figure A.1: IPIECA Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment Process (IPIECA 2017)**

The outcomes of all four stages of the SIMA completed as part of the planning process supporting the BP exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P are detailed in the following sections.

**A.1.1 Data Evaluation**

As per section 6 of the EP, the credible spill scenarios, outcomes of spill modelling and values and sensitivities have been detailed for the identified worst credible spill scenarios. A summary of this information is included in Table A.18 and Table A.2.

**Table A.18: Modelling outcomes and resulting exposure to values and sensitivities – vessel collision**

Spill scenario		
A vessel collision resulting in a surface release of 250 m3 of MDO of API of 37.6 over 6 hours.		
Compartment affected	Modelling outcome	Values and sensitivities exposed
<b>Seabed</b>	Under this scenario, hydrocarbons are released at the surface. Consequently, exposure to seabed habitats is not expected as hydrocarbons are not expected to be negatively buoyant and will rapidly evaporate prior to reaching the intertidal area.	There are no shallow receptors (<10m depth) within the surface layer (0-10m) exposed to either surface or in-water hydrocarbons.
<b>Water surface</b>	The maximum distance from the release site for surface oil at >1 g/m <sup>2</sup> ranged from 97 km (winter) and 153 km (transitional); at 10g/m <sup>2</sup> , maximum distance from the release site ranged from 45 km (summer) to 54 km (transitional).	Threatened and migratory marine mammal, shark and reptile species may occur within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature.
<b>Water Column</b>	Entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons remained in surface layers, typically up to 10 m depth.	Very low probabilities of exposure to the low threshold for entrained hydrocarbons within the 0-10 m depth surface layer were predicted for three AMPs and one State Marine Park. Mermaid Reef AMP (1% probability of entrained hydrocarbons at 10 ppb) Montebello AMP (1% probability of entrained hydrocarbons at 10 ppb) Gascoyne AMP (2% probability of entrained hydrocarbons at 10 ppb) Ningaloo Marine Park (2% probability of entrained hydrocarbons at 10 ppb).
<b>Air</b>	Threatened and migratory seabird and shorebird species may occur above the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature only given the offshore location.	Threatened and migratory marine mammal, and reptile species may occur within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature.
<b>Shorelines</b>	No shoreline contact above the lowest threshold of exposure (>10 g/m <sup>2</sup> ) was predicted for any of the seasons modelled.	
<b>Socio-economic</b>	There are a number of Commonwealth and State fisheries with management areas that intersect with the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons. No restricted defence areas, or ports/harbours are exposed to surface hydrocarbons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no industry, tourism and recreation activities expected to be exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cultural</b>	There are no heritage or cultural features exposed to surface hydrocarbons	

**Table A.19: Modelling outcomes and resulting exposure to values and sensitivities - loss of well control**

<b>Spill scenario</b>	A loss of well control event resulting in a release of up to 9.016 MMstb of condensate of API of 51.5 during a period of up to 103 days.	
<b>Compartment affected</b>	<b>Modelling outcome</b>	<b>Values and sensitivities exposed</b>
<b>Seabed</b>	Under this scenario, hydrocarbons are released at pressure and experience both vertical lift from their buoyancy and initial velocity due to the pressure change. Consequently, exposure to seabed habitats is not expected as once nearfield movement ceases hydrocarbons are not expected to be negatively buoyant thus will only interact with seabed in the intertidal area.	<p>There were typically low, but variable probabilities of entrained hydrocarbon exposure with some islands and reef features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imperieuse Reef, 2–37%</li> <li>• Clerke Reef, 2–16%</li> <li>• Mermaid Reef, 1–28%</li> <li>• Scott Reef, 0–12%</li> <li>• Seringapatam Reef, 0–9%</li> <li>• Ashmore Reef, 0–2%</li> <li>• Barrow (and surrounding) Islands, 0–4%</li> <li>• Muiron, Serrurier (and surrounding) Islands, 3–8%.</li> </ul>
<b>Water surface</b>	The maximum distance from the release site for surface oil at >1 g/m <sup>2</sup> ranged from 374 km southwest (summer) to 575 km west-southwest (transitional); and at >10 g/m <sup>2</sup> ranged from 174 km west-southwest (transitional) to 180 km north-northeast (winter).	<p>Threatened and migratory marine mammal species may occur within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature.</p> <p>There is a migration Biologically Important Area (BIA) for the Pygmy Blue Whale that intersects with the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p> <p>Threatened and migratory marine reptile species may occur within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature.</p> <p>There is an interesting BIA for the Flatback Turtle that intersects with the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however it is noted that it only intersects a small proportion of the northern extent of the BIA.</p> <p>Threatened and migratory shark species may occur within this exposure area; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature.</p> <p>There is a foraging BIA for the Whale Shark that partially intersects the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p> <p>One Australian Marine Park (AMP) occur within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argo-Rowley Terrace (0–19% probability of contact &gt;10 g/m<sup>2</sup>).</li> </ul> <p>Note: Three AMPs may be within the exposure area at the lower surface threshold (&gt;1 g/m<sup>2</sup>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argo-Rowley Terrace (15–43% probability)</li> <li>• Montebello (10–19% probability)</li> <li>• Gascoyne (3–16% probability).</li> </ul> <p>Surface oil at this level is expected to be visually detectable but not have biological effects.</p>
<b>Water Column</b>	Entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons remained in surface layers, typically up to 30 m depth.	<p>Threatened and migratory shark species may occur within the area exposed to entrained or dissolved hydrocarbons.</p> <p>There is a foraging BIA for the Whale Shark that intersects with the area exposed to entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons.</p>

		<p>Threatened and migratory marine reptile species may occur within the area exposed to entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons.</p> <p>The following BIAs intersect with the area exposed to entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nesting, internesting, aggregation and foraging BIAs for the Flatback Turtle</li> <li>• Nesting, internesting, aggregation, basking and foraging BIAs for the Green Turtle</li> <li>• Nesting, internesting and foraging BIAs for the Hawksbill Turtle</li> <li>• Nesting and internesting BIAs for the Loggerhead Turtle.</li> </ul> <p>Threatened and migratory marine mammal species may occur within the area exposed to entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons.</p> <p>The following BIAs intersect with the area exposed to entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migration and foraging BIAs for the Pygmy Blue Whale</li> <li>• Migration and resting BIAs for the Humpback Whale</li> </ul>
<b>Air</b>	Threatened and migratory seabird and shorebird species may occur above the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, any activity is expected to be of a transient nature only given the offshore location.	There is a breeding BIA for the Wedge-tailed Shearwater that partially intersects with the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons; however, it is noted that it is the edge of the buffer zone around a breeding island (i.e. not the breeding location itself). It is noted that breeding shearwaters may forage up to a maximum of approx. 185 km from their nesting site (Section 6.3.4.3).
<b>Shorelines</b>	No shoreline contact above the lowest threshold of exposure (>10 g/m <sup>2</sup> ) was predicted for any of the seasons modelled.	
<b>Socio-economic</b>	<p>There are a number of Commonwealth and State fisheries with management areas that intersect with the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p> <p>There are other users (e.g. petroleum industry, commercial shipping) that are known to operate within the area exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p> <p>No restricted defence areas, or ports/harbours are exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p> <p>There are no tourism and recreation activities expected to be exposed to surface hydrocarbons.</p>	
<b>Cultural</b>	There are no heritage or cultural features exposed to surface hydrocarbons	

**A.1.2 Response Option Feasibility Assessment**

Not all response options are appropriate for every oil spill. Different oil types, spill locations, and volumes require different response options and tactics, or a combination of response options and tactics, to form an effective response strategy. In accordance with IPIECA (2017), the potential at-sea response options available to BP:

- On-water containment and recovery;
- Subsea dispersant injection;
- Surface dispersant application;
- Controlled in-situ burning;
- Shoreline booming (used as anchored exclusion, diversion or deflection barriers); and

- Shoreline clean-up

The assessment of feasibility of implementing each of these response options for the spill scenarios covered under this plan was based on the following criteria:

- Suitability/Feasibility – Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?
- Dependencies – Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?
- Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?

**A.1.2.1 On-water Containment and Recovery**

The feasibility assessment of on water containment and recovery is provided in Table A.20.

**Table A.20: On water Containment and Recovery Feasibility**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<b>Suitability/Feasibility - Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b>	MDO spreads rapidly to less than 10 µm and so suitable thicknesses for recovery are only present soon after the spill occurs, thus there is insufficient mobilisation time to capture residues and recover significant volumes of oil. Additionally, modelling indicates that a spill would have evaporated/naturally dispersed within 52 hours.	Similar to MDO, the analogue Goodwyn condensate comprises a high portion of volatile constituents. Thus, upon reaching the water’s surface, it is subject to rapid evaporation, dispersion, and spreading. Therefore, while this option would not be suitable for use on “fresh” condensate, it may be applicable if weathered condensate patches form.
	IPECA (2015) indicates that when implemented, efficiency of at-sea containment and recovery operations can vary widely with recovery usually limited to between 5% and 20% of the initial spilled volume. Given the expected high-volatility of the hydrocarbons involved and open-ocean conditions of the Ironbark well location, recovery would be anticipated to be at the lower end of this spectrum. In addition to this, containment and recovery creates significant levels of waste, requires significant manpower and suitable calm weather conditions to be deployed effectively.	
<b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b>	This response option relies on the presence of offshore vessels (usually operating in teams of 2 vessels each) utilising towed booms and skimmers to contain and recover the oil. Thus this response option is primarily dependent on the availability of suitable offshore vessels. An additional key, and limiting, dependency is storage for the recovered oil/water volumes.	
<b>Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?</b>	The earliest that on-water containment and recovery could be deployed is within 5 days.	
<b>Selected for further assessment?</b>	No	Yes

**A.1.2.2 Subsea Dispersant Injection**

The feasibility assessment of subsea dispersant Injection is provided in Table A.21.

**Table A.21: Subsea Dispersant Injection Feasibility Assessment**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<b>Suitability/Feasibility -Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b>	Subsea Dispersant injection is not a suitable / feasible response option for this type of	The feasibility of implementing subsea dispersant injection on a high-volume gas/dry condensate release, in relatively

	spill event thus has not been discussed further.	shallow water, and achieving mixing of the dispersant into the hydrocarbon stream is unknown. Additionally, the effectiveness of SSDI in such a release to achieve the desired effect of reducing condensate droplet size and associated hydrocarbons on the water surface, has not been attempted or studied. However, because it may be feasible to physically implement SSDI, it is considered for additional evaluation. (Note - while the application of SSDI may be considered to reduce the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) above the well originating from the condensate to increase worker safety, the very high volume of natural gas released from the well would be expected to negate any marginal decrease in VOCs from the condensate)
<b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b>	N/a	Application of SSDI relies on access to the Subsea First Response Toolkit (SFRT), dispersant stocks and a suitable vessel for deployment. These are accessed via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplementary Agreement with OSRL in respect of the Global Strategic Dispersant Stockpile,</li> <li>• NatPlan, and</li> <li>• AMOSC.</li> </ul> SSDI vessel sourced post-incident using proprietary vessel sourcing software available to BP via OSRL subscription.
<b>Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?</b>	N/a	Based upon the capping and containment plan it is expected that the earliest that SSDI could be implemented is within 10 days of the spill occurring which accounts for the mobilisation of the SFRT and dispersant from Perth (Henderson) to the Ironbark-1 well location (via Dampier) and sourcing of dispersants approved for use through the Global Dispersant Stockpile (GDS) through OSRL, as well as BP’s internal stockpiles.
<b>Selected for further assessment?</b>	No	Yes

**A.1.2.3 Surface Dispersant Application**

The feasibility assessment of surface dispersant application is provided in Table A.22.

**Table A.22: Surface Dispersant Application Feasibility Assessment**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<b>Suitability/Feasibility -Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b>	The purpose of surface application of dispersants is to reduce hydrocarbon expression on the water surface.	The purpose of surface application of dispersants is to reduce hydrocarbon expression on the surface, thereby reducing potential

	<p>Although MDO has a small persistent fraction, it spreads rapidly and forms thin layers on the water surface. In addition to there being insufficient time to mobilise dispersant, and associated personnel and equipment to site while suitable surface thicknesses are present, dispersant application can result in punch-through where dispersant passes into the water column without breaking oil layer down if surface layers are too thin.</p> <p>Application can contribute to water quality degradation through chemical application without removing surface oil.</p> <p>Consequently, this option is not considered suitable for this type of spill event and has not been considered further.</p>	<p>impacts to receptors on the surface and/or shoreline. Given that no shoreline impacts are anticipated, the justification for surface dispersant application is limited.</p> <p>Applying dispersants on the surface at or near a high-volume dry gas condensate release would pose significant health and safety risks to responders, given the proximity to the release and the large quantities of gas present. Additionally, the effectiveness of chemical dispersants on dry gas condensate spills has not been studied. However, aerial dispersants could likely be safely applied to patches of weathered condensate that may be present away from the source, if they were to form, as was demonstrated during the Montara response.</p> <p>Consequently, while this option is generally not considered suitable for this type of spill event, it has been included for further evaluation.</p>
<p><b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b></p>	N/A	<p>Aerial application of dispersants relies on access to aircraft (application and spotter), dispersant stockpiles, and trained crews. These are available through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSRL and AMOSC</li> <li>• Global Dispersant Stockpile</li> <li>• BP-owned dispersant stocks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?</b></p>	N/A	<p>Based on service agreements with OSRL and AMOSC, aerial dispersant application could be available to begin operations within 72 hours of an incident.</p>
<p><b>Selected for further assessment?</b></p>	No	Yes

**A.1.2.4 Controlled In-situ Burning**

The feasibility of controlled in-situ burning is provided in Table A.23.

**Table A.23: Controlled In-situ Burning Feasibility Assessment**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<p><b>Suitability/Feasibility -Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b></p>	<p>Controlled is-situ burning, is considered a feasible response option for persistent hydrocarbons that have a high surface expression.</p> <p>Given MDO has limited persistence and upon release the surface expression is expected to rapidly evaporate and disperse, this option is not considered suitable for this</p>	<p>Controlled is-situ burning, is considered a feasible response option for persistent hydrocarbons that have a high surface expression.</p> <p>Given gas condensate has limited persistence and upon release the surface expression is expected to rapidly evaporate and disperse, this option is not considered suitable for</p>

	type of spill event and hasn't been considered further.	this type of spill event and has not been considered further.
<b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Selected for further assessment?</b>	No	No

**A.1.2.5 Shoreline Booming (used as anchored exclusion, diversion or deflection barriers)**

The feasibility of shoreline booming is provided in Table A.24.

**Table A.24: Shoreline Booming (used as anchored exclusion, diversion or deflection barriers) Feasibility Assessment**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<b>Suitability/Feasibility -Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b>	No shoreline exposure is expected from this spill event given the distance offshore, and the tendency for MDO to evaporate and disperse rapidly via entrainment in the water column. Consequently, this option is not considered suitable for this type of spill event and has not been considered further.	No shoreline exposure above modelled thresholds predicted; consequently, this option is not considered suitable for this type of spill event and has not been considered further.
<b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Selected for further assessment?</b>	No	No

**A.1.2.6 Shoreline Clean-up**

The feasibility of shoreline clean-up is provided in Table A.25.

**Table A.25: Shoreline Clean-up (used as anchored exclusion, diversion or deflection barriers) Feasibility Assessment**

Parameter	Diesel	Gas Condensate
<b>Suitability/Feasibility -Is the response option suitable for the spill scenario / hydrocarbon type?</b>	No shoreline exposure is expected from this spill event given the distance offshore, and the tendency for MDO to evaporate and disperse rapidly via entrainment in the water column. Consequently, this option is not considered suitable for this type of spill event and has not been considered further.	No shoreline exposure above modelled thresholds predicted; consequently, this option is not considered suitable for this type of spill event and has not been considered further.
<b>Dependencies - Does the response option rely on other systems to perform its intended function?</b>	N/A	N/A

Availability – When is the earliest the response option is available to be implemented?	N/A	N/A
Selected for further assessment?	No	No

As no response options are deemed feasible to mitigate a spill of MDO resulting from a vessel collision during BP’s exploration drilling activities, no further assessment has been conducted for this scenario.

**A.2 Outcome Predictions**

The environmental risk assessment conducted for the accidental release of condensate from a loss of well control (described in Section 6 of the EP) was leveraged to understand the potential consequence or impact to resources at risk using the ‘no intervention’ case as a baseline level of impact from these events. This information is summarised in Table A.27.

**A.3 Balancing Trade-Offs**

The next stage of the SIMA assessment process aims to understand if implementing each response option will result in an environmental benefit or cause additional environmental impacts beyond which there is no clear benefit including a response option as part of the planned response strategy.

To complete this, the feasible response options are evaluated, based on the extent to which they mitigate, exacerbate or do not alter the ‘no intervention’ level of impact. The extent to which each response option mitigates the impact is identified using a qualitative range as described by IPIECA (2018) and shown in **Error! Reference source not found..** The outcomes of the assessment are presented in Section A.4.

**Table A. 26: Impact modification factors**

Impact Modification Factors	Description
+3	Major mitigation of impact
+2	Moderate mitigation of impact
+1	Minor mitigation of impact
0	No or insignificant alteration of impact
-1	Minor additional impact
-2	Moderate additional impact
-3	Major additional impact

**Table A.27: Balancing environmental impact trade-offs between ‘no intervention’ case and spill response options**

IRONBARK Spill Impact Mitigation Assessment (SIMA)			Response Options											
			No Intervention		Containment & Recovery		In Situ Burning		Surface Dispersant		Subsurface Dispersant		Shoreline Booming	
			Potential relative impact	Numerical relative impact	Impact modification factors	Relative impact mitigation score	Impact modification factors	Relative impact mitigation score	Impact modification factor	Relative impact mitigation score	Impact modification factor	Relative impact mitigation score	Impact modification factor	Relative impact mitigation score
Resource Compartments		Spatial Scale <sup>a</sup>		A	B <sub>1</sub>	AxB <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	AxB <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	AxB <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>4</sub>	AxB <sub>4</sub>	B <sub>5</sub>	AxB <sub>5</sub>
Seabed		L	Mod	3	0	0	n/a	--	-1	-3	-1	-3	n/a	--
Water Column		R	Low	2	1	2	n/a	--	-2	-4	-2.5	-5	n/a	--
Water Surface		R	Low	2	1	2	n/a	--	1	2	1.5	3	n/a	--
Shoreline		R	None	1	0	0	n/a	--	0	0	0	0	n/a	--
Air	Response Safety	L	High	4	0	0	n/a	--	0.5	2	1	4	n/a	--
High-Value Resources	Heritage Sites	L	Mod	3	0	0	n/a	--	-1	-3	-1	-3	n/a	--
Socio-economic	Commercial Fisheries, tourism, marine parks	R (econ) L (ecol)	Mod	3	1	3	n/a	--	-2	-6	-2	-6	n/a	--

**A.4 Select best response options /develop response strategy**

Based on the outcomes of the SIMA presented in Table A.27, SSDI was not considered a viable response option. Additionally, given their potential marginal effectiveness and application, on water containment and recovery, and surface dispersant application are considered only as secondary response options, where they may be used on patches of waxy residue that may form that threaten sensitive receptors.

Therefore, the overall oil spill response strategy for a LOWC event would include the following response options:

**Primary Oil Spill Response Options**

- Monitoring, evaluation and surveillance
- Oiled wildlife response
- Monitoring Sampling program (as per OSMP)
- Waste management.

**Secondary Oil Spill Response Options**

Containment and recovery and application of surface dispersants are carried forward as secondary response options, due to the uncertainty of effectiveness of these response options on spilled condensate (due to the exploratory nature of the drilling activities, some uncertainty associated with

properties and behaviour of targeted hydrocarbons remain) at the planning stage of the SIMA. These will be further evaluated during operational SIMAs to be conducted in the event of a spill.

***Source Control Options***

In addition to oil spill response options, source control options, including ROV emergency BOP intervention, capping stack and containment, and drilling of a relief well, would all be initiated concurrently with spill response options.

## **Appendix E**

# **Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan**



# **BP IRONBARK Exploration Drilling**

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AMOSC	Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre
AMP	Australian Marine Park
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
BACI	Before/After and Control/Impact
BP	BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd
BTEX	benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene
CoC	Chain of Custody
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DoEE	Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
EEZ	Economic Exclusion Zone
EMBA	Environment that May Be Affected
EP	Environment Plan
EPOs	Environmental Performance Outcomes
ESC	Western Australian Environment and Science Coordinator
EUL	IMT Environmental Unit Leader
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
IC	Incident Commander
IMT	Incident Management Team
JSA	Job Safety Analysis
LOWC	Loss of Well Control
MAH	Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
MDO	Marine Diesel Oil
MGO	Marine Gas Oil
MNES	matters of National Environmental Significance
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
OMs	Operational Monitoring Studies
OPEP	Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
OPGGs(E)R	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009
OSMP	Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan
OSRL	Oil Spill Response Limited
PAH	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PI	Principal Investigator
PSC	IMT Planning Section Chief
SAPs	Sampling and Analysis Plans
SIP	Study Implementation Plan
SMSs	Scientific Monitoring Studies
TL	Technical Lead
WA DoT	Western Australian Department of Transport

## 1 Introduction

This Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan (OSMP) has been prepared to support BP's Ironbark Exploration Drilling Program in WA-359-P and satisfy the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (OPGGG(E)R) requirements for OSMP readiness prior to a hydrocarbon release.

This OSMP is a key component of the environmental management document framework for offshore petroleum activities, which also includes BP's Ironbark Exploration Drilling Environment Plan (EP; AU601-HS-PLN-600-00001) and Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP; AU601-HS-PLN-600-00002).

This OSMP consolidates BP's monitoring response to all Level 2 and Level 3 hydrocarbon spill events associated with the Ironbark drilling activities, as defined under the Commonwealth National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies (NatPlan) (Section 1.3 of the OPEP).

### 1.1 Objectives

The objectives of this OSMP are:

- Provide a clear, easy to use framework for monitoring following a Level 2 or Level 3 hydrocarbon spill to the marine environment;
- Outline the monitoring required to inform, plan and execute the spill response to reduce environmental harm (Operational monitoring);
- Outline the monitoring required to assess any short-term and long-term impacts to the marine and coastal environments, their subsequent recovery and inform any remediation activities required (Scientific monitoring);
- Provide the strategy for each of the monitoring studies which include an overview of the monitoring performance objectives, monitoring standards and their measurement criteria; and
- Provide the framework for the BP Incident Management Team (IMT) to develop specific Implementation Plans for each of the monitoring studies prior to the drilling activities commencing.

This OSMP demonstrates BP's commitment to achieve monitoring 'readiness' with OSMP arrangements already in place in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 spill event occurring as a result from the Ironbark drilling activities.

### 1.2 Response Action Plan Overview

Titleholders must demonstrate that they have adequate capability to conduct the identified monitoring activities and make informed decisions regarding their implementation. This OSMP has been developed to meet the requirements of Regulation 14 of the OPGGG(E)R.

Table 1.1 provides guidance on the OSMP requirements of the OPGGG(E)R, and reference to the relevant section of this document which addresses that requirement.

This OSMP incorporates regulatory guidance from the following documents:

- Guidance Note – Oil pollution risk management (NOPSEMA 2018),
- Information Paper – Operational and scientific monitoring programs (NOPSEMA 2016).

**Table 1.1: OPGG (E) Regulations Relevant to OSMP**

Regulation	Relevant section in this OSMP
<b>OPGGS (E) R</b>	
Part 2, Division 2.3, Regulation 14 (5) The implementation strategy must include measures to ensure that each employee or contractor working on, or in connection with, the activity is aware of his or her responsibilities in relation to the environment plan, including during emergencies or potential emergencies, and has the appropriate competencies and training.	Section 2.3.1 and Section 3
Part 2, Division 2.3, Regulation 14 (8AA) The oil pollution emergency plan must include adequate arrangements for responding to and monitoring oil pollution, including the following: (a) the control measures necessary for timely response to an emergency that results or may result in oil pollution; (b) the arrangements and capability that will be in place, for the duration of the activity, to ensure timely implementation of the control measures, including arrangements for ongoing maintenance of response capability; (c) the arrangements and capability that will be in place for monitoring the effectiveness of the control measures and ensuring that the environmental performance standards for the control measures are met; the arrangements and capability in place for monitoring oil pollution to inform response activities.	Section 3.2 and Section 3.3
Part 2, Division 2.3, Regulation 14 (8D) The implementation strategy must provide for monitoring of impacts to the environment from oil pollution and response activities that: (a) is appropriate to the nature and scale of the risk of environmental impacts for the activity; and (b) is sufficient to inform any remediation activities.	Section 2.2.4

**1.3 Scope**

BP’s exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P are described in the BP Ironbark Exploration Drilling Program Environment Plan (EP). Based on the activities described in the EP, BP have identified accidental release scenarios that could credibly occur during the undertaking of exploration drilling activities in WA-359-P. These are described in Section 6 of the EP. The two worst case scenarios have the potential to result in a spill of hydrocarbons to the marine environment which could require activation of the OSMP:

- A vessel loss of containment resulting from a release of Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) to the surface.
- A total loss of well control (well blowout) resulting in a subsea release of hydrocarbon gas and gas condensate.

Table 1.2 summarises the details of those scenarios which have informed the preparation of this OSMP.

**Table 1.2: Credible Spill Scenarios for OSMP Implementation**

Spill Scenario Parameter	Details
Release location	Ironbark-1 Exploration Well
Coordinates (WGS94)	Long: 116° 04' 35.80 (E); Lat: 19° 09' 34.01" (S)
<b>Scenario 1 – Surface MDO release resulting from vessel loss of containment</b>	
Oil type	Marine Diesel Oil (MDO)
Release depth	Surface
Total volume released	250 m3
Assumed release duration	6 hours

Spill Scenario Parameter	Details
Applicable Spill Response Levels	1, 2
Scenario 2 – Subsea condensate release resulting from a total loss of well control	
Oil type	Gas condensate (Goodwyn analogue)
Release depth	Subsea (approx. 300 m deep)
Total volume of condensate released	9.016 MMstb
Initial flow rate	91,793 bbl/day (condensate) 11,504 bbl/day (water) 1,541 MMscf/day (gas)
Assumed release duration	103 days
Applicable Spill Response Levels *	2, 3

\* refer to OPEP

This OSMP is relevant to the activity types, hydrocarbon types and geographical extent applicable to the potential hydrocarbon spills identified for the Ironbark exploration drilling program.

### 1.3.1 Activity Types

Activity types relevant to the Ironbark Exploration Drilling activity and regulated under the OPGGS(E)R includes, but is not limited to:

- Exploration drilling activities, and
- Support operations.

### 1.3.2 Hydrocarbon Types and States

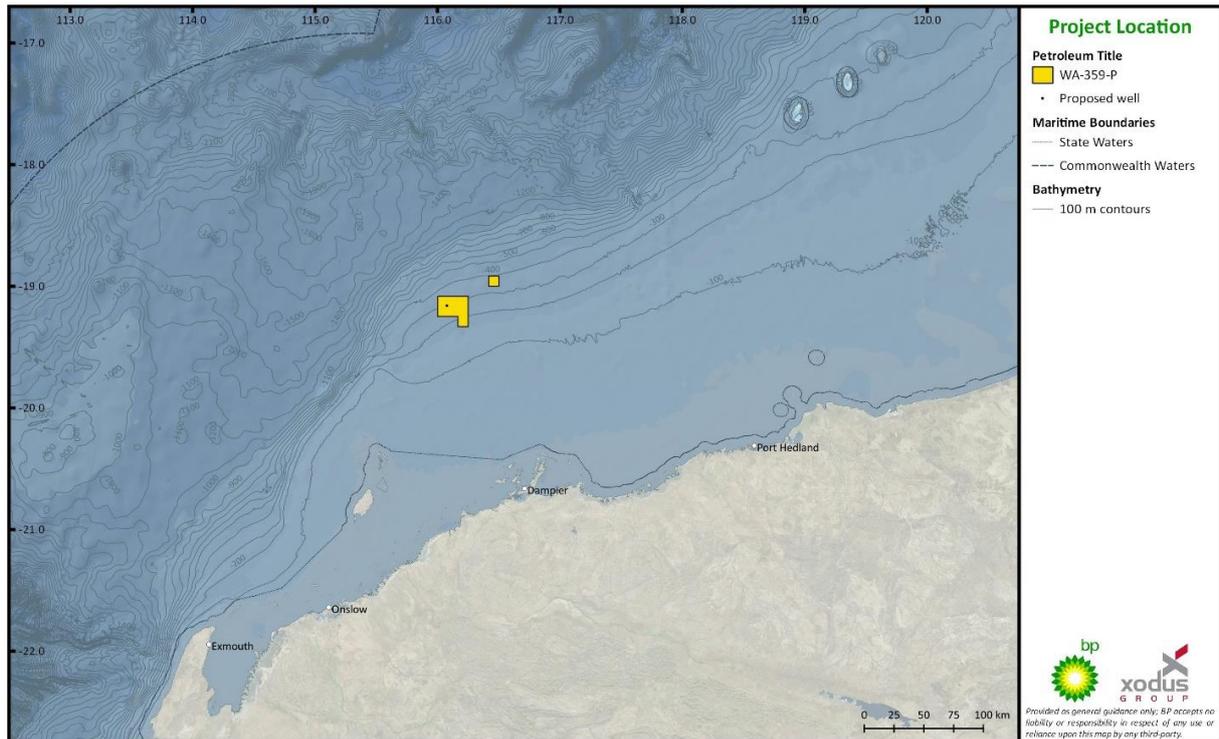
The hydrocarbon type within the Ironbark prospect is anticipated to be gas/condensate. As BP is conducting exploration drilling, Goodwyn 10 PVT has been selected as a suitable analogue given its proximity to the Ironbark prospect and proposed well location (refer to Section 2.2.1 of the Ironbark Exploration Drilling EP). Drilling related vessels would typically use marine diesel oil (MDO) or marine gas oil (MGO).

This OSMP is therefore applicable to:

- Condensate, in both its fresh and weathered hydrocarbon state
- MDO/MGO, in both its fresh and weathered hydrocarbon state
- Surface, entrained and dissolved fractions of these two hydrocarbons following release.

### 1.3.3 Geographical Extent

This OSMP is relevant and applicable to all Commonwealth and State marine and coastal areas that are potentially at risk of exposure to hydrocarbons in the event of a spill resulting from the Ironbark exploration drilling program. The Project location is shown in Figure 1.1, and its environmental context detailed in Section 3 of the EP.



**Figure 1.1: Project Location**

The spatial boundaries of an individual monitoring study will depend primarily on the actual or potential area affected by the spill. Spatial boundaries will be sufficient to meet monitoring objectives, usually by determining impacted and non-impacted areas and the level of effects, linking effects to the spill source, and supporting decisions on clean-up strategies. The spatial extent of a monitoring study (either operational or scientific) would only be finalised once a spill event has occurred.

The environment that may be affected (EMBA) presented in the EP (Section 3.2) has been determined based upon the outcomes of predictive stochastic modelling, also described in the EP (Section 6.3.5). This provides an indication of all of the potential sensitivities that could be impacted by a potential spill. The location of the planned well, nature of the hydrocarbons associated with BP’s drilling activities, and the outcomes of stochastic modelling have informed the development of this OSMP. In particular, no shoreline exposure is expected, so the OSMP is focused only on monitoring of open water areas of surface, entrained and dissolved exposures.

**1.4 Types of Monitoring**

Oil spill monitoring has been divided into two types (operational and scientific) which are undertaken for two distinct, but closely related, purposes (NOPSEMA 2016).

- **Operational monitoring studies (OMSs)** during the spill response will support planning and operations through informing the IMT of the spill behaviour (e.g. oil spill trajectory modelling, distribution in the water column, receptors that are impacted or at risk) and to track the effectiveness of the response measures (e.g. deployment of fit-for-purpose instrumentation to document the efficacy of response measures within the IMT);
- **Scientific monitoring studies (SMSs)** will be used to characterise the short- (impact) and long- (recovery) term environmental effects from a spill incident. Scientific monitoring will also be used to assess if oil spill response measures have been effective in providing the best Net Environmental Benefit through protection and/or mitigation of the impact of the spill on environmental sensitivities under threat or further impacted these sensitivities.

## 1.5 Structure of OSMP

This OSMP has been designed to provide:

- Monitoring coordination by the IMT Planning Section Chief and BP's Environment Unit Leader (or delegates);
- Ease of OSMP implementation by team members with details of thoroughness of required information to carry out each study;
- Certainty in the outputs / information / data from the monitoring studies to inform response planning and strategies; and
- A clear and auditable monitoring plan for BP and relevant regulatory agencies.

This OSMP is structured in the following manner:

- Section 1: Introduction;
- Section 2: OSMP Implementation Framework and Strategy;
- Section 3: Monitoring Strategies; and
- Section 4: References.

## 2 OSMP Implementation Framework and Strategy

### 2.1 OSMP Framework

In the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 hydrocarbon spill during BP's drilling activities, operational monitoring studies (OMSs) will be implemented to inform spill response and quantify the extent of the spill impact. In addition, Scientific Monitoring Studies (SMSs) will be implemented to evaluate the potential environmental impacts to the marine environment (SMSs).

OMSs and SMSs are developed based on:

- The values and sensitivities of receptors within the EMBA and hydrocarbon exposure area described in the EP (Section 3.3).
- The potential impacts and risks of MDO, gas and condensate spills, which have been assessed in the EP (Section 6.3);
- The assessment of spill response options and selection of an overall spill response strategy as described in the OPEP (Section 6.4).

This OSMP includes:

- Monitoring strategies for OMSs and SMSs. The strategies provide details on the monitoring performance outcomes, monitoring standards, measurement criteria, initiation triggers, and termination criteria.
- Monitoring implementation plan content list to define the operational document to execute activated OMSs and SMSs in the event of a spill incident.
- Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs) to detail the technical aspects of each of the monitoring studies such as field methodology, data analysis and reporting.

### 2.2 Monitoring Management and Information Pathways

#### 2.2.1 Geographical Extent

The OSMP has primarily been developed to achieve operational monitoring 'readiness' in the event of an unplanned Level 2 or Level 3 spill from the Ironbark Exploration Drilling activity.

In the unlikely event of a Level 2 or Level 3 incident, BP will immediately initiate OMSs and SMSs according to the relevant monitoring strategy initiation criteria and sensitivities affected or with potential to be affected by an actual spill event.

Responsibilities for managing implementation of the OSMP and delivery of the information required within the context of a coordinated spill response required for a Level 2 or Level 3 spill incident will lie within the Environmental Unit (EU) of the IMT. All information will be gathered and analysed by the EU and then shared using the Incident Command System (ICS) structure.

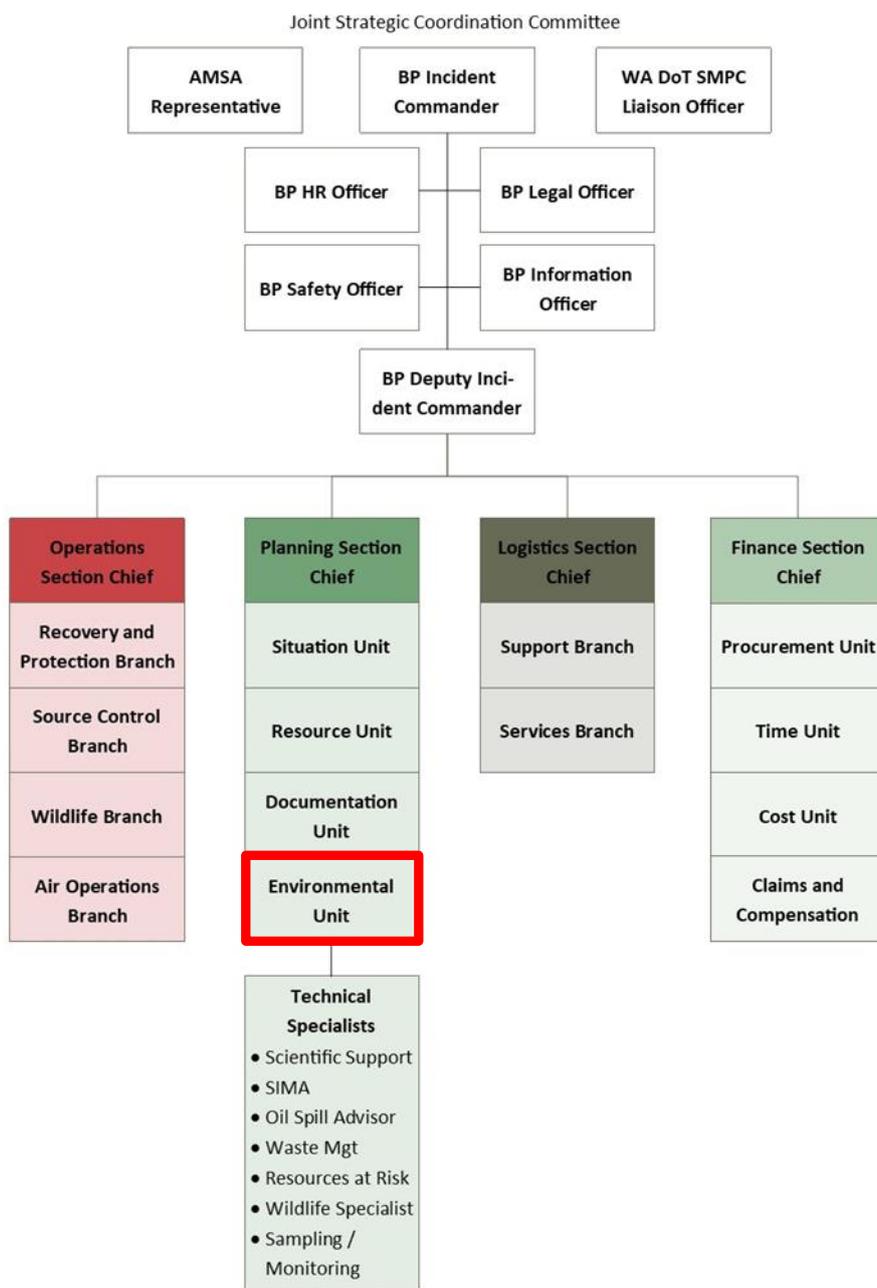


Figure 2.1: Incident Command System Structure

2.2.2 Information Pathways – Operational Monitoring

Operational monitoring information will be used by the BP Incident Management Team (IMT), where BP is the Control Agency for petroleum activity-related spills in Commonwealth waters, to inform operational response activities.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), the Control Agency for vessel-based spills in Commonwealth waters, is responsible for operational monitoring to inform response activities, however BP will assist with monitoring wherever possible. All data generated from OMSs will also be directed to the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC), AMSA and the Western Australian Department of Transport (WA DoT) to assist in operational response planning and effectiveness evaluation (Section 5 of the OPEP).

Information collected from scientific monitoring will be directed to the relevant Commonwealth and State environmental authorities as it becomes available.

### 2.2.3 Information Pathways – Scientific Monitoring

BP will consult with relevant Commonwealth and Western Australian State authorities prior to the implementation of SMSs to ensure that the approved scientific monitoring program is undertaken in consultation with the appropriate Commonwealth and Western Australian authorities. These authorities will include the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DotEE) for matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), and for Western Australia, WA DoT who will coordinate the whole of government advice, through the nominated Environmental Science Coordinator. These authorities will be consulted on the focus, scope and duration of the program in Commonwealth and State waters respectively.

BP will notify these authorities on the relevant spill ‘level’ event and provide operational data to these authorities. BP will consult with these authorities on the content of the scientific studies (e.g. baseline, location of reference and control sites, study method) and obtain feedback which will be incorporated into the scientific study design to ensure scientific monitoring is to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth and State authorities. From this, the study implementation plans (SIPs) (refer to Section framework is provided in this OSMP) may be modified based upon this feedback.

### 2.2.4 List of Monitoring Studies

OMSs and SMSs to be implemented in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 spill during drilling activities are detailed in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1: OSMP Studies**

Study ID	Study Name	OSMP Section	Responsibilities
<b>Operational Monitoring Studies</b>			
OMS1	Operational Forecast Modelling	Section 3.2.1	IMT Planning Section Chief via Trajectory Modelling
OMS2	Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking	Section 3.2.2	IMT Planning Section Chief via Surveillance Group
OMS3	Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment	Section 3.2.3	IMT Planning Section Chief via the Assessment of Spill Group under Situation Unit
OMS4	Dispersant Efficacy Assessment	Section 3.2.4	IMT Planning Section Chief via the Monitoring Group
<b>Scientific Monitoring Studies</b>			
SMS1	Ecotoxicology Assessment of Hydrocarbons	Section 3.3.1	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS2	Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters	Section 3.3.2	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS3	Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments	Section 3.3.3	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS4	Inter-tidal & Sub-tidal Habitat Monitoring	Section 3.3.4	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS5	Seabird Population Monitoring	Section 3.3.5	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS6	Marine Megafauna Surveys	Section 3.3.6	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS7	Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Representative	Section 3.3.7	IMT Environmental Unit Leader

Study ID	Study Name	OSMP Section	Responsibilities
	Commercial and Recreational Fish Species		via Technical Specialists
SMS8	Hindcast Modelling for Impact Assessment	Section 3.3.8	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists
SMS9	Socio-Economic Surveys	Section 3.3.9	IMT Environmental Unit Leader via Technical Specialists

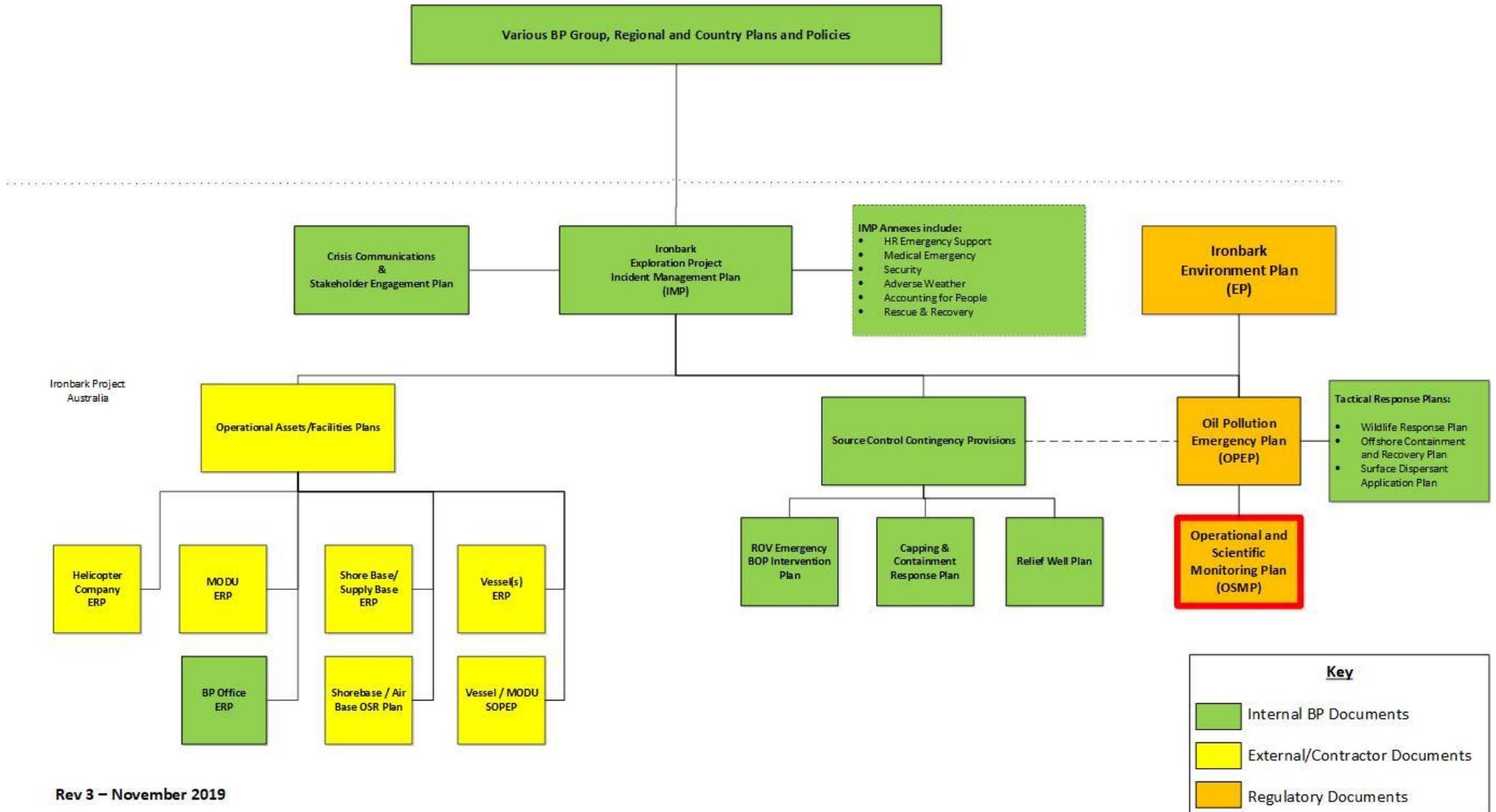
**2.2.5 Linkages between Environmental Sensitivities, OPEP Response Options and OSMP Studies**

The linkage between the environmental sensitivities, the OPEP response options and OSMs and SMSs defined in the OSMP (Section 2.2.5) are summarised in Table 2.2 and shown in Figure 2.2.

To ensure logical and robust linkage between the EP, OPEP and OSMP, the development of monitoring performance outcomes for the OSMP is based on:

- the relevant monitoring Environmental Performance Outcomes (EPOs) of the EP;
- meeting spill response planning and management objectives as detailed in the OPEP; and
- the verification of the impact assessment, in particular severity of the impact and recovery for environmental sensitivities, and effectiveness of mitigation measures identified in the EP and OPEP with regards to spill response options.

Hence, this OSMP monitoring performance outcomes provide explicit linkages as to why the monitoring studies are required for the OPEP (i.e. operational environmental information for response planning and management) and EP (i.e. scientific study to monitor impact to and recovery of environmental sensitivities).



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Figure 2.2: A graphical representation of the relationship between all emergency plans and documents

**Table 2.2: Environmental Sensitivities which may be monitored as part of the OSMP in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 Hydrocarbon Spill**

Resource Compartment / Receptor Group	Relevant Response Options						Relevant Study ID
	Monitoring Evaluation and Surveillance (primary)	Oiled Wildlife Response (primary)	Waste Management (primary)	Containment & Recovery (secondary)	Surface Dispersant Application (secondary)	Source Control	
<b>Seabed</b>							
Benthic Habitats and Communities	☐				☐		OMS3, OMS4, SMS3, SMS4
<b>Water Column</b>							
Marine Fauna	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐	OMS3, OMS4, SMS1, SMS2, SMS3, SMS4, SMS5, SMS6, SMS7
<b>Water Surface</b>							
Marine Fauna	☐	☐		☐	☐	☐	OMS3, OMS4, SMS1, SMS2, SMS3, SMS4, SMS5, SMS6, SMS7
<b>Shoreline</b> <i>No shorelines exposed.</i>							
High Values Resources (Heritage)					☐		SMS9
Heritage Places					☐		SMS2, SMS3, SMS9
<b>Socio-economic</b>							
Australian Marine Parks (AMPs)	☐				☐		OMS2, OMS4, SMS2, SMS3
State Protected Areas					☐		OMS2, OMS4, SMS2, SMS3
Fisheries	☐			☐	☐	☐	OMS2, OMS4, SMS7, SMS9
Tourism	☐		☐		☐		OMS2, OMS4, SMS9
Defence	☐			☐			OMS2, SMS9

**2.2.6 Monitoring Strategy Template**

This section describes the generic format and content of a monitoring (field) study strategy.

Each monitoring strategy outlines the process for implementation of a field study and specifically addresses the following key questions:

- Why? – through the selection of monitoring performance outcome(s).
- What? – through the identification of monitoring performance standard(s).
- Who? When? How? Where? – through the identification of measurement criteria and other components of the strategy. The technical details of the when (e.g., monitoring frequency), the how (e.g., sampling and analysis methodology and logistics) and the where (e.g., locations of sites) are provided in the implementation

plans for each monitoring study.

Each monitoring study’s strategy has been structured in a consistent manner to facilitate familiarity and ease of reference using table format as described in Table 2.3.

**Table 2.3: Structure of Operational and Scientific Monitoring Strategies**

Strategy Component	Description
Monitoring Performance Outcome	‘Monitoring’ goal(s) from the implementation of the monitoring program.
Monitoring Performance Standard	Performance(s) required of the monitoring study elements (systems, equipment, personnel and/or procedures) that are used as the basis to manage achievement of the monitoring performance outcome.
Measurement Criteria	Criteria to assess whether the monitoring performance standards for the monitoring study have been achieved. Criteria are auditable.
Initiation Trigger	Criteria to initiate the monitoring study.
Termination Trigger	Criteria to terminate the monitoring study.
Study Implementation Plan	Reference to OSMP implementation plan for a particular study.
Competencies	Competency criteria for roles on the monitoring study team.
Reporting	Outputs (e.g. reports) of the findings of study for dissemination to relevant and approved parties.
Review and Auditing	Internal (reviews) and external (audit) overview.
Responsibilities	Responsibilities for different elements of each monitoring study.
Relevant References and Guidelines	Guidelines and high-level references to implement the strategy.

**2.2.7 Study Implementation Plan Template**

SIPs will be developed by BP prior to commencement of the activity for each study in accordance with the measurement criteria of the strategy. SIPs will include, at a minimum, the following elements:

- Introduction.
- Project Management.
- Baseline Data Establishment (studies SMS2-SMS7 only).
- Sampling and Analysis Methodology (or Modelling Methodology).
  - o Activation triggers and termination criteria of OSMP studies.
  - o Implementation:
    - Roles and responsibilities,
    - Lines of communication,
    - Summary of studies,
    - Implementation phases,
    - Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) requirements,
    - Survey logistics,

- Data management,
- Technical reporting,
- Internal review, external audit and testing,
- Maintenance and review.
- o Resources:
  - Field logistics, mobilisation and demobilisation details,
  - Organisations and competent personnel,
  - Plant
  - Analytical laboratory,
  - Monitoring equipment.
- o Scientific monitoring considerations:
  - Sites during reactive baseline surveys,
  - Additional sites,
  - Impact assessment approach.
- Reporting and Communications.
- Quality Assurance/Control procedures.
- Internal Reviews and External Audits: Compliance Schedule and Reporting.
- HSE management details.

The SIPs will be finalised and agreed with BP and relevant stakeholders prior to the activity.

## 2.3 OSMP Implementation

### 2.3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

In the event of a spill incident resulting from a vessel collision, AMSA, as the Control Agency, will be responsible for the implementation of operational monitoring.

In the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 spill incident from a loss of well control, BP is responsible for the implementation and adherence to this OSMP. **Error! Not a valid bookmark self-reference.** Table 2.4 identifies primary responsibilities associated with OSMP key roles. Each strategy in Section 3 provides more specificity of responsibilities for a particular monitoring program.

**Table 2.4: Generic Roles and Responsibilities for this OSMP in the event**

Position	Responsibilities
Incident Commander (IC) (or delegate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall responsibility for implementation of this OSMP.</li> </ul>
IMT Planning Section Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface between IC and IMT Environmental Unit Leader.</li> <li>Responsibility for provision of spill characteristics and response measures needed for the implementation of this OSMP.</li> <li>Ensures field response is informed by operational monitoring via OSC.</li> <li>Initiate operational and scientific monitoring modules as required.</li> <li>Termination of operational and scientific monitoring modules as required.</li> </ul>
IMT Environmental Unit Leader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of reports and plans for operational and scientific monitoring.</li> <li>Day-to-day coordination and review of scientific monitoring programs.</li> <li>Provide advice to IMT Planning Section Chief on initiation / termination criteria.</li> <li>Termination of scientific monitoring modules as required (where IMT Planning Section Chief is no longer in place).</li> <li>Oversee external audits.</li> <li>Compliance interface with regulator(s)</li> </ul>
Technical Specialist/Principal Investigators (PIs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of implementation plans.</li> <li>Responsible for implementation of a particular OSMP study.</li> <li>Review and/or carry out study's monitoring reporting requirements.</li> <li>Provides advice with respect to environmental issues as required.</li> <li>Implement this OSMP.</li> <li>Compliance with the requirements of this OSMP.</li> </ul>

### 2.3.2 OSMP Phased Approach

Development and implementation of the OSMP is as detailed in Table 2.5.

**Table 2.5: Generic Roles and Responsibilities for this OSMP**

Time Period	Activity	Purpose	Output
<b>Approval</b>			
<b>Upon regulatory acceptance of the Environment Plan and prior to activity commencement.</b>	Implementation plans prepared and available to support OSMP.	Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies defined.	OSMP and SIPs.
	Ensure availability of human resources, logistics and scientific equipment to implement OSMP if required.	‘Readiness’ for initiation of OSMP field activities if required.	Resources under existing agreements (people, equipment, plant), and confirmation that competent persons (PIs) are available for OSMP responsibilities.
<b>Readiness</b>			
<b>Capacity available and enhanced if and where required.</b>	Pool of resources for monitoring team identified and provided with a contract call-off.	‘Readiness’ for a timely response upon notification of OSMP mobilisation.	Timely mobilisation of environmental monitoring teams in event of a Level 2 or Level 3 hydrocarbon release.
<b>Monitoring</b>			
<b>Post-spill, pre-exposure (OMS and SMS– as triggered)</b>	Mobilisation of monitoring team and implementation of OSMP (OMS and SMS – as triggered).	Operational monitoring studies (OMSs) to inform response planning and management of a hydrocarbon spill.	Data, notifications, and reports to inform response team to inform response planning and management (OMS).
		Collection of reactive baseline data in scientific monitoring studies (SMS – as triggered).	Condition of environmental values established at start of hydrocarbon spill prior to hydrocarbon exposure (SMS – as triggered).
<b>Post-exposure (OMS and SMS– as triggered)</b>	Continued implementation of OSMP (OMS and SMS – as triggered).	OMSs to inform response planning and management of hydrocarbon spill and scientific monitoring studies to monitor impact to environmental sensitivities.	Data, notifications, and reports to inform response planning and management (OMS) and to monitor impact to environmental sensitivities (SMS – as triggered).
	Collate and assess existing baseline data for environmental sensitivities (SMS – as triggered).	Acquisition of existing data to establish baseline condition of environmental sensitivities and identify gaps in baseline data to be acquired for scientific monitoring (SMS – as triggered).	Database of available baseline data established, plan for acquisition of baseline data gaps formulated (SMS – as triggered).
	Cease operational (OMS) monitoring when termination criteria met.	Cessation of response planning and management because environmental sensitivities no longer at risk from additional hydrocarbon impacts.	Data/information collated to date for both OMS and SMS to inform SMS Hind-cast modelling.
<b>Long-Term Monitoring (SMS)</b>	Continued implementation of OSMP SMS only.	Scientific monitoring studies to monitor impact/recovery to environmental sensitivities.	Data and reports to monitor impact / recovery to environmental sensitivities (SMS).
	Cease scientific (SMS) monitoring when	Cessation of monitoring because environmental	Final Reports.

Time Period	Activity	Purpose	Output
	termination criteria are met.	sensitivities completely / sufficiently recovered from hydrocarbon impacts.	

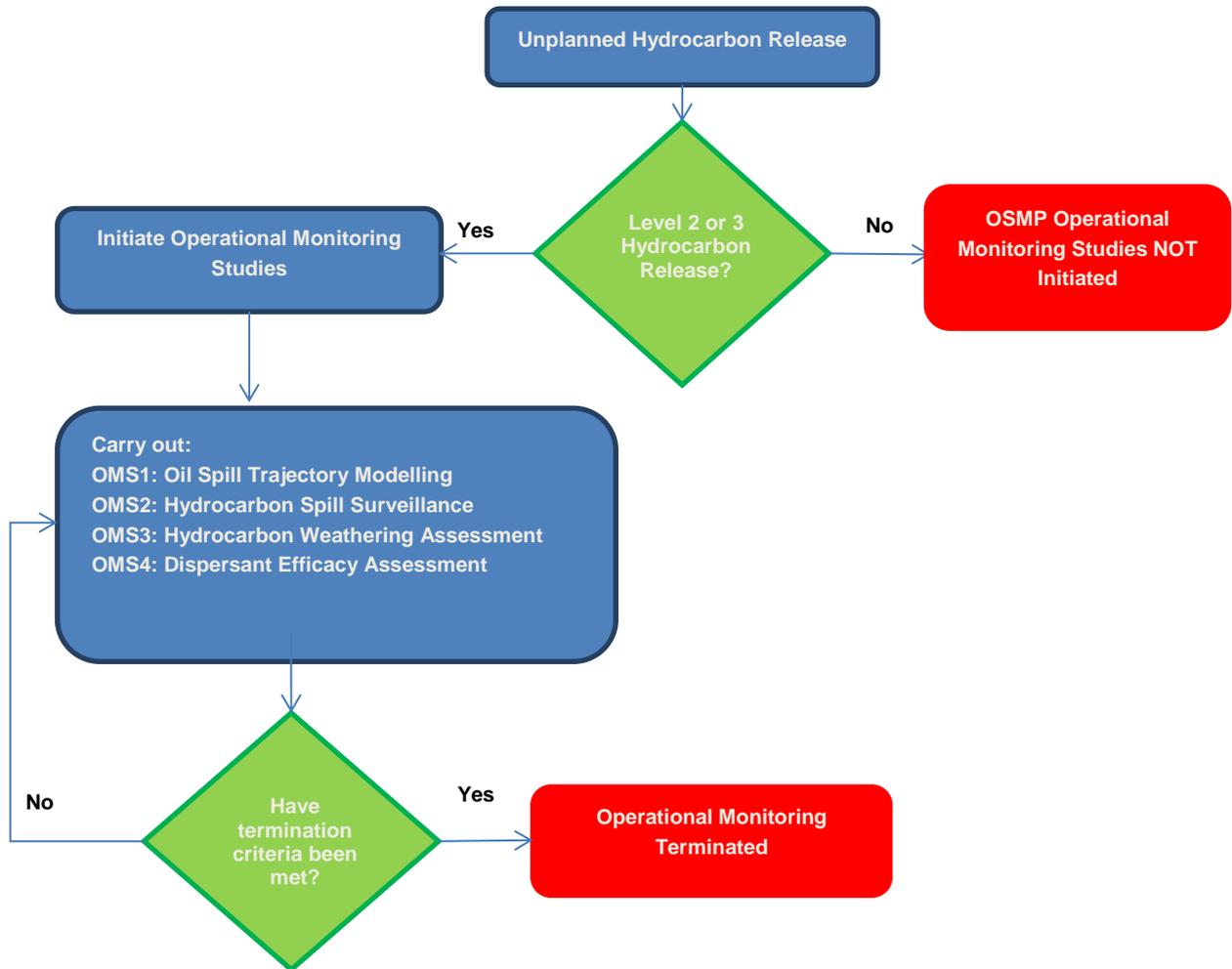


Figure 2.3: Decision Tree for the Overall Implementation of the Operational Monitoring Program

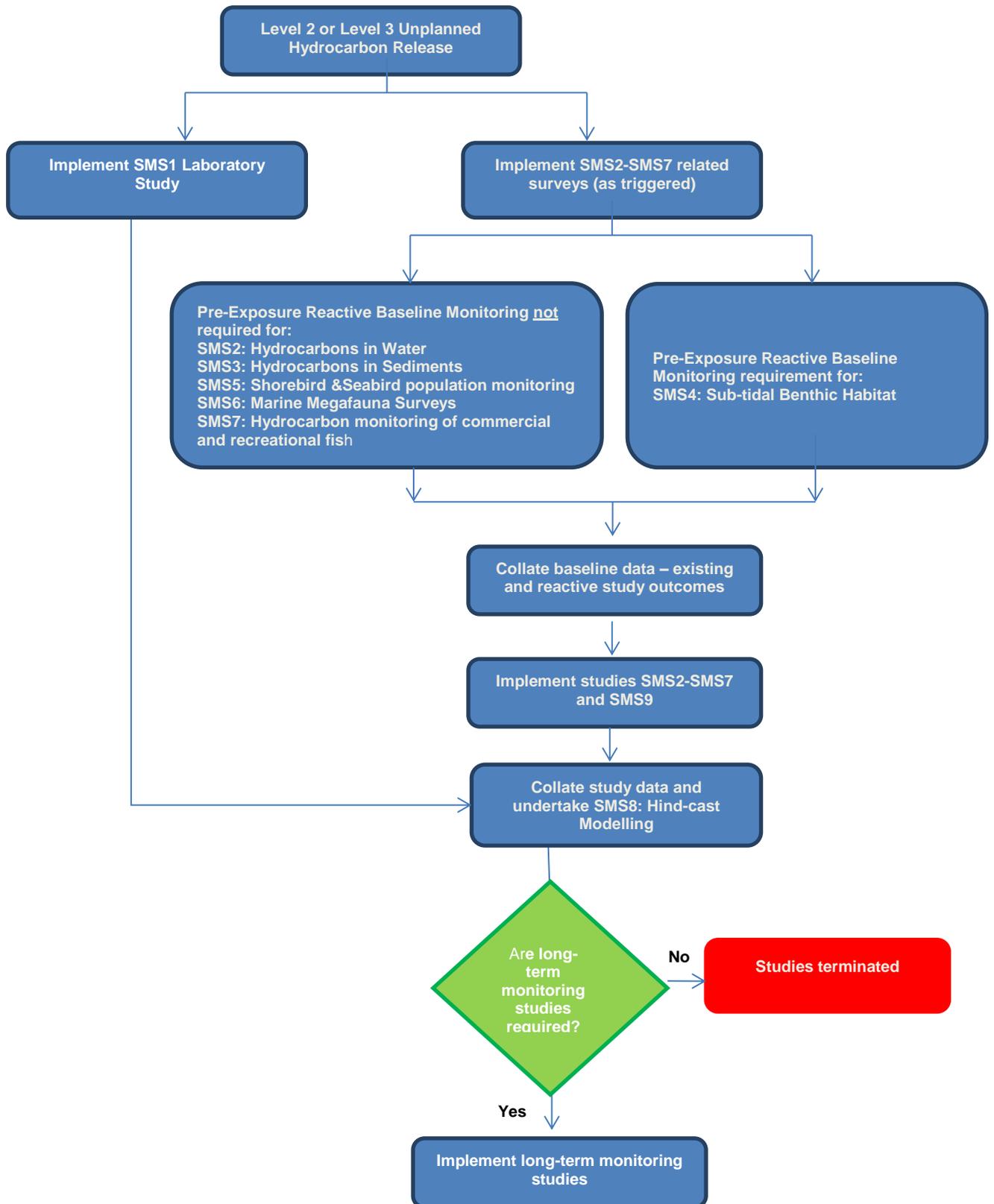


Figure 2.4: Decision Tree for the Overall Implementation of Scientific Monitoring Program

### 2.3.3 Reporting

The reporting requirements for the OSMP are detailed in each monitoring study's strategy (Section 3).

For the scientific monitoring studies, the appropriate regulator will be provided with:

- Annual reports that summarise all of the on-going (or recently terminated) monitoring studies; and
- Final reports for each monitoring study.

Where required and agreed, the appropriate regulator can request other reports from the IMT Environmental Unit Leader (or delegate) and can also confirm adherence to the reporting schedule and contents (defined in the strategies and implementation plans) through the auditing mechanism which is described in Section 2.7.2 below.

### 2.3.4 Internal Review and External Auditing

Across the suite of OSMP studies, the adopted internal review and auditing approach during an incident response comprises the following framework:

- Each study's implementation plan will define a monitoring compliance audit schedule on the basis of the commitments, including termination criteria, in the study's strategy (refer Section 3) and more detailed commitments defined in each study's implementation plan.
- Internal review by the IMT Environmental Unit Leader regarding the conformance to the OSMP's audit schedule elements will be carried out routinely (one month for OMSs, three months for SMSs). Any non-conformances will need to be rectified by the PI within two weeks of the internal review. All internal reviews will be recorded and archived on compliance pro-forma reports in each study's implementation plan.
- External audits by the relevant regulator(s) of completed compliance reports and other OSMP commitments may be carried out at any time.

### 2.3.5 OSMP Review and Revisions

Regulation 19 of the OPGGS(E)R provides for the revision of this OSMP framework at least 14 days before the end of the period of five years from the most recent approval of any associated EP.

The OSMP (and supporting IPs) are also subject to review, and revised if necessary, on an annual basis to incorporate the following:

- Significant change in the hydrocarbon spills risks associated with Ironbark Exploration Drilling activities;
- Significant environmentally relevant changes (e.g. changes to relevant legislation, stakeholder information, MNES, State/Commonwealth management plans, or availability of new literature);
- Findings from internal or external audits or exercises;
- Lessons learned following any actual spill event.

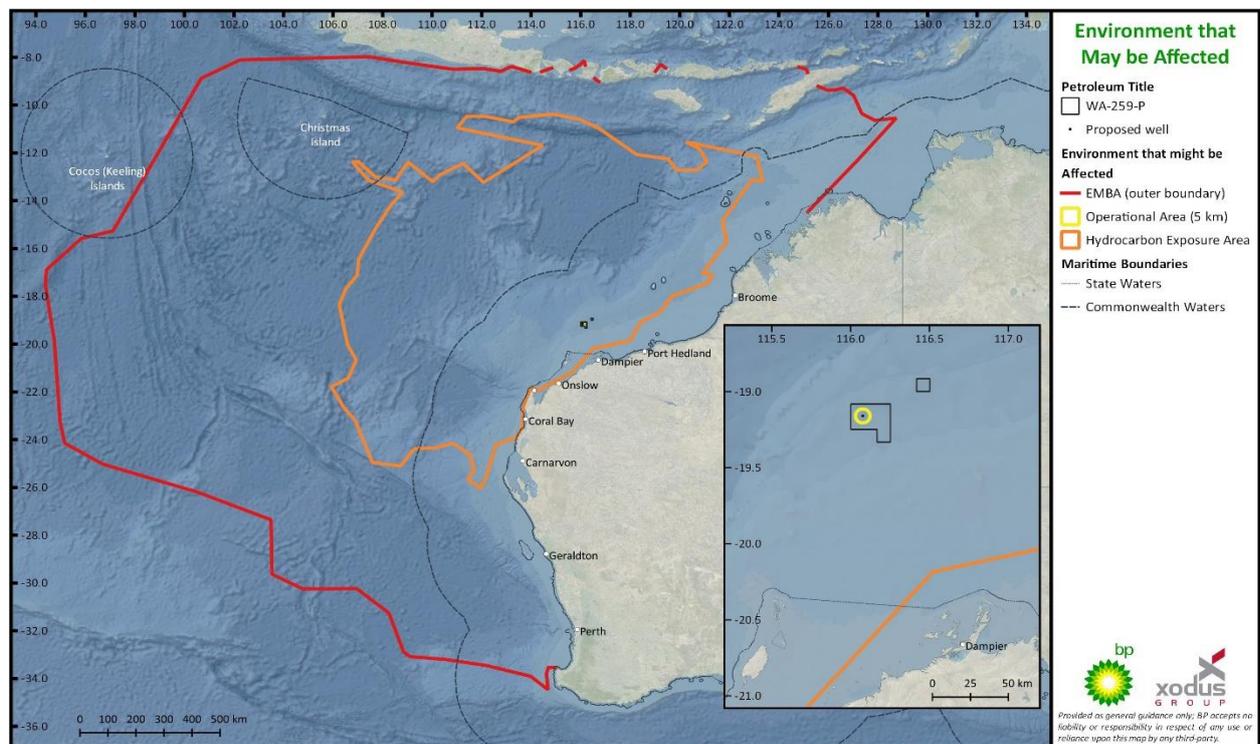
Review records will be captured in BP’s document management system. Subsequent revisions to the OSMP or implementation plans will be actioned and closed-out as soon as practicable following the review.

## 2.4 Scientific Monitoring Elements

### 2.4.1 Establishment of Baseline Dataset

BP has prepared a Description of the Environment (Section 3 of the EP), identifying and describing ecological and social receptors that may be present in the environment that may be affected (EMBA). This section is the primary source of publicly available information used to describe the environment within BP’s Ironbark Exploration Drilling EP.

Specifically, modelling indicates that hydrocarbon exposures above impact thresholds (hydrocarbon exposure area) from a loss of well control (LOWC) hydrocarbon spill event have the potential to occur within the North-west Marine Region, South-west Marine Region (DEWHA 2008), outside the Australian EEZ and the south-east edge of the EEZ surrounding Christmas Island Territory (Figure 2.5).



**Figure 2.5: Extents of EMBA and Hydrocarbon Exposure Area**

While this baseline description of the environment provides useful information on the environmental values in the region, it is insufficient to serve as a robust baseline dataset for a scientifically-based impact and recovery assessment in the event of a hydrocarbon spill. The primary data gaps for the scientific monitoring studies are likely to be:

- Methodology differences between various monitoring studies (e.g., field methods and data analysis techniques).
- Spatial and temporal coverage of data (e.g., sensitive locations not monitored, temporal gaps at sensitive locations).

Furthermore, establishment of a robust baseline dataset is primarily required for assessment of impacts and recovery to environmental sensitivities at sensitive locations. As there is only a short

time before hydrocarbons may impact on identified environmental sensitivities, establishment of baseline information as far as practicable during routine operations is important. Hence, the procedure for the establishment of baseline information in each relevant SIP will, where possible, be as follows:

- Relevant published scientific monitoring studies at the sensitive locations are catalogued along with the custodian's contact details.
- The monitoring methodology, monitoring sites, and sampling duration and frequency of these relevant monitoring studies will (where known) be available in a tabular format to identify methodology and spatial/temporal types of baseline data gaps.
- Data custodians will be contacted and datasets requested. As a contingency, 'data mining' from publicly available information will occur on an ongoing basis for baseline database establishment through consultancy resources.
- Any identified data gaps will be used by the Principal Investigator (PI) of a particular study in the development of the sampling and analysis component of the implementation plan to optimise the design of each scientific monitoring study; given the methodological, spatial and temporal properties of the existing monitoring data sets identified in the 'study catalogue'.

Primary baseline studies in addition to obtaining the existing baseline information will only be triggered by a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release.

#### **2.4.2 Impact and Reference Sites**

In the event of a spill incident, monitoring sites will be established within and beyond the area of exposure, including around identified priority/sensitive locations where relevant.

Not all identified priority/sensitive locations may be impacted by a hydrocarbon release, so several priority/sensitive locations may be able to serve as a suitable reference location (i.e., control or 'non-impact' location) in the event of a spill incident. However, as a contingency, additional reference locations will be established for those monitoring studies where all environmental receptors are present at all sensitive locations and are predicted to be well outside the predicted hydrocarbon exposure area.

Monitoring sites at reference locations will be selected that are:

- As similar as possible to impacted sites.
- Representative of the wider area.
- Free from obvious anthropogenic impacts.

They should also be similar in key physical parameters (e.g., tidal currents, habitat type, substrata, temperature, and salinity) and not differ significantly between sites. Selection of multiple reference sites will assist in accounting for natural variability between impact and reference sites.

#### **2.4.3 Impact Assessment Approach**

Collection of post-impact data for comparison with baseline data (where it exists) is required to determine whether any differences between the impact and reference locations is attributable to the hydrocarbon release. To enable detection of environmental impact from a spill incident requires careful consideration of the sampling/survey strategy since spatial and temporal variability will also account for differences between locations despite whether there has been a disturbance or not.

Multiple reference locations will be necessary to prevent falsely attributing any differences in the spatial data to the impact and to allow robust statistical analyses of the resultant data.

Where limited or no baseline data is available as identified in the final implementation plan, post-impact monitoring will, where practicable, be designed by the PI with 'beyond- BACI' principles resulting in data that are amenable to statistical techniques such as asymmetrical analyses of variance following procedures described by Underwood (1994). However, in situations where a BACI design is not practicable or not appropriate, other impact assessment approaches may be adopted, including (but not limited to):

- Impact versus Control;
- Gradient of Impacts;
- Control Charts; or
- Lines of Evidence.

#### **2.4.4 Duration of the Two Phases of Monitoring for a Level 2 and Level 3 Incident**

This OSMP will be implemented after a Level 2 or Level 3 spill incident on the following basis:

- The duration of any spill incident is likely to vary from an instantaneous release (0-24 hours) for a MDO spill and up to 103 days for a wellhead failure.
- Both MDO and condensate typically evaporate and weather very rapidly, having little persistence in the water column and no predicted exposure of shorelines.
- Subsequent monitoring after the cessation of the spill incident will be as per the relevant implementation plans to allow:
  - 6 months to complete study SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment) and thereby inform the long-term monitoring phase adjustment to the SIPs for studies SMS2-SMS7.
  - 1 month for the PI of studies SMS2-SMS7 & SMS9 to revise the SIPs for long-term modelling revisions to these plans.
  - 2 months for the IMT Environmental Unit Leader to consult with relevant regulatory authorities and key stakeholders regarding any proposed modifications to the SIPs.
- Any revisions to the SIPs and OSMP will not occur prior to completion of the above.

Once SIPs and the OSMP have revised (as required), the implementation plans for any long-term monitoring phase of studies SMS2-SMS7 and SMS9 will be followed until the relevant termination criteria are met.

### 3 Monitoring Strategies

#### 3.1 Preliminary Activities for Monitoring Strategies

##### 3.1.1 Impacts from Response Activities

Implementation of oil spill response actions may have impacts upon environmental sensitivities located at each of the response locations. This OSMP considers these ‘secondary’ impacts in addition to the primary objective of monitoring impacts from the oil spill itself.

BP has assessed possible secondary impacts to sensitivities in areas associated with response activities. These impacts are identified in Table 3.1 and have been incorporated into the respective monitoring strategies.

This listing may be reviewed, expanded or modified during a response in order to respond to site specific conditions and circumstances.

**Table 3.1: Secondary Impacts Monitoring Activities**

Response or Monitoring Activity	Secondary Impact	Monitoring Strategy	Monitoring Parameters
Monitoring Evaluation and Surveillance	Vessel impacts to megafauna	SMS 6: Marine Megafauna Surveys	Megafauna ‘damage incidents’
Containment & Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OMS2: Spill surveillance and monitoring</li> </ul>	Aviation impacts to megafauna	SMS 6: Marine Megafauna Survey	Incidents of altered megafauna behaviour (e.g. direction alteration, altered behaviour)
Source Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OMS3: Hydrocarbon weathering assessment</li> <li>SMS2: Hydrocarbon monitoring in marine waters</li> <li>SMS3: Hydrocarbon monitoring of marine sediments (vessel)</li> <li>SMS4: Inter-tidal and sub-tidal habitat monitoring (vessel)</li> <li>SMS6: Marine megafauna surveys (vessel)</li> <li>SMS7: Hydrocarbon monitoring of commercial and recreational fish species (vessel)</li> </ul>	Vessel impacts to megafauna	SMS6: Marine Megafauna Surveys	Megafauna ‘damage incidents’

##### 3.1.2 Monitoring Strategies – Protected Matters Constraints

###### Species Protection

Prior to the deployment of monitoring teams to a spill location, a Job Safety Assessment (JSA) will be undertaken to ensure all activities are performed safely, with minimal impacts to the environment and to verify equipment. This assessment will consider the following with respect to the protected matters which may be present at monitoring locations:

- Likelihood of encounter with protected species at monitoring locations and the seasonal activity of the protected species (i.e. feeding, calving, etc.);

- Review of latest threatened species recovery plans or conservation advices with respect to species ‘threats’ and management controls and restrictions to prevent impacts during monitoring activities; and
- Confirmation of regulatory restrictions (e.g. marine mammal buffer distances) which must be observed when undertaking activities.

These requirements will be documented within the JSA and technical specialists will participate in the JSA to confirm their awareness of these constraints.

#### **Monitoring Parameter Selection**

Monitoring parameters and methodologies selected observe the necessary requirements of existing conservation management. Where available, management plans provide details of relevant ‘umbrella species’ which are monitored over time (e.g. long-term indicators for Ramsar sites) to monitor the long-term health of the area and meet objectives of the Management Plan (e.g. water quality indicators, offshore intertidal reef indicators). Relevant management plans have been consulted in the preparation of implementation plans to identify these indicators (e.g. for bird species such as the Streaked Shearwater parameters such as population size and breeding success).

Protection requirements have been considered in the selection of methodologies and monitoring parameters in the respective monitoring strategies.

### **3.1.3 Prioritisation within Monitoring Strategies for Species / Populations / Habitats**

In the event of a Level 2/3 spill, operational forecast modelling (OMS1) will be undertaken to establish the predicted trajectory and location of oil spill residues. In conjunction with this information, the Western Australian Oil Spill Response Atlas (OSRA) provided by the Western Australian DoT provides a valuable tool to identify the distribution of biologically sensitive species present in the spill trajectory pathway.

The scale of the spill and likelihood/consequence of oil impact on sensitive habitats, protected species or areas of conservation value (Marine National Park, AMPs, etc.) at threat will define the level of effort required and the particular parameters (e.g. species/habitat) monitored in each scientific monitoring strategy. Factors affecting the selection and prioritisation of species and/or habitats to be monitored during a spill incident include:

- The species/habitat sensitivity to oiling and the likelihood of oiling, in particular presence and potential exposure to Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) protected under the EPBC Act;
- Ability to access the monitoring location;
- Identified species which are monitored within conservation management plans;
- Social factors which may affect selection due to their iconic nature (e.g. Humpback Whale) or may have commercial impacts (e.g. iconic species [Humpback Whale], fishing interest);
- Available baseline data for individual species or habitat;
- Time for oil to impact the habitat/species and the ability to access the monitoring locations; and
- Feedback from the Western Australian Environment and Science Coordinator (ESC) on the required species selection during the spill event.

The IMT Environmental Unit Leader will observe these parameters when determining, selecting and prioritising species/populations/habitats to be monitored.

Species currently targeted for monitoring on the basis of available information (baseline and conservation management plans) are contained within the respective monitoring strategies within this OSMP.

### 3.2 Operational Monitoring Strategies

As noted in Section 1.4, the aim of OMSs is to provide timely information to be used in planning and executing hydrocarbon spill responses. Upon notification of an uncontrolled hydrocarbon release, the BP Incident Commander (or delegate) will initiate the Operational Monitoring Program. The strategy for each operational monitoring study is provided in this section together with a reference to the corresponding implementation plan for each study. The OMSs outlined in this section include:

- OMS1 – Operational Forecast Modelling,
- OMS2 – Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking,
- OMS3 – Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment, and
- OMS4 – Dispersant Efficacy Assessment.

Note: due to the rapid weathering characteristics of gas condensate and marine diesel, operational monitoring studies OMS1, OMS2, OMS3, OMS4 are not considered relevant for a vessel collision event where hydrocarbon release only occurs over a short period of time. The time that would elapse between a spill occurring and monitoring personnel being on site would render the data collected unnecessary in informing response strategies. Studies OMS1, OMS2, OMS3 and OMS4 are, therefore, only actioned (once initiation criteria are met) as a result of a loss of well control incident.

### 3.2.1 OMS1 Strategy: Operational Forecast Modelling

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	<p>Carry out daily real-time predictions (forecasts) of the temporal / spatial distribution and concentrations of hydrocarbons on the surface and within the water column via numerical modelling to meet the following OPEP requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event of a hydrocarbon release, provide operational data / information to predict the weathering of hydrocarbons released.</li> <li>• Implement operational monitoring in accordance with the OPEP to identify sensitivities potentially at risk of hydrocarbon exposure, inform the SIMA and identify which sensitivities may require operational monitoring.</li> <li>• OPEP Section 5.3.1 (Monitoring Evaluation and Surveillance).</li> </ul>
Performance Standards	Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement OMS1 prior to survey</b>	1a: BP has internal predictive modelling capability and contracts in place with external service providers (OSRL, AMOSC).
<b>2: Provision of daily quasi-real-time predictions (forecasts) to inform operational responses (and scientific monitoring of sensitive locations)</b>	<p>2a: For <u>Level 2 or Level 3 Spill</u>: Amount and duration of spill provided to modellers by IMT Planning Section Chief (PSC) (or delegate) for incorporation into the forecast modelling inputs within 1 day of incident.</p> <p>2b: Daily information from OMS2 (surveillance validation) provided to modellers to refine and improve short-term model forecasts.</p> <p>2c: At least daily simulation(s) provided by modellers with hydrocarbon spatial and temporal distribution predictions of 3-4 days into the future, which are available via a secured web site to all authorised response personnel.</p> <p>2d: Availability of modelling personnel for advice and explanation of model results at any time (24 hour a day for 7 days a week).</p>
<b>3: Close-out reporting to inform ongoing SMSs</b>	<p>3a: Technical Lead (TL) to submit Report on OMS1 (Forecast Modelling) within 1 month of modelling termination to IMT Environmental Unit Leader (EUL).</p> <p>3b: EUL (or delegate) to distribute to TLs of SMS to inform post-spill scientific monitoring within 1 week of submission.</p>
Additional Information	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Modelling Termination:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the IC (or delegate) <b>and</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under OMS1 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options <b>or</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response <b>or</b></li> </ul>

	<p>The IC (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under OMS1 may increase overall environmental impact</p> <p><u>Study Termination</u>: Approval of OMS1 Close-Out Report by the PSC (or delegate).</p>
<b>Timing</b>	<p>OMS1 is to be implemented <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met.</p>
<b>Monitoring Techniques</b>	<p>Monitoring techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of monitoring may be implemented under OMS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel-based</li> <li>• Visual observations of behaviour and weathering.</li> </ul>
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Monitoring parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under OMS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual records of extent and state (e.g. colour/optical effect on surface, form (slick, emulsion, mousse etc.), presence of waxy residue).</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<p>RPS Response via AMOSC is the recognised industry leader in predictive modelling of hydrocarbon incidents and no competency test and training is warranted.</p> <p>BP modelling personnel are qualified with over 10 years’ experience in performing oil spill trajectory modelling for BP’s upstream and downstream businesses to inform contingency planning as well as supporting oil spill exercises and incidents. In addition they have provided training in the use of SINTEF’s OSCAR model to regional staff.</p>
<b>Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPS Response via AMOSC to develop OMS1 implementation plan.</li> <li>• Provision of location, start time, volume and duration of spill memorandum to RPS.</li> <li>• Forecast modelling daily report including forecast modelling inputs, outputs, validation and uncertainties and modelling results uploaded daily to a secure website by RPS Response for PSC, EUL and OMS2 PI.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of operational forecast modelling by EUL and AMOSC.</li> <li>• Annual internal review of OMS1 Strategy and Study implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes) by EUL with period between reviews no longer than 12 months.</li> <li>• Non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interface between IC and EUL.</li> <li>• Provides necessary spill input parameters to PI.</li> <li>• Communicate forecast modelling results to response personnel via OSC.</li> <li>• Communications with RPS Response, AMSA and AMOSC as required regarding forecasting modelling.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate)</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of the OMS1 Implementation plan.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination of the study results.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee external audits.</li> <li>Ensure information from OMS2 (Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking) provided to RPS.</li> <li>Ensure information from Study OMS1 is provided to the PI of Study OMS2.</li> <li>Provide advice as required to IC and PSC.</li> <li>Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI (RPS Response):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review / update Study OMS1 implementation plan</li> <li>Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>Provision by RPS of quasi-real-time modelling and daily updates to a secure website.</li> <li>Provision by RPS of advice with respect to modelling forecasts to EUL and PSC.</li> <li>Ensure availability of RPS staff 24 hours a day for 7 days a week for consultation of modelling results with response personnel.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RPS Response guidelines</li> <li>Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016)</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.2.2 OMS2 Strategy: Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking

Strategy Component		Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>		Conduct surveillance and tracking of surface hydrocarbon spill distribution to meet the following OPEP requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide operational data / information to support and inform response planning and operations and monitor the spill response; and</li> <li>Implement operational monitoring in accordance with the OSMP to identify sensitivities at risk of hydrocarbon exposure, inform the SIMA and identify sensitivities which require scientific monitoring.</li> <li>OPEP Section 5.3.1 (Monitoring Evaluation and Surveillance).</li> </ul>
Performance Standards		Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement OMS2 prior to survey</b>		1a: TL, technical specialists and field equipment (e.g. satellite tracking buoys) sourced from large pool of internal and external resources (e.g. AMOSC, OSRL) under existing contracts. 1b: BP to maintain a database of appropriate satellite imagery providers (e.g. through AMOSC and OSRL). 1c: Satellite tracking buoys will be on vessels and MODU.
<b>2: Acquisition of at least daily surface slick distributions and slick trajectory</b>		2a: IMT Planning Section Chief (PSC) (or delegate) to initiate mobilisation of vessel, aircraft, TL, technical specialist and equipment to site after notification. 2b: Technical Lead in consultation with PSC (or delegate) plans daily surveillance activities on basis of OMS1 (Forecast Modelling) and other surveillance information (e.g. satellite imagery, satellite tracking buoys, latest surveillance), and any planned response measures. Survey objectives and plan recorded.
<b>3: Daily informing for response</b>		3a: TL responsible for amalgamating daily surveillance reports from variety of

<p><b>planning and management</b></p>	<p>sources (e.g. vessel observations, satellite imagery, tracking buoys). Key topics to include in report are size and trajectory of slick, predicted slick behaviour, effectiveness of response measures and observed impacts or threats to environmental sensitivities.</p> <p>3b: Daily reports are provided to PSC (or delegate) to inform response planning, management and effectiveness, and to all OSMP TLs to inform planning, execution and optimisation of studies.</p>
<p><b>4: Provision of Close-Out Report and Data</b></p>	<p>4a: TL responsible for collation of relevant data (e.g. vessel-based surveillance, and satellite imagery) into a Close-out Report and Database to inform planning for post-spill response scientific monitoring within 1 month of the OMS2 field study termination.</p> <p>4b: PSC (or delegate) to distribute to TLs of the SMS to inform post-spill scientific monitoring within 1 week of submission.</p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiation Trigger</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Termination Criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Field Observation Termination:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the IC (or delegate) <b>and</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under OMS2 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options <b>or</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response <b>or</b></li> </ul> <p>The IC (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under OMS1 may increase overall environmental impact <u>Study Termination:</u> Approval of OMS2 Close-Out Report and Database by the PSC (or delegate).</p>
<p><b>Timing</b></p>	<p>OMS2 is to be implemented <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring Techniques</b></p>	<p>Monitoring techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of monitoring may be implemented under OMS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel-based,</li> <li>• Visual observations of behaviour and weathering.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parameters</b></p>	<p>Monitoring parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under OMS1:</p> <p>Visual records of extent and state (e.g. colour/optical effect on surface, form (slick, emulsion, mousse etc), presence of waxy residue).</p>
<p><b>Competencies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI with experience in managing and leading hydrocarbon spill or similar monitoring.</li> <li>• Aerial-based observers trained in aerial observation of hydrocarbon spills.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Study OMS2 reports on hydrocarbon spill surveillance and tracking</li> </ul>

	<p>observations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Study OMS2 Report within 4 weeks after cessation of monitoring activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validation of hydrocarbon mapping confidence using aerial-based surveillance and tracking buoys;</li> <li>• Annual internal review of OMS2 Strategy and implementation plan methodology, procedures, processes and records by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interface between IC and EUL.</li> <li>• Facilitate daily surveillance activities.</li> <li>• Disseminate OMS2 information to response team.</li> <li>• Communications with AMOSC, AMSA, as required regarding surveillance and tracking of spill.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of OMS2 implementation plan.</li> <li>• Compliance with OMS2 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination of the study results.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Ensure information from OMS1 is provided to OMS2 PI.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to IC and PSC.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement daily surveillance and tracking field activities.</li> <li>• Review, approve and disseminate daily surveillance information and final report.</li> <li>• Daily communication with the technical specialist.</li> <li>• Advise EUL (or delegate) and IC.</li> <li>• Review the Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking Final Report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake and record field observations.</li> <li>• Contribute to reports.</li> <li>• Contribute to the Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking Final Report where required.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMSA 2003 Post-Spill Monitoring: Background Paper.</li> <li>• Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al, 2016).</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring Implementation Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI with experience in managing and leading hydrocarbon spill or similar</li> </ul>

<b>(MIP)</b>	monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerial-based observers trained in aerial-based hydrocarbon spill monitoring.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> </ul>
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<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.2.3 OMS3 Strategy: Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment

Strategy Component		Description
<b>Monitoring Outcomes</b>	<b>Performance</b>	To determine the physical and chemical properties of hydrocarbon as it weathers to characterize temporal decrease in toxicity to meet the following OPEP requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide operational data / information to support and inform response planning and operations and monitor the spill response; and</li> <li>• Implement operational monitoring in accordance with the OSMP to identify sensitivities at risk of hydrocarbon exposure, inform the SIMA and identify sensitivities which require scientific monitoring.</li> <li>• OPEP Section 5.3.1 (Monitoring Evaluation and Surveillance).</li> </ul>
Performance Standards		Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement OMS3 Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment.</b>		1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from large pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno). 1b: EUL maintains a database of appropriate vessel providers and NATA accredited analytical laboratory (e.g., ALS for weathering testing) 1c: OMS3 (Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment) implementation plan in place and approved by EUL.
<b>2: Acquisition of data on hydrocarbon chemical properties.</b>		2a: PI plans monitoring survey on basis of information from OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling), OMS2 (Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking), coordination with other studies, and planned response activities. Vessel-based monitoring objective and plan recorded on the daily report. 2b: Experienced technical specialist carry out vessel-based sampling at nominated locations along a longitudinal transect through the slick and water depths. Fluorescence and turbidity (in addition to temperature and salinity) profiles carried out initially to verify proxy indicators of dissolved aromatics and entrained hydrocarbons, respectively, and to select depths for sample collection. Water samples then collected and stored appropriately, and organised for immediate couriering under holding time to analysis laboratory. Chain of Custody (CoC), Laboratory Receipt Notification and field records stored / archived by technical specialist. 2c: NATA-accredited laboratory carries out analysis of analytes (e.g., BTEX, MAH, PAH) and physical properties (e.g., wax content) as appropriate to the hydrocarbon spill. CoC and Analysis Report provided and data archived by technical specialist. 2d: 2a-2c carried out on at least 3 surveys that are as soon as possible after the spill event, and at frequencies thereafter determined by the hydrocarbon type as defined by the PIs.
<b>3: Characterise fate / weathering</b>		3a: After each survey, the PI / technical specialist carries out analyses of

<p><b>properties of hydrocarbon.</b></p>	<p>hydrocarbon data to characterise weathering characteristics with discussion on likely decrease in toxicity with weathering time on the basis of chemical composition of different 'ages' of hydrocarbon in terms of release into the marine environment.</p> <p>3b: PI / technical specialist provides summary of fate / weathering properties of hydrocarbon in OMS3 Final Report within 3 weeks of receipt of last Laboratory Analysis Report.</p>
<p><b>4: Informing spill response and technical specialist.</b></p>	<p>4a: Interim reports provided by PI after each survey, within 1 week of receipt of laboratory analysis provided to PSC, EUL (or delegate) and all PIs.</p> <p>4b: OMS3 Final Report summarising hydrocarbon weathering assessment (for informing SIMA of hydrocarbon persistence) provided by PI / technical specialist within 4 weeks of final laboratory results to PSC, EUL (or delegate) and all PIs.</p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiation Trigger</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Termination Criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Field activity termination:</u> The PSC will terminate the operational module when the following criteria has been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For hydrocarbon weathering assessments, the PSC (or delegate) and PI in consultation with NOPSEMA, WA DoT and/or AMSA deem that weathering characteristics of hydrocarbon are sufficiently characterised so further assessment no longer required.</li> </ul> <p><u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment Final Report (OMS3).</p>
<p><b>Timing</b></p>	<p>OMS3 is to be implemented <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met.</p>
<p><b>Sampling Techniques</b></p>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of monitoring may be implemented under OMS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel-based</li> <li>• Collection of an oil sample:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surface skimming (sampling pole with container),</li> <li>○ Oleophilic absorbent pads.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Behaviour and weathering:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visual observations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Parameters</b></p>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under OMS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical properties (e.g. viscosity, pour point, density, wax content)</li> <li>• Chemical properties (e.g. hydrocarbon characterisation, volatile content)</li> <li>• Oil component concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH)</li> <li>• Visual records of extent and state (e.g. colour/optical effect on surface, form (slick, emulsion, mousse etc), presence of waxy residue).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Competencies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI is an experienced and qualified water quality scientist with experience</li> </ul>

	<p>in using fluorometry (or similar) and with field experience in monitoring campaigns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP (field) with appropriate training and/or experienced as marine scientist or technicians with appropriate training and field experience in vessel-based water quality monitoring. Trained in vessel-based hydrocarbon spill sampling and interpreting data from fluorometer.</li> <li>• MP (office) to be experienced water quality analysts for OMS3 office-based analyses.</li> <li>• BP to maintain a database of appropriate vessel providers.</li> <li>• Laboratory with NATA accreditation.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reporting on pro forma during field surveys including daily monitoring objectives, plan, analytical progress and emerging results.</li> <li>• Laboratory analysis reports.</li> <li>• Interim reports with assessment of the hydrocarbon weathering properties for each survey.</li> <li>• Final OMS3 Report summarizing hydrocarbon weathering assessment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Auditing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field and data QA/QC procedures.</li> <li>• Laboratory QA/QC sample analyses;</li> <li>• Annual internal review of OMS3 Strategy and study implementation plan methodology, procedures, processes and records by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interface between IC and EUL.</li> <li>• Facilitates field monitoring.</li> <li>• Disseminate OMS3 information to response team.</li> <li>• Communicate with AMOSC, AMSA, DoT.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of the OMS3 implementation plan.</li> <li>• Day-today coordination and review of the study results.</li> <li>• Compliance with OMS3 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division.</li> <li>• Provide advice to the IC and PSC.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement daily hydrocarbon weathering assessment survey.</li> <li>• Daily communications with EUL (or delegate) and technical specialist.</li> <li>• Advise EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Review daily pro-forma, Interim Survey Reports and Hydrocarbon Weathering Assessment Final Report.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake hydrocarbon weathering monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Coordinate laboratories and transport of samples to laboratories.</li> <li>• Carry out hydrocarbon weathering analyses and reporting.</li> <li>• Contribute to vessel-based surveillance sections of Interim Survey Reports and Final Report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.</li> <li>• AMSA 2003 Post-Spill Monitoring: Background Paper.</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.2.4 OMS4 Strategy: Dispersant Efficacy Assessment

Strategy Component		Description
<b>Monitoring Outcomes</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<p>To provide information on the efficacy of a chemical dispersant applied to the spilled hydrocarbon, and to meet the following OPEP requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide operational data / information to support and inform response planning and operations and monitor the spill response.</li> <li>• Monitor the effectiveness of dispersant application to reduce surface oiling.</li> </ul>
Performance Standards		Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement OMS4 on Dispersant Efficacy Assessment.</b>		<p>1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contracts or agreements with service providers such as AMOSC, GHD, AMSA, OSRL.</p> <p>1b: BP to maintain a database of appropriate service providers, including vessels, ROVs etc.</p> <p>1c: OMS4 (Dispersant Efficacy Assessment) implementation plan in place and approved by EUL.</p>
<b>2: Acquisition of data on hydrocarbon dispersion and surface VOCs.</b>		<p>2a: PI plans monitoring survey on basis of information supplied by PSC (or delegate) regarding planned response activities and use of dispersant. Vessel-based monitoring objective and plan recorded on the daily report.</p> <p>2b: For surface dispersant application: Experienced technical specialist carry out vessel or aerial-based sampling for dispersant efficacy. Sampling aligned with industry standard SMART protocol.</p> <p>2c: For any dispersant application: Experienced technical specialist carry our vessel-based air quality monitoring for VOCs and %LELs as per the industry recommended API method.</p>
<b>3: Quasi-real-time informing of spill response</b>		<p>3a: Provide sub-daily assessment of efficacy observations and/or measurements.</p> <p>3b: Provide sub-daily assessment of VOCs, %LELs, and relevance to human health.</p>
Additional Information		
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>		<p>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and Surface Dispersant Application has been selected as a response option in accordance with the OPEP.</p>

<p><b>Termination Criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Field activity termination:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the IC (or delegate) <b>and</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under OMS4 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options <b>or</b></li> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response <b>or</b></li> </ul> <p>The IC (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under OMS4 may increase overall environmental impact</p> <p><u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval by EUL (or delegate) of Dispersant Efficacy Assessment Final Report.</p>
<p><b>Timing</b></p>	<p>OMS4 is to be undertaken at the same time as the Surface Dispersant Application response strategy.</p>
<p><b>Sampling Techniques</b></p>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling and surveillance may be implemented under OMS4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual observations:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aerial or vessel based.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Oil and water sampling:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Water sampling techniques as per OMS4 (e.g. niskin bottle, hose with peristaltic pump, etc.),</li> <li>○ Fluorometer,</li> <li>○ Underwater video surveillance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Air quality monitoring:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In-situ detectors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Parameters</b></p>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under OMS4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>• Fluorescence,</li> <li>• VOCs and %LELs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Competencies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI with experience in managing and leading hydrocarbon spill or similar monitoring.</li> <li>• MP with trained in vessel-based and/or aerial-based hydrocarbon spill monitoring.</li> <li>• MP familiar with relevant sampling techniques (e.g. sub-surface video surveillance, use of fluorometer, water sample collection etc.).</li> <li>• MP familiar with air quality monitoring.</li> <li>• Prequalified vessels and aircraft.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file by PI.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-daily reports of dispersant efficacy and air quality.</li> <li>• Final OMS4 Report summarising Dispersant Efficacy Assessment monitoring within 1 months of survey completion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Auditing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field and data QA/QC procedures.</li> <li>• Annual internal review of OMS4 Strategy and implementation plan</li> </ul>

	<p>methodology, procedures, processes and records by EUL (or delegate).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interface between IC and EUL.</li> <li>• Facilitate dispersant efficacy monitoring.</li> <li>• Inform the PI of planned / ongoing response measures.</li> <li>• Disseminate OMS4 Dispersant Efficacy Assessment information for response planning and management.</li> <li>• Communication and coordination with AMOSC, AMSA, WA DoT.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with OMS4 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination and review of OMS4 results</li> <li>• Carry out internal periodic reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Complete compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to IC.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division and WA DoT, Commonwealth DoEE.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement surveys.</li> <li>• Coordinate field monitoring, communications and daily reporting.</li> <li>• Advise EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Review Final Report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement field monitoring.</li> <li>• Carry out associated reporting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.</li> <li>• Industry Recommended Subsea Dispersant Monitoring Plan (American Petroleum Institute, 2013).</li> <li>• Dispersant Application Monitoring Field Guide Tier I Visual Observation (Oil Spill Response Limited, 2011).</li> <li>• Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies (NOAA 2006).</li> </ul>

### 3.3 Scientific Monitoring Strategies

As noted in Section 1.4, the aim of the SMSs is to quantify the nature of extent, severity and persistence of environmental impacts from a significant spill event and inform appropriate remediation activities. Upon notification of a Level 2 or Level 3 spill incident, the BP Incident Commander (or delegate) will initiate the Scientific Monitoring Program where outcomes of the Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy (MES) indicate that the SMS strategies are warranted. The strategy for each SMS is provided in this section together with a reference to their respective implementation plans.

The SMS strategies outlined in this section include:

- SMS1 – Ecotoxicology Assessment of Hydrocarbons.
- SMS2 – Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters.
- SMS3 – Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments.
- SMS4 – Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring.
- SMS5 – Seabird Population Monitoring.
- SMS6 – Marine Megafauna Surveys.
- SMS7 – Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Representative Commercial and Recreational Fish Species.
- SMS8 – Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment.
- SMS9 – Socio-Economic Surveys.

#### 3.3.1 SMS1 Strategy: Ecotoxicology Assessment of Hydrocarbons

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	Undertake eco-toxicological studies to establish hydrocarbon exposure thresholds for sensitive biotic receptors to assist with the assessment of impacts to environmental sensitivities affected by the spill. This is used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define hydrocarbon eco-toxicities and subsequent contribution to changes in the marine environment from unplanned hydrocarbon releases;</li> <li>• Reduce the range of uncertainty of impacts to fauna and initiation and termination criteria of other scientific monitoring modules;</li> <li>• Contribute to publicly available hydrocarbon exposure thresholds so information can be utilized by the oil and gas industry for future environmental assessments of hydrocarbon spills.</li> </ul>
<b>Performance Standards</b>	<b>Measurement Criteria</b>
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS1 monitoring program.</b>	1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc.)  1b: PI to maintain a database of appropriate services providers, including vessels.  1c: PI has arrangement in place with experienced ecotoxicology laboratory (e.g. SINTEF and NATA accredited ALS)
<b>2: Acquisition of hydrocarbon samples.</b>	2a: When safe to do so (taking into consideration the volatility of hydrocarbon), technical specialist to collect hydrocarbon samples from the surface in proximity of the release. Field records stored / archived.  2b: CoC to confirm samples transported and received by laboratories, and Sample

	Receipt Notifications to confirm arrival at laboratories.
<b>3: Determination of hydrocarbon exposure threshold.</b>	3a: Report issued by ecotoxicology laboratory providing industry standard exposure thresholds for a number of relevant indicator organisms for hydrocarbon.
<b>4. Characterisation of composition of released hydrocarbon.</b>	4a: Report issued by NATA-accredited laboratory detailing hydrocarbon composition of samples used in ecotoxicology assessment.
<b>5. Exposure threshold values made available to industry.</b>	5a: PI to provide EUL (or delegate) with SMS1 Final Report within 4 weeks of Ecotoxicology Laboratory Report. EUL (or delegate) after consultation with Commonwealth DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT to approve SMS1 Final Report within 4 weeks of submission by PI.
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and data from the SMS1 has confirmed exposure to offshore or intertidal waters,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p>The EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, AMOSC, AMSA and WA DoT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory toxicity testing has established the risk of environmental damage caused by the hydrocarbon release; and</li> <li>Independent scientific specialists have reached agreement that the result of the testing provides a satisfactory exposure threshold for hydrocarbon.</li> </ul>
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS1 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the technical specialist, to be available within 48 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalised.</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Techniques</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface water sample collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling pole with container,</li> <li>Hose with peristaltic pump.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sub-surface water sample collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niskin bottle (or similar),</li> <li>Hose with peristaltic pump.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In-situ profiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physio-chemical profiles,</li> <li>Fluorometer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>Physical parameters (e.g. temperature, salinity, DO, pH),</li> <li>Fluorescence,</li> <li>Dispersant chemicals (if applied).</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PI will be an experienced and qualified eco-toxicologist with at least 10 years' experience in eco-toxicological assessment including hydrocarbons (or equivalent).</li> <li>MP (field) to be experienced marine scientist or technicians with appropriate training and field experience in vessel-based water quality monitoring. Trained in vessel-based water quality monitoring.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CVs to be kept on file.</li> <li>Laboratory services with NATA certification.</li> <li>Nationally recognized ecotoxicology laboratory for exposure value determination of hydrocarbon (e.g. SINTEF and NATA accredited ALS).</li> <li>Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels and aircraft).</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory Analysis Report of hydrocarbon chemical composition within 7 weeks of spill.</li> <li>Ecotoxicology Laboratory Report of exposure hydrocarbon threshold within 10 weeks of spill.</li> <li>SMS1 Final Report within 2 weeks of receiving eco-toxicological laboratory report.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chain of Custody Documentation for Samples.</li> <li>QA/QC sample analysis.</li> <li>Validation and checking of laboratory results.</li> <li>Annual internal review of SMS1 strategy implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall responsibility for implementation of SMS1.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate in the collection of hydrocarbon samples.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance with SMS1 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>Day-to-day coordination and review of study results.</li> <li>Oversee external audits.</li> <li>Approve and provide compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>Approve the SMS1 Final Report.</li> <li>Provide advice with respect to environmental issues as required to the IC and PSC.</li> <li>Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division, AMSA, and WA DoT.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>Plan, coordinate and implement ecotoxicology assessment of hydrocarbon.</li> <li>Review, approve and disseminate hydrocarbon monitoring information and SMS1 final report.</li> <li>Communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake hydrocarbon monitoring activities.</li> <li>Coordinate laboratories, storage and transport of samples.</li> <li>Carry out data analysis and reporting.</li> <li>Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<p>Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.</p> <p>Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality, ANZECC &amp; ARMCANZ (2000).</p>

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.3.2 SMS2 Strategy: Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	<p>Monitor hydrocarbons in marine waters at sub-tidal and offshore intertidal impact sites (which may include where relevant: priority/sensitive locations, State or Commonwealth marine protected areas, pelagic sites, commercial fishery areas) and reference sites to support the assessment of environmental impacts and recovery. This will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informing response planning of hydrocarbon concentrations in marine waters at priority sensitive locations as a SIMA input during the incident.</li> <li>• Provide data to validate hind-cast modelling confidence of the fate and transport of hydrocarbons.</li> </ul>
<b>Performance Standards</b>	<b>Measurement Criteria</b>
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS2 program.</b>	<p>1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc).</p> <p>1b: PI to maintain a database of appropriate service providers, including vessels.</p>
<b>2: Appropriate collection, transport and analysis of water samples.</b>	<p>2a: Technical specialist to collect and store water samples, and keep field records (e.g., field book, checklists) as per the SMS2 implementation plan. CoC to confirm sample collection, transport to appropriate laboratories, and sample receipt notification from the NATA-accredited laboratory (e.g. ALS) to confirm arrival of water samples within holding times. Documents stored / archived by technical specialist.</p> <p>2b: Laboratory Analysis Report issued by NATA-accredited laboratory with analyte list defined in the implementation plan (within 3 weeks of sample collection) and stored by technical specialist.</p>
<b>3: Acquisition and dissemination of water quality data for hydrocarbons in water.</b>	<p>3a: Technical specialist collects water quality data as soon as possible at sensitive priority areas, commercial fishery areas, pelagic sites and reference sites as per the implementation plan. Technical specialist store / archive field records.</p> <p>3b: PI to provide Hydrocarbon in Marine Waters Survey (within 1 week of receipt of Laboratory Analysis Report) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>4: Acquisition of hydrocarbon data from marine waters during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the release.</b>	<p>4a: Collection and analysis of hydrocarbon concentrations in marine waters as prescribed in the SMS2 implementation plan by technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>4b: PI to provide a short report for each survey (within 1 week of receipt of Laboratory Analysis Report) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>5: Provision of hydrocarbon monitoring of marine waters dataset to SMS8 for Hind-cast Modelling.</b>	<p>5a: PI responsible for provision of SMS2 dataset to PI of SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment) to serve as a validation data of hydrocarbon concentrations in marine waters at monitored sites within 4 weeks of cessation of unplanned hydrocarbon releases.</p>
<b>6: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in water after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release and carry out long-term monitoring phase.</b>	<p>6a: PI to consider final information / results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in marine waters after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release. Recommendation provided as a brief memorandum to participants for the SMS8 Hind-cast Modelling workshop within 3 months after cessation of hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>6b: PI revises SMS2 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in water within 3 months after cessation of hydrocarbon releases and provides to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS2 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in marine waters within 8 weeks of submission after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT; and disseminates to technical specialist.</p> <p>6c: PI responsible for implementation of Long-Term Monitoring Phase of the SMS2 implementation plan.</p>
<b>7: Assess impact of hydrocarbons in</b>	<p>7a: PI responsible to assess the impact of hydrocarbons in marine waters within</p>

<p><b>marine waters</b></p>	<p>survey (single survey), annual (data to date, EP reporting commitment) and final (all data) reports relative to the established baseline condition and the reference sites as prescribed in the SMS3 implementation plan.</p>											
<p><b>8: Regulatory compliance reporting.</b></p>	<p>8a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DoEE) with the Final SMS2 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).</p>											
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>												
<p><b>Initiation Trigger</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and data from the SMS2 has confirmed exposure to offshore or intertidal waters,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>											
<p><b>Termination Criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Field Study Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DoEE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites, <b>or</b></li> <li>Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters are below relevant ANZG (2018) 99% species protection levels or other applicable benchmark values, <b>or</b></li> </ul> <p>There has been no demonstrable impact on offshore water quality from hydrocarbons. <u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS2 Final Report.</p>											
<p><b>Timing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS2 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 48 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalized.</li> </ul>											
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Niskin bottle (or similar),</li> <li>○ Hose with peristaltic pump.</li> <li>● In-situ profiles:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physio-chemical profiles,</li> <li>○ Fluorometer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at least once a year (although initially this is likely to be at a greater frequency) until termination criteria are met.</li> <li>● Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>● Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Technical Specialist/s in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>● Physical parameters (e.g. temperature, salinity, DO, pH),</li> <li>● Fluorescence,</li> <li>● Dispersant chemicals (if applied).</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PI to be an experienced and qualified water quality scientist with field experience in vessel-based water quality monitoring (or equivalent).</li> <li>● MP (field) to be experienced marine scientists or technicians with appropriate training and experienced in water quality sampling.</li> <li>● MP (office) to be experienced water quality analysts for SMS3 office-based analyses.</li> <li>● Laboratory services with NATA accreditation.</li> <li>● CVs to be kept on file.</li> <li>● Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels).</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SMS2 implementation plan.</li> <li>● SMS2 Reactive Baseline Survey and Baseline Data Report.</li> <li>● SMS2 Survey Reports.</li> <li>● Long-Term Monitoring Phase Study revision of SMS2 implementation plan.</li> <li>● SMS2 Final Report.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chain of Custody Documentation for Samples.</li> <li>● Laboratory QA/QC sample analysis.</li> <li>● Annual internal review of Strategy SMS2 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate);</li> <li>● Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overall responsibility for implementation of the SMS2 Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilitate of water quality sampling in areas contacted by the hydrocarbon.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing review and approval of the SMS2 implementation plan long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with SMS2 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Day-to day coordination and review of monitoring results.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division, DoEE, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Transport.</li> <li>• Approve and provide compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Marine Waters Final Report</li> <li>• Provide advice to IC and PSC as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement daily water quality survey.</li> <li>• Review, approve and disseminate water quality monitoring information.</li> <li>• Daily communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Review Water Survey Reports, Baseline Report, and Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Marine Waters Final Report.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake water quality monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Coordinate laboratories.</li> <li>• Carry out data analyses.</li> <li>• Prepare reports, including water quality survey reports and final report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b></p>	<p>Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.                  Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality, ANZECC &amp; ARMCANZ (2000).</p>

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.3.3 SMS3 Strategy: Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments

Strategy Component	Description
<p><b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b></p>	<p>Monitor hydrocarbons in marine sediments at sub-tidal (rocky reef), pelagic sites, commercial fishery areas and reference sites to support assessment of environmental impacts and recovery. This will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informing response planning of hydrocarbon concentrations in sediments at priority sensitive locations to inform the SIMA during the incident.</li> <li>• To provide data to validate hind-cast modelling confidence of the sedimentation of hydrocarbons onto the seabed.</li> </ul>
Performance Standards	Measurement Criteria
<p><b>1: Readiness to implement Sc4 Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters program.</b></p>	<p>1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from large pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc).                  1b: PI to maintain a database of appropriate service providers, including vessels.</p>
<p><b>2: Appropriate collection, transport and analysis of sediment samples.</b></p>	<p>2a: Technical specialist to collect and store sediment samples, and keep field records (e.g., field book, checklists) as per the SMS3 implementation plan. CoC to confirm sample collection, transport to appropriate laboratories, and sample receipt notification from the NATA-accredited laboratory (e.g., ALS) to confirm arrival of sediment samples within holding times. Documents stored / archived by technical specialist.                  2b: Laboratory Analysis Report issued by NATA-accredited laboratory with analyte list</p>

	defined in the implementation plan (within 3 weeks of sample collection) and stored / archived by technical specialist.
<b>3: Acquisition and dissemination of data for hydrocarbons in sediments.</b>	<p>3a: Technical specialist to collect sediment quality data from the seabed at sub-tidal (rocky reef) and intertidal (sandy beaches) locations, pelagic sites, commercial fishery areas and reference sites within 1 week of hydrocarbon release. Technical specialist store/archive field records and CoC.</p> <p>3b: PI to provide Hydrocarbon in Sediments Survey (within 1 week of reactive baseline survey completion) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>4: Acquisition of routine hydrocarbon data in marine sediments during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of hydrocarbon release.</b>	<p>4a: Collection and analysis of hydrocarbon concentrations in sediments as prescribed in the SMS3 implementation plan by Technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release and for 9 months after the cessation of hydrocarbon releases.</p> <p>4b: PI to provide a short data report summarising each field survey (within 4 weeks of completion of each survey) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>5. Provision of hydrocarbon monitoring of marine sediments dataset to Study Sc8 for Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment.</b>	5a: PI responsible for provision of SMS3 dataset to PI of SMS8 Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment to serve as a validation data set for sedimentation of hydrocarbons onto the sea bottom at priority sensitive locations, pelagic sites and reference sites within 4 weeks of termination of unplanned hydrocarbon release.
<b>6: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in sediments after the hydrocarbon release and carry out long-term monitoring phase.</b>	<p>6a: PI to consider final information/results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in sediments after cessation of the hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>6b: PI revises SMS3 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in sediments (within 4 weeks after SMS8 Final Report approval). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS4 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbons in sediments within 8 weeks of submission after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT; and disseminates to technical specialist.</p> <p>6c: PI responsible for implementation of Long-Term Monitoring Phase of SMS4 implementation plan.</p>
<b>7: Assess impact of hydrocarbons in marine sediments.</b>	<p>7a: PI responsible to report survey results and to assess the effect of hydrocarbons on marine sediment quality in the Survey (single survey), Annual (data to date, EP reporting commitment) and Final (all data) reports relative to the established baseline condition and the reference sites as prescribed in the SMS3 implementation plan.</p> <p>7b: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) with a SMS3 Chapter for Annual Reports by 1 October of each year and the Hydrocarbons in Marine Sediments Final Report within 8 weeks of field termination. EUL (or delegate) after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT to approve Final Hydrocarbons in Marine Sediments Report within 3 months of field termination for dissemination.</p>
<b>8: Regulatory compliance reporting</b>	8a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DoEE) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS3 chapter and the Final SMS3 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and data from the SMS3 has confirmed exposure to marine sediments,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Study Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, DoEE and WA DoT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites, <b>or</b></li> <li>Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters are below relevant ANZG (2018) SQGV or other applicable benchmark values, <b>or</b></li> </ul>

	There has been no demonstrable impact on offshore water quality from hydrocarbons. <u>Study Termination</u> : Submission and approval of SMS3 Final Report.	
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS3 is to be activated<sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>• A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 48 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>• Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>• Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalized.</li> </ul>	
<b>Monitoring Design</b>	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.	
	<b>Spill Extent / Behaviour</b>	<b>Monitoring Design</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance</li> <li>• Spill plume has dissipated away from source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradient approach</li> <li>• Gradient approach</li> <li>• Lines of Evidence</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Techniques</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtidal sample collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grab or core sampler.</li> <li>○ Sediment box.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at least once a year (although initially this is likely to be at a greater frequency) until termination criteria are met.</li> <li>• Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>• Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Technical Specialist/s in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>• Physical parameters (if applied),</li> <li>• Total organic carbon,</li> <li>• Physical parameters (e.g. PSD).</li> </ul>	
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI with an experienced marine scientist with at least 5 years’ experience in collecting marine sediment samples (or equivalent).</li> <li>• MP (field) will include experienced and qualified marine scientists with field experience in vessel-based sediment and water quality monitoring.</li> <li>• MP (office) to be experienced sediment quality analysts for SMS4 office-based analysis.</li> <li>• Laboratory services will be NATA certified.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> <li>• Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels).</li> </ul>	
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS3 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments) implementation plan.</li> <li>• SMS3 Monitoring Hydrocarbons in Sediments Baseline Report within two weeks of spill.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS3 Survey Reports within one month of completion.</li> <li>• Long-Term Monitoring Phase Study revision of SMS4 implementation plan within one month of final survey completion.</li> <li>• SMS3 Chapter in Annual Reports.</li> <li>• SMS3 Final Report one month after study termination</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Auditing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NATA Accredited laboratory services.</li> <li>• Chain of Custody Documentation for Samples.</li> <li>• Annual internal review of Strategy SMS3 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA / QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate sediment quality sampling in areas of active response measures during the hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of the SMS3 implementation plan and the long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Compliance with SMS3 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination and review of monitoring results.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division and other regulators.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of any compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve all reporting (Survey, Baseline, Chapter SMS4 in Annual, Final), and the Final and Long-Term Monitoring Phase implementation plans.</li> <li>• Provide advice to IC and PSC as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Daily implementation of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement daily Sediment Quality Survey.</li> <li>• Review Survey Reports, Baseline Report, SMS4 Chapters in Annual Reports, revision of implementation plan for Long term Monitoring Phase, Final Report.</li> <li>• Review of data provided for inputs into SMS8 Hind-cast Modelling.</li> <li>• Review of any compliance reports.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake sediment quality monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Coordinate laboratories.</li> <li>• Carry out data analyses.</li> <li>• Prepare reports including the Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments Final Report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.</li> <li>• ANZECC &amp; ARMCANZ (2000) Fresh and Marine Water Guidelines (including ISQC sediments).</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

### 3.3.4 SMS4 Strategy: Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	<p>Monitor sub-tidal habitats (e.g. sponge gardens) including demersal fish and priority sensitive locations and one reference site to support the assessment of environmental impacts and recovery. This will be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantify the distribution, abundance and community composition of marine organisms in soft sediment and hard substrate environments;</li> <li>Quantify the level of exposure to affected communities;</li> <li>Determine the impact and recovery of the hydrocarbon release on those habitats.</li> </ul>
Performance Standards	Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS4 program.</b>	<p>1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from large pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc).</p> <p>1b: PI to maintain a database of appropriate service providers, including vessels.</p> <p>1c: PI to maintain a database of specialised monitoring equipment (e.g., video / drop cameras, side-scan sonar).</p>
<b>2: Reactive baseline monitoring and establishment of sub-tidal benthic habitat monitoring sites</b>	<p>2a: PI to consider outputs from OMS1 and OMS2 to prioritise sensitive priority areas for the establishment of monitoring sites and gathering reactive monitoring data.</p> <p>2b: Technical specialist to establish sites and to carry out survey at the five sensitive priority areas and one reference site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>First Priority</u>: Sponge habitat within 1 week of the hydrocarbon release.</li> <li><u>Secondary Priority</u>: Macro-algae sites within 2 weeks of the hydrocarbon release.</li> <li><u>Third Priority</u>: Saltmarsh within 3 weeks of spill.</li> <li>MP store/archive field records, photos, video and other data.</li> </ul> <p>2c: PI to provide Reactive Baseline Survey Chapter of Baseline Report (within 4 weeks of reactive baseline survey completion) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>3: Acquisition and dissemination of existing intertidal and sub-tidal habitat baseline data.</b>	<p>3a: PI responsible for the acquisition of existing baseline sponge and macro-algae habitat and saltmarsh habitat data from various sources as per the procedure in the SMS4 implementation plan to establish the baseline dataset.</p> <p>3b: PI to provide SMS4 Intertidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Baseline Data Chapter of Baseline Report (within 8 weeks of hydrocarbon release) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 2 weeks of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>4: Acquisition of routine sub-tidal benthic habitat surveys during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of hydrocarbon releases</b>	<p>4a: Technical specialist to routinely carry out scientific surveys of sub-tidal benthic habitat sites at priority sensitive locations and reference site as prescribed in the SMS4 implementation plan during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release. Field records, photos, video and other data to be stored/archived.</p> <p>4b: PI to provide a short report for each survey (within 4 weeks of completion of field survey) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<b>5: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of sub-tidal benthic habitats after the hydrocarbon release and carry out long-term monitoring phase</b>	<p>5a: PI to consider final information / results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of sub-tidal benthic habitats after cessation of the hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>5b: PI revises SMS4 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of sub-tidal</p>

	<p>benthic habitats (within 4 weeks after SMS8 Final Report is approved) and provides to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS4 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of sub-tidal benthic habitats within 4 weeks of submission after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT; and disseminates to technical specialist.</p> <p>5c: PI responsible for implementation of Long-Term Monitoring Phase SMS4 implementation plan.</p>	
<b>6: Assess impact of hydrocarbon release on sub-tidal benthic habitats</b>	<p>6a: Assessment of potential impacts to sub-tidal habitats based on methodology in the SMS4 implementation plan and utilises SMS4 data.</p> <p>6b: PI responsible to report data and to assess the impact of hydrocarbons on sub-tidal benthic habitats in the survey (single survey), annual (data to date, EP reporting commitment) and final (all data) reports relative to the established baseline condition and the reference sites.</p> <p>6c: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) with a SMS4 Chapter for Annual Report as requested each year and the Intertidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Final Report within 8 weeks of field termination. After consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA and WA DoT, EUL (or delegate) to approve Final Intertidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Report within 2 months of field termination for dissemination.</p>	
<b>7: Regulatory compliance reporting</b>	<p>7a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DoEE) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS4 Chapter and the Final SMS4 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).</p>	
<b>Additional Information</b>		
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and data from the OPEP MES response strategy or OMS1 or OMS2 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to near-bottom waters or sediments, <b>or</b></li> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>	
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Study Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study, in consultation with NOPSEMA, DoEE and WA DoT when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall impacts to sub-tidal benthic habitats from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified;</li> <li>Recovery of impacted benthic habitats have been evaluated; and</li> <li>Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators, based upon the nature and scale of the spill impacts are no longer attributable to the spill.</li> </ul> <p><u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS4 Final Report.</p>	
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS4 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 48 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalized.</li> </ul>	
<b>Monitoring Design</b>	<p>The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</p>	
	<b>Spill Extent / Behaviour</b>	<b>Monitoring Design</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gradient approach</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spill plume has dissipated away from source</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gradient approach</li> <li>Lines of Evidence</li> </ul>
<b>Scope</b>	<p>Soft and hard substrate subtidal benthic habitats and their associated organisms</p>	

	<p>covered by SMS4 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard (scleractinian) corals, turf and coralline algae;</li> <li>• Sponges and other filter feeders;</li> <li>• Macroalgae (including turf and encrusting coralline algae) and seagrasses;</li> <li>• Kelp;</li> <li>• Large and conspicuous (i.e. epifaunal) motile invertebrates (e.g. crustaceans and molluscs).</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Techniques</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dive / towed video / drop camera / ROV surveys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transects,</li> <li>○ Quadrats,</li> <li>○ Sediment grab (for soft-bottom habitat).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remote sensing.</li> <li>• Biological sample collection.</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at least once a year (although initially this is likely to be at a greater frequency) until termination criteria are met.</li> <li>• Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>• Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Technical Specialist/s in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habitat/substrate type,</li> <li>• Abundance and percent cover,</li> <li>• Diversity,</li> <li>• Distribution,</li> <li>• State (e.g. evidence of stress, necrosis, leaf condition etc.),</li> <li>• Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH).</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI will be an experienced marine scientist with vessel-based marine benthic expertise (or equivalent).</li> <li>• MP will be experienced and qualified marine scientists with experience in undertaking marine benthic surveys including sub-tidal monitoring and habitat analysis.</li> <li>• MP (office) to be experienced sub-tidal benthic habitat analysts for SMS4 office-based analysis.</li> <li>• Dive teams with Australian standard commercial certification.</li> <li>• Wet laboratory services will be required for organism sampling processing.</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> <li>• Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels).</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and Environment Officer (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS4 Inter-tidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring implementation plan.</li> <li>• SMS4 Baseline Report within 2 weeks of the spill.</li> <li>• SMS4 Survey Reports within one month of survey completion.</li> <li>• Long-Term Monitoring Phase Study revision of SMS4 implementation plan within one month of final survey completion.</li> <li>• SMS4 Chapter in Annual Reports.</li> <li>• SMS4 Final Report one month after study termination.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Review and Auditing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Random internal review of Strategy SMS4 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate) with duration between reviews no longer than 3 months.</li> <li>• Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitation of offshore sub-tidal benthic habitat monitoring in areas of active response measures during the hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of the SMS4 implementation plan and long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination and review of monitoring results.</li> <li>• Compliance with SMS4 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews</li> <li>• Oversee external audits of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division and other regulators.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of any compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve all reporting (Survey, Baseline, Chapter SMS4 in Annual &amp; Final), the implementation plan and revision for the Long-Term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Provide advice to IC and PSC as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the Long-Term Monitoring Phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement daily Inter-tidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring Survey</li> <li>• Daily communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate)</li> <li>• Review all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Report, SMS4 Chapters in Annual Reports, Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring Final Report).</li> <li>• Review of any compliance reports.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake sub-tidal benthic habitat monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Carry out data analyses.</li> <li>• Prepare reports including the Inter-tidal and Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring Final Report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edgara et al. (2000) Impact of the Iron Baron oil spill on sub-tidal reef assemblages in Tasmania.</li> <li>• ANZECC &amp; ARMCANZ (2000) Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality. Paper No. 4 Volume 1 of National Water Quality Management Strategy</li> <li>• Cappo, M.; Harvey, E. S.; Shortis, M. R. Counting And Measuring Fish With Baited Video Techniques - An Overview. In: Lyle, J. M.; Furlani, D. M.; Buxton, C. D. (Ed.) . AFSB Conference And Workshop "Cutting-Edge Technologies In Fish And Fisheries Science", 2006, Hobart, Tasmani Workshop Proceedings ... Australian Society for Fish Biology, 2006</li> <li>• Keough MJ and Carnell PE (2009) Ecological Performance Measures for Victorian Marine Protected Areas: Review of the existing biological sampling data Department of Zoology, University of Melbourne for Parks Victoria, Melbourne,</li> </ul>

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### 3.3.5 SMS5 Strategy: Seabird Population Monitoring (Vessel-Based)

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	Monitor seabird populations to assess potential impacts to, and subsequent recovery following a hydrocarbon release. This will be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantify the level of exposure to affected populations;</li> <li>• Provide operational response resources to implement secondary and tertiary oiled wildlife response strategies;</li> <li>• Assess any impacts to seabirds resulting from response activities; and</li> <li>• Determine the recovery of populations after hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul>
Performance Standards	Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS5 Seabird Monitoring Survey program.</b>	1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from large pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc.). 1b: PI to maintain a database of vessel service providers.
<b>2: Acquisition and dissemination of existing seabird population baseline data</b>	2a: PI responsible for the acquisition of existing seabird population baseline data from various sources as per the procedure in the SMS5 implementation plan to establish the baseline dataset. 2b: PI to provide SMS5 Monitoring Baseline Data Report (within 8 weeks of hydrocarbon release) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 2 weeks of chapter submission, and to distribute to PSC and other PIs.
<b>3: Acquisition of seabird populations monitoring data during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of hydrocarbon release</b>	3a: Vessel-based collection and analysis of seabird population data from predicted impact and reference sites at known offshore aggregation areas, at frequencies prescribed in the SMS5 implementation plan by technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release. Technical specialist store / archive field records at secure site. 3b: PI to provide a short data report summarising each field survey within 4 weeks of completion of each field survey to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs. Potential for the use of seabird monitoring to determine if hazing should be proposed to prevent the oiling of avifauna. This would require a license if it was proposed before implementation.
<b>4: Assess impact of hydrocarbon release on seabird populations and provision of performance reporting</b>	4a: PI is responsible to assess and to report on monitoring of seabird populations for all vessel-based surveys (single survey), annual (data to date, EP performance report) and final (all data) reports relative to the established baseline condition and the reference sites. 4b: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) the SMS5 Chapter for Annual Reports as specified by the EUL (or delegate) each year and the Seabird Population Monitoring Final Report within 8 weeks of field termination. After consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DBCA, EUL (or delegate) to approve Final Seabird Population Monitoring Report within 3 months of field termination for dissemination.
<b>5: Regulatory compliance reporting</b>	5a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, WA DoT and DoEE) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS5 Chapter and the Final SMS5 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).
Additional Information	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and</li> </ul>

	<p>data from the OPEP MES response strategy or OMS1 or OMS2 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to seabird population, <b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>			
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Study Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, DoEE and WA DoT, DBCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance parameters (e.g. population size, breeding success) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites, or</li> </ul> <p>There has been no demonstrable impact on marine fauna from hydrocarbons. <u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS5 Final Report.</p>			
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS4 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 72 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalised.</li> </ul>			
<b>Monitoring Design</b>	<p>The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</p>			
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<b>Sampling Technique</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic surveillance (e.g. transects):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial observations from fixed-wing or helicopter,</li> <li>Vessel-based observations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unmanned surveillance:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAV and/or satellite.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tissue sample collection and analysis.</li> <li>Opportunistic / incidental observations.</li> <li>Carcass collection and tissue sampling.</li> </ul>			
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at least once a year (although initially this is likely to be at a greater frequency) until termination criteria are met.</li> <li>Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Technical Specialist/s in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>			
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nest/burrow presence,</li> <li>Abundance (adults, juveniles, fledging/hatchling etc),</li> <li>Density,</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution,</li> <li>• State (e.g. evidence of stress, oil cover, injured etc.),</li> <li>• Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>• Presence and state of any carcass.</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PI will be an experienced ornithologist with at least 5 years coastal seabird experience (or equivalent); and</li> <li>• MP (vessel-based) will be qualified ornithologist with experience in vessel-based and shore based monitoring activities.</li> <li>• MP (office) to be experienced seabird analysts for SMS5 office-based analyses.</li> <li>• Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels).</li> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS5 (Seabird Population Monitoring) implementation plan.</li> <li>• SMS5 Baseline Data Report within two weeks of a spill.</li> <li>• SMS5 Survey Reports within one month of survey completion.</li> <li>• SMS5 Chapter for Annual Reports.</li> <li>• SMS5 Final Report one month after study termination.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual internal review of Strategy SMS5 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate seabird population monitoring in areas of active response activities during the hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day-to-day coordination and review of monitoring data.</li> <li>• Compliance with SMS5 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Carry out internal periodic reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of any compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve all reporting (Reactive Baseline Survey Report, Baseline Data Report, Final Report, SMS5 Chapter in Annual Reports, implementation plan) and the Revised implementation plan for the Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Provide advice to IC and PSC.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan and coordinate vessel based seabird population monitoring.</li> <li>• Review, approve and disseminate monitoring information.</li> <li>• Review all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Report, SMS5 Seabird Population Monitoring Final Report, SMS5 Chapter in Annual Reports).</li> <li>• Review of any compliance reports.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out field monitoring activities, subsequent data analysis and data reporting</li> </ul>

	<p>(field staff).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collate existing baseline data and preparation of Baseline Data Report.</li> <li>• Prepare reports including Seabird Population Monitoring Final Report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook. (Hook et al, 2016).</li> <li>• Watson et al. (2009). A Rapid Assessment of the Impacts of the Montara Oil Leak on Birds, Cetaceans and Marine Reptiles. Prepared on behalf of the DEWHA.</li> </ul>

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### 3.3.6 SMS6 Strategy: Marine Megafauna Surveys

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	<p>Undertake marine megafauna monitoring to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impacts and disturbance to marine megafauna.</li> </ul>
<b>Performance Standards</b>	<b>Measurement Criteria</b>
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS6 Marine Megafauna Surveys program.</b>	<p>1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc.).</p> <p>1b: PI to maintain a database of vessel and aircraft service providers</p>
<b>2: Acquisition and dissemination of existing marine megafauna baseline data</b>	<p>2a: PI responsible for the acquisition of existing marine mega-fauna data from various sources as per the procedure in the SMS6 implementation plan to establish the baseline dataset.</p> <p>2b: PI to provide SMS6 Megafauna Monitoring Baseline Data Report (within 8 weeks of hydrocarbon release) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 2 weeks of chapter submission, and to distribute to IC and other PIs.</p>
<b>3: Acquisition of marine megafauna survey data during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release</b>	<p>3a: Collection and analysis of marine mega-fauna data from priority sensitive locations and predicted impact and reference sites, at frequencies prescribed in the SMS6 implementation plan by technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release. Technical specialist to store / archive field records.</p> <p>3b: PI to provide a short data report summarising each field survey within 4 weeks of completion of survey to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p> <p>The monitoring data could be used for consideration of hazing activities to prevent the oiling of marine megafauna. A license would be required before any hazing activities could be undertaken.</p>
<b>4: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of marine megafauna surveys after the hydrocarbon release and carry out long-term monitoring phase</b>	<p>4a: PI to consider final information / results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of marine megafauna after cessation of hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>4b: PI revises SMS6 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of marine megafauna within 4 weeks after SMS8 Final Report approval and provides to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS6 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of marine megafauna surveys within 4 weeks of submission after consultation with DOEE, NOPSEMA, WA DoT, DBCA; and disseminates to technical specialist.</p> <p>4c: PI responsible for implementation of revised long-term phase SMS6 implementation plan.</p>
<b>5: Assess impact of hydrocarbon release on marine megafauna and provision of performance reporting</b>	<p>5a: PI responsible to assess and to report on monitoring of marine megafauna for each survey (single survey), annual (data to date, EP performance report) and final (all data) reports relative to the established baseline condition and the reference sites (as relevant).</p> <p>5b: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) the SMS6 Chapter for Annual</p>

	Reports as specified by the EUL (or delegate) each year and the Marine Megafauna Monitoring Final Report within 8 weeks of final field survey. EUL (or delegate) after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA, WA DoT DBCA to approve Final Marine Megafauna Monitoring Report within 3 months of field termination for dissemination.				
<b>6: Regulatory compliance reporting</b>	6a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, DoEE and WA DoT, DBCA) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS6 Chapter and the Final SMS6 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate). 6b: Technical specialist to inform EUL (or delegate) of any injuries or mortality of marine megafauna within 12 hours of observation. EUL (or delegate) to report any injuries or mortality of marine megafauna to relevant regulators ASAP but within 48 hours of observation.				
<b>Additional Information</b>					
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred and data from the OPEP MES response strategy or OMS1 or OMS2 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to marine megafauna, <b>or</b></li> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>				
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, DoEE, DBCA and / or WA DoT it is deemed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance parameters (e.g. population size, breeding success) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites, <b>or</b></li> </ul> <p>There has been no demonstrable impact on marine fauna from hydrocarbons. <u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS6 Final Report.</p>				
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS6 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 72 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalised.</li> </ul>				
<b>Monitoring Design</b>	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.				
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<b>Scope</b>	<p>Marine megafauna covered by SMS6 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pinnipeds,</li> <li>Reptiles,</li> <li>Sharks,</li> <li>Cetaceans.</li> </ul>				
<b>Sampling Technique</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic surveillance (e.g. transects):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aerial observations from fixed-wing or helicopter,</li> <li>Vessel-based observations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unmanned surveillance:</li> </ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UAV and/or satellite.</li> <li>● Tissue sample collection and analysis.</li> <li>● Opportunistic / incidental observations.</li> <li>● Carcass collection and tissue sampling.</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at least once a year (although initially this is likely to be at a greater frequency) until termination criteria are met.</li> <li>● Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>● Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Technical Specialist/s in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abundance (adults, juveniles, fledging/hatchling etc)</li> <li>● Density</li> <li>● Distribution</li> <li>● State (e.g. evidence of stress, oil cover, injured etc.)</li> <li>● Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH)</li> <li>● Presence and state of any carcass</li> </ul>
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PI with significant experience in marine fauna management (or equivalent). Field experience in managing marine fauna surveys (aerial, boat-based, telemetry, acoustic). Experience in leading marine mega-fauna technical studies and reporting.</li> <li>● MP (vessel and aerial-based) will include experienced and qualified marine zoologists with at least five years' experience in surveys of marine mega-fauna.</li> <li>● MP (office) to be experienced marine mega-fauna analysts for SMS6 office-based analyses.</li> <li>● Commercial certified / surveyed plant (vessels and aircraft).</li> <li>● CVs to be kept on file.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and the EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SMS6 (Marine Megafauna Monitoring) implementation plan.</li> <li>● SMS6 Baseline Data Report.</li> <li>● SMS6 Survey Reports.</li> <li>● Revision of SMS6 implementation plan for the Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>● SMS6 Chapters for Annual Reports.</li> <li>● SMS6 Final Report.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Annual internal review of Strategy SMS6 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>● Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overall responsibility for implementation of the Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilitation of marine megafauna monitoring in areas of response activities during the hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing review and approval of the SMS6 implementation plan long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>● Day-to-day review and coordination of monitoring data;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with SMS6 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division, DoEE, WA DoT, DCBA and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Report any injuries or fatalities of marine megafauna to the relevant regulator ASAP but within 48 hours of sighting.</li> <li>• Approval of Marine Megafauna Monitoring Final Report, Survey Reports, Baseline Data Report, SMS6 Chapter in Annual Reports, and the Long-term Monitoring Phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Provide advice to IC and PSC as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate, and implement field activities and data analysis</li> <li>• Daily communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate)</li> <li>• Review Marine Megafauna Monitoring Final Report, Survey Reports, Baseline Report, SMS6 Chapter in Annual Reports.</li> <li>• Review compliance reports.</li> <li>• Reporting any injuries or fatalities of marine megafauna to the relevant regulator within 48 hours of sighting.</li> <li>• Provision of advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Report any injuries or fatalities of marine megafauna to the EUL (or delegate) within 2 hours of sighting.</li> <li>• Perform data analyses.</li> <li>• Prepare reports.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al, 2016).</li> <li>• DoEE (2017). Australian National Guidelines for Whale and Dolphin Watching.</li> <li>• Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia, 2017-2027.</li> </ul>

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### 3.3.7 SMS7 Strategy: Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Representative Commercial and Recreational Fish Species

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	Monitor for hydrocarbons in representative commercial and recreational fish species (including shellfish) to assess the physiological impacts to fisheries; seafood quality/safety and the fisheries recovery following a hydrocarbon release.
Performance Standards	Measurement Criteria
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS7 program.</b>	1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contracts (e.g. GHD, Cardno). 1b: PI to maintain a database of vessel service provider.

	<p>1c: PI to maintain a database of accredited laboratories (e.g., CSIRO) for analysis of fish toxicological samples.</p>
<p><b>2: Acquisition and dissemination of existing commercial and recreational fish data</b></p>	<p>2a: PI responsible for the acquisition of existing commercial and recreation fish data from various sources as per the procedure in the SMS7 implementation plan to confirm the commercial and recreational fish species caught in the area.</p> <p>2b: A baseline of no hydrocarbon contamination has been assumed for this study for recreational and commercial fishing stock.</p>
<p><b>3: Acquisition of data for hydrocarbon monitoring of representative commercial and recreational fish species during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release</b></p>	<p>3a: Collection and analysis of representative commercial and recreational fish species at predicted impact and reference sites, to determine the presence and absence of hydrocarbons, at frequencies prescribed in the SMS7 implementation plan by technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release. Where possible, samples will be obtained from commercial catches at point of landing. BP will liaise with the DAFWA and / or AFMA regarding sampling and analysis of commercial fish stock. Technical specialist to store/archive field records.</p> <p>3b: Laboratory analysis of fish samples at accredited laboratory (e.g. CSIRO). CoC to confirm sample collection, transport to appropriate laboratories, and sample receipt notification from the accredited laboratory to confirm arrival of fish samples within holding times. Documents stored / archived at secure site by technical specialist.</p> <p>3c: Laboratory Analysis Report issued by accredited laboratory with analysis techniques as defined in implementation plan (within 3 weeks of sample collection) and stored / archived by technical specialist.</p> <p>3d: PI to provide a short report for each Survey (within 4 weeks of completion of field survey) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.</p>
<p><b>4: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbon monitoring of representative commercial and recreational fish species after the hydrocarbon release and carry out long-term monitoring phase</b></p>	<p>4a: PI to consider final information / results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbon monitoring in commercial and recreational fish species after cessation of the hydrocarbon release.</p> <p>4b: PI revises SMS7 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of hydrocarbon monitoring in representative commercial and recreational fish species within 4 weeks after cessation of hydrocarbon release and provides to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS7 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase within 4 weeks of submission after consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA, DPIRD and AFMA; and disseminates to technical specialist.</p> <p>4c: PI responsible for implementation of revised long-term phase SMS7 implementation plan.</p>
<p><b>5: Assess impact of hydrocarbon release on representative commercial and recreational fish species and performance reporting</b></p>	<p>5a: PI responsible to assess and to report the monitoring of hydrocarbons on representative commercial and recreational fish species for each survey (single survey), annual (data to date, EP performance report) and final (all data) report to the established baseline condition and the reference sites for each survey.</p> <p>5b: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) the SMS7 Chapter for Annual Reports as specified by the EUL (or delegate) each year and the Final Report within 8 weeks of field termination. After consultation with DoEE, NOPSEMA, DPIRD and AFMA, EUL to approve Final Report within 3 months of field termination for dissemination.</p>
<p><b>6: Regulatory compliance reporting</b></p>	<p>6a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA, DoEE, DPIRD and / or AFMA) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS7 Chapter and the Final SMS7 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).</p>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	
<p><b>Initiation Trigger</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred and data from OMS1 and OMS2 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to known fishing grounds, <b>or</b></li> <li>• Allegations of damage are received from commercial fisheries or government agencies, <b>or</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>	
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA, DPIRD, DoEE and / or AFMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish or shellfish show no presence of tissue taint, <b>or</b></li> <li>PAH levels in fish and shellfish tissue have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites, <b>or</b></li> <li>PAH levels in fish and shellfish tissue are at or below regulatory levels of concern, <b>or</b></li> </ul> <p>There has been no demonstrable impact on fish from hydrocarbons.</p> <p><u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS7 Final Report.</p>	
<b>Timing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS7 is to be activated <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met,</li> <li>A draft SAP, prepared by the Technical Specialist/s, to be available within 72 hours of the study being activated,</li> <li>Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after study being activated,</li> <li>Mobilisation and monitoring to commence as soon as practicable after SAP is finalised.</li> </ul>	
<b>Monitoring Design</b>	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.	
	<b>Spill Extent / Behaviour</b>	<b>Monitoring Design</b>
	Offshore spill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gradient approach</li> <li>Lines of Evidence</li> </ul>
<b>Sampling Technique</b>	<p>Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under SMS7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systematic fish sample collection:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Olfactory evaluation,</li> <li>Tissue collection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Opportunistic carcass collection and tissue sampling.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is recommended that surveys are undertaken at approximately four-month intervals during the first year, and then at least once a year until termination criteria are met. Survey timing should coincide with that appropriate for the fish species of interest.</li> <li>Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Technical Specialist/s.</li> <li>Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EUL following each monitoring and reporting event.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<p>Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under SMS7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Odour and appearance,</li> <li>Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH),</li> <li>Fish health indicators and biomarkers (e.g. liver enzymes, PAH metabolites).</li> </ul>	
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PI will be a fisheries scientist with at least 5 years professional experience in epidemiological studies of marine fish and aquaculture species (or equivalent).</li> <li>MP (field) sampling teams include experienced and qualified marine scientists with experience in the collection of fish samples.</li> <li>Olfactory analysis must be led by a scientist experienced in the use of the duo-trio method.</li> <li>MP (office) to be experienced fish analysts for SMS7 office-based analyses.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CVs to be kept on file.</li> <li>• Laboratory services will be NATA accredited.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reporting</b></p>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS7 implementation plan.</li> <li>• SMS7 Baseline Data Report.</li> <li>• SMS7 Survey Reports.</li> <li>• Revised Study SMS7 implementation plan for Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• SMS7 Chapter for Annual Reports.</li> <li>• SMS7 Final Report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Auditing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual internal review of Strategy SMS7 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall responsibility for implementation of the SMS7 Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate sampling of representative commercial and recreational fish species in areas of response activities during the hydrocarbon release.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review and approval of the SMS7 implementation plan and long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>• Day-to-day coordination and review of the monitoring data;</li> <li>• Compliance with SMS7 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>• Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>• Oversee external audits.</li> <li>• Liaise with State / or Commonwealth Fisheries Departments regarding sampling and monitoring of fish.</li> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division, DoEE, DPIRD and AFMA.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of any compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Data Report, Final Report, SMS7 Chapter in Annual Reports, implementation plan) and the revision of the implementation plan for the Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Provide advice with IC and PSC as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Plan, coordinate and implement fish sampling at commercial and recreational charter boat landings.</li> <li>• Daily communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Review, approve and disseminate monitoring information.</li> <li>• Review all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Report, Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Representative Commercial and Recreational Fish Species Final Report, SMS7 Chapter in Annual Reports).</li> <li>• Revise the implementation plan for Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Review of data provided for inputs into SMS8 Hind-cast Modelling.</li> <li>• Review of any compliance reports.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate fish sampling at home ports.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake fish sampling activities.</li> <li>Coordination of laboratories.</li> <li>Perform data analyses.</li> <li>Prepare reports including Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Representative Commercial and Recreational Fish Species Final Report.</li> <li>Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hook et al 2016 Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook.</li> <li>ANZECC &amp; ARMCANZ (2000) Fresh and Marine Water Guidelines</li> <li>Yender et al. (2002). Managing Seafood Safety after an Oil Spill.</li> <li>Reilly &amp; York. (2001). Guidance on Sensory Testing and Monitoring of Seafood for Presence of Petroleum Taint Following an Oil Spill.</li> <li>Gagnon et al. (1999). Biochemical and Chemical Parameters for Aquatic Ecosystem Health Assessments Adapted to the Australian Oil and Gas Industry.</li> </ul>

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### 3.3.8 SMS8 Strategy: Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	Undertake hind-cast simulations of a hydrocarbon release, validated with information / data from other OSMP studies to refine post-incident impact assessment and to inform long-term scientific monitoring specifications to support assessments of the impacts and recovery of environmental sensitivities affected by the hydrocarbon spill.
<b>Monitoring Performance Standards</b>	<b>Measurement Criteria</b>
<b>1: Readiness to implement OMS1 forecast modelling within 3 months of acceptance of EP</b>	1a: EUL (or delegate) to extend existing ongoing contract with modelling service provider (RPS Response) for 6 months after termination criteria for OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling). 1b: RPS Response to be operationally ready to provide hind-cast modelling services within 1 week after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling). 1c: SMS8 implementation plan for hind-cast modelling updated by RPS Response and approved by EUL (or delegate) within 1 week after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling).
<b>2: Conduct hindcast simulations to inform post-incident impact assessment</b>	2a: PIs of relevant studies to provide RPS available pertinent information / data from OMS2 (Hydrocarbon Spill Surveillance and Tracking), SMS2 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters) and SMS3 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Sediments) in digital format with accompanying meta-data documents within 4 weeks after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling). 2b: IC to provide RPS Response with pertinent information / data regarding response measures implemented during the incident in digital format with accompanying meta-data document within 4 weeks after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling). 2c: RPS Response to provide the Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment Modelling Report on simulated estimates of environmental impacts in terms of surface slick, entrained hydrocarbon and dissolved aromatic exposures; within 3 months after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling).
<b>3: Refined post-incident impact assessment informs long-term monitoring specifications</b>	3a: Provision of report to PIs of SMS2-SMS7 and SMS9 to inform modelling assessment of hydrocarbon distributions from incident to be considered in the long-term monitoring specifications (e.g., locations, frequency). 3b: RPS Response to run workshop with PIs from SMS2-SMS7 and SMS9 and EUL (or delegate) to provide subsequent Workshop Report on recommendations based on hind-cast modelling of long-term modelling specifications within 4 months after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling).

Additional Information	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	Immediately after the cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling) by the EUL.
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	PSC or EUL (or delegate) approves Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment Modelling Report submitted by RPS Response and the Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment Workshop is conducted.
<b>Timing</b>	SMS8 to be implemented <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met.
<b>Competencies</b>	RPS Response is the recognized industry leader in hind-cast modelling of hydrocarbon incidents; no competency test and training anticipated.
<b>Reporting</b>	RPS Response responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) is responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RPS Response to provide SMS8 implementation plan updates within 1 week after cessation of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling);</li> <li>Final Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment Report within 6 months of study initiation.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal review of SMS8 ‘readiness’ after termination of OMS1 (Operational Forecast Modelling) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>Annual internal review of OMS1 Strategy and study implementation plan methodology, procedures, processes and records by EUL (or delegate). Non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall responsibility for implementation of Strategy and Study Implementation Plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide necessary spill parameters to PI.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approval of any updates to the implementation plan.</li> <li>Current contract with RPS includes hind-cast modelling of the spill period.</li> <li>Day-to-day coordination and review of monitoring data;</li> <li>Ensure RPS is operationally ready.</li> <li>Compliance with SMS8 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>Carry out periodic internal reviews.</li> <li>Oversee external audits.</li> <li>Coordinate provision of information from OMS2, SMS2 and SMS3 to SMS8 PI.</li> <li>Review and approve the Final Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment report.</li> <li>Provide Final Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment Report to PIs of scientific studies SMS2 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring in Marine Waters), SMS3 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Marine Sediments), SMS4 (Sub-tidal Benthic Habitat Monitoring), SMS5 (Shore and Seabird Population Monitoring), SMS6 (Marine Megafauna Surveys), SMS7 (Hydrocarbon Monitoring of Fish) to assist in refinements to their long-term monitoring specifications.</li> <li>Coordinate Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment workshop (led by RPS) for PIs (SMS2-SMS7)</li> <li>Provide advice with respect to environmental issues as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>PI (RPS):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure modelling ‘readiness’ within 1 week of study initiation</li> <li>Lead the Hind-cast Modelling Impact Assessment workshop, organized by the EUL (or delegate) for the PIs of SMS2 –SMS7</li> <li>Provide hind-cast modelling after cessation of OMS1 (Operation Forecast</li> </ul>

	<p>Modelling) and associated reporting to estimate the impacts from the hydrocarbon spill to inform the long-term scientific monitoring program.</p> <p>PIs of Studies <u>OMS2, SMS2 and SMS3</u> are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of validation data and meta-data document for hind-cast modelling to RPS.</li> </ul> <p>PIs of Studies <u>SMS2-SMS7</u> are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and attendance at Hind-cast Modelling Workshop.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	RPS guidelines.

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### 3.3.9 SMS9 Strategy: Socio-Economic Surveys

Strategy Component	Description
<b>Monitoring Performance Outcomes</b>	The monitoring performance outcomes for this study is to carry out socio economic monitoring studies to assess socio-economic, including cultural impacts and subsequent recovery pathways following a Level 2/3 hydrocarbon spill.
<b>Monitoring Performance Standards</b>	<b>Measurement Criteria</b>
<b>1: Readiness to implement SMS9 program.</b>	1a: PI and technical specialist to be sourced from pool of resources under existing contract (e.g. GHD, Cardno etc.).
<b>2: Acquisition and dissemination of existing socioeconomic baseline data</b>	2a: PI responsible for the acquisition of existing socioeconomic and cultural data from various sources (e.g., Councils REMPLAN) as per the procedure in the SMS9 implementation plan to establish the baseline dataset.  2b: PI to provide SMS9 Baseline Data Report within 8 weeks of hydrocarbon release to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 2 weeks of submission, and to distribute to PSC and other PIs.
<b>3: Acquisition of data for socio-economic monitoring during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release</b>	3a: Collection and analysis of representative socio-economic data at predicted impact and reference sites, to determine socio-economic impacts, at frequencies prescribed in the SMS9 implementation plan by technical specialist during the hydrocarbon release and for 3 months after the cessation of the hydrocarbon release.  Technical specialist to store/archive field records.  3d: PI to provide a short report for each Survey (within 4 weeks of completion of field survey) to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve within 1 week of submission and distribute to PSC and other PIs.
<b>4: Revise implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of socio-economic recovery and carry out long-term monitoring phase</b>	4a: PI to consider final information / results from SMS8 (Hind-cast Modelling for Impact Assessment) in the revision of the implementation plan for the long-term monitoring phase of socio-economic impacts after cessation of the hydrocarbon release.  4b: PI revises SMS9 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase of socio-economic impact within 4 weeks after cessation of hydrocarbon release and provides to EUL (or delegate). EUL (or delegate) to approve revision to SMS9 implementation plan for long-term monitoring phase within 4 weeks of submission after consultation with NOPSEMA and other regulators.  4c: PI responsible for implementation of revised long-term phase SMS9 implementation plan.
<b>5: Assess impact of hydrocarbon release socio-economic indicators and performance reporting</b>	5a: PI responsible to assess and to report the monitoring of socio-economic impacts for each survey (single survey), annual (data to date, EP performance report) and final (all data) report to the established baseline condition and the impacts for each survey.  5b: PI to prepare and to provide EUL (or delegate) the SMS9 Chapter for Annual Reports as specified by the EUL (or delegate) each year and the Final Report within 8

	weeks of field termination. After consultation with NOPSEMA and other regulators the EUL to approve Final Report within 3 months of field termination for dissemination.
<b>6: Regulatory compliance reporting</b>	6a: EUL (or delegate) to provide regulators (NOPSEMA) with Annual Scientific Monitoring Reports that includes a SMS9 Chapter and the Final SMS9 Scientific Monitoring Report within 4 weeks of approval by the EUL (or delegate).
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Initiation Trigger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 spill has occurred,</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IC (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.</li> </ul>
<b>Termination Criteria</b>	<p><u>Field Termination:</u> The PSC or EUL (or delegate) will terminate the study when, in consultation with NOPSEMA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterisation of impacts to socio economic and cultural conditions has been established; and</li> <li>Monitoring of recovery is reasonably satisfied for socio-economic conditions.</li> </ul> <p><u>Study Termination:</u> Submission and approval of SMS9 Final Report.</p>
<b>Timing</b>	SMS8 to be implemented <sup>a</sup> within 24 hours of the initiation criteria being met.
<b>Competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PI with support from cultural experts and experienced economist with at least 5 years' experience in collecting and analysing socio economic data (or equivalent);</li> <li>Technical specialist (office) to be experienced economists with experience in the collection and analysis of socio-economic data.</li> <li>CVs to be kept on file</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting</b>	<p>PI and technical specialist responsible for the preparation, and EUL (or delegate) responsible for the approval and dissemination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS9 implementation plan.</li> <li>SMS9 Baseline Data Report.</li> <li>SMS9 Survey Reports.</li> <li>Revised SMS9 Implementation Plan for Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>SMS9 Chapter for Annual Reports.</li> <li>SMS9 Final Report.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Auditing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual internal review of Strategy SMS9 implementation plan (methodology, procedures, processes, records, reporting and QA/QC) by EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>Any non-conformances recorded with follow-up by EUL (or delegate) within 2 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<p><u>IC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall responsibility for implementation of the SMS9 Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul> <p><u>PSC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate field access and surveying where necessary.</li> </ul> <p><u>EUL (or delegate):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing review and approval of the SMS9 implementation plan long-term monitoring phase revision of the implementation plan.</li> <li>Compliance with SMS9 implementation plan requirements.</li> <li>Carry out periodic internal reviews of implementation plan.</li> <li>Day-to-day coordination and review of monitoring data;</li> <li>Oversee external audits.</li> <li>Liaise with State / or Commonwealth Departments regarding socio-economic monitoring and results.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications with NOPSEMA’s Environment Division and other regulators.</li> <li>• Approval and provision of any compliance reporting requirements.</li> <li>• Approve all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Data Report, Final Report, SMS9 Chapter in Annual Reports, implementation plan) and the revision of the implementation plan for the Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Provide advice to GMO as required.</li> </ul> <p><u>PI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily implementation of this implementation plan.</li> <li>• Daily communications between technical specialist and EUL (or delegate).</li> <li>• Review, approve and disseminate monitoring information.</li> <li>• Review all reporting (Survey Reports, Baseline Report, Final Report, SMS9 Chapter in Annual Reports).</li> <li>• Revise the implementation plan for Long-term Monitoring Phase.</li> <li>• Review of data provided for inputs into SMS8 Hind-cast Modelling.</li> <li>• Review of any compliance reports.</li> <li>• Provide advice as required to the EUL (or delegate).</li> </ul> <p><u>Technical Specialist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform socio-economic impact analyses.</li> <li>• Prepare reports including Baseline Report, Survey Reports, SMS9 Chapter in Annual Report and Final Report.</li> <li>• Store and archive data.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant References and Guidelines</b>	N/A

<sup>a</sup> A study is considered implemented when BP have (i) confirmed initiation criteria have been met, (ii) the Technical Specialist/s have been notified, (iii) sampling and analysis plans (where required) have been completed, and (iv) mobilisation has commenced.

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# **Appendix F**

## **Stakeholder Engagement Materials**



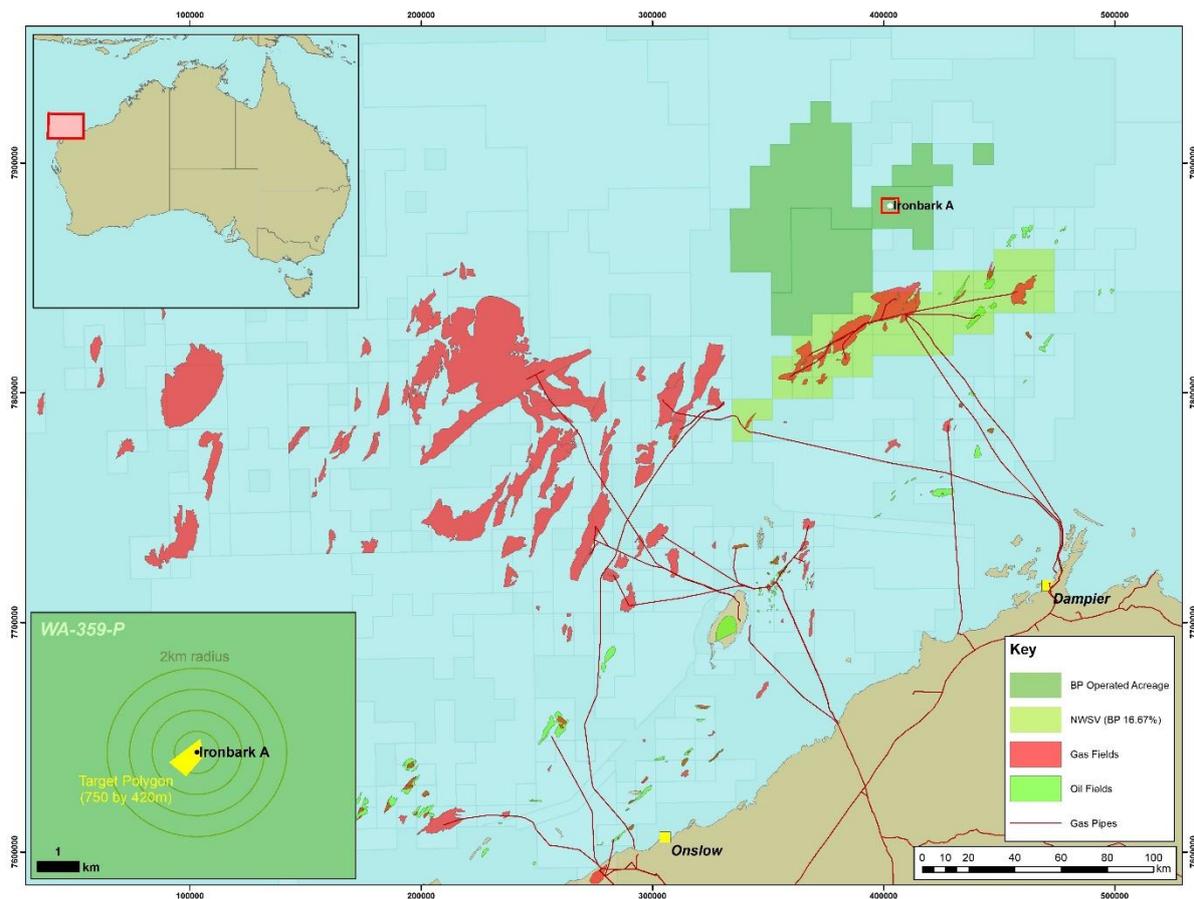
## BP Ironbark exploration drilling consultation

As part of BP's public consultation process, the below information provides an overview of BP's proposed activity in the Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia. For updates on any future developments, please register your details\* [using this link](#).

*\*Please note: your name may be included in BP's Environmental Plan (EP) consultation documentation, which will be submitted to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) and be viewable to the public.*

### 1. Activity

BP is proposing to conduct exploration drilling activities for a single exploration well in the Carnarvon Basin off Western Australia's north-west coast. The proposed Ironbark-1 exploration well is located in Permit WA-359-P, in Commonwealth waters.





## **2. Joint venture arrangement**

The WA-359-P Joint Venture participating interests are:

- BP (operator) – 42.5%
- Cue – 21.5%
- Beach – 21%
- New Zealand Oil & Gas – 15%

## **3. Duration of the activity**

Drilling activities are planned to commence in Q3 of 2020, although depending on Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) availability, may commence between Q3 of 2020 and Q2 2021.

Drilling activities are expected to take approximately 70-90 days (excluding weather and operational delays). Drilling and support activities will typically be conducted on a 24-hour basis.

## **4. Longitude and latitude of the activity**

Ironbark-1 exploration well coordinates are as follows:

Long: 116° 04' 35.80 / Lat: 19° 09' 34.01"

## **5. Distance from shore**

The Ironbark-1 exploration well will be drilled within Permit WA-359-P, located approximately 200km from shore, in water depths of 300m.

## **6. Supply base information**

Existing shore-based supply facilities in Dampier will be used to support the exploration drilling activities. Aspects of the activities to be conducted at the shore-based facilities is not within the assessment scope of the EP. Similarly, aspects associated with vessels transiting to and from the operational area and the shoreline do not form part of the assessment scope of the EP; these fall under the jurisdiction of AMSA and are managed under the Navigation Act 2012.

## **7. Exclusion zones**

A 500m Petroleum Safety Zone will apply around the MODU for the duration of the drilling activities.

## **8. Vessel types and rig**

Drilling will be undertaken using a MODU. Two to three support vessels, as well as helicopters will be required to support the exploration drilling activities.

## **9. Activities forming part of the exploration drilling program**



- MODU positioning and anchoring.
- Drilling of the well.
- Installation and testing of the blow out preventers.
- Cementing of the well.
- Evaluation of the well using electric logging and Vertical Seismic Profiling.
- Well abandonment.
- Post-drilling ROV survey.
- Support operations, including vessel and helicopter movements.

## **10. Planned impacts considered in the EP**

- Displacement of other marine users from the physical presence of the MODU and support vessels.
- Seabed disturbance from positioning / anchoring the MODU and drilling the well.
- Attraction of transient marine fauna to light emissions from MODU and vessel operations.
- Avoidance of transient marine fauna to underwater sound emissions from logging (VSP), MODU operations, vessel operations, and helicopter operations.
- Potential chronic effects to sensitive receptors from atmospheric emissions from MODU and vessel operations.
- Potential toxic and smothering effects to sensitive receptors from planned discharges, including drilling fluids and cuttings, cement, completion, spacer and other fluids, BOP control fluids used for the drilling of the well; and cooling water and brine, sewage, greywater and putrescible waste, and firefighting foam from MODU and vessel operations.

## **11. Unplanned risks considered in the EP**

- Risk of fishing equipment damage from the physical presence of the wellhead
- Risk of interaction with marine fauna from vessel and MODU operations.
- Risk of change in ecosystem dynamics from introduction of invasive marine species.
- Risk of injury or toxic effects to marine fauna from accidental releases, including waste, small volumes of hazardous liquids (chemicals or hydrocarbons (diesel)), and drilling fluids from a riser disconnection or failure of drilling equipment.
- Risk of smothering or toxic effects to marine fauna from accidental release of diesel in the event of a vessel collision

BP also assessed the impacts and risks of the various spill response strategies that could be implemented in the event of a loss of well control.

## **12. Environmental setting of the activity**

To conduct a comprehensive evaluation of impacts and risks associated with the exploration drilling activities, BP has considered the values and sensitivities of the following regions:

- Bonaparte Gulf,



- Kimberley,
- Pilbara,
- Gascoyne,
- Midwest; and.
- Southwest, and
- Christmas & Cocos Islands.

This includes a range of receptors, including:

- Presence of listed threatened or migratory species or threatened ecological communities identified in EPBC Protected Matter searches.
- Presence of Biologically Important Areas (BIAs) and habitats critical to the survival of the species.
- Presence of important behaviours (e.g. foraging, roosting or breeding) by fauna, including those identified in EPBC Protected Matter searches.

And considerations of:

- The importance of an area to other receptors (e.g. nursery habitat, food source, commercial species).
- Their importance of an area to human activities (e.g. recreation and tourism, aesthetics, economy).

# Category 1 / 2 Stakeholder Letter Template

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**RE: BP Ironbark Exploration Drilling**

BP plans to further explore the Ironbark prospect by drilling a single exploration well to determine the potential of a gas/condensate field in the Carnarvon Basin off Western Australis's north-west coast. The Ironbark prospect is identified as WA 359 P.

Your business has been identified as one whose interest or activities may be directly affected in the operational area for the Ironbark exploration drilling activity.

We have enclosed a BP Ironbark exploration drilling fact sheet with a wealth of information for your reference and would like to hear back from you. Your feedback is important to us.

If you have any queries relating to the information provided, please contact us at [ironbarkinfo@bp.com](mailto:ironbarkinfo@bp.com).

Yours faithfully  
BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd

**Tzila Katzel**



## BP Ironbark Exploration Drilling Fact Sheet

### Commercial fisheries

BP has identified several local businesses whose interests or activities may be directly affected in the operational area for its Ironbark Exploration Drilling activity. These include active license holders in the following commonwealth fisheries:

NW Slope Trawl Fishery  
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery  
Wester Deepwater Trawl Fishery  
Western Skipjack Fishery  
Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery

You are being contacted as a Category 1 or 2 stakeholder.

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### 1. What are we doing?

BP plans to further explore the Ironbark prospect by drilling a single exploration well to determine the potential of a gas/condensate field in the Carnarvon Basin off Western Australia's north-west coast. The ironbark prospect is identified as WA 359 P.

### 2. Where are we doing it?

The proposed well is in Commonwealth waters and is at a water depth of approximately 300m. Coordinates for the Ironbark-1 exploration well are:

Planned well	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)	Approximate water depth
Ironbark-1	116° 04' 35.80	19° 09' 34.01"	~300m

### 3. When and for how long?

Drilling activities are planned to begin between June 2020 and June 2021. We will ensure impacted stakeholders are notified of the activity in advance.

Drilling activities are expected to take around 90-100 days (excluding weather and operational delays). Drilling and support activities will be taking place 24 hours a day.

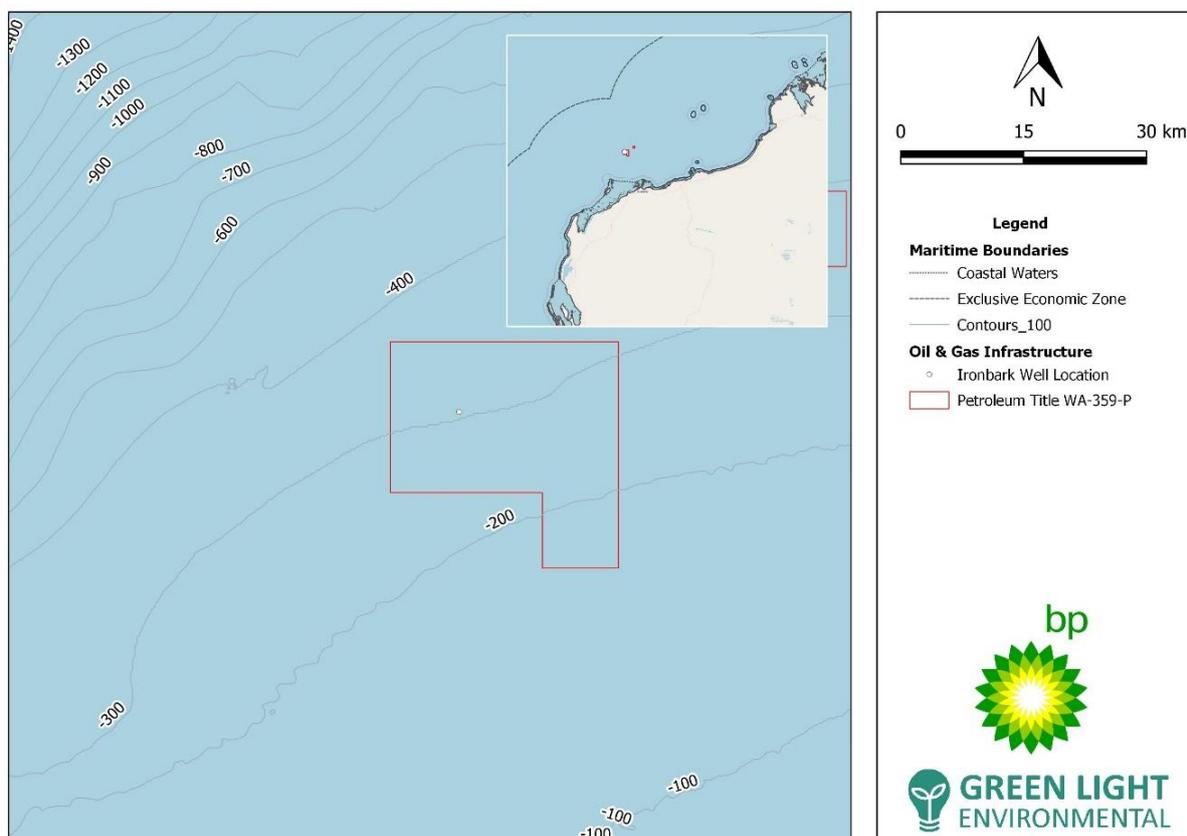
### 4. How are we doing it?

The Ironbark exploration well will be drilled by a mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU), the Ocean Apex. The Ocean Apex is already in Australia working with other oil and gas companies.

Anchors may be placed on the seabed and tested by the support vessels before the MODU arrives on site; the MODU will then be towed to location and anchored over the well site. BP will perform all formal notifications (Notice to Mariners etc.) before we begin any activities to help support the anchoring of the MODU. We will contact you

as part of this notification process so you know in advance of any additional vessels in the vicinity.

Once positioned, the Ocean Apex will continue to be supported by two or three vessels, which will be either stationary or operating at slow speeds while working in the area. The Ocean Apex will also be serviced by helicopters, with an expected flight frequency of up to 10 times a week.



## 5. How might this impact commercial fisheries?

Local commercial fisheries could be impacted by:

- Physical presence – displacement of other marine users.
- Underwater sound.
- Planned discharges – drilling fluids (including completion, spacer and other fluids).
- Planned discharges – cement.
- Planned discharges – blow-out preventer (BOP) control fluids.
- Planned discharges – cooling water, brine and bilge.

### a) Physical presence – displacement of other marine users

The operational area includes a 500m safety exclusion zone around the Ocean Apex. During the activity shipping or fishing activities will not be able to be conducted for 100 days in the exclusion zone.



State managed fisheries have recorded fishing activity within the operational area, however the fishing activity has been low volume. There has been some past vessel traffic in the operational area, however there are no designated shipping channels or navigational hazards limiting vessel avoidance movements.

We will ensure impacted stakeholders are notified of the activity in advance to pre-empt future planning and avoidance measures.

Once the activity is completed, the suspended/abandoned wellhead could be a hazard for bottom trawling fishing. The wellhead will be identified on appropriate marine charts and on-going consultation will be conducted to avoid wellhead interactions with trawling fishing or any other users of that area.

## **b) Underwater sound**

Based on scientific literature<sup>1</sup>, fish will generally avoid sound sources generated by the underwater activity. We anticipate possible short-term behaviour responses, such as avoidance of the sound sources during drilling. It is highly unlikely that underwater sound emissions from drilling activities will cause lethal impact or delayed impact to fish in the area. If you would like more details on the scientific studies used in our assessment on expected fish behaviour, please let us know and we will send this to you.

Our assessment of the drilling (specifically impulsive sound) on fish eggs or larvae shows almost insignificant impact especially when compared to natural mortality<sup>2</sup>.

It is possible that temporary avoidance of fish species could impact commercial fisheries through a reduction in catch rates. However, for those commercial fishing licences which overlap the operational area, FishCube historical data between 2014-2018 shows variable fishing activity from State fisheries that target fishes: Pilbara Fish Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery, Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery.

The Ironbark-1 well is at 300m, so benthic invertebrates are considered out of range of any impact.

The support vessels underwater sound will be like any other shipping vessel in the area. The sound from their operational activity is unlikely to impact variable fishing activity. We do not expect a reduction in catch rates for fishes due to our drilling program.

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<sup>1</sup> (McCauley et al 2017 cited in Richardson et al 2017, McPherson et al. 2016, Richardson et al 2017),

<sup>2</sup> (Saetre and Ona 1996 cited in Popper et al 2014; Richardson et al 2017).



**c) Planned discharges – drilling fluids (including completion, spacer and other fluids)**

BP commissioned modelling studies to predict the extent of exposure associated with drilling fluid discharges. It is expected that 250m away from the Ocean Apex, drilling fluid concentrations are below thresholds that have the potential to cause environmental impacts.

We do not expect any indirect impacts (such as impacts to plankton) to commercial fisheries as a result of this discharge within 250m.

**d) Planned discharges – cement**

We used a model to help us understand whether cement discharge from the drilling of this well would have any environmental impacts. We looked at an example of a similar well that we had drilled in a similar environment in 2013 to compare with any potential impacts. In the 2013 case, the cement plume was approximately 150m horizontally and 10m vertically. We assumed this size plume to understand the impacts for the Ironbark-1 drilling activity. As a result, there were no issues linked to plankton foraging or increased abundance. We do not expect any indirect impacts to commercial fisheries.

Modelling of cement discharges for another BP offshore project was used because it provides an appropriate (but conservative) comparison of the potential extent of exposure from this activity. The horizontal and vertical extents of the plume are approximately 150m and 10m, respectively.

There are no particular issues linked to planktonic foraging or increased planktonic abundance affected by this discharge within 150m, so there are no expected indirect impacts to commercial fisheries.

**e) Planned discharges – blow-out preventer (BOP) control fluids**

Modelling undertaken for another one of BP's offshore drilling projects indicate that a release of BOP fluids during function testing is expected to reach concentrations below aquatic toxicology thresholds 100m away from the Ocean Apex.

There are no particular issues linked to planktonic foraging or increased planktonic abundance affected by this discharge within 100m, so there are no expected indirect impacts to commercial fisheries.

**f) Planned discharges – cooling water, brine, sewage, greywater, putrescible waste and bilge**

Planned discharges of cooling water, brine, sewage, greywater, putrescible wastes and bilge water by MODUs and vessels are commonly practised both nationally and internationally. Water quality changes in the vicinity of the surface discharge will be quick to dissipate, and rapidly recover on completion of the activity.



The potential impacts and risks are well regulated via various treaties and legislation, both nationally and internationally, which specify industry best practice control measures. These are well understood and implemented by the industry.

There is potential for chemical discharges to result in localised impacts to surface marine fauna, however any impacts will be short term and negligible.

## 6. We would like to hear from you

Your feedback is important to us and we want to hear from you.

Information obtained from relevant stakeholders is crucial in the development of the Environment Plan under the *Offshore Petroleum Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*. BP will use information obtained from relevant stakeholders to inform the:

- Description of the environment.
- Impact and risk assessment (providing an external context).
- Appropriateness of the control measures proposed.
- Define the 'as low as reasonably practicable' (ALARP) and acceptability assessments.

Information provided by relevant stakeholders will be referenced in the Environment Plan and evidence of consultation will be added; including details such as your name, role, contact details and organisation.

The Environment Plan will be published by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for public comment. If you consider your input or feedback as sensitive information, please let us know. We will ensure, with NOPSEMA, that sensitive information is excluded from the published Environment Plan for public comment.

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# Category 3 Stakeholder Letter Template

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Your business has been identified as a relevant stakeholder – category 3. This means you may be impacted by the activity because you operate in the identified EMBA (Environment that may be Affected).

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## BP Ironbark Exploration Drilling Fact Sheet

Category 3 and 4

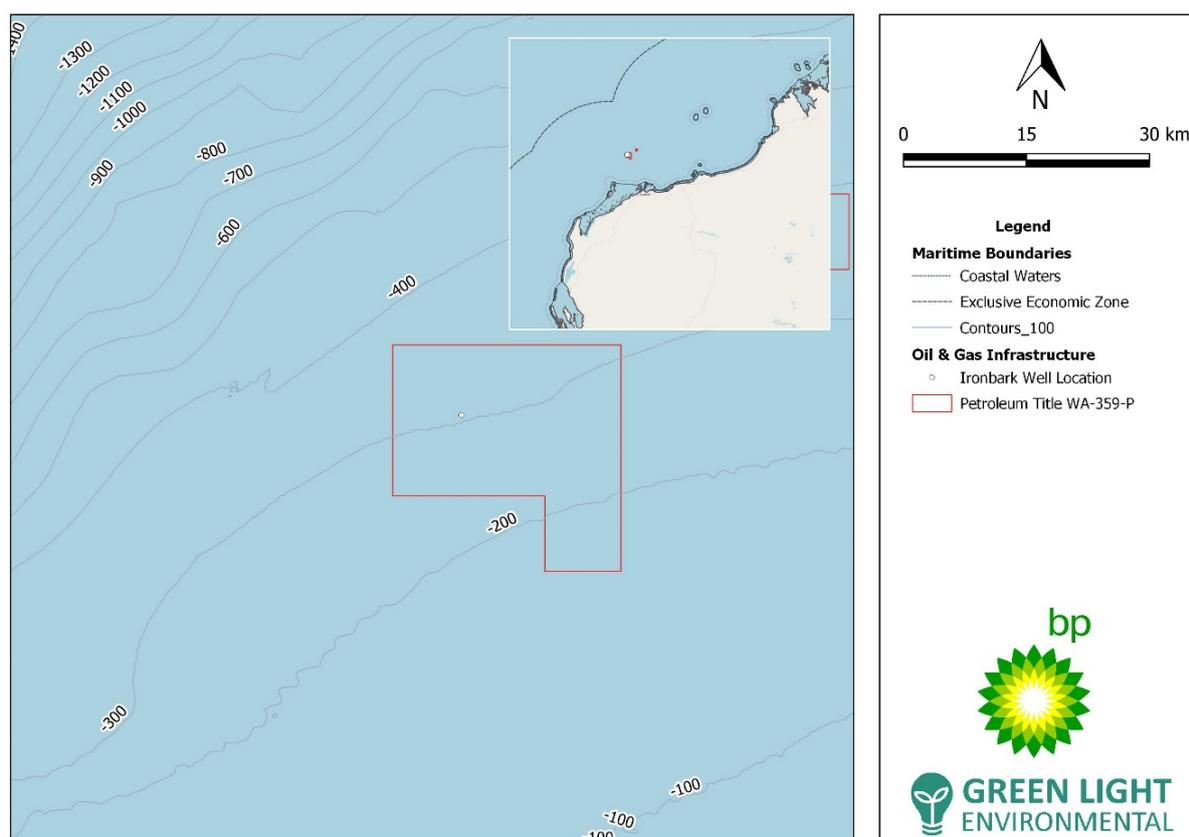
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Drilling activities are expected to take around 90-100 days (excluding weather and operational delays). Below is a map showing you the exact location of this activity.



As a category 3 or 4 stakeholder, you are unlikely to experience any impact from planned activities. However, in the event of an unlikely but high impact event, you or your organisation may be impacted directly or indirectly. We will ensure impacted stakeholders are notified of the activity in advance to pre-empt future planning and avoidance measures.



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# **Appendix G**

## **BP Commitment to HSSE Performance**



BP's Commitment to **health, safety, security** and **environmental** (HSSE) performance

Our HSSE goals are simply stated – no accidents, no harm to people and no damage to the environment.

We strive to be a safety leader in our industry, a world-class operator, a good corporate citizen and a great employer.

Nothing is more important to us than the health, safety and security of our workforce and the communities in which we operate, and behaving responsibly towards our shared environment. We must be vigilant, disciplined and always looking out for one another.

We are committed to:

- Complying with applicable laws and company policies and procedures.
- Systematically managing our operating activities and risks.
- Reporting our HSSE performance.
- Learning from internal and external HSSE events.

Everyone who works for BP has a part to play in meeting our HSSE commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Dudley'.

**Bob Dudley,**  
Group Chief Executive  
29 September 2014