Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan

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1.1 Overview

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside) is Titleholder of Permit Area WA-28-L and has prepared this revision to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan (EP) as part of the requirements under Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009) (referred to as the Environment Regulations), as administered by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

The Petroleum Activities Program addressed under this revised Nganhurra Operations Cessation EP (Revision 8) includes continued presence of the RTM on station to allow market engagement to occur to select a removal concept. The inspection and preservation of the subsea systems and RTM will be ongoing until the RTM is removed from the title area, the wells are permanently plugged for abandonment, and final decommissioning of the field is completed. The EP revision history is presented in **Table 1-1**.

Removal of the RTM, plug and abandonment (P&A) of the Enfield wells and decommissioning of the subsea infrastructure will be subject to separate EPs, as described in **Section 1.2**.

Table 1-1: EP Revision History

Revision	Description	Year of Revision
0 - 2	EP submitted to cover cessation of operations of the Enfield Development, including disconnection of the Nganhurra Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) and sail away, isolation of the production wells, preservation of the subsea production infrastructure, and laying of an umbilical and risers on the seabed. EP revised (Revision 1 and 2) during assessment to address NOPSEMA comments.	**2017-2018**
3 - 6	EP revised (Revision 3) to address alternatives to removal of the RTM from the field for onshore disposal. EP revised (Revision 4 and 5) during assessment to address NOPSEMA comments. Following further stakeholder consultation, Woodside elected to withdraw the EP (Revision 5) and submit a new EP revision (Revision 6) which provided a comprehensive evaluation of the impacts and risks associated with repurposing the RTM into an Integrated Artificial Reef (IAR).	**2019-2020**
7	EP revised (Revision 7) to provide further detail on impacts and risks associated with the IAR and the requirement for an artificial reef permit under the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981.	**2020-2021**

1.2 Defining the Petroleum Activities Program

The Petroleum Activities Program to be undertaken in WA-28-L includes the following petroleum activities (as defined in Regulation 4 of the Environment Regulations):

- IMR activities on the RTM while it remains on station until removed from the title area.
- IMR activities on subsea wells and infrastructure within Permit Area WA-28-L, until the decommissioning of subsea infrastructure commences.

The following activities have been removed from this revision:

- Well intervention (this activity is covered under the Enfield Plug and Abandonment EP accepted by NOPSEMA on 14 October 2021).
- Disconnection of the mooring lines from the RTM and laying them on the seabed (accepted as part of Revision 2).
- Removing the RTM from the title area and repurposing into an IAR.

1.3 Purpose of the Environment Plan

In accordance with the objectives of the Environment Regulations, the purpose of this EP is to demonstrate that:

- the potential environmental impacts and risks (planned (routine and non-routine) and unplanned) that may result from the Petroleum Activities Program are identified
- appropriate management controls are implemented to reduce impacts and risks to a level that is 'as low as reasonably practicable' (ALARP) and acceptable
- the Petroleum Activities Program is carried out in a manner consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development (as defined in Section 3A of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)).

This EP describes the process and resulting outputs of the risk assessment, whereby impacts and risks are managed accordingly.

The EP defines activity-specific environmental performance outcomes (EPOs), environmental performance standards (EPSs) and measurement criteria (MC). These form the basis for monitoring, auditing and management of the Petroleum Activities Program to be undertaken by Woodside and its contractors. The implementation strategy (derived from the decision support framework tools) specified within this EP provides Woodside and NOPSEMA with the required level of assurance that impacts and risks associated with the activity are reduced to ALARP and are acceptable.

1.4 Scope of the Environment Plan

The scope of this EP covers the activities that define the Petroleum Activities Program, as described in **Section 3**. The spatial boundary of the Petroleum Activities Program has been described and assessed using the Operational Area. The Operational Area defines the spatial boundary of the Petroleum Activities Program, and is further described in **Section 3.3.1**.

This EP addresses potential environmental impacts from planned activities and any potential unplanned risks that originate from within the Operational Area. Transit to and from the Operational Area by vessels associated with the Petroleum Activities Program and support vessels are not within the scope of this EP. Vessels supporting the Petroleum Activities Program operating outside the Operational Area (e.g. transiting to and from port) are subject to applicable maritime regulations and other requirements and are not managed by this EP.

1.5 Environment Plan Summary

This WA-28-L Nganhurra Operations Cessation EP summary has been prepared based on the material provided in this EP. This summarises the items listed in **Table 1-2** as required by Regulation 11(4).

Table 1-2: EP summary

EP summary material requirement	Relevant section of EP containing EP summary material
The location of the activity	**Section 3.2.1**
A description of the receiving environment	**Section 4**

EP summary material requirement	Relevant section of EP containing EP summary material
A description of the activity	**Section 3**
Details of the environmental impacts and risks	**Section 6**
The control measures for the activity	**Section 6**
The arrangements for ongoing monitoring of the titleholder's environmental performance	**Section 7.5**
Response arrangements in the oil pollution emergency plan	**Section 7.9**
Consultation already undertaken and plans for ongoing consultation	**Section 5**
Details of the titleholder's nominated liaison person for the activity	**Section 1.8**

1.6 Structure of the Environment Plan

The EP has been structured to reflect the process and requirements of the Environment Regulations as outlined in **Table 1-3**.

Table 1-3: EP process phases, applicable regulations, and relevant section of EP

Criteria for acceptance	Content Requirements/ Relevant Regulations	Elements	Section of EP
Regulation 10A(a) *is appropriate for the nature and scale of the activity*	Regulation 13 *Environmental Assessment* Regulation 14 *Implementation strategy for the environment plan* Regulation 16 *Other information in the environment plan*	The principle of 'nature and scale' is applicable throughout the EP	**Section 2** **Section 3** **Section 4** **Section 5** **Section 6** **Section 7**
Regulation 10A(b) *demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to as low as reasonably practicable* Regulation 10A(c) *demonstrates that the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level*	Regulation 13(1) – 13(7) *13(1) Description of the activity* *13(2)(3) Description of the environment* *13(4) Requirements* *13(5)(6) Evaluation of environmental impacts and risks* *13(7) Environmental performance outcomes and standards* Regulation 16(a) – 16(c) *A statement of the titleholder's corporate environmental policy* *A report on all consultations between the titleholder and any relevant person*	Set the context (activity and existing environment) Define 'acceptable' (the requirements, the corporate policy, relevant persons) Detail the impacts and risks Evaluate to nature and scale Detail the control measures – ALARP and acceptable	**Section 1** **Section 2** **Section 3** **Section 4** **Section 5** **Section 6** **Section 7**
Regulation 10A(d) *provides for appropriate environmental performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria*	Regulation 13(7) *Environmental performance outcomes and standards*	Environmental performance outcomes Environmental performance standards Measurement criteria	**Section 6**
Regulation 10A(e) *includes an appropriate implementation strategy and*	Regulation 14 *Implementation strategy for the environment plan*	Implementation strategy, including:	**Section 7** **Appendix D**

Criteria for acceptance	Content Requirements/ Relevant Regulations	Elements	Section of EP
monitoring, recording and reporting arrangements		• systems, practices and procedures • performance monitoring • Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP – refer **Appendix D**) and scientific monitoring • ongoing consultation.	
Regulation 10A(f) *does not involve the activity or part of the activity, other than arrangements for environmental monitoring or for responding to an emergency, being undertaken in any part of a declared World Heritage property within the meaning of the EPBC Act*	Regulation 13 (1) – 13(3) *13(1) Description of the activity* *13(2) Description of the environment* *13(3) Without limiting [Regulation 13(2)(b)], particular relevant values and sensitivities may include any of the following:* *(a) the world heritage values of a declared World Heritage property within the meaning of the EPBC Act;* *(b) the national heritage values of a National Heritage place within the meaning of that Act;* *(c) the ecological character of a declared Ramsar wetland within the meaning of that Act;* *(d) the presence of a listed threatened species or listed threatened ecological community within the meaning of that Act;* *(e) the presence of a listed migratory species within the meaning of that Act;* *(f) any values and sensitivities that exist in, or in relation to, part or all of:* *(i) a Commonwealth marine area within the meaning of that Act; or* *(ii) Commonwealth land within the meaning of that Act.*	No activity, or part of the activity, undertaken in any part of a declared World Heritage property.	**Section 3** **Section 4** **Section 6**
Regulation 10A(g) *(i) the titleholder has carried out the consultations required by Division 2.2A* *(ii) the measures (if any) that the titleholder has adopted, or proposes to adopt, because of the consultations are appropriate*	Regulation 11A *Consultation with relevant authorities, persons and organisations, etc.* Regulation 16(b) *A report on all consultations between the titleholder and any relevant person*	Consultation in preparation of the EP	**Section 5**
Regulation 10A(h) *complies with the Act and the regulations*	Regulation 15: *Details of the titleholder and liaison* Regulation 16(c):	All contents of the EP must comply with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas*	**Section 1.6** **Section 7.8**

Criteria for acceptance	Content Requirements/ Relevant Regulations	Elements	Section of EP
	details of all reportable incidents in relation to the proposed activity.	*Storage Act 2006* and the Environment Regulations	

1.7 Description of the Titleholder

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside) is the operator and nominated titleholder of WA-28-L on behalf of itself and joint venture participant Mitsui E & P Australia Pty Ltd. Woodside's mission is to deliver affordable energy solutions and superior outcomes for stakeholders. Wherever Woodside works, it is committed to living its values of integrity, respect, working sustainably, ownership, courage and working together. Woodside's operations are characterised by strong safety and environmental performance in remote and challenging locations.

Woodside has an excellent record of efficient and safe production. Woodside strives for excellence in safety and environmental performance and continues to strengthen relationships with customers, partners co-venturers, governments and communities with the aim of being a partner of choice. Further information about Woodside can be found at http://www.woodside.com.au.

1.8 Details of Titleholder, Liaison Person, and Activity Contact

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Environment Regulations, details of the titleholder, liaison person and arrangements for notifying of changes are described below.

1.8.1 Titleholder

Woodside Energy Ltd
11 Mount Street, Perth, Western Australia
Telephone: 08 9348 4000
Fax: 08 9214 2777
ACN: 005 482 986
ABN: 63 005 482 986

1.8.2 Liaison Person

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Senior Corporate Affairs Adviser
11 Mount Street, Perth, Western Australia
Phone: 08 9348 4000
Fax Number: 08 9214 2777
feedback@woodside.com.au

1.8.3 Arrangements for Notifying of Change

Should the titleholder, titleholder's nominated liaison person or the contact details for either change, NOPSEMA is to be notified of the change within two weeks or as soon as practicable.

1.9 Woodside Management System

The Woodside Management System (WMS) provides a structured framework of documentation to set common expectations governing how all employees and contractors at Woodside will work. Many of the standards presented in **Section 6** are drawn from the WMS documentation, which comprises four elements: Compass and Policies; Expectations; Processes and Procedures; and Guidelines outlined below (and illustrated in **Figure 1-1**):

- **Compass and Policies**. Set the enterprise-wide direction for Woodside by governing our behaviours, actions and business decisions and ensuring we meet our legal and other external obligations.
- **Expectations**. Set essential activities or deliverables required to achieve the objectives of the Key Business Activities and provide the basis for development of processes and procedures.
- **Processes and Procedures**. Processes identify the set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs, to systematically achieve a purpose or specific objective. Procedures specify what steps, by whom and when are required to carry out an activity or a process.
- **Guidelines**. Provide recommended practice and advice on how to perform the steps defined in Procedures, together with supporting information and associated tools. Guidelines provide advice on how activities or tasks may be performed; information that may be taken into consideration; or, how to use tools and systems.

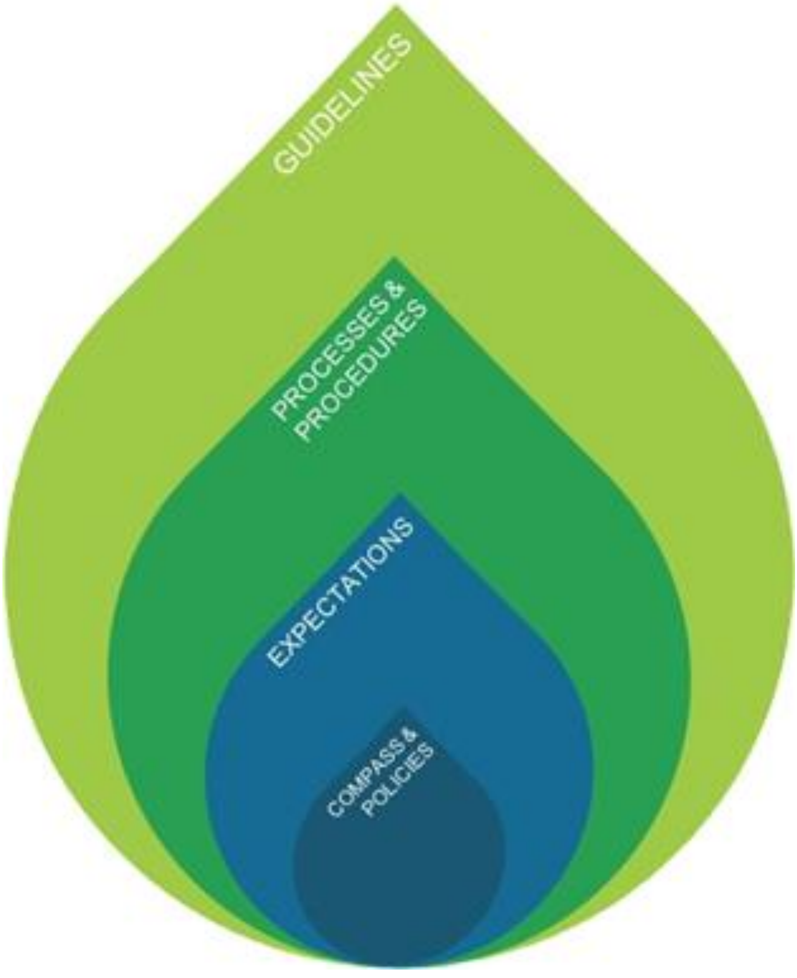

Figure 1-1: The four major elements of the WMS Seed

The WMS is organised within a Business Process Hierarchy based upon key business activities to ensure the system remains independent of organisation structure, is globally applicable and scalable wherever required. These business activities are grouped into management, support and value stream activities as shown in **Figure 1-2**. The value stream activities capture, generate and deliver value – through the exploration and production lifecycle. The management activities influence all areas of the business, while support activities may influence one or more value stream activities.

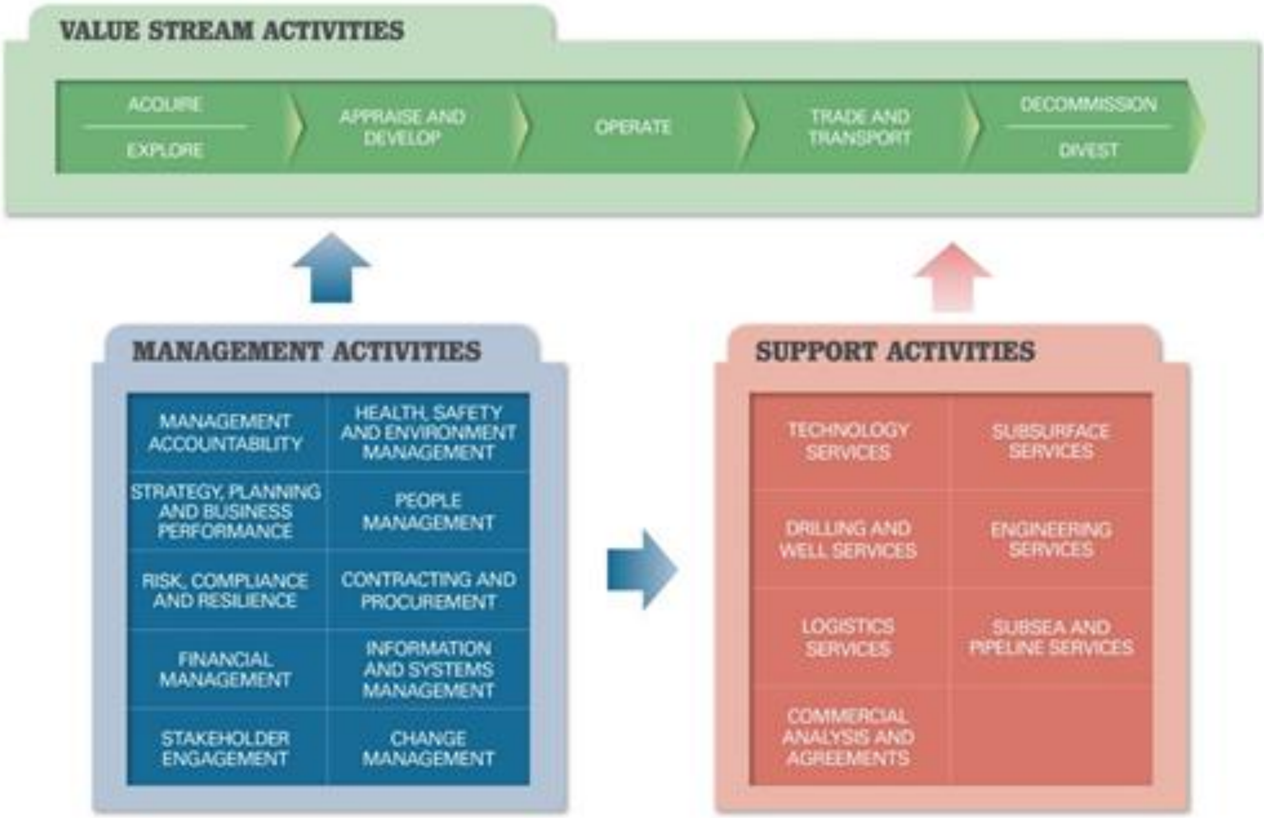

Figure 1-2: The WMS business process hierarchy

1.9.1 Health, Safety, Environment, and Quality Policy

In accordance with Regulation 16(a) of the Environment Regulations, Woodside's corporate Health, Safety, Environment, and Quality Policy is provided in **Appendix A** of this EP.

1.10 Description of Relevant Requirements

In accordance with Regulation 13(4) of the Environment Regulations, a description of requirements, including legislative requirements that apply to the activity and are relevant to managing risks and impacts of the Petroleum Activities Program, are detailed in **Appendix B**.

1.10.1 Applicable Environmental Legislation

1.10.1.1 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006

The *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (OPGGS Act) regulates petroleum exploration and production activities beyond three nautical miles (nm) of the mainland (and islands) to the outer extent of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone at 200 nm.

Under subsection 572(3) of the Act, a titleholder must remove from the title area all structures that are no longer used in conjunction with operations. Under subsection 572(7), property removal requirements are subject to any other provision of the OPGGS Act, the regulations, directions given by NOPSEMA or the responsible Commonwealth Minister, and any other law. Under subsection 270(3), before title surrender, all property brought into the surrender area must be removed to the satisfaction of NOPSEMA, or arrangements that are satisfactory to NOPSEMA must be made relating to the property. In February 2021, Woodside received a General Direction (General Direction 812) from NOPSEMA under Section 574 of the OPGGS Act in relation to decommissioning of infrastructure within WA-28-L. Requirements under this direction will be addressed in separate EPs, as outlined in **Table 1-4**.

Table 1-4: Directions from the General Direction from Enfield Full Field Development referral (EPBC 2001/257) relevant to Nganhurra operations cessation

Direction Number	Direction	Applicable EP to meet Direction
1	To plug or close off, to the satisfaction of NOPSEMA, all wells listed in Schedule 2 of this Direction on or before 30 June 2024.	Enfield Plug and Abandonment EP (accepted by NOPSEMA on 14 October 2021)
2	To remove, or cause to be removed, from the title area all property brought into that area by any person engaged or concerned in the Nganhurra operations authorised by the WA-28-L licence, including but not limited to property listed in Schedule 3 of this direction, on or before 31 December 2024.	Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP (currently under assessment) (all other subsea infrastructure) Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan (RTM and anchor chains)
3	To provide, to the satisfaction of NOPSEMA, for the conservation and protection of the natural resources in the licence area on or before 31 December 2025.	Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP (currently under assessment)
4	To make good, to the satisfaction of NOPSEMA, any damage to the seabed or subsoil in the licence area caused by any person engaged or concerned in those operations on or before 31 December 2025.	Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP (currently under assessment)

As described above, this EP covers ongoing IMR activities on subsea infrastructure (including the RTM) within Permit Area WA-28-L, until decommissioning of relevant infrastructure commences.

Table 3-4 outlines the timeframes for activities covered under the scope of this EP and activities that will be covered under future EPs.

Note: The WA-28-L title also contains the Greater Enfield reservoir which is tied back to the Ngujima-Yin FPSO. This facility is managed under a separate operations EP to demonstrate these requirements under the OPGGS Act.

1.10.1.2 Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009

The Environment Regulations apply to petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters and are administered by NOPSEMA.

The objective of the Environment Regulations is to ensure petroleum activities are:

- carried out in a manner consistent with the principles of ecological sustainable development
- carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be reduced to ALARP
- carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and risks of the activity will be of an acceptable level.

1.10.1.3 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The EPBC Act aims to protect and manage nationally and internationally important flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places in Australia. These are defined in the Act as Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES). In respect to offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, these requirements are implemented by NOPSEMA through the Streamlining Offshore Petroleum Environmental Approvals Program (the Program). The Program provides for the protection of the environment by requiring all offshore petroleum activities authorised by the OPGGS Act to be conducted in accordance with an accepted EP, consistent with the principles of Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD).

Impacts on the environment include those matters protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act. The definition of 'environment' in the Program is consistent with that used in the EPBC Act - this enables the Program to encompass all matters protected under Part 3 of the EPBC Act. When a person proposes to take an action that they believe may need approval under the EPBC Act, they must refer the proposal to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment.

Woodside referred the Nganhurra facility (Enfield – WA-271-P) development proposal under the EPBC Act in April 2001 (Referral Reference 2001/257). The activity was determined to be a 'controlled action' under the EPBC Act and set the level of assessment at 'Environmental Impact Statement' in June 2001. The development was approved with conditions in July 2003 (EPBC Approval 2001/257). Referral conditions that are relevant to this EP are provided in **Table 1-5**.

This EP meets the requirements of condition 3 of the referral (EPBC 2001/257) which requires an oil spill contingency plan and details of insurance arrangements in relation to an oil spill. Condition 3 is met via the Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) and financial assurance arrangements, which form part of this EP submission (as modified by condition 11 of the referral).

This EP, and any future EP(s), in relation to the decommissioning of the Nganhurra facility (including subsea infrastructure above the seabed), will meet the requirements of condition 5 of the referral (EPBC 2001/257) (as modified by condition 11 of the referral).

Table 1-5: Conditions from Enfield Full Field Development referral (EPBC 2001/257) relevant to Nganhurra operations cessation

Condition Number	Condition
3	The person taking the action must submit for the Minister's approval an oil spill contingency plan detailing the strategy to mitigate the environmental effects of any hydrocarbon spills. The plan must include details of the insurance arrangements that the person taking the action has made or will make in respect of the costs associated with repairing any environmental damage arising from potential hydrocarbon spills. Operations may not commence until the plan is approved. The approved plan must be implemented.
5	The person taking the action must submit a decommissioning plan (or plans) for approval by the Minister one year prior to decommissioning any subsea wells, flowlines, or any associated infrastructure. The plan (or plans) must consider the complete removal of all structures and components above the sea floor. The approved plan must be implemented.
11	A plan required by condition 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 8 is automatically deemed to have been submitted to, and approved by, the Minister if the measures (as specified in the relevant condition) are included in an environment plan (or environment plans) relating to the taking of the action that: a) was submitted to NOPSEMA after 27 February 2014; and b) either: i. is in force under the OPGGS Environment Regulations; or ii. has ended in accordance with regulation 25A of the OPGGS Environment Regulations.

Recovery Plans and Threat Abatement Plans

Under s139(1)(b) of the EPBC Act, the Minister must not act inconsistently with a recovery plan or threat abatement plan. Similarly, under s268 of the EPBC Act:

> "*A Commonwealth agency must not take any action that contravenes a recovery plan or a threat abatement plan*."

In respect to offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, these requirements are implemented by NOPSEMA via the commitments included in the *Streamlining Offshore Petroleum Environmental Approvals Program*. These commitments relating to listed threatened species and ecological communities are included in the Program Report:

- NOPSEMA will not accept an Environment Plan that proposes activities that will result in unacceptable impacts to a listed threatened species or ecological community.

- NOPSEMA will not accept an Environment Plan that is inconsistent with a recovery plan or threat abatement plan for a listed threatened species or ecological community.
- NOPSEMA will have regard to any approved conservation advice in relation to a threatened species or ecological community before accepting an Environment Plan.

Australian Marine Parks

Under the EPBC Act, AMPs, formally known as Commonwealth Marine Reserves, are recognised for conserving marine habitats and the species that live and rely on these habitats. The Director of Marine Parks (DNP) is responsible for managing AMPs (supported by Parks Australia), and is required to publish management plans for them. Other parts of the Australian Government must not perform functions or exercise powers in relation to these parks that are inconsistent with management plans (s.362 of the EPBC Act). Relevant AMPs are described in **Section 4.8** and considered in the assessment of impacts and risks for the petroleum activity in **Section 6**. . The North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan describes the requirements for management (DoEE, 2018a).

- Specific zones within AMPs have been allocated conservation objectives in the North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan (DoEE, 2018a) which are based on the Australian (International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)) reserve management principles prescribed in Schedule 8 of the *EPBC Regulations 2000*. Management objectives for each zone include: Special Purpose Zone (IUCN category VI)—managed to allow specific activities though special purpose management arrangements while conserving ecosystems, habitats and native species. The zone allows or prohibits specific activities.
- Sanctuary Zone (IUCN category Ia)—managed to conserve ecosystems, habitats and native species in as natural and undisturbed a state as possible. The zone allows only authorised scientific research and monitoring.
- National Park Zone (IUCN category II)—managed to protect and conserve ecosystems, habitats and native species in as natural a state as possible. The zone only allows non-extractive activities unless authorised for research and monitoring.
- Recreational Use Zone (IUCN category IV)—managed to allow recreational use, while conserving ecosystems, habitats and native species in as natural a state as possible. The zone allows for recreational fishing, but not commercial fishing.
- Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN category IV)—managed to allow activities that do not harm or cause destruction to seafloor habitats, while conserving ecosystems, habitats and native species in as natural a state as possible.
- Multiple Use Zone (IUCN category VI)—managed to allow ecologically sustainable use while conserving ecosystems, habitats and native species. The zone allows for a range of sustainable uses, including commercial fishing and mining where they are consistent with park values.

World Heritage Properties

Australian World Heritage management principles are prescribed in Schedule 5 of the *EPBC Regulations 2000*. Management principles that are considered relevant to the scope of this EP are provided in **Table 1-6**.

Table 1-6: Relevant management principles under Schedule 5—Australian World Heritage management principles of the EPBC Act

Number	Principle	Relevant Section of the EP
3	Environmental impact assessment and approval 3.01 This principle applies to the assessment of an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the World Heritage values of a property (whether the action is to occur inside the property or not). 3.02 Before the action is taken, the likely impact of the action on the World Heritage values of the property should be assessed under a statutory environmental impact assessment and approval process. 3.03 The assessment process should: (a) identify the World Heritage values of the property that are likely to be affected by the action; and (b) examine how the World Heritage values of the property might be affected; and (c) provide for adequate opportunity for public consultation. 3.04 An action should not be approved if it would be inconsistent with the protection, conservation, presentation or transmission to future generations of the World Heritage values of the property. 3.05 Approval of the action should be subject to conditions that are necessary to ensure protection, conservation, presentation or transmission to future generations of the World Heritage values of the property. 3.06 The action should be monitored by the authority responsible for giving the approval (or another appropriate authority) and, if necessary, enforcement action should be taken to ensure compliance with the conditions of the approval.	3.01 and 3.02: Assessment of whether petroleum activity will have a significant impact on the World Heritage values of the Ningaloo World Heritage Property, including controls to manage any predicted impact is included in **Section 6**. Principles are met by the submitted EP. 3.03 (a) and (b): World Heritage values are identified in **Section 3** and considered in the assessment of impacts and risks for the petroleum activity in **Section 6**. 3.03 (c): Relevant stakeholder consultation and feedback received in relation to impacts and risks to the Ningaloo World Heritage Property are outlined in **Section 5**. 3.04, 3.05, and 3.06: Principles are considered to be met by the acceptance of this EP.

Note that Section 1 – General Principles and 2 – Management Planning of Schedule 5 are not considered relevant to the scope of this EP and, therefore, have not been included.

2 ENVIRONMENT PLAN PROCESS

2.1 Overview

This section outlines the process that Woodside undertakes to prepare the EP once an activity has been defined as a petroleum activity (refer **Section 1.2**). The process (**Section 2.3**) describes the environmental risk management methodology that is used to identify, analyse and evaluate risks to meet ALARP and acceptability requirements and develop EPOs and EPSs. This section also describes Woodside's risk management methodologies applicable to implementation strategies applied during the activity.

Regulation 13(5) of the Environment Regulations requires the detailing of environmental impacts and risks, and evaluation appropriate to the nature and scale of each impact and risk associated with the Petroleum Activities Program. The objective of the risk assessment process, described in this section, is to identify risks and associated impacts of an activity so they can be assessed, and appropriate control measures applied to eliminate, control or mitigate the impact/risk to ALARP and determine if the impact or risk level is acceptable.

Environmental impacts and risks assessed include those directly and indirectly associated with the Petroleum Activities Program and include potential emergency and accidental events:

- planned activities (routine and non-routine) have the potential for inherent environmental impacts
- an environmental risk is an unplanned event with the potential for impact (termed risk 'consequence').

In this document, potential impacts from planned activities are referred to as 'impacts'; and 'risks' are associated with unplanned events with the potential for impact (should the risk be realised), with the impact termed potential 'consequence'.

2.2 Environmental Risk Management Methodology

2.2.1 Woodside Risk Management Processes

Woodside recognises that risk is inherent to its business and that effectively managing risk is vital to delivering on company objectives, success and continued growth. Woodside is committed to managing risks proactively and effectively. The objective of Woodside's risk management system is to provide a consistent process for recognising and managing risks across Woodside's business. Achieving this objective includes ensuring risks consider impacts across the following key areas of exposure: health and safety, environment, finance, reputation and brand, legal and compliance, and social and cultural. A copy of Woodside's Risk Management Policy is provided in **Appendix A**.

The environmental risk management methodology used in this EP is based on Woodside's Risk Management Procedure. This procedure aligns with industry standards including international standard ISO 31000:2009. The WMS risk management procedure, guidelines and tools provide guidance on specific techniques for managing risk, tailored for particular areas of risk within certain business processes. Three procedures applied for environmental risk management include Woodside's:

1. Health Safety and Environment Management Procedure
2. Impact Assessment Procedure
3. Process Safety Management Procedure.

The risk management methodology provides a framework to demonstrate that the risks and impacts are continually identified, reduced to ALARP and assessed to be at an acceptable level, as required by the Environment Regulations. The key steps of Woodside's Risk Management Process are shown in **Figure 2-1**. A description of each step and how it is applied to the scopes of this activity is provided in **Sections 2.1** to **2.10**.

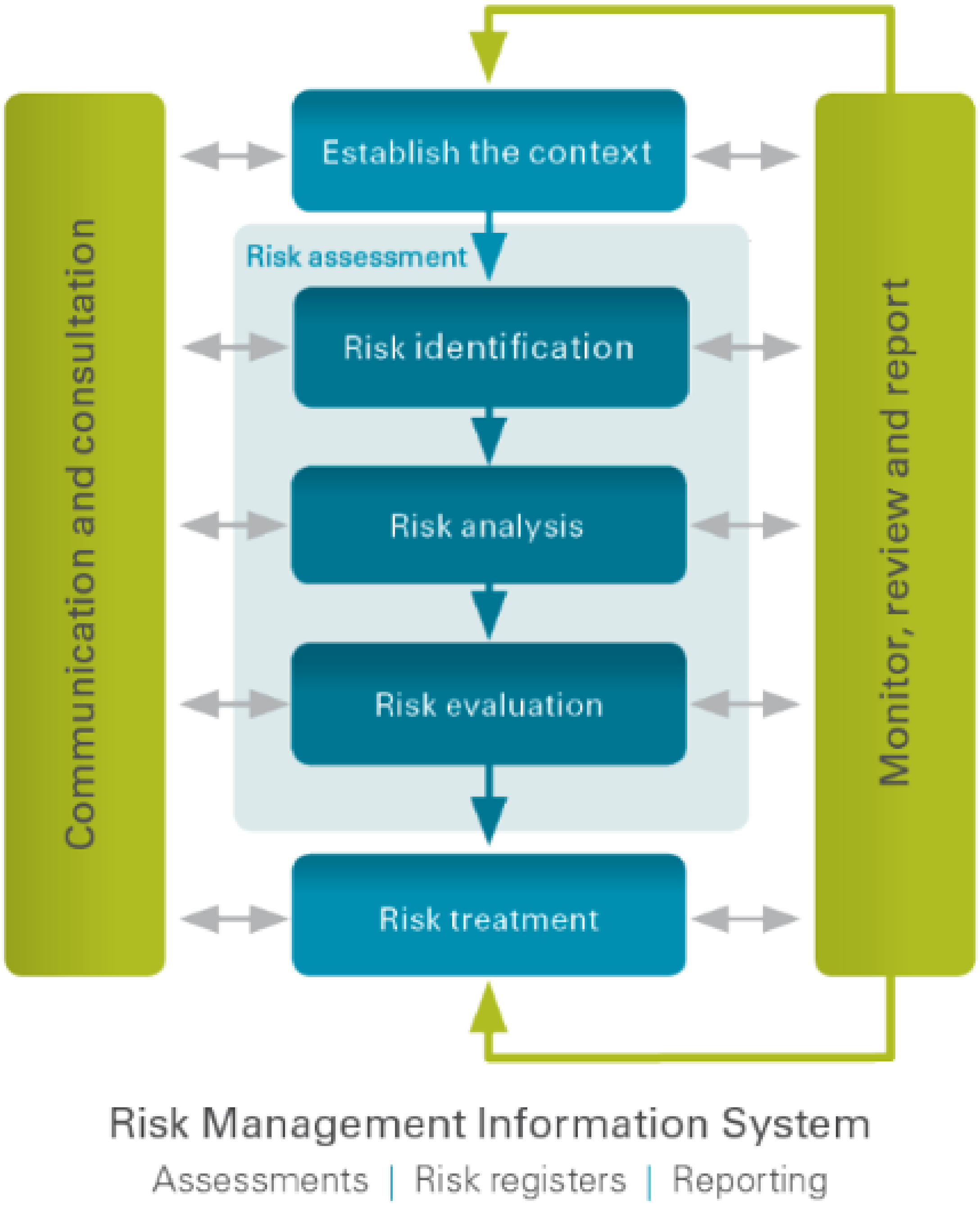

Figure 2-1: Woodside's risk management process

2.2.2 Health, Safety, and Environment Management Procedure

Woodside's Health, Safety, and Environment Management Procedure provides the structure for managing health, safety, and environment (HSE) risks and impacts across Woodside and defines the decision authorities for company-wide HSE management activities and deliverables, and to support continuous improvement in HSE management.

2.2.3 Impact Assessment Procedure

To support effective environmental risk assessment, Woodside's Impact Assessment Procedure (**Figure 2-2**) provides the steps needed to meet required environment, health and social standards by ensuring impacts are assessed appropriate to the nature and scale of the activity, the regulatory context, the receiving environment, interests, concerns and rights of stakeholders, and the applicable framework of standards and practices.

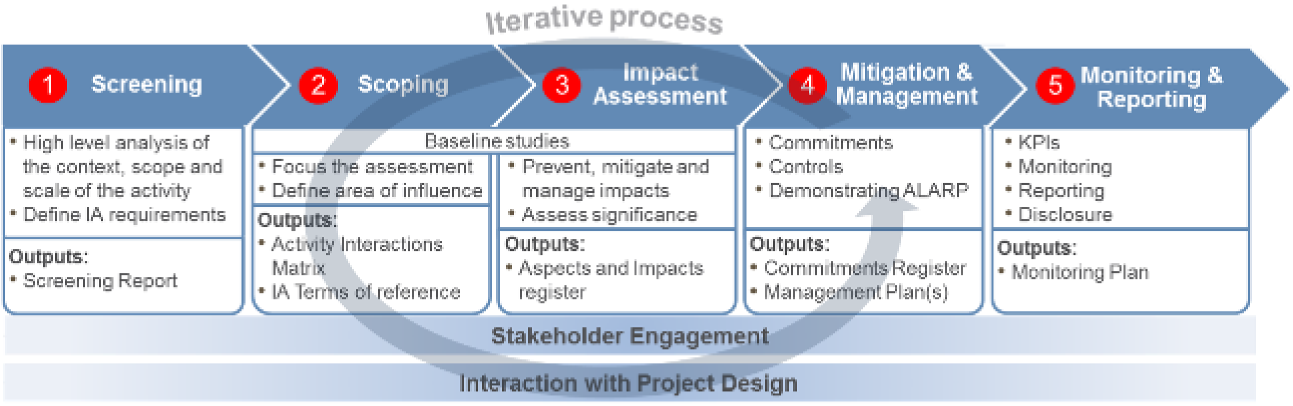

Figure 2-2: Woodside's impact assessment process

2.3 Environmental Plan Process

Figure 2-3 illustrates the Environment Plan development process. Each element of this process is discussed further in **Sections 2.4** to **2.10**.

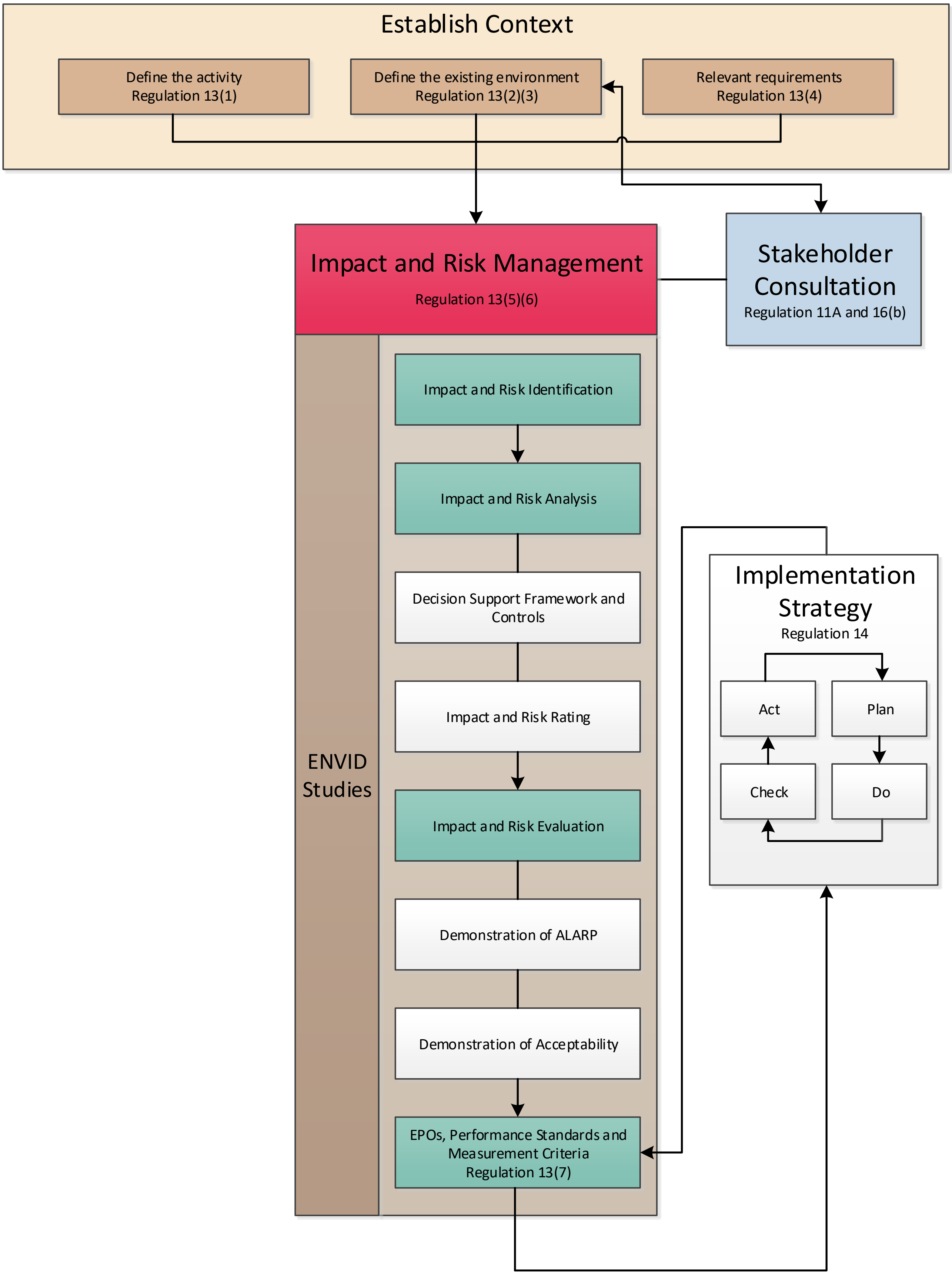

Figure 2-3: Environment plan development process

2.4 Establish the Context

2.4.1 Define the Activity

This first stage involves evaluating whether the activity meets the definition of a 'petroleum activity' as defined in the Environment Regulations.

The activity is then described in relation to:

- the location
- what is to be undertaken
- how it is planned to be undertaken, including outlining operational details of the activity, and proposed timeframes.

The 'what' and 'how' are described in the context of 'environmental aspects'[1] to inform the risk and impact assessment for planned (routine and non-routine) and unplanned (accidents/incidents/emergency conditions) activities.

The activity is described in **Section 4** and referred to as the Petroleum Activities Program.

2.4.2 Defining the Existing Environment

The existing environment that may be impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program (as described in **Section 4**) is defined by considering the nature and scale of the activities (i.e. size, type, timing, duration, complexity and intensity of the activities). The existing environment that may potentially be impacted directly or indirectly by planned and unplanned[2] events.

The Existing Environment section is structured to define the physical, biological, socio-economic and cultural attributes of the area of interest in accordance with the definition of 'environment' in Regulation 4(a) of the Environment Regulations. These sub-sections make particular reference to the following:

- The environmental values potentially impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program, which include key physical and biological attributes of the existing environment (as defined by Woodside in **Table** 2-1 and **Section 2.4.2**).
- EPBC Act Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) including listed threatened species and ecological communities, and listed migratory species. Defining the spatial extent of the existing environment is guided by the nature and scale of the Petroleum Activities Program within the title area (planned events) and the Environment that May Be Affected (EMBA) of unplanned events[2]. Potential impacts to MNES as defined within the EPBC Act are addressed through Woodside's impact and risk assessment process (**Section 2.9**).
- Relevant values and sensitivities, which may include world or national heritage listed areas, Ramsar wetlands, listed threatened species or ecological communities, listed migratory species, and sensitive values that exist in or in relation to Commonwealth marine area or land.

In categorising the environmental values potentially impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program (as presented in **Table** 2-1), there is standardisation of information relevant to understanding the receiving environment. Potential impacts to these environmental values are evaluated in the risk analysis (refer **Section 2.6**), and risk-rated for all planned and unplanned activities. This provides a robust approach to the overall environmental risk evaluation and its documentation in the EP.

[1] An environmental aspect is an element of the activity that can interact with the environment.

[2] The worst-case unplanned event is considered to be an unplanned hydrocarbon release, further defined for each activity through the risk assessment process. Interpretation of stochastic oil spill modelling determines the Environment that May Be Affected (EMBA) for the release, which defines the spatial scale of the environment that may be potentially impacted for the Petroleum Activities Program, which provides context to the 'nature and scale' of the existing environment.

Table 2-1: Environment values potentially impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program, which are assessed within the EP

Environmental Value Potentially Impacted Regulations 13(2)(3)						
Soil and Groundwater	*Marine Sediment*	*Water Quality*	*Air Quality (including Odour)*	*Ecosystems/ habitats*	*Species*	*Socio-economic*

The existing environment is described in **Section 4.**

2.4.3 Relevant Requirements

The relevant requirements in the context of legislation, other environmental approval requirements, condition and standards that apply to the Petroleum Activities Program have been identified and reviewed.

Relevant requirements are presented in **Appendix B**.

Woodside's Corporate Health Safety, Environment and Quality Policy is presented in **Appendix A**.

2.5 Impact and Risk Identification

Relevant environmental aspects and hazards have been identified to support the process to define environmental impacts and risks associated with an activity.

The environmental impact and risk assessment presented in this EP has been informed by recent and historic environmental hazard identification studies (e.g. HAZID/ENVID), Process Safety Risk Assessment processes, reviews and associated desktop studies associated with the Petroleum Activities Program. Risks are identified based on planned and potential interaction with the activity (based on the description in **Section 3**), the existing environment (**Section 4**) and the outcomes of Woodside's Stakeholder Engagement process (**Section 5**). The environmental outputs of applicable risk and impact workshops and associated studies are referred to as 'ENVID' thereafter in this EP.

The ENVID has been performed by multidisciplinary teams consisting of relevant engineering and environmental personnel with sufficient breadth of knowledge, training and experience to reasonably assure that risks were identified and their potential environmental impacts assessed. Impacts and risks were identified during the ENVID for both planned (routine and non-routine) activities and unplanned (accidents/incidents/emergency conditions) events. During this process, risks that are identified as not applicable (not credible) are removed from the assessment. This is done by defining the activity and identifying that an aspect is not applicable.

The impact and risk information is then classified, evaluated and tabulated for each planned activity and unplanned event. Environmental impacts and risk are recorded in an environmental impacts and risk register. The output of the ENVID is used to present the risk assessment and forms the basis to develop performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria. This information is presented in **Section 6**, using the format presented in **Table 2-2**.

Table 2-2: Example of layout of identification of risks and impacts in relation to risk sources

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary													
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***							***Evaluation***					
	Soil and Groundwater	***Marine Sediment***	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (including Odour)***	***Ecosystems/Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence/Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***
Summary of source of impact/risk													

2.6 Impact and Risk Analysis

Risk analysis further develops the understanding of a risk by defining the impacts and assessing appropriate controls. Risk analysis considered previous risk assessments for similar activities, review of relevant studies, reviews of past performance, external stakeholder consultation feedback and review of the existing environment.

The key steps performed for each risk identified during the risk assessment were:

1. identify the decision type in accordance with the decision support framework
2. identify appropriate control measures (preventative and mitigation) aligned with the decision type
3. assess the risk rating.

2.6.1 Decision Support Framework

To support the risk assessment process and Woodside’s determination of acceptability (**Section 2.7.2**), Woodside’s HSE risk management procedures include using a decision support framework based on the principles set out in the Guidance on Risk Related Decision Making (Oil and Gas UK, 2014). The concept has been applied during the ENVID, or equivalent preceding processes during historical design decisions, to determine the level of supporting evidence that may be required to draw sound conclusions about risk level and whether the risk is ALARP and acceptable (**Table 2-4**). This is to confirm:

- Activities do not pose an unacceptable environmental risk.
- Appropriate focus is placed on activities where the risk is anticipated to be acceptable and demonstrated to be ALARP.
- Appropriate effort is applied to manage the risks based on the uncertainty of the risk, the complexity and risk rating (i.e. potential higher order environmental impacts are subject to further evaluation/assessment).

The framework provides appropriate tools, commensurate to the level of uncertainty or novelty associated with the risk (referred to as the decision type A, B or C). The decision type is selected based on an informed discussion around the uncertainty of the risk, and documented in ENVID output.

This framework enables Woodside to appropriately understand a risk, determine if the risk is acceptable and can be demonstrated to be ALARP.

Decision Type A

Risks classified as a Decision Type A are well understood and established practice. They generally consider recognised good industry practice which is often embodied in legislation, codes and standards and use professional judgement.

Decision Type B

Risks classified as a Decision Type B typically involve greater uncertainty and complexity. These risks may deviate from established practice or have some lifecycle implications and therefore require further engineering risk assessment in order to support the decision and ensure that the risk is ALARP. Engineering risk assessment tools may include:

- risk-based tools such as cost-based analysis or modelling
- consequence modelling
- reliability analysis
- company values.

Decision Type C

Risks classified as a Decision Type C typically have significant risks related to environmental performance. Such risks typically involve sufficient complexity and uncertainty, therefore requiring adoption of the precautionary approach. The risks may result in significant environmental impact, significant project risk/exposure or may elicit negative stakeholder concerns. For these risks, in addition to Decision Type A and B tools, company and societal values need to be considered by undertaking broader internal and external stakeholder consultation as part of the risk assessment process.

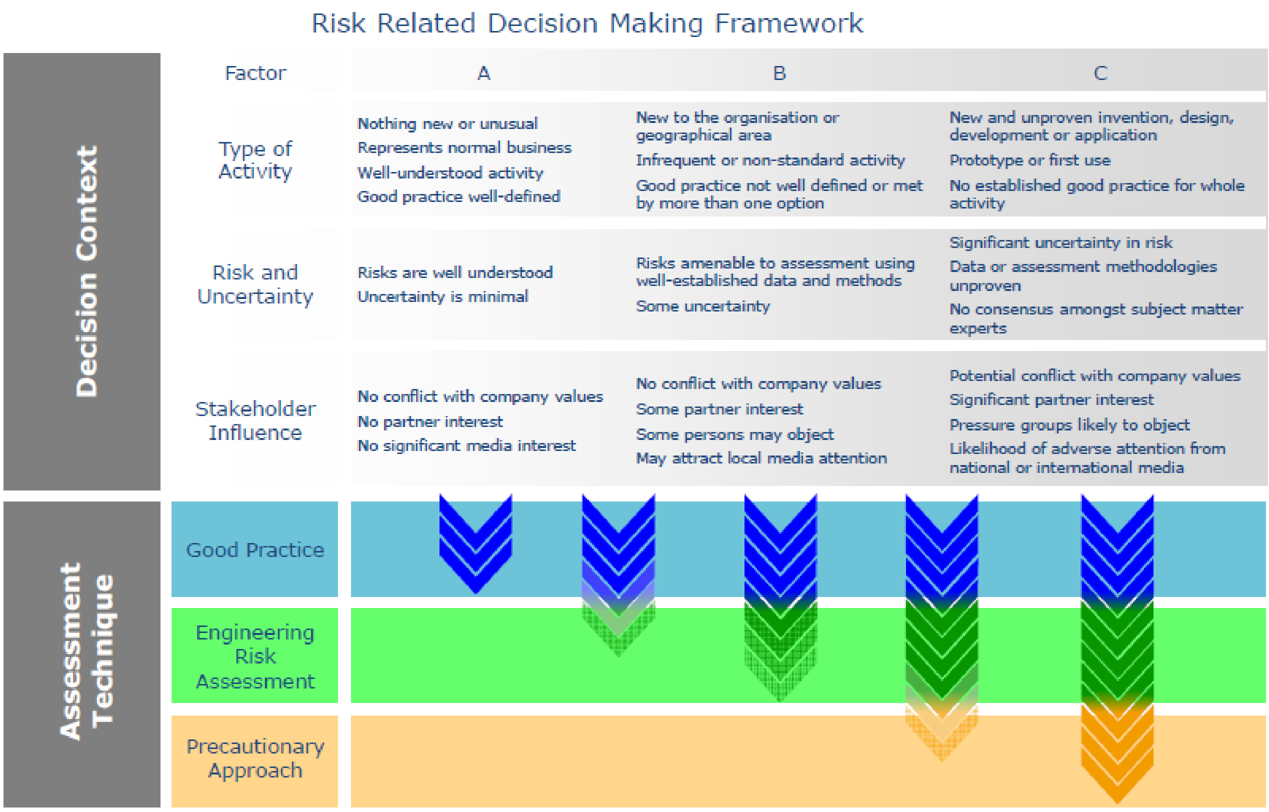

Figure 2-4: Risk-related decision-making framework

Source: Oil and Gas UK, 2014

2.6.2 Decision Support Framework Tools

The following framework tools are applied, as appropriate, to assist with identifying control measures based on the decision type described above:

- **Legislation, Codes and Standards (LCS)** – identifies the requirements of legislation, codes and standards which are to be complied with for the activity.
- **Good Industry Practice (GP)** – identifies further engineering control standards and guidelines which may be applied by Woodside above that required to meet the legislation, codes and standards.
- **Professional Judgement (PJ)** – uses relevant personnel with the knowledge and experience to identify alternative controls. Woodside applies the hierarchy of control as part of the risk assessment to identify any alternative measures to control the risk.
- **Risk Based Analysis (RBA) –** assesses the results of probabilistic analyses such as modelling, quantitative risk assessment and/or cost benefit analysis to support the selection of control measures identified during the risk assessment process.
- **Company Values (CV)** – identifies values identified in Woodside's code of conduct, policies and the Woodside compass. Views, concerns and perceptions are to be considered from internal Woodside stakeholders directly affected by the planned or potential risk.
- **Societal Values (SV)** – identifies the views, concerns and perceptions of relevant stakeholders and addresses relevant stakeholder views, concerns and perceptions.

2.6.3 Decision Calibration

To determine that the selection of alternatives and the control measures applied are suitable, the following tools may be used for calibration (i.e. checking) where required:

- **Legislation, Codes and Standards / Verification of Predictions –** Verification of compliance with applicable legislation, codes and standards and/or good industry practice.
- **Peer Review –** Independent peer review of professional judgements, supported by risk-based analysis, where appropriate.
- **Benchmarking –** where appropriate benchmark against a similar facility or activity type or situation which has been accepted to represent acceptable risk.
- **Internal Stakeholder Consultation** – consultation undertaken within Woodside to inform the decision and verify company values are met.
- **External Stakeholder Consultation** – consultation undertaken to inform the decision and verify societal values are considered.

Where appropriate, additional calibration tools may be selected specific to the decision type and the activity.

2.6.3.1 Control Measures (Hierarchy of Controls)

Risk reduction measures should be prioritised and categorised in accordance with the hierarchy of controls, where risk reduction measures at the top of the hierarchy take precedence over risk reduction measures further down:

- **Elimination** of the risk by removing the hazard.
- **Substitution** of a hazard with a less hazardous one.
- **Engineering Controls** which include design measures to prevent or reduce the frequency of the risk event, detect or control the risk event (limiting the magnitude, intensity and duration) such as:

  - prevention: design measures that reduce the likelihood of a hazardous event occurring
  - detection: design measures that facilitate early detection of a hazardous event
  - control: design measures that limit the extent/escalation potential of a hazardous event
  - mitigation: design measures that protect the environment should a hazardous event occur
  - response equipment: design measures or safeguards that enable clean-up/response following the realisation of a hazardous event.
- **Procedures and Administration** which include management systems and work instructions used to prevent or mitigate environmental exposure to hazards.
- **Emergency Response and Contingency Planning** which includes methods to enable recovery from the impact of an event (e.g. protection barriers deployed near to the sensitive receptor).

2.6.4 Impact and Risk Classification

Environmental impacts and risks are assessed to determine the potential impact significance/consequence. The impact significance/consequence considers the magnitude of the impact or risk and the sensitivity of the potentially impacted receptor (represented by **Figure 2-5**).

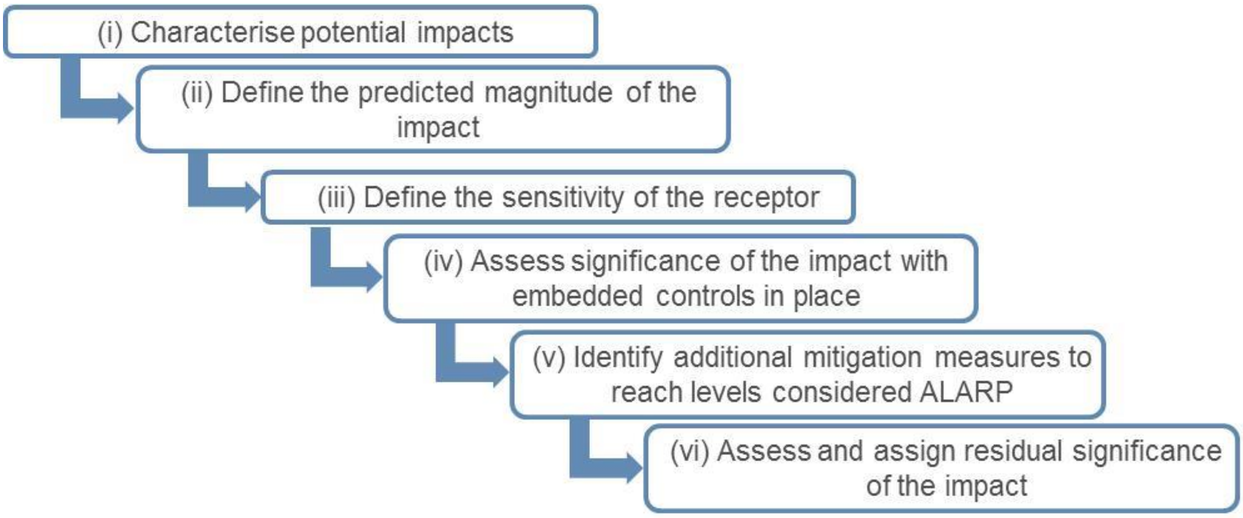

Figure 2-5: Environmental impact and risk analysis

Impacts are classified in accordance with the consequence (**Section 2.6.4**) outlined in the Woodside Risk Management Procedure and Risk Matrix.

Risks are assessed qualitatively and/or quantitatively in terms of both likelihood and consequence in accordance with the Woodside Risk Management Procedure and Risk Matrix.

The impact and risk information is summarised, including classification, and evaluation information, as shown in the example in **Table 2-3**, evaluated for each planned activity and unplanned event.

Table 2-3: Woodside risk matrix (environment and social and cultural) consequence descriptions

Environment	Social and Cultural	Consequence Level
Catastrophic, long-term impact (>50 years) on highly valued ecosystems, species, habitat or physical or biological attributes	Catastrophic, long-term impact (>20 years) to a community, social infrastructure or highly valued areas/items of international cultural significance	*A*
Major, long-term impact (10–50 years) on highly valued ecosystems, species, habitat or physical or biological attributes	Major, long-term impact (5–20 years) to a community, social infrastructure or highly valued areas/items of national cultural significance	*B*

Environment	Social and Cultural	Consequence Level
Moderate, medium-term impact (2–10 years) on ecosystems, species, habitat or physical or biological attributes	Moderate, medium-term Impact (2–5 years) to a community, social infrastructure or highly valued areas/items of national cultural significance	*C*
Minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem's function), physical or biological attributes	Minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) to a community or highly valued areas/items of cultural significance	*D*
Slight, short-term impact (<1 year) on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem's function), physical or biological attributes	Slight, short-term impact (<1 year) to a community or areas/items of cultural significance	*E*
No lasting effect (<1 month); localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	No lasting effect (<1 month); localised impact not significant to areas/items of cultural significance	*F*

2.6.5 Risk Rating Process

The risk rating process is performed to assign a level of risk to each risk event, measured in terms of consequence and likelihood. The assigned risk level is therefore determined after identifying the decision type and appropriate control measures.

The risk rating process considers the potential environmental consequences and, where applicable, the social and cultural consequences of the risk. The risk ratings are assigned using the Woodside Risk Matrix (**Figure 2-6**). The risk rating process is performed using the following steps:

2.6.5.1 Select the Consequence Level

Determine the worst-case credible consequence associated with the selected event, assuming all controls (preventative and mitigative) are absent or have failed (**Table 2-3**). Where more than one potential consequence applies, select the highest severity consequence level.

2.6.5.2 Select the Likelihood Level

Determine the description that best fits the chance of the selected consequence occurring, assuming reasonable effectiveness of the preventative and mitigative controls (**Table 2-4**).

Table 2-4: Woodside risk matrix likelihood levels

Likelihood Description						
Frequency	1 in 100,000–1,000,000 years	1 in 10,000–100,000 years	1 in 1000–10,000 years	1 in 100–1000 years	1 in 10–100 years	>1 in 10 years
Experience	Remote: Unheard of in the industry	Highly Unlikely: Has occurred once or twice in the industry	Unlikely: Has occurred many times in the industry but not at Woodside	Possible: Has occurred once or twice at Woodside or may possibly occur	Likely: Has occurred frequently at Woodside or is likely to occur	Highly Likely: Has occurred frequently at the location or is expected to occur
Likelihood Level	0	1	2	3	4	5

2.6.5.3 Calculate the Risk Rating

The risk level is derived from the consequence and likelihood levels determined above in accordance with the risk matrix shown in **Figure 2-6**. A likelihood and risk rating is only applied to environmental risks using the Woodside risk matrix.

This risk level is used as an input into the risk evaluation process and ultimately for prioritising further risk reduction measures. Once each risk is treated to ALARP, the risk rating articulates the ALARP baseline risk as an output of the ENVID studies.

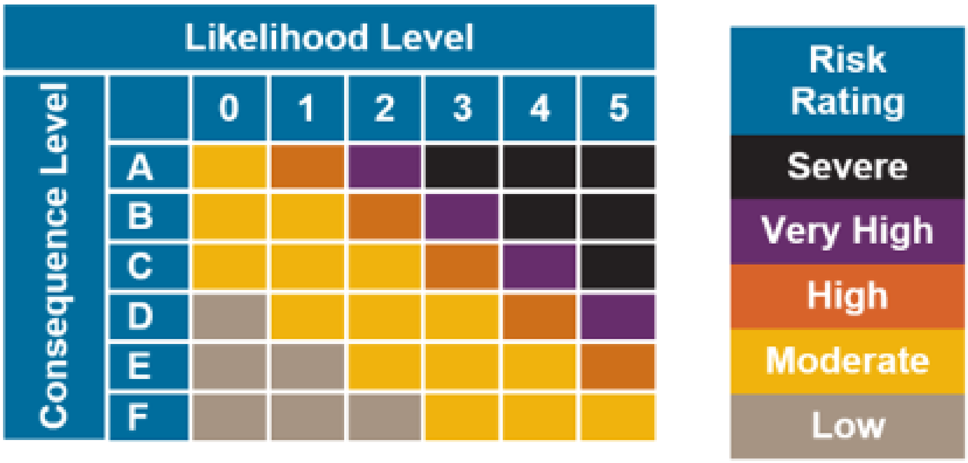

Figure 2-6: Woodside risk matrix: risk level

In support of ongoing risk management (a key component of Woodside's Process Safety Management Framework [**Section 7**]), Woodside uses the concept of 'current risk' and applies a current risk rating to indicate the current or 'live' level of risk, considering the controls that are currently in place and regularly effective. Current risk rating is effective in articulating potential divergence from baseline risk, such as if certain controls fail or could potentially be compromised. Current risk ratings aid in the communication and visibility of the risk events, and ensure risk is continually managed to ALARP by identifying risk reduction measures and assessing acceptability.

2.7 Impact and Risk Evaluation

Environmental impacts and risks cover a wide range of issues affected by differing species, persistence, reversibility, resilience, cumulative effects and variability in severity. Determining the degree of environmental risk and the corresponding threshold for whether an impact or risk has been reduced to ALARP and is acceptable, is evaluated to a level appropriate to the nature and scale of each impact or risk. The evaluation considers:

- the Decision Type
- the Principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development as defined under the EPBC Act
- the internal context – the proposed controls and risk level are consistent with Woodside policies, procedures and standards (**Section 6** and **Appendix A**)
- the external context – the environment consequence (**Section 6**) and stakeholder acceptability (**Section 5**) are considered
- other requirements – the proposed controls and risk level are consistent with national and international standards, laws and policies.

In accordance with Regulations 10A(a), 10A(b), 10A(c) and 13(5)(b) of the Environment Regulations, Woodside applies the following process to demonstrate ALARP and acceptability for environmental impacts and risks, appropriate to the nature and scale of each impact or risk.

2.7.1 Demonstration of ALARP

Descriptions have been provided in **Table 2-5** to articulate how Woodside demonstrates different risks, impacts and Decision Types identified within the EP are ALARP.

Table 2-5: Summary of Woodside's criteria for ALARP demonstration

Risk	Impact	Decision Type
Low and Moderate	***Negligible, Slight, or Minor (D, E or F)***	***A***
Woodside demonstrates these risks, impacts and decision types are reduced to ALARP if: • controls identified meet legislative requirements, industry codes and standards, applicable company requirements and industry guidelines • further effort towards impact/risk reduction (beyond employing opportunistic measures) is not reasonably practicable without sacrifices grossly disproportionate to the benefit gained.		
High, Very High or Severe	***Moderate and above (A, B or C)***	***B and C***
Woodside demonstrates these higher order risks, impacts and decision types are reduced to ALARP (where it can be demonstrated using good industry practice and risk-based analysis) that: • legislative requirements, applicable company requirements and industry codes and standards are met • societal concerns are accounted for • the alternative control measures are grossly disproportionate to the benefit gained.		

2.7.2 Demonstration of Acceptability

Descriptions have been provided in **Table 2-6** to articulate how Woodside demonstrates that different risks, impacts and Decision Types identified within the EP are acceptable. (Please also refer to **Figure 2-7** for a visual representation against Woodside's risk matrix).

Table 2-6: Summary of Woodside's criteria for Acceptability

Risk	Impact	Decision Type
Low and Moderate	***Negligible, Slight, or Minor (D, E or F***	***A***
Woodside demonstrates these risks, impacts and decision types are 'broadly acceptable' if they meet legislative requirements, industry codes and standards, applicable company requirements and industry guidelines. Further effort towards risk reduction (beyond employing opportunistic measures) is not reasonably practicable without sacrifices grossly disproportionate to the benefit gained.		
High, Very High or Severe	***Moderate and above (A, B or C)***	***B and C***
Woodside demonstrates these higher order risks, impacts and decision types are 'acceptable if ALARP' if it can be demonstrated using good industry practice and risk-based analysis, if legislative requirements are met and societal concerns are accounted for, and the alternative control measures are grossly disproportionate to the benefit gained. In undertaking this process for Moderate and High current risks, Woodside evaluates: • the Principles of Ecological Sustainable Development as defined under the EPBC Act • the internal context – the proposed controls and consequence/risk level are consistent with Woodside policies, procedures and standards • the external context – consideration of the environment consequence (**Section 6**) and stakeholder acceptability (**Section 5**) • other requirements – the proposed controls and consequence/risk level are consistent with national and international industry standards, laws and policies and consideration of applicable plans for management and conservation advice, conventions, and significant impact guidelines (e.g. for MNES). Additionally, Very High and Severe risks require 'Escalated Investigation' and mitigation to reduce the risk to a lower and more acceptable level. If after further investigation the risk remains in the Very High or Severe category, the risk requires appropriate business engagement in accordance with Woodside's Risk Management Procedure to accept the risk. This includes due consideration of regulatory requirements.		

Figure 2-7: Environmental risk evaluation

2.7.3 Recovery Plan and Threat Abatement Plan Assessment

To support the demonstration of acceptability, a separate process is undertaken to demonstrate that the EP is consistent with any relevant recovery plans or threat abatement plans (refer **Section 1.10.1.3**). The steps in this process are:

- Identify relevant listed threatened species and ecological communities (**Section 4.6**).
- Identify relevant recovery plans and threat abatement plans (**Appendix H: Section 3.2**).
- List all objectives and (where relevant) the action areas of these plans, and assess whether these objectives/action areas apply to government, the Titleholder, and the Petroleum Activities Program (**Section 6.8**).
- For those objectives/action areas applicable to the Petroleum Activities Program, identify the relevant actions of each plan, and evaluate whether impacts and risks resulting from the activity are clearly inconsistent with that action (**Section 6.8**).

2.8 Environmental Performance Objectives/Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria

EPOs/EPSs and measurement criteria have been defined to address the potential environmental impacts and risks and are presented in **Section 6**.

2.9 Implementation, Monitoring, Review, and Reporting

An implementation Strategy for the Petroleum Activity Program is developed which describes the specific measures and arrangements to be implemented for the duration of the Petroleum Activity Program. The implementation strategy is based on the principles of AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems, and demonstrates:

- Control measures are effective in reducing the environmental impacts and risks of the Petroleum Activity Program to ALARP and acceptable levels.
- Environmental performance outcomes and standards set out in the EP are met, through monitoring, recording, audit, management of non-conformance and review.
- All environmental impacts and risks of the Petroleum Activity Program are continually identified and reduced to ALARP and acceptable levels.
- Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined, and personnel are competent and appropriately trained to implement the EP, including in emergencies or potential emergencies.

- Arrangements are in place for oil pollution emergencies to respond to, and monitor impacts.
- Environmental reporting requirements, including 'reportable incidents', are met.
- Appropriate stakeholder consultation is undertaken throughout the activity.

The implementation strategy is presented in **Section 7**.

2.10 Stakeholder Consultation

A stakeholder assessment is performed to identify relevant persons (as defined under Regulation 11A of the Environment Regulations) to whom an activity update is issued electronically to provide a reasonable consultation period. Further details and information is provided to stakeholders as requested.

A summary and assessment of each stakeholder response is undertaken and a response, where appropriate, is provided by Woodside.

The stakeholder consultation, along with the process for ongoing engagement and consultation throughout the activity, is presented in **Section 5.**

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

3.1 Overview

This section has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 13(1) of the Environment Regulations, and describes the activities to be undertaken as part of the Petroleum Activities Program under this EP.

3.2 Project Overview

The Enfield reservoir has reached the end of its economic production life. Options and timing for cessation of operations were developed, in line with Woodside strategy and regulatory requirements, to allow for the Nganhurra FPSO to be removed from the field following cessation of production.

Initial cessation of operations activities were undertaken in the Enfield field between November 2018 and March 2019 (as described under Revision 2 of this EP). The activities that have already been completed and are not part of the scope of this EP include:

- disconnection of FPSO and sail away from Operational Area
- isolation of wells at the flow base
- flushing and preservation of the subsea system
- disconnection of risers from the RTM and removal of all riser buoyancy modules
- re-lay risers, electro-hydraulic umbilical on seabed until final decommissioning.

The RTM was planned to be removed as part of these activities however during the initial cessation of operations activities, it was determined that the RTM could not be ballasted to horizontal as originally planned. The EP revision history is provided in **Section 1.1**

The remaining activities covered under this revised EP in preparation for future decommissioning are listed in **Section 1.2**. An overview of the Petroleum Activities Program is provided in **Table 3-1**.

The permanent plugging for abandonment of the wells will be undertaken in accordance with the accepted Enfield Plug and Abandonment EP. The decommissioning of the subsea infrastructure EP is subject to the Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP (under assessment) and is outside the scope of this EP. Timing for these is described in **Section 3.4**.

Table 3-4 outlines the timing for activities that comprise the Petroleum Activities Program of this revised EP (**Section 1.2**), as well as for future decommissioning activities related to WA-28-L**.**

Table 3-1: Petroleum Activities Program overview

Item	Description
Title area	WA-28-L
Location	Exmouth Sub-basin
Water depth	• ~400–600 m
Subsea infrastructure	• four production manifolds (EDC1, EDC2, EDC3 and EDC5) • 18 subsea Xmas trees • two 9-inch production flowlines and risers • one 8-inch production test flowline and riser • two 10-inch water re-injection flowline and riser • one 6-inch gas injection flowline and riser • one 6-inch gas lift flowline and riser.
Vessels	• Offshore support vessel for IMR activities • General support vessel for general supply / support.
Key activities	• RTM remaining on station • IMR activities on the RTM while it remains on station • IMR activities on subsea infrastructure

3.2.1 Activities undertaken under Separate Approvals

The decommissioning of the Enfield Development will be undertaken over multiple years and stages to meet the requirements and timing of the General Direction 812 (for a list of the directions, refer to **Table 1-4**)**. Table 3-2** outlines the related environmental approvals for the decommissioning of the Enfield Development.

Table 3-2: Activities associated with the Petroleum Activities Program

Activity Scope	Relevant Environmental Approval
RTM removal from title area	Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan, (to be revised).
Permanent plugging and abandonment of 18 wells associated with the Enfield Development and the removal of the associated Xmas trees, flowline support bases (flowbases) and wellheads, including temporary guide bases (where installed)	Enfield Plug and Abandonment Environment Plan
Removal of subsea infrastructure above mudline	Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning Environment Plan

3.3 Location

The Petroleum Activities Program is located in Commonwealth waters in the Exmouth Sub-basin. WA-28-L is about 38 km north of North West Cape (WA) Australia, and about 2 km east of the Enfield field. The location coordinates, water depth, dimensions and status of the Petroleum Activities Program infrastructure are presented in **Table 3-3**. The layout of the Enfield field is presented in **Figure 3-2**.

Table 3-3: Infrastructure coordinates and Water Depth

Subsea Infrastructure	Latitude	Longitude	Approximate Water Depth (mLAT)
RTM	21° 28’ 53.268” S	114° 00’ 29.249” E	396

Subsea Infrastructure	Latitude	Longitude	Approximate Water Depth (mLAT)
RTM anchors and anchor chains 1–9	Anchor location: 1. 21° 28’ 25.28” S 2. 21° 28’ 26.93” S 3. 21° 28’ 26.43” S 4. 21° 29’ 07.62” S 5. 21° 29’ 09.48” S 6. 21° 29’ 11.50” S 7. 21° 29’ 07.18” S 8. 21° 29’ 04.96” S 9. 21° 29’ 02.73” S	Anchor location: 1. 114° 00’ 29.85” E 2. 114° 00’ 32.33” E 3. 114° 00’ 34.18” E 4. 114° 00’ 54.73” E 5. 114° 00’ 53.18” E 6. 114° 00’ 51.56” E 7. 114° 00’ 02.58” E 8. 114° 00’ 01.19” E 9. 114° 00’ 00.11” E	1. 405 2. 402 3. 399 4. 364 5. 364 6. 365 7. 424 8. 426 9. 429
Manifolds/manifold foundation suction piles	21° 28’ 54.19” S	113° 59’ 21.19” E	516
	21° 27’ 55.88” S	113° 59’ 34.84” E	494
	21° 29’ 15.35” S	113° 58’ 30.82” E	550
	21° 28’ 53.42” S	113° 59’ 17.78” E	522
Flexible flowlines and risers	Start: 21° 29’ 15.920” S End: 21° 28’ 53.268” S	Start: 113° 58’ 31.392” E End: 114° 00’ 29.249” E	Start: 550 End: 396
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	Start: 21° 29’ 25.99” S End: 21° 30’ 03.38” S	Start: 113° 58’ 07.55” E End: 113° 57’ 50.76” E	Start: 567 End: 550
	Start: 21° 28’ 55.52” S End: 21° 29’ 04.71” S	Start: 113° 59’ 23.06” E End: 113° 58’ 54.02” E	Start: 511 End: 538

Subsea Infrastructure	Latitude	Longitude	Approximate Water Depth (mLAT)
Drag anchors for mooring lines	21° 28' 25.28" S	114° 00' 29.85" E	405
	21° 28' 26.93" S	114° 00' 32.33" E	402
	21° 28' 26.43" S	114° 00' 34.18" E	399
	21° 29' 07.62" S	114° 00' 54.73" E	364
	21° 29' 09.48" S	114° 00' 53.18" E	364
	21° 29' 11.50" S	114° 00' 51.56" E	365
	21° 29' 07.18" S	114° 00' 02.58" E	424
	21° 29' 04.96" S	114° 00' 01.19" E	426
	21° 29' 02.73" S	114° 00' 00.11" E	429
Mooring lines	Start: 21° 28' 52.93" S End: 21° 28' 25.18" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.38" E End: 114° 00' 29.92" E	408
	Start: 21° 28' 52.93" S End: 21° 28' 26.93" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.36" E End: 114° 00' 32.35" E	405
	Start: 21° 28' 52.94" S End: 21° 28' 26.31" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.46" E End: 114° 00' 34.40" E	396
	Start: 21° 28' 53.39" S End: 21° 29' 7.88" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.67" E End: 114° 00' 54.94" E	362
	Start: 21° 28' 53.42" S End: 21° 29' 9.67" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.63" E End: 114° 00' 53.49" E	363
	Start: 21° 28' 53.43" S End: 21° 29' 0.70" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.58" E End: 114° 00' 38.46" E	377
	Start: 21° 28' 53.33" S End: 21° 29' 7.34" S	Start: 114° 00' 29.12" E End: 114° 00' 2.35" E	422
	Start: 21° 28' 53.36" S End: 21° 29' 4.72" S	Start: 114° 00' 28.98" E End: 114° 00' 1.25" E	424
	Start: 21° 28' 53.39" S End: 21° 29' 3.11" S	Start: 114° 00' 28.94" E End: 114° 00' 0.02" E	426
Debris anchor and mooring line	Start: 21° 28' 56.80" S End: 21° 29' 35.46" S	Start: 113° 59' 21.92" E End: 113° 59' 0.26" E	Start: 513 End: 520

3.3.1 Operational Area

The Operational Area defines the spatial boundary of the Petroleum Activities Program, as described, risk assessed and managed by this EP, including vessel-related petroleum activities. For this EP, the Operational Area has been defined to allow impacts and risks to be evaluated for the activities conducted within WA-28-L. The Operational Area (**Figure 3-1**) is delineated by the following:

- 1500 m radius around the RTM to allow for IMR activities and for the disconnected anchor chains to be laid on the seabed
- 4000 m radius around all wells
- 500 m area around flowlines to allow subsea IMR activities to be undertaken.

There is a 500 m petroleum safety zone around the RTM. This will remain in place until the RTM is removed from the Operational Area.

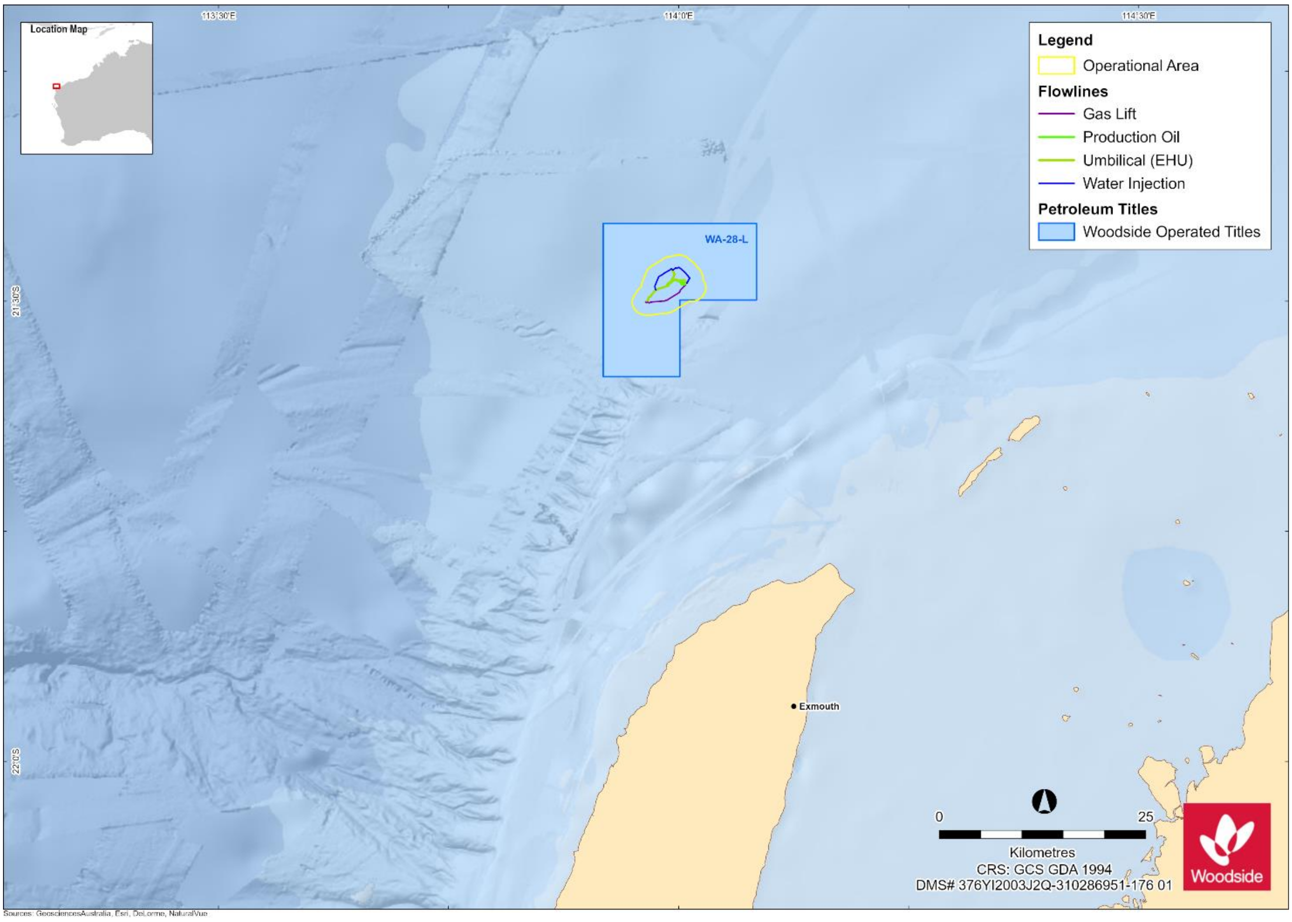


Figure 3-1: Petroleum Activities Program Operational Area

3.4 Timing

The inspection and preservation of the subsea infrastructure and RTM will be ongoing until the RTM is removed from the title area, the wells are permanently plugged for abandonment, and final decommissioning of the field is completed. **Table 3-4** outlines the timing for activities that comprise the Petroleum Activities Program of this revised EP (**Section 1.2**). Decommissioning planning and timing for other decommissioning activities related to WA-28-L are outlined in **Section 3.6**.

When underway, activities covered under this EP will be carried out 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The schedule and timeframe presented in **Table 3-4** may be subject to change due to operational requirements and external influences such as contract awards, availability of vessels, equipment, and materials, and/or metocean conditions.

Table 3-4: Indicative timing of Petroleum Activities Program and future decommissioning activities associated with WA-28-L

Activity	Indicative Timing	Duration (Cumulative Duration)
RTM and subsea IMR activities	Ongoing until the RTM is removed from the title area, the wells are permanently plugged for abandonment, and final decommissioning of the field completed (refer to **Table 3-12**).	IMR activity duration ranges between 1 – 7 days, depending on scope of activity to be undertaken. Ongoing until the RTM is removed from the title area, the wells are permanently plugged for abandonment, and final decommissioning of the field completed.

3.4.1 SIMOPS

There is a potential for SIMOPS to occur with the Petroleum Activities Program and other decommissioning activities within WA-28-L, if vessel and equipment availabilities permit. A SIMOPS plan will be developed for the Petroleum Activities Program. Execution of the Petroleum Activities Program around existing infrastructure has been included in the scope of risk assessment for this EP (**Section 6**).

3.5 Infrastructure Overview

This section provides a high-level overview of the infrastructure relevant to consideration of the environmental risks and impacts of the Petroleum Activities Program. The subsea layout of the Enfield field is provided in **Figure 3-2** and in **Table 3-5**.

Further details of the infrastructure and field layout are provided in the sections below.

Table 3-5: Infrastructure Overview of Enfield Property in the Title Area

Infrastructure		Quantity	Approximate dimensions and weight	Materials / Composition	Status	Last inspection date
RTM		1	85 m long (~94 m including riser tails) 4.5–12.5 m diameter	Predominately Steel	No longer active	April 2021
RTM Anchor and Anchor Chains		9	Length: ~1 km each Total length: ~10 km Weight: 160 t	Steel (Grade R3 to R6) Polypropylene	Located on seabed, partially buried below mudline in sections.	March 2021
Manifolds	5-slot manifold	2	Height: 3.5 m Width: 8.5 m Length: 8.5 m Weight: 73.9 t	22Cr Carbon steel Polyurethane	Above mudline, on top of foundations	April 2016
	3-slot manifold (water injection)	2	Height: 3.0 m Width: 6.4 m Length: 6.5 m Weight: 18.7 t	22Cr Carbon steel Polyurethane	Above mudline, on top of foundations	April 2016
	Manifold foundation suction pile	4	Two-skirt pile (2): Height: 6.7 m Outer diameter: 7.5 m Attached foundation: Dimensions unknown Total weight: 70.3 t	Carbon steel	5.8 – 7 m below mudline	April 2016
			Single-skirt pile (2): Height: 5.5 m Outer diameter: 6m Attached foundation: Height: 2.4 m		5.5 – 7 m below mudline	April 2016

			Width: 7.1 m Length: 9.4 m Total weight: 39.3 t			
Risers and flowlines	Flexible risers and flowlines, including Uraduct stabilisation and riser bases	7	Flowline length: 2.2 – 5 km Riser length: 800 m Total length: 25 km Diameter: 6" / 8" / 9" / 10"	316L Austenitic Stainless Steel Duplex Steel Polyethylene Crossflex Rislan Kevlar Polyester Polypropylene TP-Flex Uraduct stabilisation material Various steel alloys	Above mudline, with some sections partially or fully buried	2016 – 2017
	Riser holdback anchors	4	Dimensions: 5 x 5 x 0.85 m Weight: 51 – 53 t	Carbon steel	Mostly above mudline, with 10 – 40% burial	April 2016
Umbilicals	Umbilicals	8	Length: 0.8 – 2.3 km Total length: 15 km Diameter: 85.9 – 184.3 mm Weight: 25 – 53 t	Copper Polyethylene Polyvinyl Chloride Galvanised Steel Ducoflex Aramid Fibre PA-11 Polypropylene	Above mudline, with some sections partially or fully buried	April 2016
Jumpers	Production and gas lift jumpers	4	Length: 300 m Width: 214 – 359 mm Weight 77 – 200 t	316L Austenitic Stainless Steel Duplex Steel Polyethylene Crossflex Rislan	Above mudline, with some sections partially or fully buried	2016-2017

				Kevlar Polyester Polypropylene TP-Flex		
	Electrical / hydraulic jumpers	2	Length: 150 m	Copper Polyethylene Polyvinyl Chloride Galvanised Steel Ducoflex Aramid Fibre PA-11 Polypropylene	Above mudline, with some sections partially or fully buried	April 2016
Rigid well tie-in spools	Rigid well tie-in spools	15	Length: 40 – 82 m Diameter: 2” or 6” Weight: 8 – 13.5 t	22% Cr Duplex Carbon steel Polyurethane Plastic	Above mudline	April 2016
Drag anchors	Drag anchors	9	Width: 6.3 m Length: 5.9 m Weight: 12 t	Steel Epoxy paint	Buried below mudline, up to 8m (at fluke tip).	March 2021
Debris anchor	Anchor	1	Weight: 15 t	Steel	Buried below mudline.	n/a
	Mooring line	1	Length: 1.4 km	Steel Polypropylene	Located on seabed, partially buried below mudline in sections.	n/a
Sand/aggregate bags	Sandbags / bulker bags	~120	Weight: 80 kg / 1400 kg	Plastic bag Sand or aggregate filled	Located on or buried below mudline	n/a

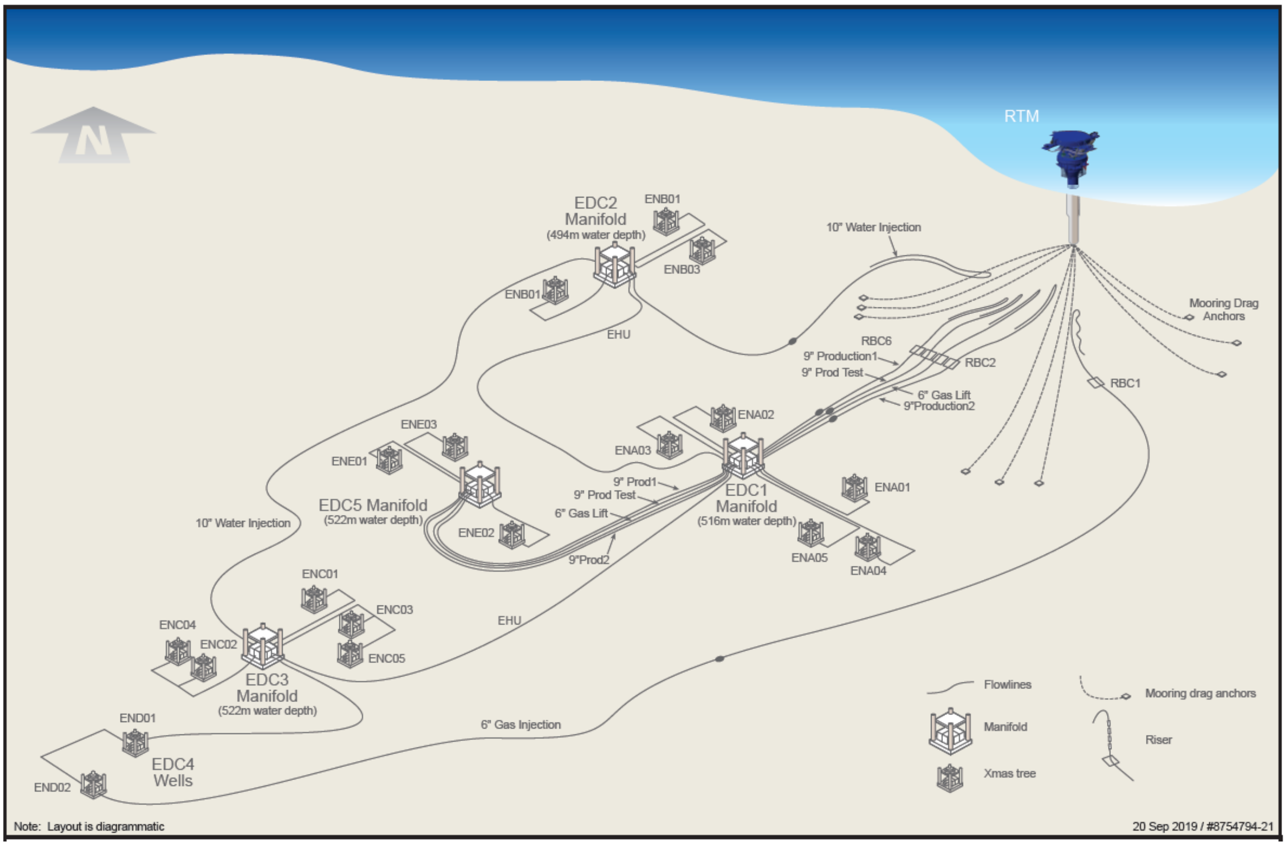


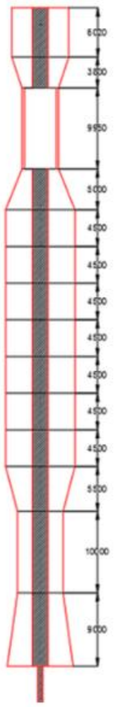
Figure 3-2: Enfield field subsea layout

3.5.1 RTM

The RTM comprises a riser column that is anchored to the seabed by three sets of three catenary anchor mooring chains (**Figure 3-2**). The lower end of each mooring chain is connected to a drag anchor embedded into the seabed. The RTM is about 83 m long and between 4.5 m and 8.5 m in diameter below the waterline, with three decks up to 12.5 m wide above the waterline (**Figure 3-2** and **Figure 3-3**. The riser column extends about 6.5 m above the waterline and weighs about 2529 tonnes, which includes solid and seawater ballast.

The RTM has 14 compartments, 11 of which are designed to be ballastable, separated by horizontal watertight bulkheads. In general, the compartments are designed to allow the RTM to be upright while in operation, and to allow rotation to a horizontal orientation for towing to and from the field during installation and decommissioning. The layout of the RTM is shown in **Figure 3-3.** The current ballasted status of each compartment of the RTM is presented in **Table 3-6** (compartments are numbered from the bottom of RTM up (i.e. compartment #1 is at the bottom).

Table 3-6: Status of RTM compartments

RTM	Compartment	Volume (m^3)	Contents
	#14	215	Personnel access (empty)
	#13	92	Foam filled
	#12	42	Tidal tank (free flooding)
	#11	160	Empty
	#10	247	Empty
	#9	247	Empty
	#8	247	Empty
	#7	247	Empty
	#6	247	Empty
	#5	247	Empty
	#4	247	Empty
	#3	206	Ballasted with 122 tonnes seawater
	#2	222	Filled with seawater from leak in J-tube #11
	#1	315	80 tonne concrete keel (32 m^3), 325 tonnes of iron ore ballast and 205 m^3 of seawater ballast

Compartment 13 (at the waterline) contains about 65 m^3 of polyurethane foam. The bottom compartment (compartment 1) is filled with about 325 tonnes of iron ore, 80 tonnes of concrete keel, and additional seawater. The second bottom compartment (compartment 2) contains seawater ballast as a result of localised galvanic corrosion in the j-tube weld within compartment 2. However, compartment 2 was designed as a primary ballast compartment to contain water during its design life to manage RTM draft should additional risers be added. Compartment 2 along with compartments 3 and 11 were the only three compartments to be deballasted for rotating the RTM from vertical to horizontal to achieve the minimum draft for onshore disposal (**Section 3.6**).

The RTM contains 11 j-tubes that run the length of the RTM, seven of which are occupied by six risers and one EHU. The j-tubes are tubular conduits that have the shape of the letter "J". The tubes are used to protect and route the risers and EHU through the inside of the RTM.

The risers connected to the RTM were flushed during the subsea flowline and riser flushing described in **Section 3.5.2.1**. In Q4 2018 they were cut about 10 m below the RTM and the riser end connected to the subsea infrastructure was capped with an environmental plug. All buoyancy modules on the risers were removed, and the risers were laid on the seabed. The RTM remains, held in place by the catenary anchor chains.

The RTM has a navigation aid system comprising solar-powered marine navigation lights, passive and active radar reflectors to enhance marine radar detectability, and a remote draft and position monitoring system (**Figure 3-4**). In April 2021, as part of yearly maintenance, this equipment was inspected and confirmed working. The RTM draft and position is monitored 24/7 by the monitoring system with automatic email notification to a response team onshore if any anomalies are detected by the system. The RTM is also visually monitored from the Ngujima Yin FPSO (located about 8 km north-east) and will continue to be monitored until removal. A 500 m petroleum safety zone is being maintained around the RTM structure, which will be removed once the RTM has been removed from the title area.

The RTM was planned to be removed after FPSO sail away in 2018, as part of the same campaign. As this was unable to be completed (**Sections 1.1** and **3.6**), a revised removal period is planned (**Section 3.4**).

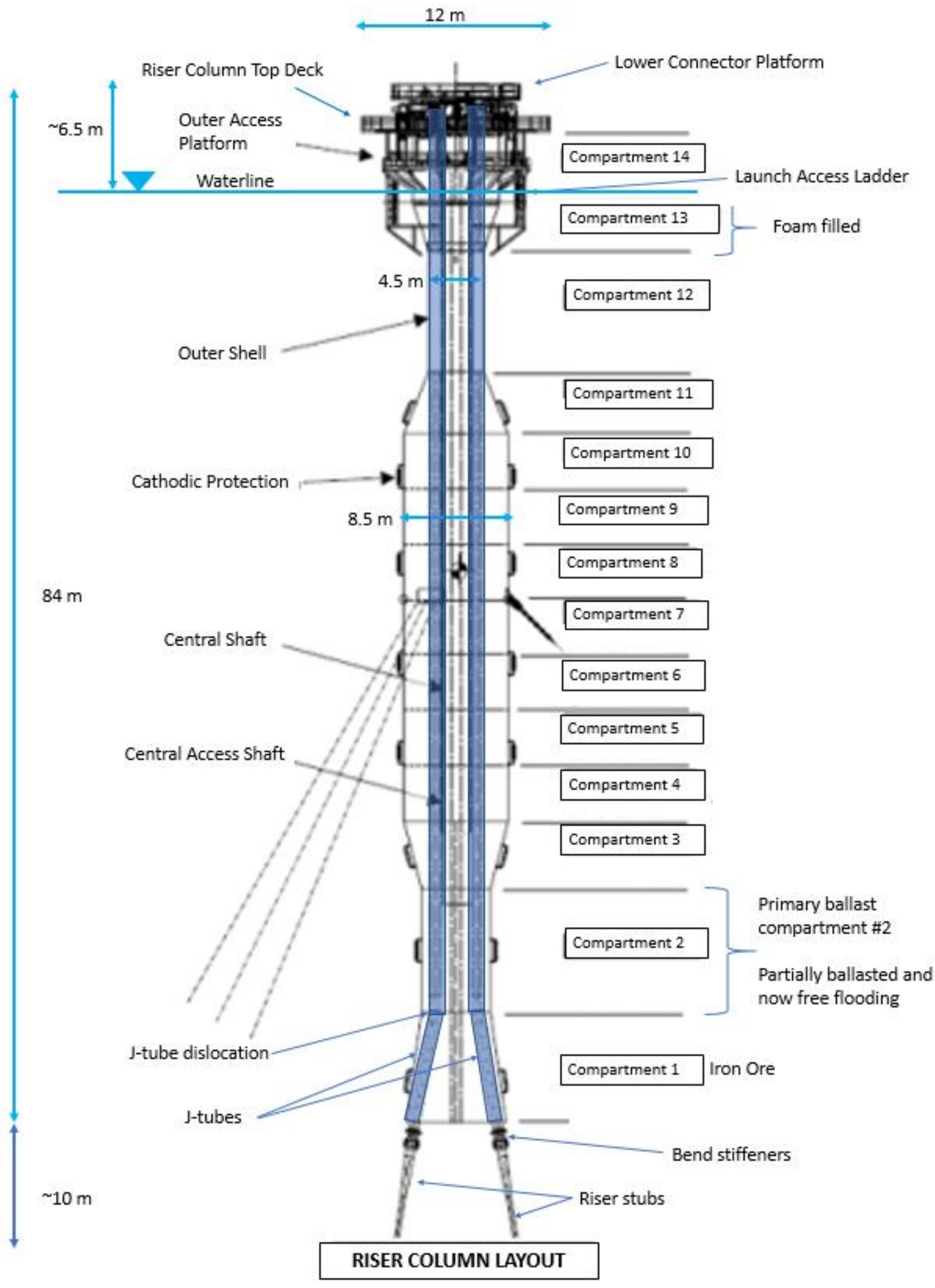


Figure 3-3: RTM layout

Figure 3-4: Topsides section of the RTM

3.5.2 Subsea Infrastructure

During operation, the subsea system facilitated the production of Enfield reservoir fluids and transported these fluids to the FPSO, with reinjection of produced formation water and gas back into the reservoir. The subsea system is in a state of preservation.

The subsea system in Operational Area consists of (see **Figure 3-1**):

- rigid spools
- manifolds
- electric and hydraulic jumpers
- flexible flowlines
- umbilicals
- risers.

The disconnected subsea infrastructure has been left in place on the seabed for future field decommissioning. Refer to **Section 3.2.1** for a full list of infrastructure and coordinates and **Section 3.4** for decommissioning timing.

3.5.2.1 Flowline and Riser System

The production fluids were transported to the FPSO via two 9-inch production flowlines. There is also one 8-inch production test flowline, two 10-inch water re-injection flowlines, one 6-inch gas injection flowline and one 6-inch gas lift flowline. There are two production dynamic risers, one test dynamic riser, one water reinjection, one gas lift and one gas reinjection dynamic riser.

The flowline and riser system has been flushed and cleaned of hydrocarbons to ALARP, and put into a state of preservation with treated seawater and laid on the seabed.

3.5.3 Other Infrastructure in the Title Area

Licence area WA-28-L also includes infrastructure covered under the approved Ngujima-Yin Facility Operations EP. There are no other wellheads or property in the WA-28-L licence area. All other wells in the licence area have been permanently plugged and abandoned and wellheads removed

3.6 Decommissioning Planning

Section 572 (3) of the OPGGS Act, requires titleholders to remove property from the title area when it is neither used, nor to be used, in connection with the operations. Planning for complete removal is generally the base case for offshore decommissioning operations. Section 572 (7) and section 270 (3) of the OPGGS Act provide scope for in-situ decommissioning or other arrangements to be made where it can be demonstrated that the risks and impacts are ALARP and acceptable as well as comply with all other Acts and legislation.

Decommissioning planning for the Enfield Development is well advanced with planning being undertaken to meet the requirements of Section 572 (3) and the General Direction 812. **Figure 3-5** provides an overview of the integrated decommissioning schedule and highlights key milestones for decommissioning planning and offshore execution for the Enfield Development. **Table 3-7** outlines the timing and duration for activities that comprise the Petroleum Activities Program of this revised EP (**Section 1.2**) as well as for future decommissioning activities related to WA-28-L**.**

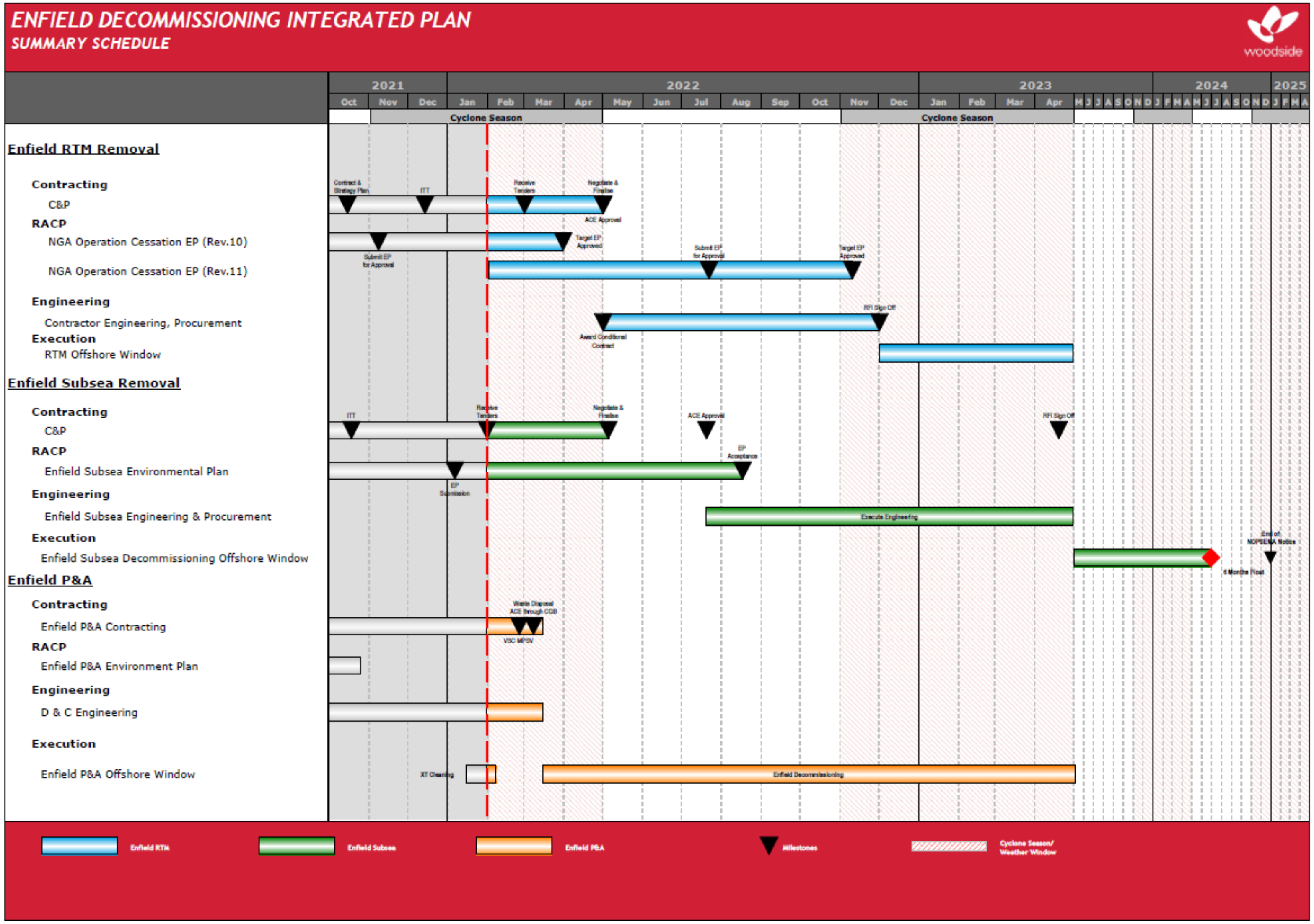


Figure 3-5: Enfield Decommissioning Integrated Schedule & Key Milestones

Table 3-7: Indicative timing and durations of future decommissioning activities associated with WA-28-L

Activity	Indicative Timing	EP Submission Timing	Duration (Cumulative Duration)
RTM removal from title area	Anticipated offshore execution to occur prior to the end of cyclone season 2022/23.	EP under assessment	To be determined
Permanent plugging of wells for abandonment and well IMR	Planned offshore execution is expected to commence during 2022 and be completed by mid-2024.	EP accepted	Permanent plugging activities are expected to take an average of 30 days per well to complete.
Decommissioning of subsea infrastructure	Offshore execution may be undertaken over multiple campaigns during the period 2023-2024 (dependent on SIMOPS with Plugging and abandonment)	EP planned submission early Q1 2022	Preparation and removal of subsea infrastructure is expected to take up to approximately 12 months (cumulative time) to complete. Seabed surveys are expected to take approximately 2 weeks, undertaken simultaneously with infrastructure removal activities or subsequently.

3.7 Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning Planning

Indicative end states for subsea infrastructure are discussed in **Section 3.7.1.** The inspection and maintenance of the subsea infrastructure (**Section 3.10**) and RTM (**Section 3.9.4.1**) will be ongoing until the RTM is removed from the title area, the wells are permanently plugged for abandonment, and final decommissioning of the field is completed.

3.7.1 Subsea Infrastructure Indicative End States

Removal and recovery of subsea infrastructure is described in **Table 3-8** and is subject to approval under the Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP (under assessment).

Table 3-8: Infrastructure removal methods

Infrastructure	Indicative End State	Indicative Removal options
Manifolds	Removal	ROV will unlatch the manifold module from foundation and secure the lifting arrangement.
Manifold foundation suction piles	Removal with contingency for partial removal	Option 1: Excavate around the base, then reverse install by engaging the suction pile flooding system to fill the caisson with water and assist the lifting operation. Failure mechanisms that would prevent this option: • mud mat hatches unable to close and maintain pressure • hot stab operability issues • failure of structural integrity of suction pile • maximum allowable pressure, defined by pile structural capacity, insufficient to release the pile Prior to offshore retrieval, a detailed procedure will be developed to address and managed these identified risks to maximise the ability to reverse install. Option 2: If Option 1 is not technically feasible for any of the above reasons, cut the pile as

Infrastructure	Indicative End State	Indicative Removal options
		close to mudline as possible using diamond wire saw and remove the cut section.
Flexible risers and flowlines	Removal	Flexible lines will be recovered via a vertical Lay System or cut into pieces and ROV initiated recovery clamps or subsea basket used to recover pieces from the seabed. During the recovery of flexible flowlines it may be necessary to excavate the flowlines to allow full exposure. Uraduct Stabilisation will be recovered as part of normal flowline recovery operation.
Riser bases and holdback anchors	Removal	Anchors will be disconnected from the riser base by cutting the riser holdback tether, then lifted from the seabed using slings. Followed by recovery of riser bases.
Umbilicals	Removal	Umbilicals with attached Cobra head connectors can be recovered by respooling.
Jumpers (production, gas lift, electrical/hydraulic)	Removal	Jumpers will be disconnected/cut and placed into ROV/Subsea basket for recovery.
Rigid well tie-in spools	Removal	Disconnect spools from the Manifold and XT's using ROV; May be recovered as whole piece using ROV initiated recovery clamps or may be cut into several pieces using diamond wire saw.
Mooring lines	Removal	Cut at the exposure site on seabed. Can be lifted using winches as whole piece or cut into smaller pieces using diamond wire saw.
Drag anchors and debris anchor	Anchors are proposed to be left *in situ,* subject to approval under the Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP	n/a
Sand/aggregate bags	Removal	Sand/aggregate bags will be cut open to release contents to seabed, then bags lifted via attached slings and recovered to surface.

3.8 RTM Removal Planning

Woodside is progressing market engagement to remove the RTM from the title area prior to the end of cyclone season 2022/23. This section details the process that Woodside will undertake to select a method to remove the RTM from the title area and a suitable vendor to execute the activity.

3.8.1 Market Engagement

Woodside is seeking to understand current market driven solutions for the removal of the RTM from the title area by re-engaging the market following the decision not to pursue the IAR option. Initial market engagement was conducted which determined that removal of the RTM, via HLV from the title area in cyclone season in 2021/22 is not achievable, as 8-10 months engineering and procurement is required before the commencement of the offshore activity.

Woodside's process to engage the market to identify a removal method for the RTM is as follows:

- **Expression of Interest (EOI)** – targets contractors known to Industry who 'likely' have the capability to execute, based on experience and vessels. Through the EOI process, contractors are asked to submit details of relevant experience, basic methodology for removal, and vessel requirement and availability. EOI submissions will be assessed against the requested details to create a short list of contractors who should be invited to respond to the tender.

- **Invitation to Tender and Evaluation –** documents are released to the market and evaluated once the bid submissions have been received.
- **Contract Award** – Contract awarded to the selected tenderer for removal of the RTM.

Figure 3-5 outlines the indicative timeframes for market engagement to identify a removal method for the RTM.

3.8.1.1 Regulatory Approvals

The outcome of the market engagement and selection of the RTM removal method will be detailed in a future environment plan, anticipated to be submitted in late Q2, early Q3 2022.

3.8.2 RTM Removal Execution

Once the required contracts are in place, Woodside will work directly with the contractor to complete the necessary engineering and technical studies to execute the removal activity and development of specific procedures and contingency plans with the aim of enabling removal activities to be executed successfully, prior to the end of cyclone season 2023. Success is defined as full RTM recovery back to shore for disposal, without any safety or environmental incidents.

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The removal method is anticipated to be a crane lift using a Construction Heavy Lift Vessel (HLV). The lift method requires full consideration of RTM structural capacity within itself to withstand loadings of a technically complex lift. The integrity management presented in Section 3.7 aims to maintain the integrity of the RTM to enable a lift as described above. The RTM may be placed on the HLV or other transport vessel for transport to an onshore disposal facility. Specialised contractors are currently being engaged to determine the removal method most likely to deliver full removal in a safe manner, before the end of cyclone season 2023. Woodside remains open to alternative removal methods being proposed, such as use of a semi-submersible vessel.

The timing for the RTM removal is highly dependent on the prevailing metocean conditions, which can impact the accessibility of the RTM, and the ability to execute the work. Based on metocean conditions, potential weather windows for field execution are generally between December and April, and even during this period will be limited to days that meet vessel safe operational criteria. On this basis, it is anticipated that execution will occur prior to the end of cyclone season 2022/23.

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3.9 RTM Integrity Management

3.9.1 External Engineering Assessment

In late 2019, to complement Woodside's internal standard inspection and maintenance activities for the RTM, an external engineering assessment was undertaken on the current condition of the RTM which included the identification of additional maintenance strategies and measures to manage the integrity of the RTM through to Q1 2021 (the then expected date for removal from the title area). This assessment was completed in January 2020. As part of the assessment, possible failure paths to the RTM losing integrity which are summarised in **Table 3-9**.

Table 3-9: Primary Threats to RTM Integrity

Primary Threats	Consequence Summary	Possible Failure Paths
Partial Loss of Buoyancy	A further loss of buoyancy could result in reduced visibility of the riser column, increasing the risk of the RTM becoming a navigation/collision hazard to other marine users.	Hull Leaks Piping/J-tube leaks Hatch opening leaks Ballast Piping failure
Full Loss of Buoyancy	A full loss of buoyancy would result in the RTM sinking to the seabed in an undesired location	
Loss of Position	Multiple mooring line failures could cause the RTM to move off station and become a navigation/collision hazard to nearby facilities and other marine users	Hull attachment failure Multiple mooring leg failure
Hull Breakaway	A gross structural failure could result in separation of a buoyant debris from the RTM structure which would present a navigation/collision hazard to other marine users.	Gross structural failure
Vessel Collision	A third party vessel colliding with the RTM could result in one or more of the above threats occurring	

The external engineering assessment was reviewed and revised in early 2021 to include RTM removal in Q1 2022 and to review both the 5 yearly in-water and annual topsides inspection reports performed in April 2021. The external engineering assessment was further reviewed and revised in December 2021 to include updated internal corrosion assessments associated with a removal date of April 2023. The key findings from these reports and actions taken by Woodside are summarised in **Table 3-10**.

Table 3-10: Implemented Measures to manage RTM Integrity Risk

Category	2020 Assessment				December 2021 Assessment & Woodside Action Undertaken	Woodside Planned Actions
	Control Number	Control Measure	Applicable Threat	Assessment Notes (December 2021)		
Buoyancy Loss (Full or Partial) – Assessed Controls	1	Corrosion Inhibitor	Corrosion arising from currently flooded compartment	Considered unnecessary in previous assessments as compartments are coated internally and designed to be ballasted with seawater. Revised decommissioning date and further analysis of the galvanic corrosion risk in CPT3, this control has been re-proposed for CPT3.	Included in Woodside corrosion assessment, refer to Control # 010	refer to Control # 010
	2	Inspection of Internally Located Penetrations	Penetrations through internal bulkheads	Safety risk to personnel is unacceptable to allow internal access to RTM	N/A	N/A. Refer to **Section 3.9.1.1**
	3	Inspect Internal Piping and Valves	Internal piping and valving	Safety risk to personnel is unacceptable to allow internal access to RTM	N/A	N/A. Refer to **Section 3.9.1.1**
	4	Air Containment	Flooding of internal compartments	Some lines, for example BVS 10 (ventilation), would require access to Compartment 14 to be flanged-off. Safety risk to personnel is unacceptable to allow internal access to RTM.	N/A	N/A. Refer to **Section 3.9.1.1**
	5	Remote monitoring of RTM draft	Any threat to flooding of internal compartments	Allow monitoring of state of the RTM, and facilitate timely mobilisation in the event of flooding of additional compartments.	Drafting monitoring system installed in March 2020. Automated alerts sent to Woodside personnel when draft increases beyond 76m for 6 consecutive hours. Note: Fail safe automated alert if monitoring system has not	Monitoring system checked via remote login monthly. Monthly visual of RTM from Ngujima Yin FPSO by Master. Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022.

					transmitted data in previous 12-hour period.	
	6	External general visual inspection (GVI)	Any piping, valves or penetrations that are externally accessible	This would provide a condition assessment of valves, piping and penetrations into the RTM from above Compartment 14 and other accessible external locations to the RTM.	External GVI of topsides including valves, piping and penetrations completed in 2020 and 2021. No major issues found.	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022.
	7	Pressurisation of central shaft 1 (CS1)	Flooding of CS1	Pressurisation of CS1 would require control of valves located in internal compartments in the RTM. Access to these valves introduces unacceptably high risk to personnel	N/A	N/A. Refer to **Section 3.9.1.1**
	8	Fit blind flanges to external valves	Valves that are externally accessible	Flanging-off external valves would reduce the threat of downflooding via failed or open valves. Images supplied show that most external valves have had blind flanges fitted.	Blind flanges not fitted, however, the as left condition of the external valves after the 2019 decommissioning attempt was a ‘double block’. Manual valves closed, and hydraulic valves that were fitted for ballasting operations left in place and closed.	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022. Where necessary blind flanges shall be fitted.
	9	Marker Buoy	Partial loss of buoyancy of RTM resulting in navigation hazard.	A small marker buoy could be installed to mark the location of the RTM in a semi-submerged state.	Tethered marker buoy installed (March 2020), designed to float free in the event of RTM partial loss of buoyancy. Marker buoy flashing beacon was found non-functional during 2021 topsides campaign.	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022. Flashing beacon to be replaced.
	10	Design Assessment	Corrosion, particularly of internal pipelines and penetrations	Inspection of the integrity of pipework or their bulkhead penetrations presents an unacceptably high risk to personnel. Assessment of risk by a corrosion SME is recommended. Evidence from Okha RTM compartment inspections may also provide indications as to the durability of the corrosion mitigation measures put in place. Control #6: External GVI of piping and penetrations would provide further	Internal corrosion risk assessed by Woodside (April 2020 and updated in April 2021 & November 2021). Galvanic corrosion bypassing seal welds around penetrations from CPT3 into CPT2 and CS1 found to be possible within the timeframe to decommission if coating defects were to be present at the most disadvantageous locations, although this is considered unlikely.	CPT3 to be dosed with corrosion inhibitor during annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022.

				design verification on the general condition of piping and penetrations on the RTM, capturing the effects of a more onerous corrosion environment than within the RTM compartments.	Mitigation measures such as chemical treatment (refer Control #1) or deballasting of CPT3 were recommended.	
	11	Pressure Test of Cable Guide	Cable Guide flooding via lower flange joint	Not likely to be feasible as it is not possible to maintain an airtight seal in the Cable Guide, particularly around the access point in Compartment 14.	A heavy-duty tarpaulin was installed over the Cable Guide in March 2020 to prevent water ingress.	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022.
Loss of Position	12	Remote Monitoring of RTM Position	Failure of mooring line(s)	The integrity of the mooring system could be monitored based on DGPS measurements of the RTM. Mean RTM offset could provide an indication of mooring line failures. For the RTM to lose station, all three mooring legs in a cluster would need to fail. There remains therefore adequate redundancy in the mooring system.	Implemented as part of Draft Monitoring System [6]. Automated alerts sent to WEL personnel when mean RTM offset exceeds 27 m for 6 consecutive hours [9]. Note: Fail safe automated alert if monitoring system has not transmitted data in previous 12-hour period.	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022. Monitoring system checked via remote login monthly.
Hull Breakaway		N/A	A gross structural failure could result in separation of a buoyant debris from the RTM structure which would present a navigation/ collision hazard to other marine users.	Based on the current condition of the RTM, as inferred from review of the Decommissioning Status Report, and hull inspections and thickness measurements detailed in the 2016 OIWS Report [15], it would appear unlikely that there is a failure mechanism present that could result in the gross yielding required to separate a substantial buoyant section from the RTM structure. The worst case scenario is rupture of 1 – 2 compartments, resulting in flooding of these compartments. In this event the RTM could submerge to 5 m below the water level. This scenario is considered in more detail in 'Partial Buoyancy Loss' category.	5 yearly Offshore In-Water Survey (OIWS) and topsides structural inspection performed April 2021 with Class Surveyor in attendance. It would appear unlikely that there is a failure mechanism present that could result in the gross yielding required to separate a substantial buoyant section from the RTM structure	Annual topsides inspection planned for April 2022. Interim OIWS due April 2024

3.9.1.1 Internal Inspection

The practicality and value of performing an internal inspection of the RTM has been assessed, through an Operational Risk Assessment. It was concluded that the risk associated with an inspection by person is not acceptable, given it requires confined space entry and descending into the RTM via ladders. An inspection would require opening up to 4 bolted access hatches (to gain access down to compartment 3) and descending approximately 61m into the central shaft via ladders (to access compartment 3). Alternative options such as performing an internal inspection using robotics or another remote technology is not considered feasible due to the technical complexity of opening and closing bolted access hatches.

The information obtained from an internal inspection of the RTM is not considered to add significant value or change the current maintenance and planning for RTM removal for the following reasons.

- Compartment 1 and 2 are designed for full life immersion and do not present an integrity risk, they are also not accessible as opening the manholes would flood and cause the RTM to sink. From draft measurements of the RTM and knowledge of compartments already containing water there is no evidence to suggest any compartment which is not designed for full life immersion, to contain water (excluding known compartment 3).
- Compartment 3 cannot be accessed due to being partially flooded. With compartment 3 identified as the only compartment holding some risk of failure due to corrosion, performing the control activity as listed in Control #10 (refer to **Table 3-6)** will mitigate any potential for further corrosion within compartment 3 and remove the need~~,~~ to physically inspect this compartment.

3.9.1.2 2021 Offshore In-water Survey

An RTM Offshore In-Water Survey (OIWS) was completed in April 2021. The scope of the survey comprised of complete visual inspection of nominated components and a general assessment of their cathodic protection system.

Overall, the nine mooring legs were observed to be in good condition. Inspection tasks consisted of General Visual Inspection (GVI) and Cathodic Protection (CP) readings of each mooring supplemented with inclinometer measurements, cleaning, Close Visual Inspection (CVI), caliper measurements, and 3D-photogrammetry at selected locations

An anomaly assessment was completed by a naval architect. None of the anomalies were considered an integrity risk for remaining life and were accepted with no action required.

The external engineering assessment updated in December 2021 concludes the mooring system has sufficient residual extreme load capacity, based on the corrosion rate measured during the OIWS performed in 2016 and April 2021, to maintain the required safety factors until at least 2026.

56 ultrasonic wall thickness checks were performed evenly over the RTM outer hull/shell from compartment #1 at the base of the RTM through #11 under the intertidal compartment. Most of the UT readings were based on an average of two or more measurements at each location. No anomalous readings were recorded with all 56 readings within 1mm of as-built wall thickness.

3.9.2 RTM Integrity – Planned Activities

3.9.2.1 Planned Activities

As described in **Table 3-10**, to support and maintain the RTM through until removal from the title area, Woodside will undertake an RTM annual topsides inspection, planned for April 2022.

3.9.2.2 Class Requirements

As part of Woodside's RTM offshore inspection and maintenance program, which also covers Class compliance requirements, the following activities have been performed:

- 5 Yearly RTM Offshore In-Water Survey (OIWS) complete with moorings was completed in April 2021 with Class Surveyor in attendance.
- Annual RTM topsides structure Class inspection, navigation lights, draft and position monitoring system, radar system and tethered/sentry buoy inspection and maintenance was completed in April 2021 with Class Surveyor in attendance.

The RTM is in Class with Lloyds issuing a Class Certificate on 26 August 2021 conditional on continued monthly confirmation that navigation lights remain functional and the draft is maintained. The Ngujima Yin FPSO Master maintains a weekly visual check of the RTM navigation lights. On a monthly basis, Woodside provides Lloyds verification of draft being maintained from the remote draft monitoring system.

Woodside intends to retain class until April 2023, so long as control measures required by Lloyds can be safely implemented with cost and risk proportionate to the enhanced integrity of the RTM. Lloyds may choose to withdraw class at any time at their discretion. Changes in class condition will be communicated to NOPSEMA, but class is not considered an integrity control for the purpose of the EP.

3.9.3 RTM Integrity – Unplanned Loss of Integrity

In the unlikely event that the RTM sinks prior to removal, Woodside will mobilise a support vessel and undertake an ROV survey within 60 days to assess condition and position of the RTM on the seabed. The ROV footage will be reviewed to determine feasible removal methods. Expectation is that RTM wreckage could be recovered using deep water salvage methods such as cutting the structure into sections and retrieving the individual sections until complete removal is achieved.

3.9.4 Inspection Maintenance and Repair

3.9.4.1 RTM IMR Activities

A summary of the IMR activities currently relevant to the RTM are listed in **Table 3-11**. The frequency and type of IMR activities undertaken on the RTM will be in accordance with the integrity management control measures which are outlined **Table 3-11** and as further developed from the Planned Activities listed in **Section 3.9.2**.

Table 3-11: RTM IMR activities and frequencies

Activity	Location	Description	Last Inspection	Approximate Frequency
Offshore In-water Survey (OIWS)	RTM structure below waterline	Routine visual inspection of riser column and upper section of mooring legs using a support vessel and ROV	April 2021	5-yearly[2]
Offshore In-water Survey	Mooring lines and anchors	Routine visual inspection of riser column and mooring legs using a support vessel and ROV (as required)	April 2021	5-yearly[2]

Activity	Location	Description	Last Inspection	Approximate Frequency
Visual Inspection	RTM topsides	Routine visual inspection of topsides structure and accessories (e.g. navigation lights and passive reflective radar)[2]	April 2021	Annual
Testing	Navigation aids	Routine testing of the navigation aids	April 2021	Annual
Submergence and Navigation Aids Check[1]	RTM above waterline and navigation aids	Routine confirmation of submergence of RTM and navigation aids are operational	Ongoing	Weekly
RTM draft and position monitoring	RTM above water monitoring	Remote monitoring of RTM Draft and Position	April 2021	Live System (24/7)
Visual Inspection	RTM and navigation aids	For-cause inspection, e.g. following a cyclone; navigation light failure.	April 2021	As required

[1] conducted from the Ngujima Yin FPSO located about 8 km north-east of the RTM.

[2] No activity planned as the RTM to be removed by end cyclone season 2022/23

3.10 Subsea Infrastructure IMR Activities

3.10.1 Overview

Subsea infrastructure has been designed and left in a state of preservation that will not require any significant degree of intervention. However, IMR is undertaken to ensure the integrity of the infrastructure for future decommissioning (complete removal as the base case under the OPGGS Act) and to identify and respond to any problems before they present a risk of loss of containment or prevent complete removal in the future. IMR activities are typically undertaken from a diving support vessel or installation support vessel via ROV and/or divers.

IMR activities often require deployment frames/baskets, which are temporarily placed on the seabed. These frames/baskets typically have a perforated base with a seabed footprint of about 15 m^2. The frames/baskets are recovered to the vessel at the end of the activity.

3.10.2 Inspection Frequencies

Subsea infrastructure inspections physically verify and assess components to detect changes to the as-installed location and condition by comparing them to previous inspections. The frequency and scope of subsea and flowline inspection activities are determined using a risk-based inspection (RBI) methodology, resulting in detailed RBI plans. RBI planning is undertaken by subject matter experts to determine what future activities are required and at what frequency.

The frequencies listed in **Table 3-12** are designed to suit the flushed condition of the flowlines, risers, and structures. As the flowlines and risers have been preserved with 1000 ppm of preservation fluid (Hydrosure O-367R), no subsea inspection of infrastructure is required for the period of this EP. Hydrosure has been added to inhibit corrosion and prevent biofouling, so as to preserve the infrastructure until it is decommissioned. Based on initial testing over an 8-month period, there may be little reduction in Hydrosure concentration over a nominated 5-year period, resulting in a sufficient preservation period beyond this. The requirement to inspect subsea infrastructure and the frequency of inspection will be revisited at the end of five years after production ceases.

With the FPSO off-station, online monitoring of the subsea system is redundant and therefore condition monitoring is reduced to visual inspections. This inspection data is then used to re-evaluate risks and define inspection frequencies and determine if maintenance or repair is required. There is no plan to perform any additional inspection or maintenance prior to recovery of infrastructure.

The approximate frequencies and potential locations of inspection and maintenance activities planned during the Petroleum Activities Program are presented in **Table 3-12**.

Table 3-12: Subsea IMR activities and frequencies

Activity	Location	Description	Approximate Frequency
Visual inspection	Subsea infrastructure	Routine visual inspection of subsea infrastructure undertaken using a support vessel and ROV (as required).	As required to inform decommissioning activities (0 to once during the life of the EP).
Pressure testing	Subsea infrastructure	Within the scope of this EP, pressure testing is unlikely to be required other than for isolation verification following an event requiring intrusive intervention to rectify.	Five-yearly (0 to once during the life of the EP)[1]
Marine growth removal	Subsea infrastructure	It may be necessary to remove excess marine growth before undertaking subsea inspections, RTM external hull and mooring system inspections, and maintenance activities (**Section 3.10**).	Five-yearly (0 to once during the life of the EP)[1]
Sediment relocation	Subsea infrastructure	If sediment builds up around a flowline or other subsea infrastructure, an ROV-mounted suction pump/dredging unit may be used to relocate sediment to allow inspection works to be undertaken.	Five-yearly (0 to once during the life of the EP)[1]
Subsea intervention	Subsea infrastructure	Within the scope of this EP, an intervention would only be required to rectify/repair an anomaly or event that has occurred or where proactive intervention for equipment recovery is required for analysis.	Five-yearly (0 to once during the life of the EP)[1]
Corrosion surveys	Subsea infrastructure	Surveys are undertaken using probes (e.g. electrical resistance probes) to assess the effectiveness of corrosion protection (e.g. corrosion protection layers or anode skids).	Five-yearly (0 to once during the life of the EP)[1]
Repair	Subsea infrastructure	Repair activities are those required when a subsea system or component is degraded, damaged or has deteriorated to a level outside acceptance limits. Damage sustained may not necessarily pose an immediate threat to continued system integrity, but presents an elevated level of risk to safety and the environment. Subsea repair activities are not anticipated during the Petroleum Activities Program as the subsea system preserved; however, repairs may be undertaken if they are needed to prepare for future decommissioning activities.	-

[1] Depending on the timing of the most recent survey, the 5-yearly IMR activity may or may not fall within the timeframe of the EP.

3.10.3 Management of IMR Activities

All planned IMR activities are completed using a defined framework and process, used to understand the potential environmental impact and if additional regulatory approvals are required. Project information is used to determine if further assessment is required. For projects that have the potential for environmental impact, an assessment is undertaken against this EP and other Woodside environmental requirements. If determined, an EP Management of Change (MoC) review (**Section 7.6**) may be triggered to confirm if the level of environmental risk warrants revision and resubmission of an EP.

3.10.4 Subsea Chemical Usage

Planned chemical discharges may occur during IMR activities. However, these are discharged in small volumes (**Table 3-13**). Operational chemicals that may be used on the Enfield subsea infrastructure are selected and assessed using Woodside's chemical selection and assessment procedures, as detailed in **Section 3.12**. Chemicals used in the subsea infrastructure may be released during IMR activities; these include, but are not limited to:

- control fluid – a water-glycol based control fluid. The subsea control system is an open-loop system that releases hydraulic fluid during valve functioning
- hydrate control – monoethylene glycol (MEG) and triethylene glycol (TEG) are used for hydrate control
- scale inhibitor – scale inhibitor manages and prevents scale build-up within subsea equipment
- biocide – biocides prevent bacterial growth in flowlines and risers that may cause corrosion
- dye – chemical dyes incorporated in the control fluid identify the source of a leak
- acid – sulfamic (or equivalent) acid removes calcium deposits
- oxygen scavenger – oxygen scavenger de-oxygenates the pipeline to prevent corrosion and aerobic bacterial growth

Table 3-13: Typical discharge volumes during different IMR activities

Activity	Typical Discharge
Pressure/leak testing	Chemical dye incorporated into control fluid at ≤1%
Valve functioning	0.5 L to 6 L per valve actuation
Flushing	Residual hydrocarbon or chemical releases volume depends on injection port size, component geometry, and pumping rates
Hot stab change out	Hydrocarbons or control fluid <10 L
Subsea control module change out	A typical release of acid is estimated to be 400 L and of control fluid is estimated to be 10 L
Jumper and umbilical replacement	Typical releases of hydraulic fluid, MEG, and corrosion inhibitor are estimated to be <10 L each
Choke change out	Release of hydrocarbons <10 L and a typical release of MEG is estimated to be 280 L
Spools repair, replacement, and recovery	Typical release of hydrocarbon or other chemicals depends on equipment configuration and flushing ability. This will be subject to an ALARP determination for the activity, as per normal practice.

3.11 Project Vessels

The Petroleum Activities Program will be undertaken using an offshore support vessel which may be accompanied by a general support vessel. Collectively, these vessels are referred to as ‘project vessels’.

All project vessels, which have not yet been confirmed, are subject to the Marine Offshore Assurance process and review of the Offshore Vessel Inspection Database. All required audits and inspections will assess compliance with the laws of the international shipping industry, which include safety and environmental management requirements, and maritime legislation including *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973* as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL) and other International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards.

An offshore support vessel will be used to undertake any IMR activities. If required, a general support vessel may be used to transport equipment and materials between the Operational Area and port or to perform standby duties within the Operational Area. General support vessels are also able to assist in implementing the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**), should an environmental incident occur (e.g. spills), and may also have additional capability, such as ROV activities, monitoring and inspection.

For power generation, project vessels may use diesel-powered generators and/or LNG. All project vessels will display navigational lighting and external lighting on a 24-hour basis, as required for safe operations. Lighting levels will be determined primarily by operational safety and navigational requirements under relevant legislation, specifically the Navigation Act 2012.

Potable water, primarily for accommodation and associated domestic areas, will be generated on the project vessel using a reverse osmosis plant. This process will produce brine, which is diluted and discharged at the sea surface.

Project vessels will also discharge deck drainage from open drainage areas, bilge water from closed drainage areas, putrescible waste and treated sewage and grey water. Hazardous and non-hazardous waste generated are disposed of on shore.

A description and assessment of support vessel environmental impacts and risks, credible spill scenarios and environmental sensitivities for the activities within the scope of this EP are included in **Section 6**. Some support vessels may be required on an ad-hoc basis to support periods of high activity and will be subject to the above processes. For power generation, vessels may use diesel-powered generators and/or LNG. All vessels will display navigational lighting and external lighting, as required for safe operations. Lighting levels will be determined primarily by operational safety and navigational requirements under relevant legislation, specifically the *Navigation Act 2012*. The project vessels will be lit to maintain operational safety on a 24-hour basis.

3.11.1 Vessel Mobilisation

Vessels may mobilise from the nearest Australian port or directly from international waters to the Operational Areas, in accordance with biosecurity and marine assurance requirements.

3.11.2 Refuelling

Fuel transfers that may occur within the Operational Area include refuelling of cranes or other equipment as required. There will be no vessel bunkering within the Operational Area.

3.11.3 Dynamic Positioning

Project vessels will use DP for station keeping. DP uses satellite navigation and radio transponders in conjunction with thrusters to maintain position at the required location during the activity.

3.11.4 Remotely Operated Vehicles

Project vessels may be equipped with an ROV system that is maintained and operated by a specialised contractor aboard the vessel. ROVs may be used for activities such as:

- visual inspections/observations
- seabed and hazard survey
- marine growth cleaning
- water jetting (if required for marine growth cleaning)
- sediment relocation.

3.12 Assessment of Project Fluids

All chemicals that may be operationally released or discharged to the marine environment by the Petroleum Activities Program were evaluated using a defined framework and set of tools to ensure the potential impacts are acceptable, ALARP and meet Woodside's expectation for environmental performance.

The chemical assessment process follows the principles outlined in the Offshore Chemical Notification Scheme (OCNS) which manages chemical use and discharge in the United Kingdom (UK) and the Netherlands. It applies the requirements of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention). The OSPAR Convention is widely accepted as best practice for chemical management.

All chemical substances listed on the OCNS ranked list of registered products have an assigned ranking based on toxicity and other relevant parameters such as biodegradation, and bioaccumulation, in accordance with one of two schemes (as shown **Figure 3-6**):

- **Hazard Quotient (HQ) Colour Band:** Gold, Silver, White, Blue, Orange and Purple (listed in order of increasing environmental hazard); or
- **OCNS Grouping:** E, D, C, B or A (listed in order of increasing environmental hazard). Used for inorganic substances, hydraulic fluids and pipeline chemicals only.

Hazard Quotient Colour Band	Gold	Silver	White	Blue	Orange	Purple
OCNS Grouping	E	D	C	B	A	
	Lowest Hazard					Highest Hazard

Figure 3-6: OCNS ranking scheme

Chemicals fall into the following assessment types:

- **No further assessment:** Chemicals with an HQ band of Gold or Silver or an OCNS ranking of E or D with no substitution or product warnings do not require further assessment. Such chemicals do not represent a significant impact on the environment under standard use scenarios and are therefore considered ALARP and acceptable.
- **Further assessment/ALARP justification required:** The following types of chemicals require further assessment to understand the environmental impacts of discharge into the marine environment:

- chemicals with no OCNS ranking
- chemicals with an HQ band of white, blue, orange, purple or an OCNS ranking of A,B or C
- chemicals with an OCNS product or substitution warning.

3.12.1 Further Assessment/ALARP Justification

This includes assessment of the ecotoxicity, biodegradation and bioaccumulation of the chemicals in the marine environment in accordance with the UK Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) Hazard assessment and the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) Chemical Assessment Guide: *Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals used in WA Petroleum Activities Guideline*.

3.12.1.1 Alternatives

If no environmental data are available for a chemical or if the environmental data do not meet the acceptability criteria outlined below, potential alternatives for the chemical will be investigated, with preference for options with an HQ band of Gold or Silver, or are OCNS Group E or D with no substitution or product warnings.

If no more environmentally suitable alternatives are available, further risk reduction measures (e.g. controls related to use and discharge) will be considered for the specific context and implemented where relevant to ensure the risk is ALARP and acceptable.

3.12.1.2 Decision

Once the further assessment/ALARP justification has been completed, the relevant environment adviser must concur that the environmental risk as a result of chemical use is ALARP and acceptable.

3.12.2 Ecotoxicity

Chemical ecotoxicity is assessed using the criteria used by CEFAS to group chemicals based on ecotoxicity results (**Table 3-14**). If a chemical has an aquatic or sediment toxicity within the criteria for the OCNS grouping of D or E this is considered acceptable in terms of ecotoxicity.

Table 3-14: CEFAS OCNS grouping based on ecotoxicity results

Initial grouping	A	B	C	D	E
Results for aquatic-toxicity data (ppm)	<1	>1–10	>10–100	>100–1000	>1000
Result for sediment toxicity data (ppm)	<10	>10–100	>100–1000	>1000–10,000	>10,000

Note: Aquatic toxicity refers to the Skeletonema constatum EC50, Acartia tonsa LC50 and Scophthalmus maximus (juvenile turbot) LC50 toxicity tests; sediment toxicity refers to Corophium volutator LC50 test.

3.12.3 Biodegradation

The biodegradation of chemicals is assessed using the CEFAS biodegradation criteria, which aligns with the categorisation outlined in the DMP Chemical Assessment Guide: Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals used in WA Petroleum Activities Guideline.

CEFAS categories biodegradation into the following groups:

- Readily biodegradable: results of >60% biodegradation in 28 days to an OSPAR harmonised offshore chemical notification format (HOCNF) accepted ready biodegradation protocol.

- Inherently biodegradable: results >20% and <60% to an OSPAR HOCNF accepted ready biodegradation protocol or result of >20% by OSPAR accepted inherent biodegradation study.
- Not biodegradable: results from OSPAR HOCNF accepted biodegradation protocol or inherent biodegradation protocol are < 20%, or half-life values derived from aquatic simulation test indicate persistence.

Chemicals with >60% biodegradation in 28 days to an OSPAR HOCNF accepted ready biodegradation protocol are considered acceptable in terms of biodegradation.

3.12.4 Bioaccumulation

The bioaccumulation of chemicals is assessed using the CEFAS bioaccumulation criteria, which align with the categorisation outlined in the Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals used in WA Petroleum Activities Guideline (DMP 2013). Bioaccumulation is determined by calculating the partitioning of the substances between water and n-octanol (LogPow) or experimentally in a full bioconcentration test utilising either fish or a bivalve mollusc (OECD 305 and ASTM E1022) to give an Experimental Bioconcentration Factor (BCF).

The following guidance is used by CEFAS:

- non-bioaccumulative: LogPow <3, or BCF ≤100 and molecular weight is ≥700
- bioaccumulative: LogPow ≥3 or BCF >100 and molecular weight is <700.

Chemicals that meet the non-bioaccumulative criteria are considered acceptable.

If a chemical has no specific ecotoxicity, biodegradation or bioaccumulation data available, the following options are considered:

- environmental data for analogous chemicals can be referred to where chemical ingredients and composition are largely identical
- environmental data may be referenced for each separate component ingredient (if known) within the chemical.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Overview

In accordance with Regulations 13(2) and 13(3) of the Environment Regulations, this section describes the existing environment that may be affected by the activity (planned and unplanned, as described in **Section 6**), including details of the particular relevant values and sensitivities of the environment, which were used for the risk assessment.

The EMBA is the largest spatial extent where unplanned events could have an environmental consequence on the surrounding environment. For this EP, the EMBA is the potential spatial extent of surface and in-water hydrocarbons at concentrations above ecological impact thresholds, in the event of a worst-case credible spill. The ecological impact thresholds used to delineate the EMBA are defined in **Section 6.7.1**. The worst-case credible spill scenario for this EP is a vessel collision resulting in a release of marine diesel. The EMBA also includes any areas that are predicted to experience shoreline contact with hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations.

Woodside recognises that hydrocarbons may be visible beyond the EMBA at lower concentrations than the ecological impact thresholds defined in **Section 6.7.1**. These visible hydrocarbons are not expected to cause ecological impacts. In respect of this, an additional socio-cultural EMBA is defined as the potential spatial extent within which social-cultural impacts may occur from changes to the visual amenity of the marine environment. Receptors relevant to the socio-cultural EMBA include Commonwealth and State marine protected areas (MPAs), National and Commonwealth Heritage Listed places, areas of tourism and recreation, and commercial and traditional fisheries. For this EP, the socio-cultural EMBA for surface hydrocarbons encompasses an area fully within the boundaries of the EMBA for ecological impacts. The EMBA and socio-economic EMBA are shown in **Figure 4-1** and described in **Table 4-1**.

The EMBA presented does not represent the predicted coverage of any one hydrocarbon spill or a depiction of a slick or plume at any particular point in time. Rather, the areas are a composite of a large number of theoretical paths, integrated over the full duration of the simulations under various metocean conditions.

Table 4-1: Hydrocarbon spill thresholds used to define EMBA for surface and in-water hydrocarbons

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<tr><th>Hydrocarbon Type</th><th>EMBA[1]</th><th>Socio-cultural EMBA[1]</th><th>Planning Area for Scientific Monitoring</th></tr>
<tr><td>Surface</td><td>10 g/m^2
This represents the minimum oil thickness (0.01 mm) at which ecological impacts (e.g. to birds and marine mammals) are expected to occur.</td><td colspan="2">1 g/m^2
This represents a wider area where a visible sheen may be present on the surface and, therefore, the concentration at which socio-cultural impacts to the visual amenity of the marine environment may occur. However, it is below concentrations at which ecological impacts are expected to occur.
This low exposure value also establishes the planning area for scientific monitoring (NOPSEMA guidance note: A652993, April 2019).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dissolved</td><td colspan="2">50 ppb
This represents potential toxic effects, particularly sublethal effects to highly sensitive species (NOPSEMA guidance note: A652993, April 2019). As dissolved hydrocarbons are within the water column and not visible, impacts to socio-cultural receptors are associated with ecological impacts. Therefore, dissolved hydrocarbons at this threshold also represent the level at which socio-cultural impacts may occur.</td><td>10 ppb
This low exposure value establishes the planning area for scientific monitoring (based on potential for exceedance of water quality triggers) (NOPSEMA guidance note: A652993, April 2019). This area is described further in Appendix D: Figure 5-1.</td></tr>
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Hydrocarbon Type	EMBA[1]	Socio-cultural EMBA[1]	Planning Area for Scientific Monitoring
Entrained	100 ppb This represents potential toxic effects, particularly sublethal effects to highly sensitive species (NOPSEMA guidance note: A652993, April 2019). As entrained hydrocarbons are within the water column and not visible, impacts to socio-cultural receptors are associated with ecological impacts. Therefore, entrained hydrocarbons at this threshold also represent the level at which socio-cultural impacts may occur.		In the event of a spill, DNP will be notified of AMPs which may be contacted by hydrocarbons at this threshold **Appendix D: Table 5-2**.
Shoreline	100 g/m^2 This represents the threshold that could impact the survival and reproductive capacity of benthic epifaunal invertebrates living in intertidal habitat.	10 g/m^2 This represents the volume where hydrocarbons may be visible on the shoreline but is below concentrations at which ecological impacts are expected to occur.	N/A

[1] *Further details including the source of the thresholds used to define the EMBA in this table are provided in* ***Section 6.7.1.2****.*

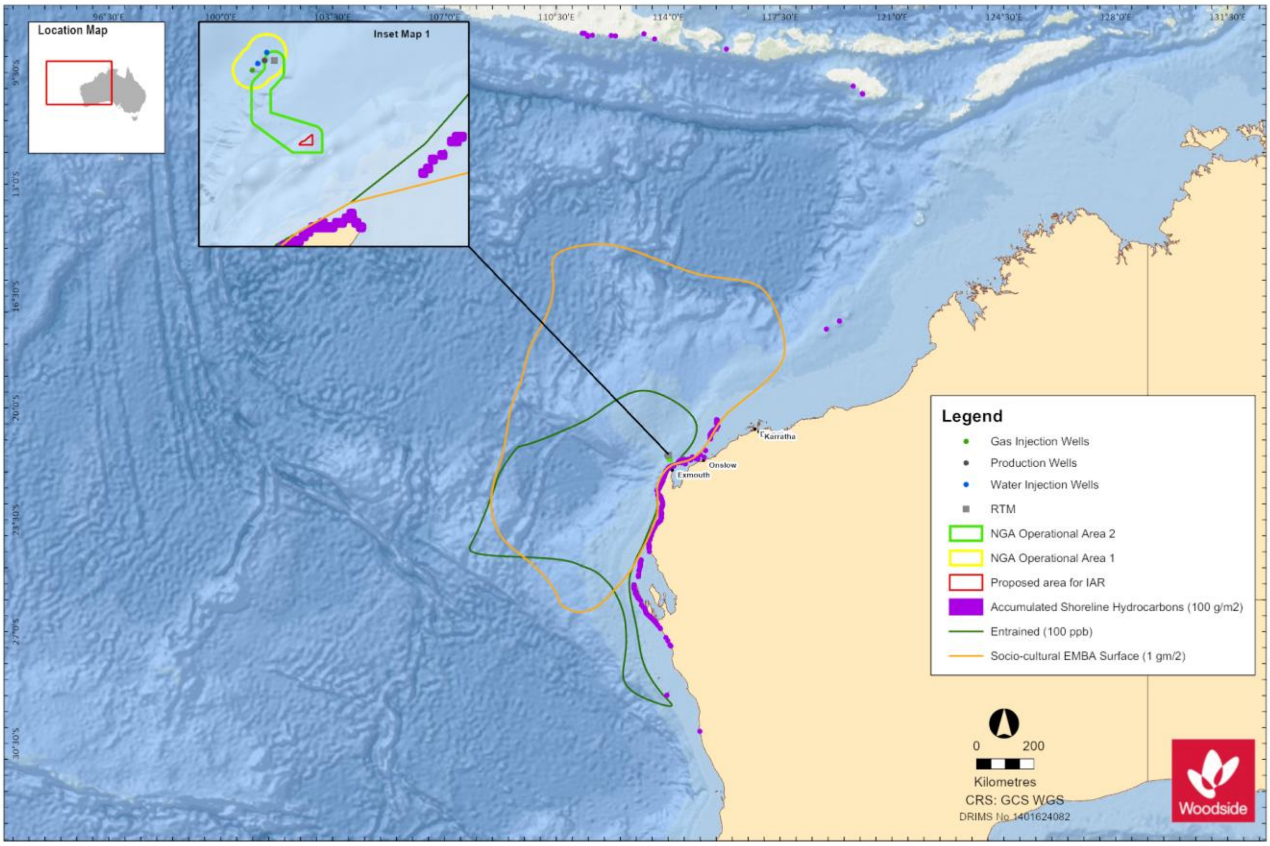

Figure 4-1: Environment that may be affected by the Petroleum Activities Program

4.2 Regional Context

The Operational Area is located in Commonwealth waters within the North-west Marine Region (NWMR), as defined under the Integrated Marine and Coastal Regionalisation of Australia (IMCRA v4.0) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2006), in water depths of approximately 400 to 600 m. Within the NWMR, the Operational Area lies within the Northwest Province (**Figure 4-2**). The EMBA overlaps with additional provincial bioregions of the NWMR, including the Northwest Transition, Northwest Shelf Province, Central Western Shelf Transition, Central Western Transition and Central Western Shelf Province. The EMBA extends into the South-west marine region (SWMR) and overlaps with two provincial bioregions of the SWMR: the Central Western Province and Southwest Shelf Transition. Woodside's Description of the Existing Environment (**Appendix H: Section 2**) summarises the characteristics for the relevant marine bioregions.

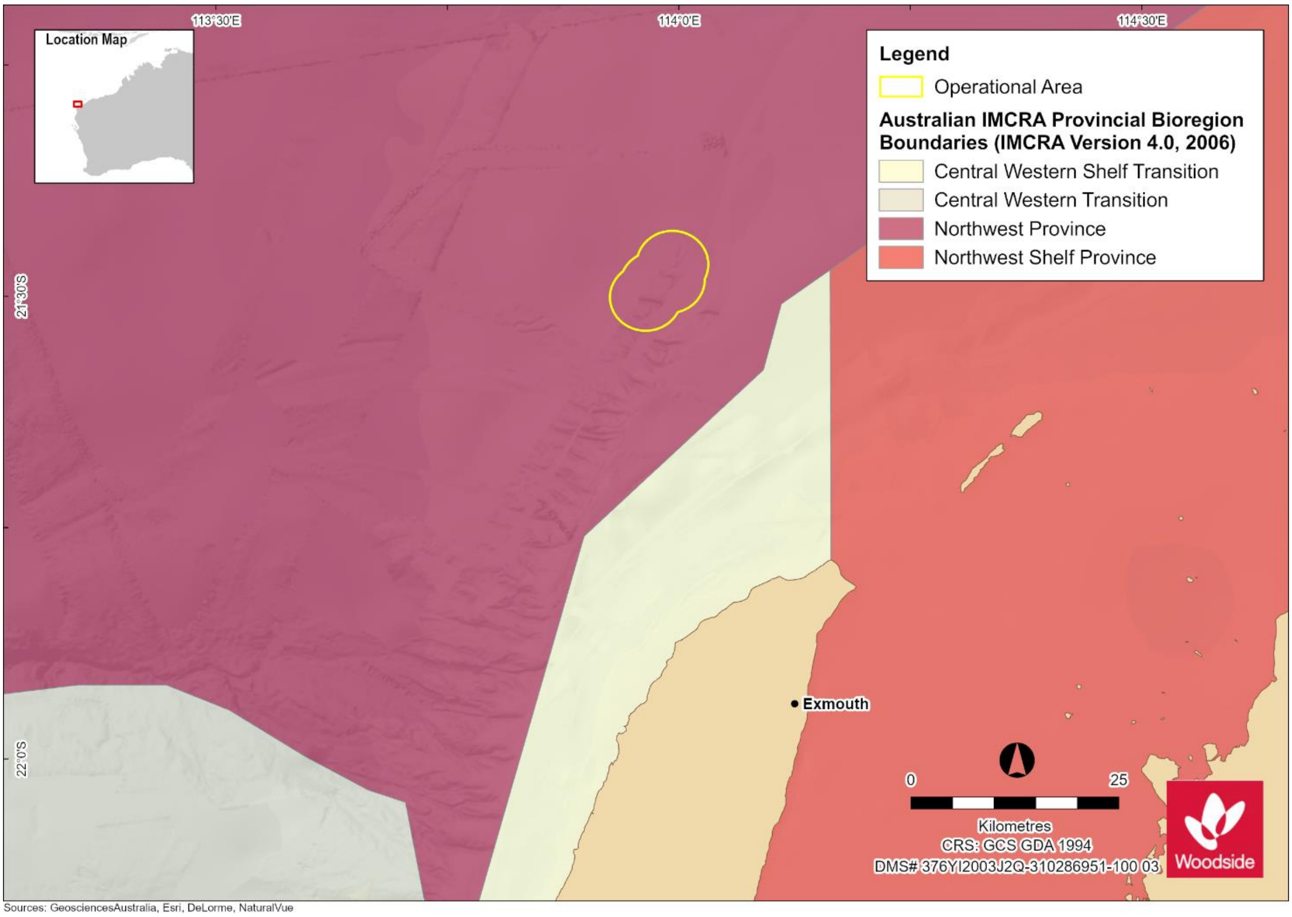

Figure 4-2: Location of the Operational Area and relevant marine bioregions

4.3 Matters of National Environmental Significance (EPBC Act)

Table 4-2 and **Table 4-3** summarise the matters of national environmental significance (MNES) overlapping the Operational Area and EMBA, respectively, according to Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) results (**Appendix C**). It should be noted that the EPBC Act PMST is a general database that conservatively identifies areas in which protected species have the potential to occur. Additional information on these MNES are provided in subsequent sections of this chapter and described in detail in **Appendix H: Section 3**.

Table 4-2: Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) as potentially occurring within the Operational Area

MNES	Number	Description
World Heritage Properties	None	The closest World Heritage Property is the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Property, located 16 km south of the Operational Area.
National Heritage Places	None	The closest National Heritage Place is the Ningaloo Coast National Heritage Place, located 16 km south of the Operational Area.
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	None	The closest Ramsar Wetland is Eighty Mile Beach, located 590 km north-east of the Operational Area.
Commonwealth Marine Area	1	Generally, the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast. The Operational Area is located within the NWMR.
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC)	None	No Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) as listed under the EPBC Act are known to occur within the marine waters of the NWMR (**Appendix H: Section 10.6**).
Listed Threatened Species*	18	Threatened species that were identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the Operational Area are identified in **Section 4.6.1.1** to **Section 4.6.1.4**, and described in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8.**
Listed Migratory Species*	32	Migratory species that were identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the Operational Area are identified in **Section 4.6.1.1** to **Section 4.6.1.4**, and described in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8.**

** Actual numbers of listed threatened and migratory species may vary. The PMST search may include terrestrial species and seabirds and/or migratory shorebirds not listed in Woodside's Description of the Existing Environment (**Appendix H**).*

Table 4-3: Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) as potentially occurring within the EMBA

MNES	Number	Description
World Heritage Properties	2	The Ningaloo Coast and Shark Bay World Heritage Properties are located within the EMBA.
National Heritage Places	2	The Ningaloo Coast and Shark Bay National Heritage Places are located within the EMBA.
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	None	There are no Ramsar Wetlands located within the EMBA.
Commonwealth Marine Area	2	Generally, the Commonwealth Marine Area stretches from three nautical miles to two hundred nautical miles from the coast. The EMBA overlaps the NWMR and SWMR.
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	None	No Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) as listed under the EPBC Act are known to occur within the marine waters of the NWMR (**Appendix H: Section 10.6**).
Listed Threatened Species*	59	Threatened species that were identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the EMBA are identified in **Section 4.6.1.1** to **Section 4.6.1.4** and described in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8**.
Listed Migratory Species*	77	Migratory species that were identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the EMBA are identified in **Section**

MNES	Number	Description
		4.6.1.1 to **Section 4.6.1.4**, and described in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8**.

** Actual numbers of listed threatened and migratory species may vary. The PMST search may include terrestrial species and seabirds and/or migratory shorebirds not listed in Woodside's Description of the Existing Environment (**Appendix H**).*

4.4 Physical Environment

The Operational Area is located on the upper continental slope in waters approximately 400 to 600 m deep (**Figure 4-3**). The Operational Area overlaps with the northern extent of the Enfield Canyon, which forms part of a tributary of the Cape Range Canyon. The Enfield Canyon exhibits relatively low topographic relief (20–30 m), with some isolated boulders (sometimes greater than three metres in height) observed (BMT Oceanica, 2016).

Appendix H: Section 2.3.3 provides a summary of the physical characteristics of the environment within the Operational Area. **Appendix H: Section 2.3** provides a summary of the physical characteristics of the environment within the wider EMBA.

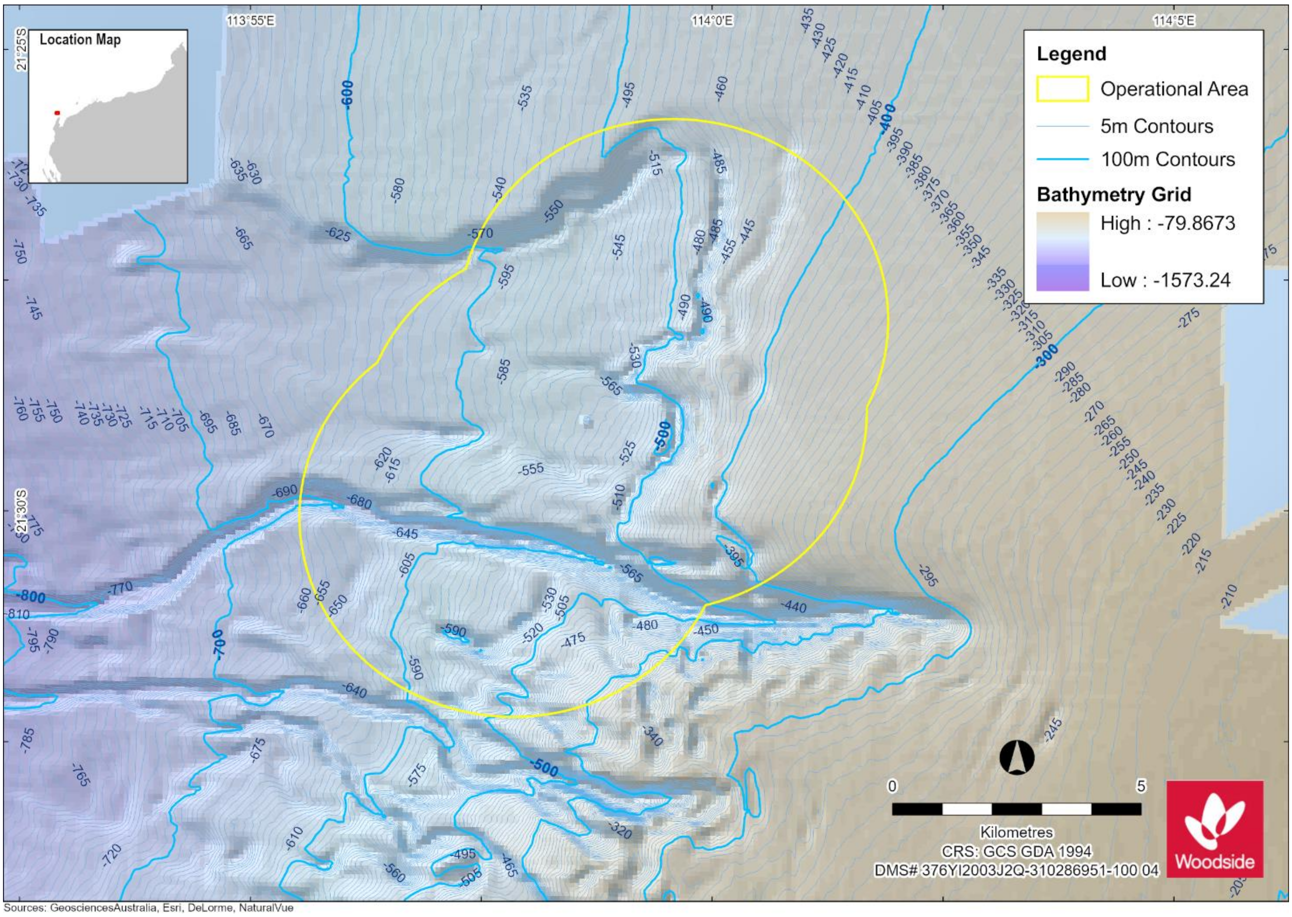

Figure 4-3: Bathymetry of the Operational Area

4.5 Habitats and Biological Communities

Sediment investigations within the Enfield Canyon, based on acoustic data, indicated that the upper slope habitat (in depths of approximately 200 to 500 m) is generally composed of coarser and/or more consolidated sediments as compared to the mid-slope (500 to 1000 m) (BMT Oceanica, 2016).

Sediments within the Enfield Canyon where they overlap with the Operational Area were found to comprise sand, silt, clays and fines (BMT Oceanica, 2016). Isolated areas of hard substrate within the Enfield Canyon were characterised by isolated boulders, and found to be featureless (BMT Oceanica, 2016). Sediment quality in the Enfield Canyon was high, with most potential contaminants (metals and hydrocarbons) below recognised guidelines for sediment quality (BMT Oceanica, 2016).

Despite the lack of significant areas of hard substrate within the Operational Area, some deep-water filter feeding communities are still expected to be present in the silty clay/sand sediments, including deposit feeding epifauna (e.g. holothurians) and infauna (e.g. polychaetes). A benthic community assessment was carried out by AIMS for WA-28-L, and included ROV surveys near the Operational Area (Heyward and Rees, 2001). The surveys revealed four main invertebrate groups of deepwater benthos including crustaceans, sponges, echinoderms and cnidarians (octocorals).

A 2016 survey of the Enfield Canyon investigated three different sections of the canyon, ranging from the head of the canyon at the edge of the continental shelf (approximately 365 to 560 m water depth), an upper portion of the canyon (approximately 560 to 690 m water depth) and a lower portion of the canyon (approximately 800 to 870 m water depth) (BMT Oceanica, 2016). Abundance and diversity of fishes within each surveyed section of the canyon was greater than the adjacent non-canyon habitats, although no differences between the three surveyed sections of the canyon were found. As such, the habitat within the surveyed portions of the canyon appears to host a distinct fish assemblage. The surveyed portions of the canyons did not appear to differ significantly physically on a fine scale compared with the adjacent non-canyon habitat (i.e. relatively flat, unconsolidated sediments characterised by silt and sand-sized fractions) (BMT Oceanica, 2016).

The survey observed 80 species from 41 families, which is consistent with data from the broader region (BMT Oceanica, 2016; Last et al., 2005). Ichthyofauna observed during the survey was characterised by macrourid, berycid, morid, liparid, halosaurid and congrid species, which is consistent with other observations of continental slope fish assemblages in the region (BMT Oceanica, 2016; Last et al., 2005). This slightly differed from the assemblages observed in the Greater Enfield area, which also observed sternoptychid, oreosomatid and nettastomatid fishes (Heyward et al., 2001a; Heyward and Rees, 2001). Given the characteristic high diversity and low abundance fish assemblages in the upper continental slope, differences are expected to be the result of relatively low sampling effort rather than actual differences between the assemblages observed, as habitats in surveyed areas were similar. The families observed during surveys in the vicinity of the Operational Area are widely distributed in continental slope habitats, both in Australia and other ocean basins (Last et al., 2005), likely due to the widespread nature of such continental slope habitats and lack of barriers to dispersal.

The results of a North West Cape Continental Shelf and Slope survey (Heyward et al., 2001b) indicated that the distribution of biota in the vicinity of the Operational Area was patchy, with epibenthic fauna demonstrating heterogeneity in abundance and diversity both within and between depths. These differences were more marked on the upper slope and continental shelf stations (50 to 450 m depth) and appeared to be related, with variation in seabed sediments. A more heterogeneous mix of both soft sediment areas and consolidated areas were present between 50 to 450 m depths, with either a veneer of fine soft sediment or occasionally as outcropping rock.

Similarly, recent observations of epifauna in the Enfield Canyon indicated the density of deposit-feeding fauna was low and sparsely distributed throughout the surveyed area (BMT Oceanica, 2016), which is consistent with results from other investigations in the region (Heyward et al., 2001a; Heyward and Rees, 2001). Deposit-feeding fauna (e.g. holothurians and echinoids) were more abundant in the continental slope portion of the canyon than the head of the canyon (on the continental shelf break). The relative increase of deposit feeding fauna in this part of the canyon may be indicative of increased food availability, which is potentially related to increased deposition through reduced water movement (BMT Oceanica, 2016). This was consistent with casual observation of stronger currents at the canyon head during the Enfield Canyon systems survey (BMT Oceanica, 2016). Bioturbation was observed within the Enfield Canyon, indicating the presence of burrowing epifauna and infauna (BMT Oceanica, 2016).

Key habitats and ecological communities within the EMBA are identified in **Table 4-4** and described in **Appendix H**.

Table 4-4: Habitats and Communities within the EMBA

Habitat/Community	Key locations within the EMBA
Marine primary producers	
Coral	Shallow coral reef habitats within the EMBA include those within Ningaloo Reef (35 km south of the Operational Area), Muiron Islands Marine Management Area (37 km south-east of the Operational Area) and the Houtman Abrolhos Islands AMP (625 km south of the Operational Area). Coral reef habitats within the EMBA are described in **Appendix H: Section 4.4**.
Seagrass beds and macroalgae	Seagrass beds and macroalgae habitats are present in the wider region, and are widely distributed in shallow coastal waters that receive sufficient light to support seagrasses and macroalgae. Seagrass beds and macroalgal habitats within the EMBA include those within Ningaloo Reef (35 km south of the Operational Area) and Shark Bay (450 km south of the Operational Area). Seagrass beds and macroalgae are described in **Appendix H: Section 4.4**.
Mangroves	Mangroves can be found in the wider region in locations such as Ningaloo and Exmouth Gulf, and Shark Bay. Mangrove habitats within the EMBA are described in **Appendix H: Section 4.4**.
Sandy beaches	Sandy beaches are common along the WA coastline including Ningaloo and Exmouth Gulf, and Shark Bay. Sandy Beach habitat within the EMBA are described in **Appendix H: Section 4.4**.
Salt marshes	Salt marshes are found at Shark Bay (450 km south of the Operational Area). Salt marsh habitats within the EMBA are described in **Appendix H: Section 4.4**.
Other communities and habitats	
Plankton	Plankton within the Operational Area is expected to reflect the conditions of the NWMR. Primary productivity of the NWMR appears to be largely driven by offshore influences, with periodic upwelling events and cyclonic influences driving coastal productivity with nutrient recycling and advection. Refer to **Appendix H: Section 4.3** for a description of planktonic communities in the NWMR and SWMR.
Pelagic and demersal fish populations	In the EMBA, fish diversity and abundance is typically correlated with habitat distribution, with complex habitats, such as coral and rocky reefs, hosting more diverse and abundant assemblages. Notable habitats hosting diverse fish assemblages include Ningaloo Reef (Stevens et al., 2009) and Houtman Abrolhos Islands. Refer to **Appendix H: Section 5.4** for a description of planktonic communities in the NWMR and SWMR.
Epifauna and infauna	The EMBA contains deep and shallow water habitats dominated by soft sediments and sparse benthic biota. The benthic communities inhabiting the predominantly soft, fine sediments of the deepwater benthic habitats are

Habitat/Community	Key locations within the EMBA
	characterised by infauna such as polychaetes and sparsely distributed sessile and mobile epifauna. Refer to **Appendix H: Section 4.4** for a description of epifauna and infauna in the NWMR and SWMR.

4.6 Protected Species

A total of 54 EPBC Act listed species considered to be MNES were identified as potentially occurring within the EMBA, of which a subset of 30 species were identified as potentially occurring within the Operational Area. The full list of marine species identified from the PMST reports is provided in **Appendix C**, including several MNES that are not considered to be credibly impacted (e.g. terrestrial species within the EMBA). Criteria for determining species to be considered for impact assessment is outlined in **Appendix H: Section 3.2**. Two conservation dependent species have also been identified with a potential to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA. These species, the southern bluefin tuna, and scalloped hammerhead, are listed on the Species Profile and Threats Database (DAWE, 2021).

Table 4-5 to **Table 4-13** list the species identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the Operational Area and EMBA that have a potential to be impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program, as well as overlapping Biologically Important Areas (BIAs) or Habitat Critical to their Survival (Habitat Critical). A description of each species is included in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8**. **Figure 4-4** to **Figure 4-9** show the spatial overlap of relevant BIAs and Habitat Critical areas with the Operational Area and EMBA.

4.6.1.1 Fish, Sharks and Rays

Table 4-5: Threatened and Migratory fish, shark and ray species predicted to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Carcharodon carcharias	White shark	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur
Anoxypristis cuspidata	Narrow sawfish	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Carcharhinus longimanus	Oceanic whitetip shark	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Isurus oxyrinchus	Shortfin mako	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Isurus paucus	Longfin mako	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Manta birostris	Giant manta ray	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Carcharias taurus (west coast population)	Grey nurse shark (west coast population)	Vulnerable	N/A	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur
Pristis clavata	Dwarf sawfish	Vulnerable	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur
Pristis zijsron	Green sawfish	Vulnerable	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Rhincodon typus	Whale shark	Vulnerable	Migratory	N/A[3]	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur.
Lamna nasus	Porbeagle shark	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat may occur
Manta alfredi	Reef manta ray	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur

Table 4-6: Fish, shark and ray BIAs within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species	BIA type	Approximate distance of BIA from Operational Area
Whale shark	Foraging (northward from Ningaloo along 200 m isobath)	10 km east
	Foraging (Ningaloo Marine Park)	26 km south
White shark	Foraging (Abrolhos)	790 km south

[3] The whale shark was not identified by the PMST as potentially occurring within the Operational Area. However, given the species documented distribution, seasonal aggregations at Ningaloo Reef and proximity of the foraging BIA to the Operational Area, it is assumed that this species may occasionally transit the Operational Area. A description of the whale shark is included in **Appendix H: Section 5**.

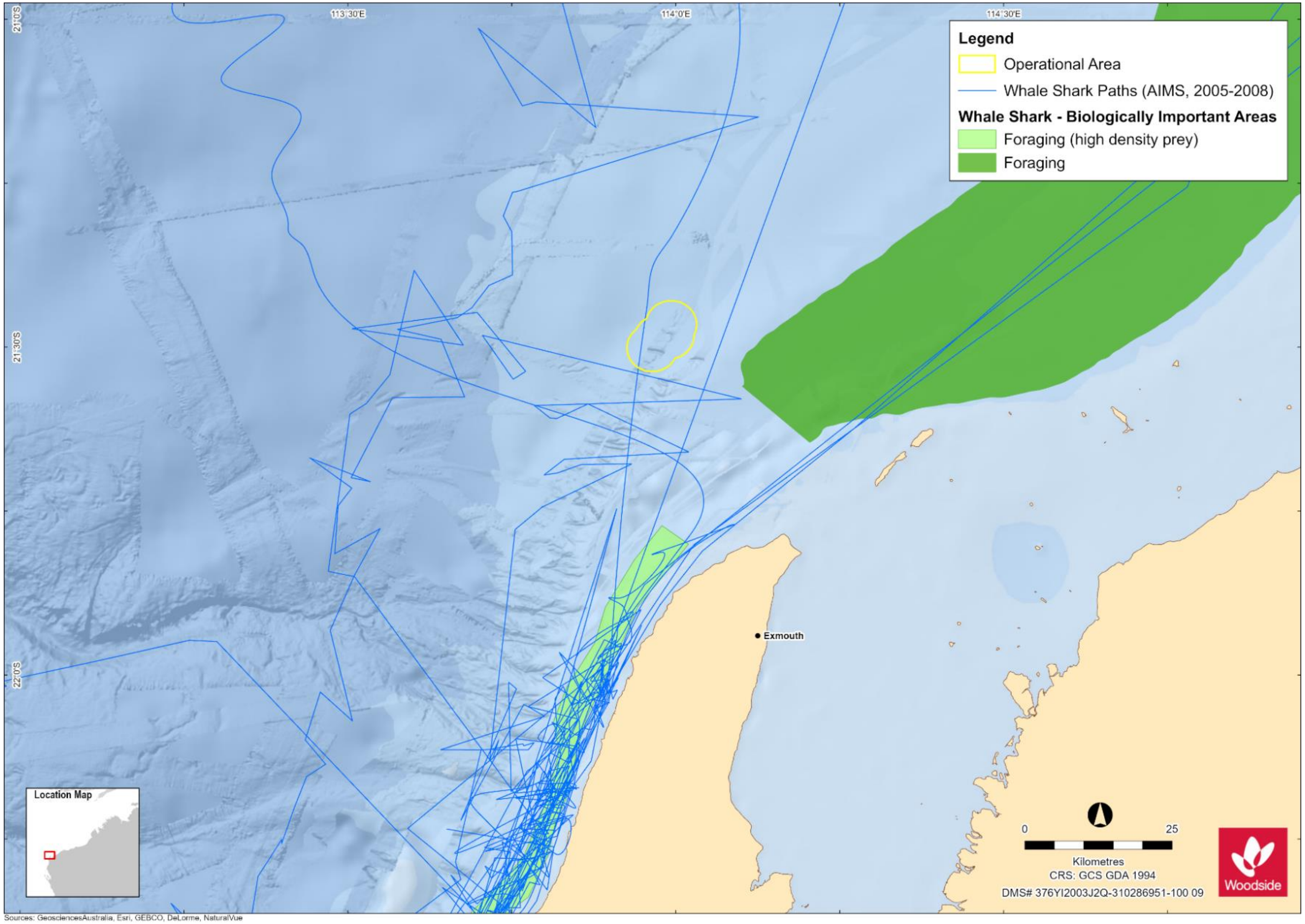

Figure 4-4: Whale shark BIAs and satellite tracks of whale sharks tagged between 2005 and 2008 (Meekan and Radford, 2010)

4.6.1.2 Marine Reptiles

Table 4-7: Threatened and Migratory marine reptile species predicted to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Caretta caretta	Loggerhead turtle	Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur	Breeding known to occur
Chelonia mydas	Green turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur	Breeding known to occur
Dermochelys coriacea	Leatherback turtle	Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur.
Eretmochelys imbricata	Hawksbill turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur	Breeding known to occur
Natator depressus	Flatback turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Congregation or aggregation known to occur	Breeding known to occur
Aipysurus apraefrontalis	Short-nosed seasnake	Critically Endangered	N/A	N/A	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Aipysurus foliosquama	Leaf-scaled seasnake	Critically Endangered	N/A	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur

Table 4-8: Marine turtle BIAs within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species	BIA type	Approximate distance of BIA from Operational Area
Flatback turtle	Internesting (Thevenard Island, Montebello Islands)	6 km east
	Nesting (Thevenard Island, Barrow Island, Montebello Islands)	145 km east
Green turtle	Internesting (North West Cape, Muiron Islands, Montebello Islands, Barrow Island)	9 km south-east
	Nesting (North West Cape)	29 km south-east
Hawksbill turtle	Internesting (Ningaloo coast and Jurabi coast)	9 km south-east
	Nesting (Ningaloo coast and Jurabi coast)	29 km south-east

Species	BIA type	Approximate distance of BIA from Operational Area
Loggerhead turtle	Internesting (Ningaloo coast and Jurabi coast, Muiron Islands)	9 km south-east
	Nesting (Ningaloo coast and Jurabi coast)	29 km south-east

Table 4-9: Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtle Species predicted to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species	Genetic stock	Nesting locations	Approximate distance of location from Operational Area	Inter-nesting buffer	Nesting period	Hatching period
Green turtle	North West Cape	Adele Island, Maret Island, Cassini Island, Lacepede Islands, Barrow Island, Montebello Islands (all with sandy beaches), Serrurier Island, Dampier Archipelago, Thevenard Island, Northwest Cape, Ningaloo coast	12 km south	20 km	Nov–Mar	Jan–May (peak: Feb–Mar)
Loggerhead turtle	Western Australia	Dirk Hartog Island, Muiron Islands, Gnaraloo Bay, Ningaloo coast	12 km south	20 km	Nov–May (peak: Jan)	Jan–May
Flatback turtle	Pilbara	Montebello Islands, Mundabullangana Beach, Barrow Island, Cemetery Beach, Dampier Archipelago (including Delambre Island and Huay Island), coastal islands from Cape Preston to Locker Island	2 km east	60 km	Oct–Mar (peak: Feb-Mar)	Oct–Mar
Hawksbill turtle	Western Australia	Dampier Archipelago (including Rosemary Island and Delambre Island), Montebello Islands (including Ah Chong Island, South East Island and Trimouille Island), Lowendal Islands (including Varanus Island, Beacon Island and Bridled Island), Sholl Island	31 km east	20 km	All year (peak: Oct–Feb)	All year (peak: Dec–Feb)
Leatherback turtle	No overlap – nesting located in Northern Territory and North Queensland					
Olive Ridley turtle	No overlap – nesting located in Northern Australia and North Queensland					

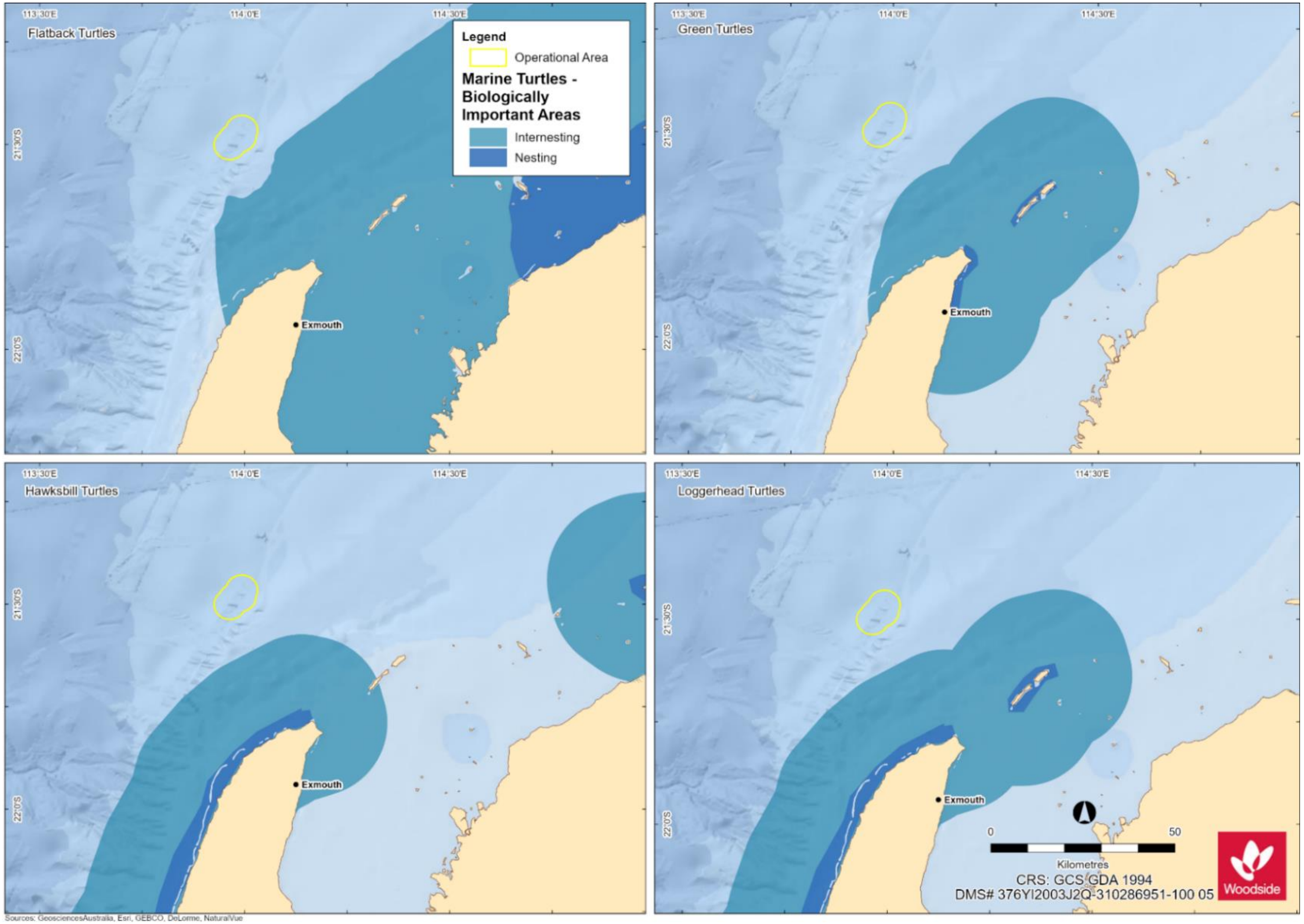

Figure 4-5: Marine turtle BIAs

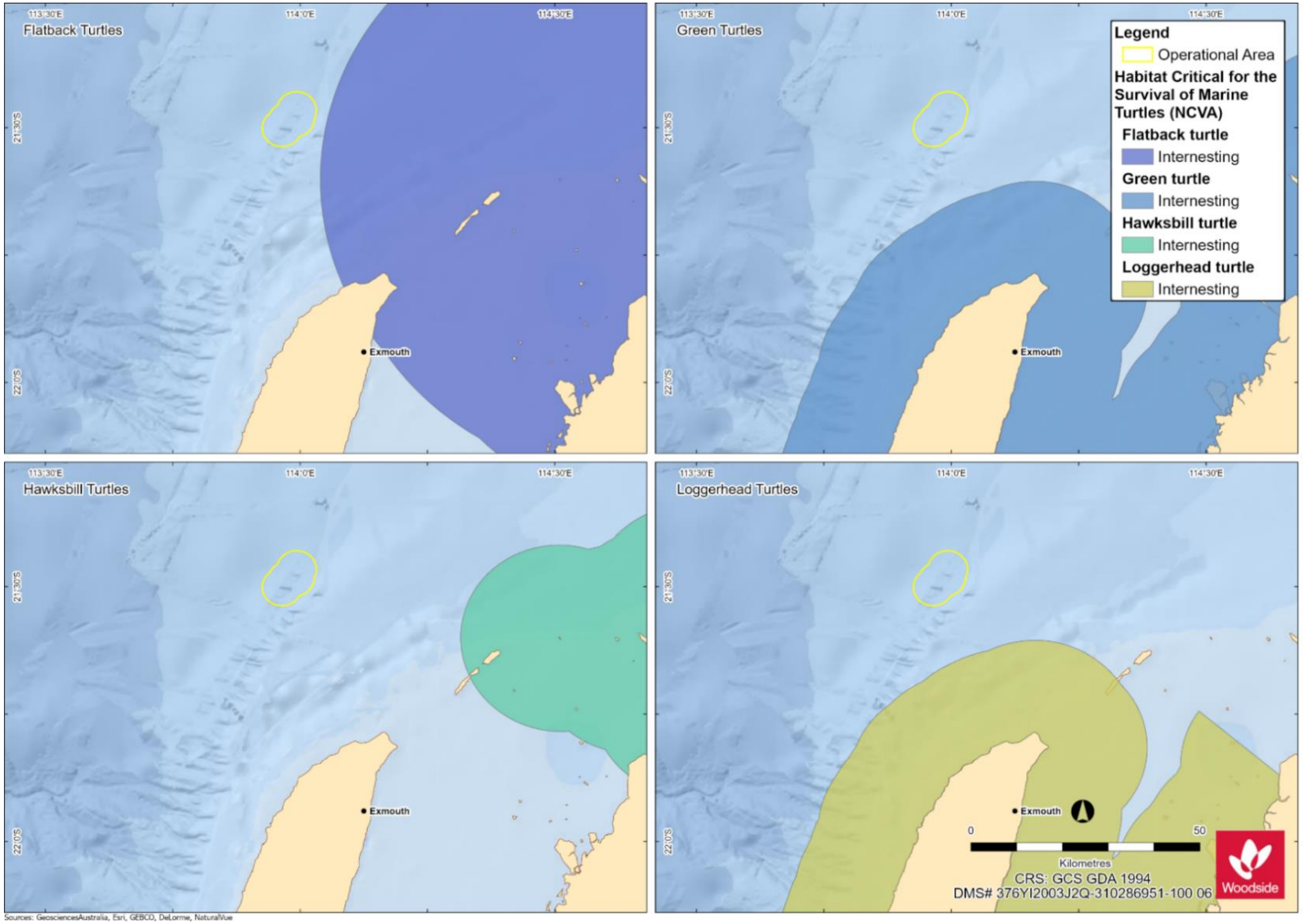

Figure 4-6: Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine turtles

4.6.1.3 Marine Mammals

Table 4-10: Threatened and Migratory marine mammal species predicted to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Balaenoptera musculus	Blue whale	Endangered	Migratory	Migration route known to occur	Migration route known to occur
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat known to occur	Breeding known to occur
Balaenoptera borealis	Sei whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur
Balaenoptera physalus	Fin whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur
Eubalaena australis	Southern right whale	Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Balaenoptera bonaerensis	Antarctic minke whale	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Balaenoptera edeni	Bryde's whales	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Orcinus orca	Killer whale	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat may occur
Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm whale	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat may occur
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)	Spotted bottlenose dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Sousa chinensis	Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur
Dugong dugon	Dugong	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Neophoca cinerea	Australian sea lion	Endangered	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur

Table 4-11: Marine mammal BIAs within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species	BIA type	Approximate distance of BIA from Operational Area (km)
Pygmy blue whale	Migration (WA coastline August to Derby)	Overlaps
	Foraging (Ningaloo Marine Park)	25 km south-west
Humpback whale	Migration (extends from the coast to out to approximately 100km off shore in the Kimberley region extending south to North West Cape. From North-west Cape to south of shark Bay the migration corridor is reduced to approximately 50 km)	Overlaps
	Resting (Abrolhos)	752 km south
Dugong	Foraging, breeding, nursing, calving (high density seagrass beds at Exmouth Gulf and Ningaloo coast)	26 km south
Australian sea lion	Foraging (Abrolhos)	766 km south

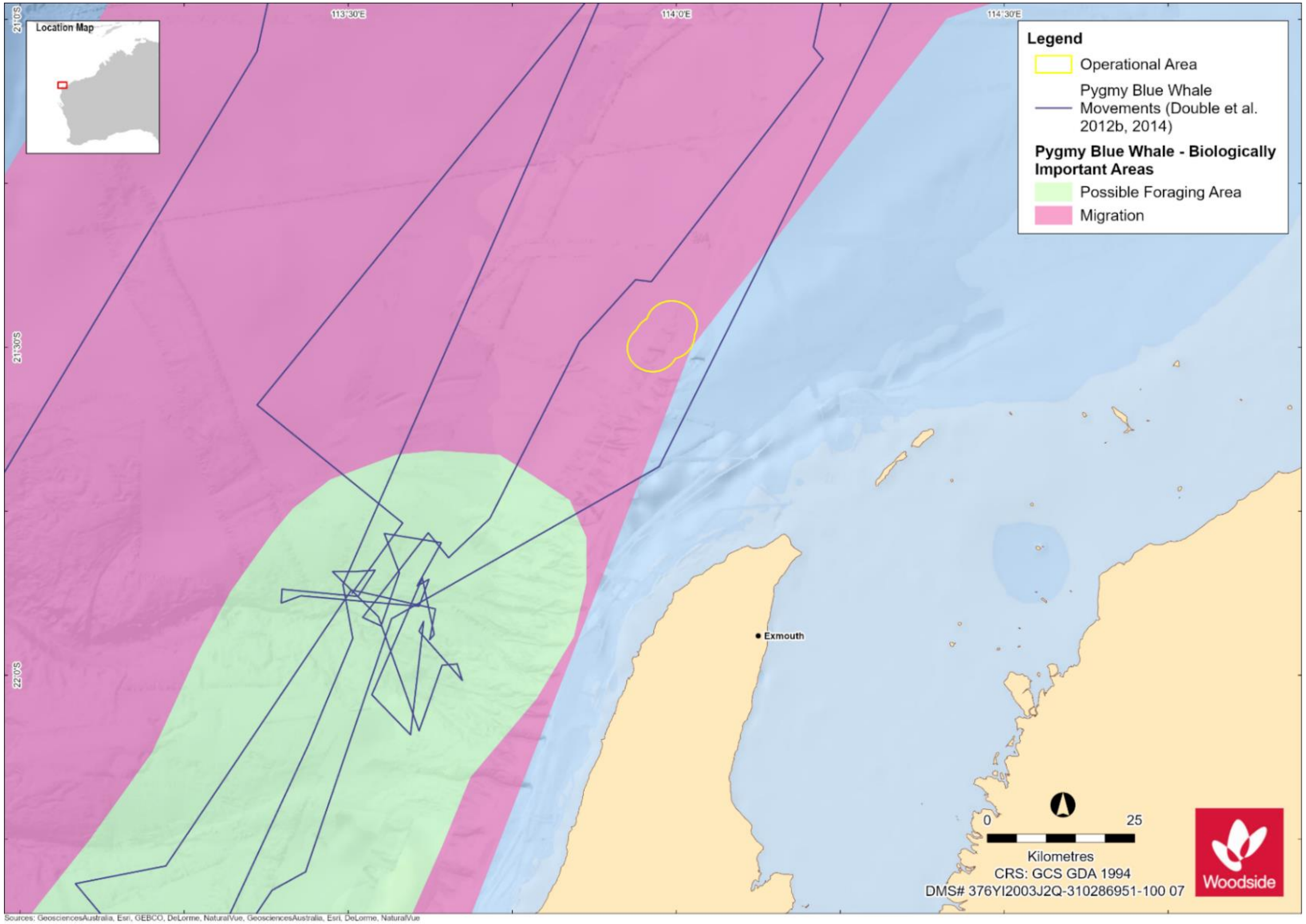

Figure 4-7: Pygmy blue whale BIAs and satellite tracks of tagged whales (Double et al., 2012b, 2014)

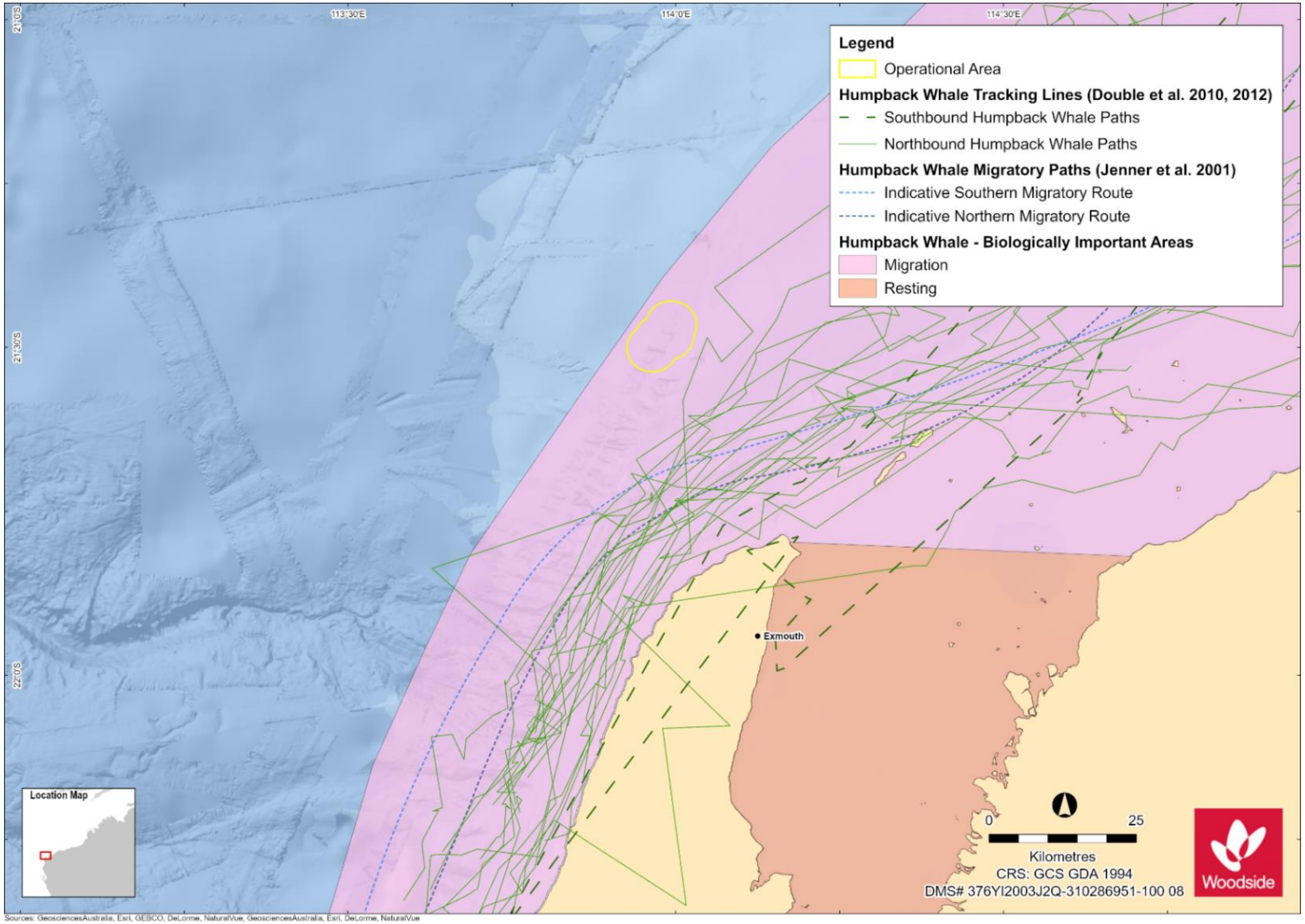

Figure 4-8: Humpback whale BIAs and satellite tracks of whales tagged between 2010 and 2012 (Double et al., 2010, 2012a) and indicative migratory paths (Jenner et al., 2001)

4.6.1.4 Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds

Table 4-12: Threatened and Migratory seabird and Migratory shorebird species predicted to occur within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Calidris canutus	Red knot	Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Calidris ferruginea	Curlew sandpiper	Critically Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Macronectes giganteus	Southern giant petrel	Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat may occur
Numenius madagascariensis	Eastern curlew	Critically Endangered	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Pterodroma mollis	Soft-plumaged petrel	Vulnerable	N/A	Species or species habitat may occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur
Sternula nereis nereis	Australian fairy tern	Vulnerable	N/A	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur	Breeding known to occur
Anous stolidus	Common noddy	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Ardenna carneipes	Flesh-footed shearwater	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Fregata ariel	Lesser frigatebird	N/A	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur	Species or species habitat known to occur
Fregata minor	Greater frigatebird	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat may occur
Calidris tenuirostris	Great knot	Critically Endangered	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur
Anous tenuirostris melanops	Australian lesser noddy	Vulnerable	N/A	N/A	Breeding known to occur
Limosa lapponica menzbieri	Northern Siberian bar-tailed godwit (menzbieri)	Critically Endangered	N/A	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur
Thalassarche carteri	Indian yellow-nosed albatross	Vulnerable	Migratory	N/A	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur
Ardenna pacifica	Wedge-tailed shearwater	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur
Calonectris leucomelas	Streaked shearwater	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat likely to occur
Hydroprogne caspia	Caspian tern	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur
Onychoprion anaethetus	Bridled tern	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur
Sterna dougallii	Roseate tern	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur

Species name	Common name	Threatened status	Migratory status	Potential for interaction	
				Operational Area	EMBA
Thalasseus bergii	Greater crested tern	N/A	Migratory	N/A	Breeding known to occur
Papasula abbotti	Abbott's booby	Endangered	N/A	N/A	Species or species habitat may occur
Charadrius leschenaultii	Greater sand plover	Vulnerable	Migratory	N/A	Species or species habitat known to occur

Table 4-13: Seabird and shorebird BIAs within the Operational Area and EMBA

Species	BIA type	Approximate Distance of BIA from Operational Area (km)
Wedge-tailed shearwater	Breeding and foraging (southern Pilbara coastline)	Overlaps
	Breeding and foraging (middle Pilbara coastline)	50 km north-east
	Breeding and foraging (Shark Bay)	450 km south
	Foraging (offshore waters between Shark Bay and Geographe Bay)	470 km south
Australian fairy tern	Breeding and foraging (Ningaloo coast)	33 km south
	Foraging (Abrolhos)	750 km south
Roseate tern	Breeding and foraging (Ningaloo coast)	85 km south
	Foraging (Bernier Island)	345 km south
	Breeding (Bernier Island)	365 km south
	Foraging (Abrolhos)	750 km south
	Foraging (offshore waters between Shark Bay and Augusta)	520 km south
Caspian tern	Foraging (between Kalbarri and Mandurah)	630 km south

Species	BIA type	Approximate Distance of BIA from Operational Area (km)
Little shearwater	Foraging (between Kalbarri and Eucla)	655 km south
Australian lesser noddy	Foraging (Abrolhos)	780 km south
Common noddy	Foraging (Abrolhos)	750 km south
Bridled tern	Foraging (south-west coast of WA)	475 km south
Soft-plumaged petrel	Foraging (offshore waters of the south and west continental shelves)	880 km south

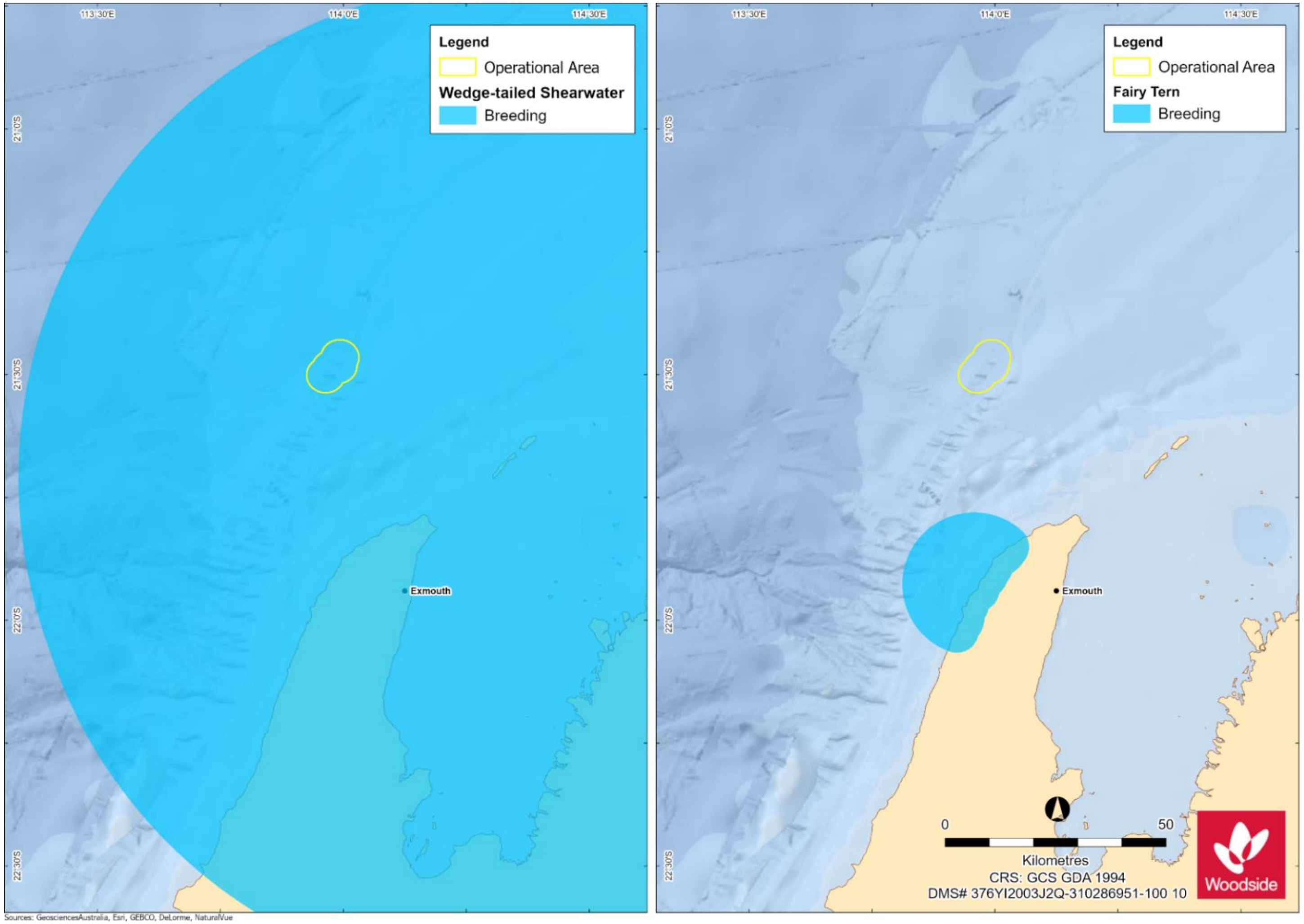

Figure 4-9: Seabird BIAs

4.6.1.5 Seasonal Sensitivities for Protected Species

Seasonal sensitivities for protected migratory species identified as potentially occurring within the Operational Area are identified in **Table 4-14**. Movement patterns of all protected species identified in **Section 4.6** are described in **Appendix H: Section 5 – Section 8**.

Table 4-14: Key seasonal sensitivities for protected migratory species identified as occurring within the Operational Area.

Species	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Fish, Sharks and Rays												
Manta rays – presence/ aggregation/breeding (Ningaloo)[1]												
Whale shark* – foraging/ aggregation near Ningaloo[2]												
Marine Reptiles												
Green turtle – various nesting areas[3]												
Flatback turtle – various nesting areas[3]												
Loggerhead turtle – various nesting areas[3]												
Hawksbill turtle – various nesting areas[4]												
Mammals												
Blue whale – northern migration (Exmouth, Montebello, Scott Reef)[5]												
Blue whale – southern migration (Exmouth, Montebello, Scott Reef)[6]												
Humpback whale – northern migration (Jurien Bay to Montebello)[7]												
Humpback whale – southern migration (Jurien Bay to Montebello)[8]												
Seabirds and shorebirds												
Caspian tern – breeding (Ningaloo)[9]												
Crested tern – breeding (Ningaloo)[9]												
Fairy tern – breeding (Ningaloo)[9]												

Species	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Roseate tern – breeding (Ningaloo)[9]												
Wedge-tailed shearwater – various breeding sites[9]												
	Species may be present in the Operational Area											
	Peak period. Presence of animals is reliable and predictable each year											

References for species seasonal sensitivities:

1. *Environment Australia, 2002*
2. *CALM, 2005; Environment Australia, 2002*
3. *Commonwealth of Australia, 2017; Chevron, 2015; CALM, 2005; DSEWPaC, 2012a*
4. *Commonwealth of Australia, 2017; Chevron, 2015*
5. *DSEWPaC, 2012a; McCauley and Jenner, 2010; McCauley, 2011*
6. *DSEWPaC, 2012a; McCauley and Jenner, 2010*
7. *CALM, 2005; Environment Australia, 2002; Jenner et al., 2001a; McCauley and Jenner, 2001*
8. *McCauley and Jenner, 2001*
9. *DSEWPaC, 2012b; Environment Australia, 2002*

*(*Periods of sensitivity include whale shark foraging off Ningaloo Coast and foraging northward from the Ningaloo Marine Park along the 200 m isobath)*

4.7 Key Ecological Features (KEFs)

KEFs within the Operational Area and EMBA are identified in **Table 4-15** and described in **Appendix H**: **Section 9**. **Figure 4-10** shows the spatial overlap of KEFs with the Operational Area and EMBA.

Table 4-15: KEFs within the Operational Area and EMBA

Key Ecological Feature	Distance from Operational Area to KEF
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	Overlaps the Operational Area
Continental slope demersal fish communities	Overlaps the Operational Area
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	16 km south
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	20 km south-east
Exmouth Plateau	71 km north-west
Western demersal slope and associated fish communities	475 km south-west
Wallaby Saddle	491 km south-west
Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth	685 km south
Western rock lobster	685 km south
Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west-coast canyons	709 km south
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	725 km south

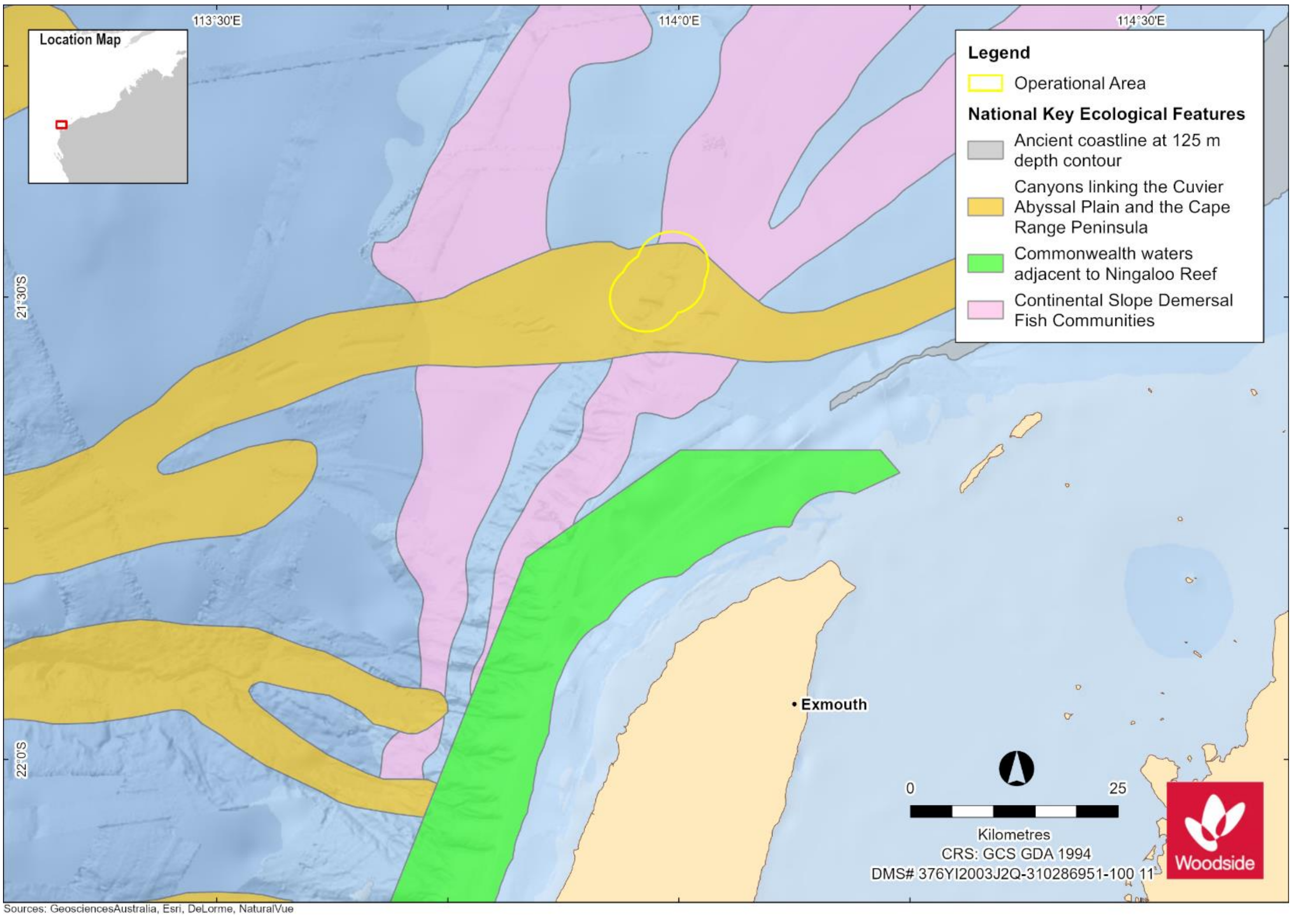

Figure 4-10: KEFs

4.8 Protected Places

No protected places overlap the Operational Area. Protected places within the EMBA are identified in **Table 4-16** and presented in **Figure 4-11**. **Appendix H**: **Section 10** describes the values and sensitivities of protected places and other sensitive areas in the EMBA.

Table 4-16: Established protected places and other sensitive areas overlapping the EMBA

Protected Place	Distance from Operational Area to protected place or sensitive area (km)	IUCN category* or relevant park zone overlapping the Operational Area and/or EMBA
Australian Marine Parks (AMPs)		
NWMR		
Gascoyne AMP	15 km south and 18 km west	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
	113 km south-west	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
	210 km west	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Ningaloo AMP	15 km south	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
	132 km south	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
	145 km south	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Shark Bay AMP	320 km south	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)

Protected Place	Distance from Operational Area to protected place or sensitive area (km)	IUCN category* or relevant park zone overlapping the Operational Area and/or EMBA
Montebello AMP	145 km north-east	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Carnarvon Canyon AMP	330 km south-west	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
SWMR		
Abrolhos AMP	480 km south west	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
	578 km south	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
	622 km south	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
	656 km south	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
State Marine Parks and Nature Reserves		
Marine Parks		
Ningaloo Marine Park	26 km south-east	Sanctuary, Recreation, General Use and Special Purpose Zones
Marine Management Areas		
Muiron Islands	27 km east	IUCN Ia, IUCN VI
Fish Habitat Protection Areas		
Abrolhos Island	745 km south	IUCN IV
Nature Reserves		
Muiron Islands	37 km east	IUCN Ia

**Conservation objectives for IUCN categories include:*
Ia: Strict Nature Reserve
Ib: Wilderness Area
II: National Park
III: Natural Monument or Feature
IV: Habitat/Species Management Area
V: Protected Landscape
VI: Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources – allow human use but prohibits large scale development.
IUCN categories for the marine park are provided and, in brackets, the IUCN categories for specific zones within each Marine Park as assigned under the North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 and South-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018.

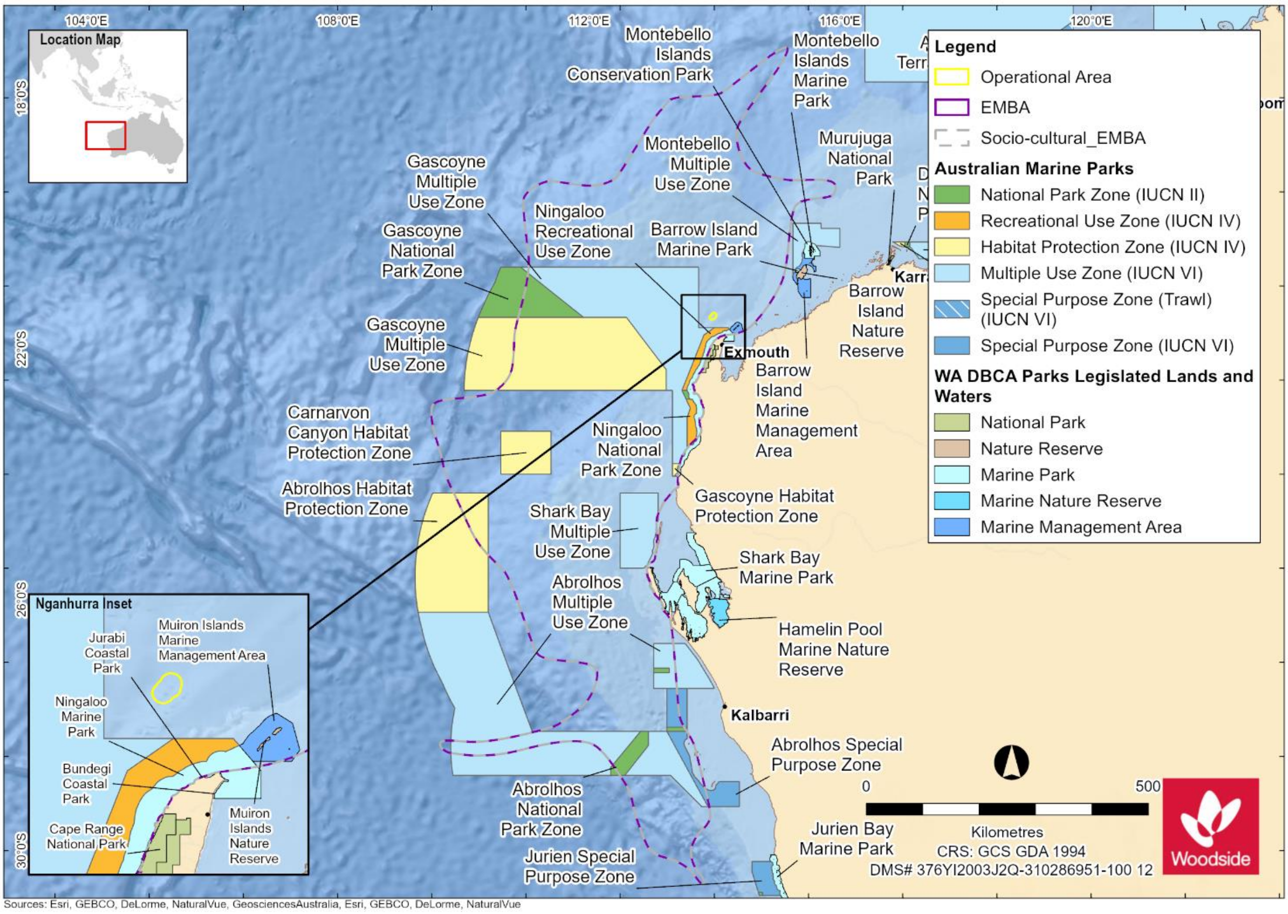

Figure 4-11: Protected areas overlapping the EMBA

4.9 Socio-economic Environment

4.9.1 Cultural Heritage

4.9.1.1 European and/or Indigenous Sites of Significance

There are no known sites of Indigenous or European cultural heritage significance within the Operational Area. **Appendix H: Section 11.1** describes cultural heritage sites within the EMBA.

Indigenous Australian people have a strong continuing connection with the area that extends back some 50,000 years. Woodside acknowledges this unique connection between Aboriginal peoples and the land and sea in which the company operates. Woodside also understands that while marine resources used by Indigenous people are generally limited to coastal waters for activities such as fishing, hunting and maintenance of culture and heritage, many Aboriginal groups have a direct cultural interest in decisions affecting the management of deeper offshore waters. In particular, the Yinggarda, Baiyungu and Thalanyji People have direct interest in the operation and impacts of the Petroleum Activities Program as Traditional Owners of the area overlapped by the EMBA (potential for shoreline accumulation along the Gascoyne coast). The EMBA also overlaps with coastline along the southern Gascoyne and mid-west regions, an area of which the Malgana People and Nanda People are Traditional Owners.

There are no known Indigenous sites of significance within the Operational Area.

Within the EMBA, Ningaloo Reef, Exmouth and the adjacent coastline have a long history of occupancy by Aboriginal communities. The longstanding relationship between Aboriginal people and the land and sea is prevalent in Indigenous culture today and Indigenous heritage places, including archaeological sites, are protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (WA) or EPBC Act. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System was searched for the EMBA, which indicated numerous registered Indigenous heritage places (**Appendix G**). The exact location, access and traditional practices for a number of these sites are not disclosed and if required, such as in the event of a major oil spill, would involve prioritising further consultation with key contacts within Western Australian Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) and relevant local Aboriginal communities.

4.9.1.2 Underwater Cultural Heritage

A search of the Australian National Shipwreck Database which records all known Maritime Cultural Heritage (shipwrecks, aircraft, relics and other underwater cultural heritage) in Australian waters indicated that there are no sites within the Operational Area, however, numerous shipwrecks exist within the EMBA. **Table 4-17** lists shipwrecks within 10 km of the Operational Area.

Table 4-17: Recorded historical shipwrecks in the vicinity of the Operational Areas

Vessel name	Year wrecked	Wreck location[1]	Latitude (D.MM °S)	Longitude (D.MM °E)	Distance from Operational Area (km)
Beatrice[2]	1899	Off North West Cape	21.62	113.98	9 km south
Gem	1893	North West Cape	21.62	113.98	9 km south

[1] Wreck location as recorded in Australian National Shipwreck Database (Department of the Environment and Energy n.d.)

[2] Unconfirmed location as coordinates in Australian National Shipwreck Database conflict with location description (off Eighty Mile Beach)

4.9.1.3 World, National and Commonwealth Heritage Listed Places

No listed heritage places overlap the Operational Area. World, National and Commonwealth heritage places within the EMBA are identified in **Table 4-18**. **Appendix H: Section 10 - Section 11** outlines the values and sensitivities of these places.

Table 4-18: World, National and Commonwealth Heritage Listed Places within the EMBA

Listed Place	Distance from Operational Area to Listed Place
World Heritage Places (WHP)	
Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Property	16 km south
Shark Bay World Heritage Property	360 km south
National Heritage Places (NHP)	
Ningaloo Coast National Heritage Place	16 km south
Shark Bay National Heritage Place	360 km south
Commonwealth Heritage Places (CHP)	
Ningaloo Coast Commonwealth Heritage Place	16 km south

4.9.2 Commercial Fisheries

A number of Commonwealth and State fishery management areas are located within the Operational Area and EMBA. FishCube and Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) catch and effort data was requested to analyse the potential for interaction of fisheries with the Operational Area, and, in addition to fishing methods and water depths, used to determine consultation with State and Commonwealth Fisheries who may be impacted by proposed petroleum activities (Department of

Primary Industries and Regional Development [DPIRD], 2021; and AFMA/Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resources Economics (ABARES) data). **Table 4-19** provides an assessment of the potential interaction within the Operational Area and **Appendix H: Section 11.5.1** provides further detail on the fisheries that have been identified through desk-based assessment and consultation (**Section 5**). **Figure 4-12** shows fisheries identified as having a potential interaction with the Petroleum Activities Program.

Table 4-19: Potential for Interaction with Commonwealth and State Commercial Fisheries overlapping the Operational Area

Fishery	Potential for interaction within Operational Area	
Commonwealth Managed Fisheries		
North West Slope Trawl Fishery	×	The Operational Area is located just with the fishery management area for the North West Slope Trawl Fishery, however, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program given the current distribution of fishing effort is concentrated north-east of the Operational Area (Patterson et al., 2021).
Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery	✓	The Operational Area is located just with the fishery management area for the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery. Recent fishing effort indicates some fishing activity adjacent to the North West Cape, within the Operational Area (Patterson et al., 2021). Therefore, Woodside considers it a possibility that interactions with the fishery will occur.
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery	×	While there is an overlap with the fishery management area and the Operational Area, no fishing effort has occurred within or nearby to the Operational Area for at least the last ten years (Patterson et al., 2021). Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program given the current distribution of fishing effort is focused in the Great Australian Bight.
Western Skipjack Tuna Fishery	×	The Western Skipjack Tuna Fishery is not currently active and no fishing has occurred since 2009 (Patterson et al., 2021). Therefore, no fishing effort occurs within the Operational Area and Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery	×	While there is an overlap with the fishery management area and the Operational Area, no fishing effort has occurred within or nearby to the Operational Area for at least the last ten years (Patterson et al., 2021). Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program given the current distribution of fishing effort is concentrated south the Operational Area.
State Managed Fisheries		
Pilbara Line Fishery	✓	The Operational Area sits on the border of two 60 nm Catch and Effort System (CAES) blocks, one of which has consistently reported effort every year since 2009 (CAES block ref. 21140) (DPIRD, 2021). It is likely that the Pilbara Line Fishery fishes to the east of the Operational Area towards the Pilbara coast and Montebello Islands, however Woodside considers it a possibility that interactions with the fishery will occur.
Specimen Shell Managed Fishery	×	This fishery typically uses hand collection methods to collect specimen shells in water depths of less than 30 m. However, ROV collection methods could enable fishing in water depths up to 300 m. The Operational Area is located across four 10 nm CAES blocks (212135, 212140, 213135 and 213140). Specimen Shell Managed Fishery fishing effort was reported in 10 nm CAES blocks 212140 and 213140 in 2015, using the ROV collection method (DPIRD, 2021). This ROV collection method is no longer active, and therefore Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
Marine Aquarium Managed Fishery	×	This fishery generally collects fish for display in water depths of less than 30 m. While there is an overlap with the fishery management area and the Operational Area, the Marine Aquarium Managed Fishery is not expected to fish within the Operational Area

Fishery		Potential for interaction within Operational Area
		and there is no reported fishing effort between 2009 and 2020 (DPIRD, 2021). Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery	×	The West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery can fish in waters deeper than the 150 m isobath and therefore overlaps the Operational Area. However, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program given effort is concentrated between Carnarvon and Fremantle.
Western Australian Abalone Managed Fishery	×	This fishery uses hand collection methods to collect abalone in water depths of less than 40 m. While there is an overlap with the fishery management area and the Operational Area, no commercial fishing has occurred north of Moore River since 2011-2012 (Strain et al., 2018). Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
Mackerel Managed Fishery (Area 2 and Area 3)	×	The Operational Area is located with the Mackerel Managed Fishery management area, however there is no reported fishing effort within the Operational Area between 2009 and 2020 (DPIRD, 2021). Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
South West Coast Salmon Managed Fishery	×	No fishing effort occurs north of the Perth metropolitan area. Therefore, no fishing effort occurs within or nearby to the Operational Area and Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
Western Australian Sea Cucumber Fishery	×	The target species typically inhabit nearshore waters and no effort occurs within the Operational Area. Therefore, while there is an overlap with the fishery management area and the Operational Area, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.
Pilbara Crab Managed Fishery	×	The Operational Area overlaps with a closed area of the fishery (as per Schedule 2 of the draft Management Plan [DPIRD, 2018]) and therefore, fishing activity within the Operational Area is currently not permitted. Accordingly, Woodside considers there to be no potential for interaction with this fishery and the Petroleum Activities Program.

State managed fisheries not overlapping with the Operational Area but occurring within the EMBA are described in **Appendix H: Section 11.5.1** include the:

- Pilbara Trawl Managed Fishery
- Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery
- Pearl Oyster Managed Fishery
- West Coast Rock Lobster Fishery
- Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery
- Shark Bay Prawn Managed Fishery
- Exmouth Gulf Prawn Managed Fishery
- Gascoyne Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery
- West Coast Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery

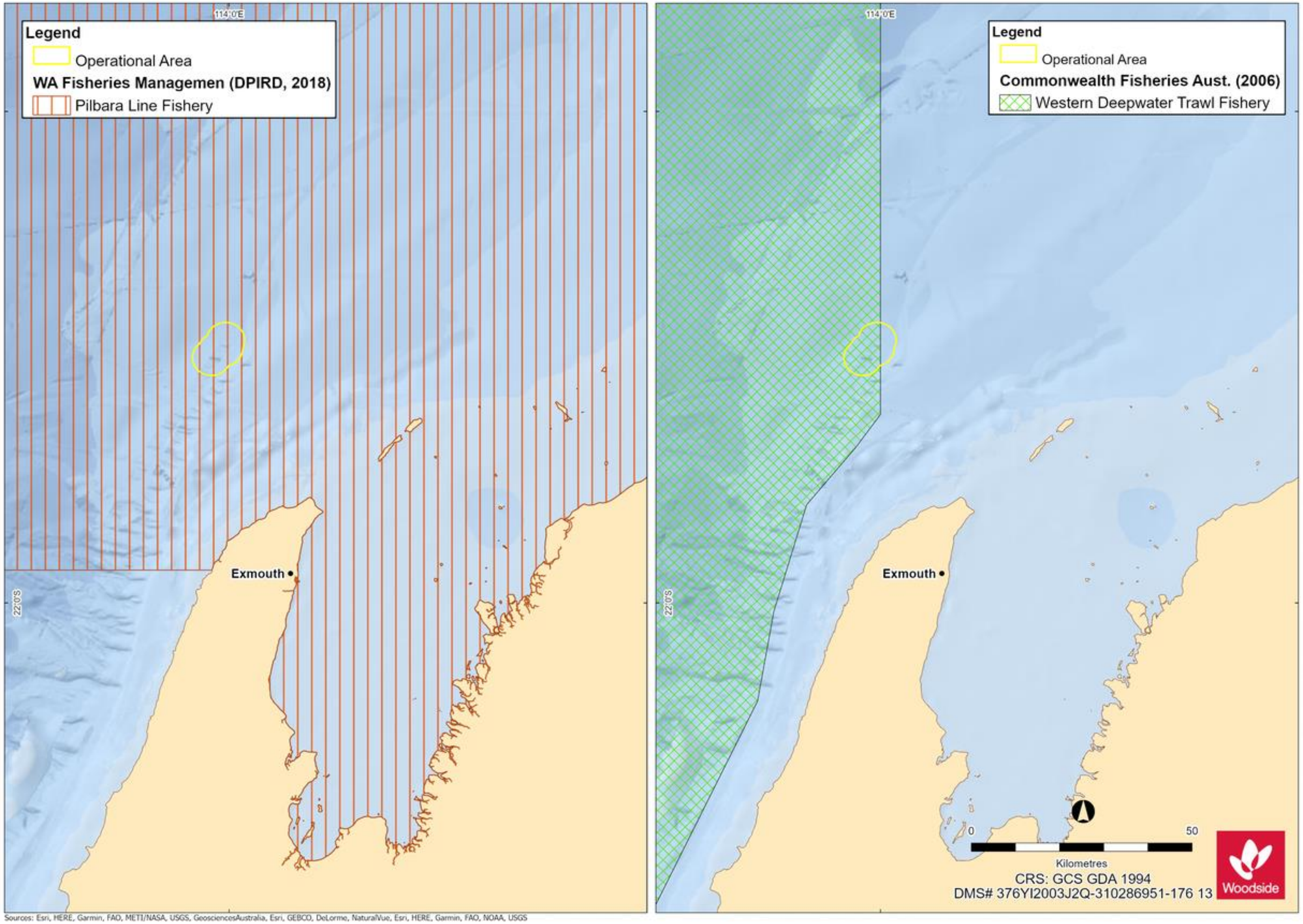

Figure 4-12: Fisheries with a potential for Interaction with the Petroleum Activities Program

4.9.3 Traditional Fisheries

Dugong, fish and marine turtles that move between coastal and Commonwealth waters are important components of the Aboriginal people's culture and diet. Aboriginal people continue to actively manage their sea country in coastal waters of Western Australia in order to protect and manage the marine environment, its resources and cultural values. Traditional or customary fisheries are typically restricted to shallow coastal waters and/or areas with structures such as reef. Therefore, traditional fishers are not expected to fish within the Operational Area, but will likely occur within the coastal waters of the wider EMBA.

4.9.4 Tourism and Recreation

There are growing tourism and recreational sectors in WA. The Pilbara and Gascoyne regions are popular visitor destinations for Australian and international tourists. Tourism is concentrated in the vicinity of population centres including Dampier, Exmouth, Coral Bay and Shark Bay.

No tourism or recreational activity is known to take place within or nearby the Operational Area given the water depths of approximately 400 – 600 m. Within the EMBA, tourism is one of the largest revenue earners of all the major industries of the Gascoyne and Pilbara regions and contributes significantly to the local economy in terms of both income and employment. The main marine nature-based tourist activities are concentrated around and within the Ningaloo World Heritage Property (17 km south of the Operational Area) and North West Cape area. Activities include recreational fishing, snorkelling and scuba diving, whale shark encounters (April to August) and manta rays (September to November), whale watching and encounters (July to October) and turtle watching (all year round) (Schianetz et al., 2009).

4.9.5 Commercial Shipping

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has introduced a network of marine fairways across the NWMR off WA to reduce the risk of vessel collisions with offshore infrastructure. It is noted that none of these fairways intersect with the Operational Area; the nearest fairway is approximately 40 km north-west of the Operational Area (**Figure 4-13**). Vessel tracking data suggest shipping is concentrated to the north-east of the Operational Area, which is likely associated with ports.

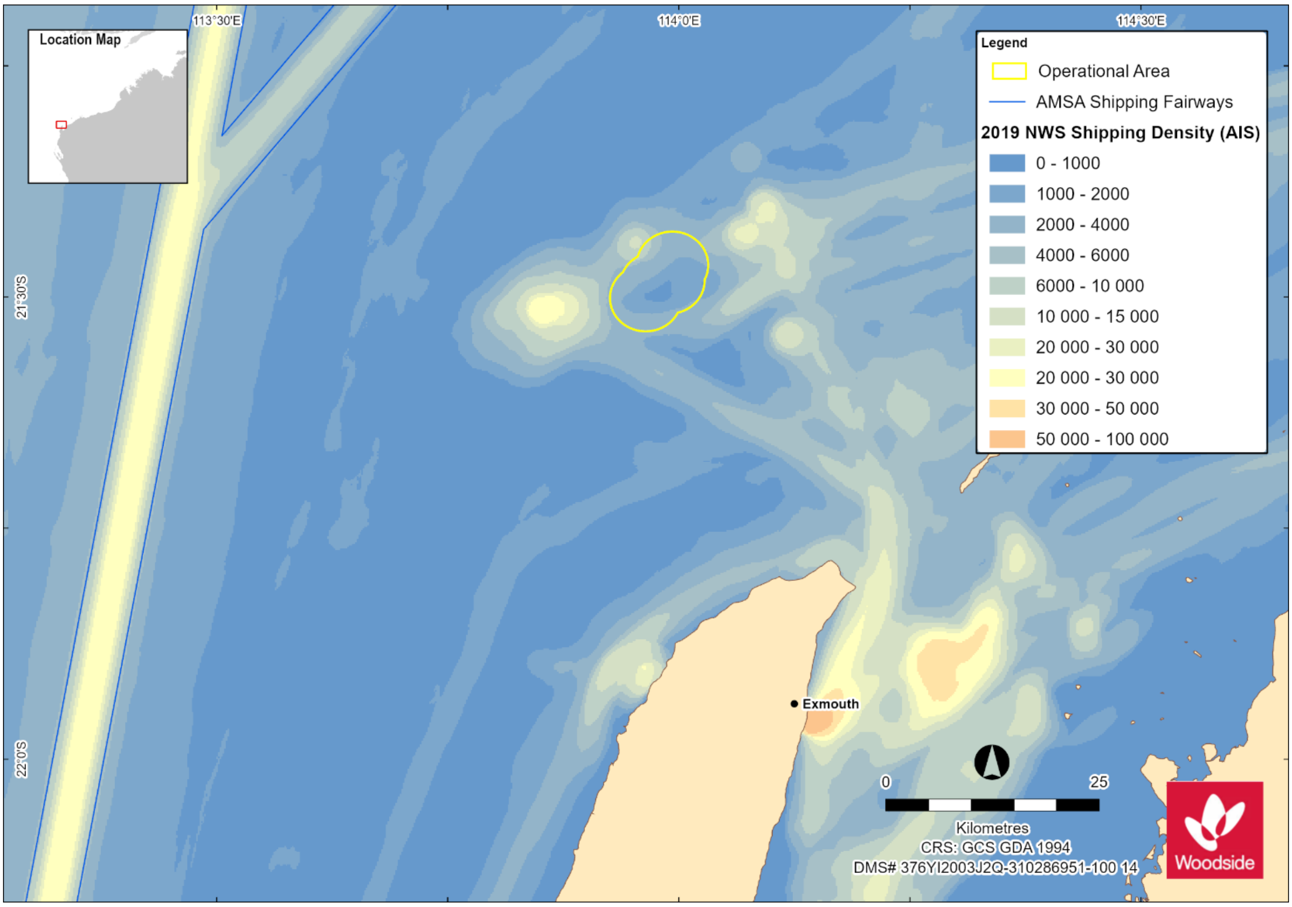

Figure 4-13: Vessel density map for the Operational Area and EMBA derived from AMSA satellite tracking system data (vessels include cargo, LNG tanker, passenger vessels, support vessels, and others/unnamed vessels)

4.9.6 Oil and Gas

The Operational Areas are located within an area of established oil and gas operations in the broader NWMR. **Table 4-20** details other facilities located in proximity to the Operational Areas. Several facilities (platforms and floating production, storage and offloading vessels (FPSOs) and platforms) are currently operating in the vicinity of the Operational Areas (**Figure 4-14** and **Table 4-20**). While the Stybarrow Venture FPSO is no longer on station (11 km from Operational Areas), the subsea infrastructure associated with the development remains in situ.

Table 4-20: Other oil and gas facilities in the vicinity of the Operational Areas

Facility name and operator	Distance from Operational Area to listed place
Ngujima Yin FPSO (Woodside)	4 km north-east
Ningaloo Vision FPSO (Santos)	8 km north-east
Pyrenees FPSO (BHP Petroleum)	9 km south-east

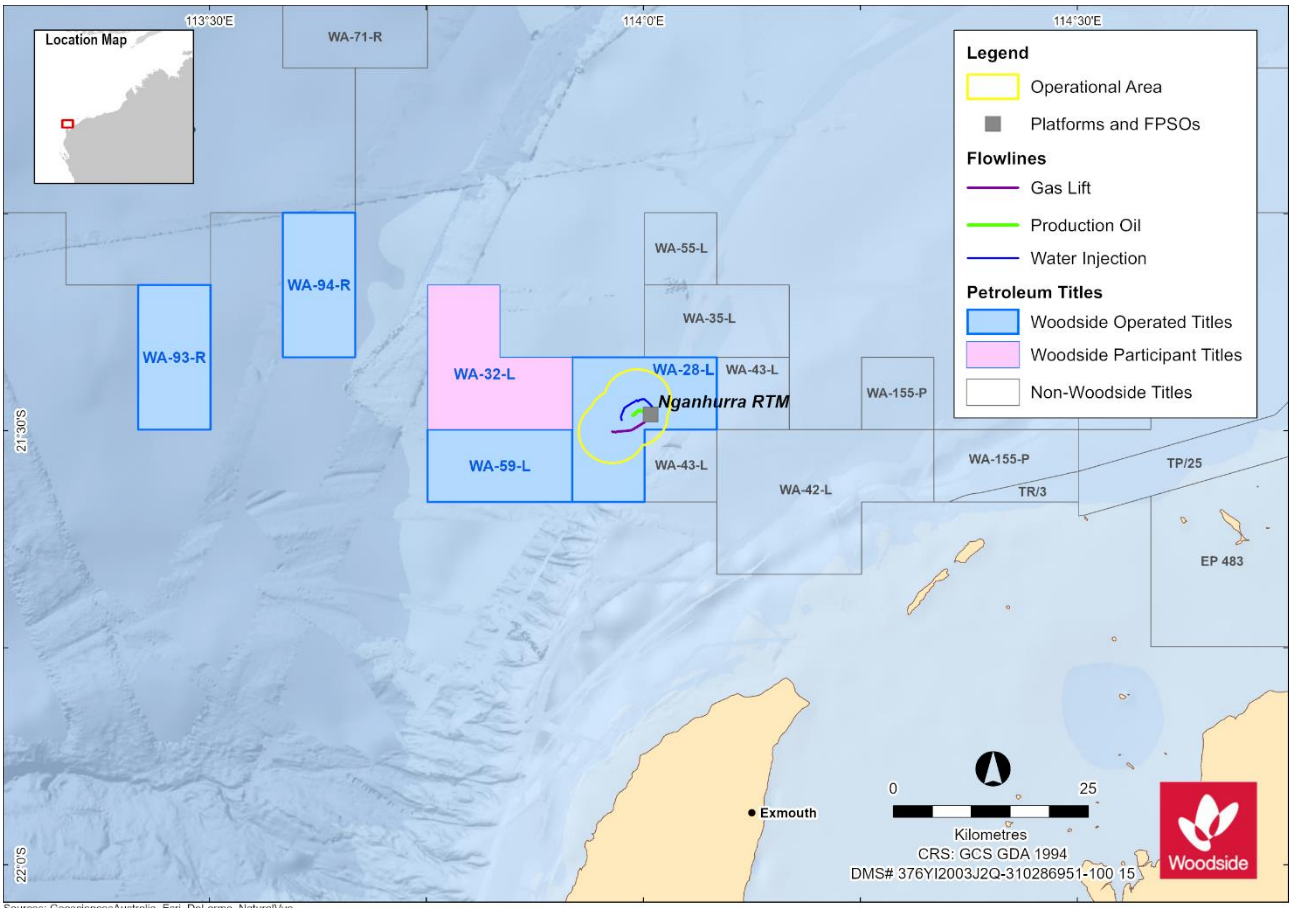

Figure 4-14: Oil and gas facilities and pipelines

4.9.7 Defence

There are designated defence practice areas in the offshore marine waters off Ningaloo and the North West Cape, of which a military flying training area overlaps the Operational Area. Defence areas overlapping the Operational Area and EMBA are presented in **Figure 4-15**.

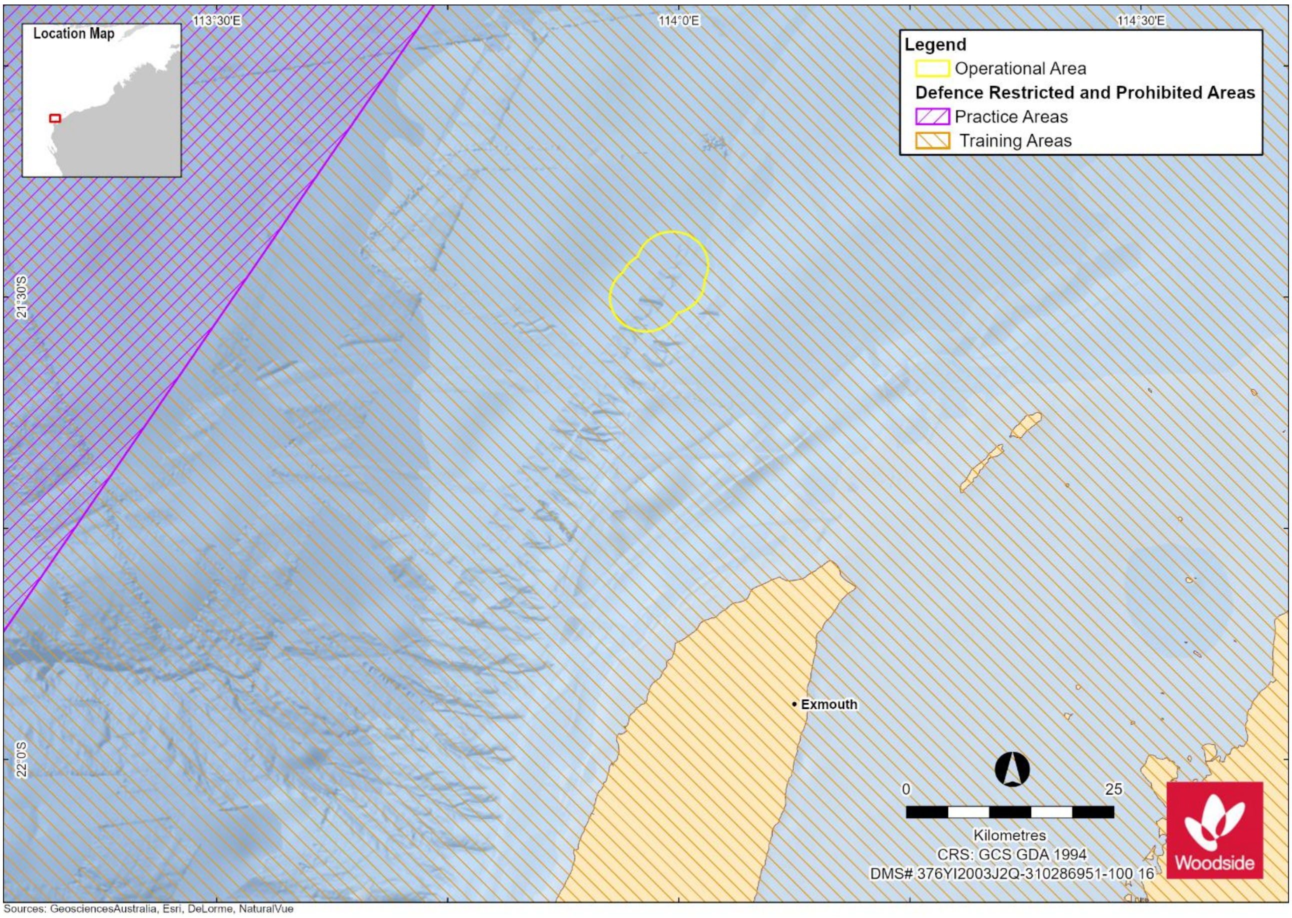

Figure 4-15: Defence areas

5 STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

5.1 Summary

Woodside is committed to consulting relevant persons in the course of preparing this Environment Plan to ensure feedback informs its decision making and planning for proposed petroleum activities and builds upon Woodside's extensive and ongoing relevant person consultation for its offshore petroleum activities in the region.

Since October 2019, a comprehensive consultation process has been undertaken with relevant persons on the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan and Recfishwest's associated Artificial Reef Permit application. Consultation included the provision of information on activities to be undertaken under both approvals, including reef location, and risks and impacts.

On 23 September 2021, Woodside advised relevant and identified interested stakeholders that the integrated artificial reef proposal was no longer being pursued and that it intended to progress alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. It also advised that it intends to progress an EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM (this EP) and future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area would be subject to a separate environmental approval.

Woodside EP consultation is summarised as follows:

- **Phase 1**: Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Revision (October 2019)
- **Phase 2**: Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan (July 2020)
- **Phase 3**: Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Revision (November 2021 – this EP)

The previous consultation has been evaluated to determine relevance to the proposed activity outlined in this EP. Any relevant ongoing consultation from Phases 1-3 is outlined in **Table 5-3**.

5.2 Identification of Relevant Persons

Woodside has followed the requirements of subregulation 11A (1) of the Environment Regulations to identify relevant persons, these being:

- Each Department or agency of the Commonwealth Government to which the activities to be carried out under the Environment Plan, or the revision of the Plan, may be relevant.
- Each Department or agency of a State or the Northern Territory Government to which the activities to be carried out under the Environment Plan, or the revision of the Plan, may be relevant.
- The Department of the responsible State Minister, or the responsible Northern Territory Minister.
- A person or organisation whose functions, interests or activities may be affected by the activities to be carried out under the Environment Plan, or the revision of the Plan.
- Any other person or organisation that the Titleholder considers relevant.

Woodside's assessment of relevant person relevance is outlined in **Table 5-1**.

5.3 Stakeholder Consultation Objectives

In support of this EP, Woodside has sought to:

- Ensure all relevant persons are identified and engaged in a timely and effective manner.
- Develop and make available communications material to relevant persons that is relevant to their interests and information needs.
- Incorporate relevant person feedback into the management of the proposed activity where practicable.

- Provide feedback to relevant person on Woodside's assessment of their feedback and keep a record of all engagements.
- Make available opportunities to provide feedback during the life of this EP.

5.4 Stakeholder Expectations for Consultation

Relevant person consultation for this activity has also been guided by relevant person expectations for consultation on planned activities. This guidance includes:

NOPSEMA:

- *GL1721 - Environment plan decision making – June 2021*
- *GN1847 - Responding to public comment on environment plans - September 2020*
- *GN1344 - Environment plan content requirements - September 2020*
- *GN1488 - Oil pollution risk management - February 2021*
- *GN1785 – Petroleum activities and Australian Marine Parks – June 2020*
- *GL1887 – Consultation with Commonwealth agencies with responsibilities in the marine area – July 2020*
- *NOPSEMA Bulletin #2 – Clarifying statutory requirements and good practice consultation – November 2019*

Australian Fisheries Management Authority:

- *Petroleum industry consultation with the commercial fishing industry*

Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources:

- *Fisheries and the Environment – Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Act 2006*
- *Offshore Installations Biosecurity Guide* WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development:
- *Guidance statement for oil and gas industry consultation with the Department of Fisheries*

WA Department of Transport:

- *Offshore Petroleum Industry Guidance Note*

Woodside acknowledges that additional relevant persons may be identified in the course of preparing this Environment Plan. If appropriate, these relevant persons will be contacted, provided with information relevant to their interests, and invited to provide feedback about the proposed activity. Woodside will assess their feedback, respond to the relevant person, and incorporate feedback into the management of the proposed activity where practicable.

Woodside consultation arrangements typically provide stakeholders up to 30 days (unless otherwise agreed) to review and respond to proposed activities where relevant persons are potentially affected. In order to meet the requirement for this EP revision to be submitted by 8 November 2021, Woodside has undertaken a 14-day stakeholder consultation period. Woodside considers this consultation period an adequate timeframe in which relevant persons can assess potential impacts of the proposed activity and provide feedback, recognising previous stakeholder consultation in Phases 1-2.

Table 5-1: Assessment of relevant persons for the proposed activity

Stakeholder	Relevant persons	Reasoning
Commonwealth Government department or agency		
Australian Border Force (ABF)	Yes	Responsible for coordinating maritime security.
Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)	No	Responsible for managing Commonwealth fisheries. No Commonwealth Fisheries are active in the Operational Area. Woodside has provided information to AFMA, consistent with information provided to other stakeholders with an interest in Commonwealth fisheries.
Australian Hydrographic Office (AHO)	Yes	Response for maritime safety and Notices to Mariners.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) – Marine Safety	Yes	Statutory agency for vessel safety and navigation.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) – Marine Pollution	Yes	Legislated responsibility for oil pollution response in Commonwealth waters. Proposed activity has a hydrocarbon spill risk, which may require AMSA response in Commonwealth waters.
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) – Fisheries	Yes	Responsible for implementing Commonwealth policies and programs to support agriculture, water resources, the environment and our heritage. Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery is active in the Operational Area.
DAWE – Biosecurity (marine pests, vessels, aircraft and personnel)	Yes	DAWE administers, implements and enforces the Biosecurity Act 2015. The Department requests to be consulted where an activity has the potential to transfer marine pests. DAWE also has inspection and reporting requirements to ensure that all conveyances (vessels, installations and aircraft) arriving in Australian territory comply with international health regulations and that any biosecurity risk is managed. The Department requests to be consulted where an activity involves the movement of aircraft or vessels between Australia and offshore petroleum activities either inside or outside Australian territory. The proposed activity has the potential impact to DAWE's interests in the prevention of introduced marine species.
Department of Defence (DoD)	Yes	Responsible for defending Australia and its national interests. The Operational Area overlaps theDefence training area.
Commonwealth Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER)	Yes	Department of relevant Commonwealth Minister and is required to be consulted under the Regulations.
Director of National Parks (DNP)	Yes	Responsible for managing AMPs and therefore requires an awareness of activities that occur within AMPs, and an understanding of potential impacts and risks to the values of parks (NOPSEMA guidance note: N-04750-GN1785 A620236, June 2020). Titleholders are required to consult DNP on offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas

		exploration activities if they occur in, or may impact on the values of marine parks, including where potential spill response activities may occur in the event of a spill (i.e. scientific monitoring).
WA Government department or agency		
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)	No	Responsible for managing WA's parks, forests and reserves. Planned activities do not impact DBCA's functions, interests or activities. Woodside has chosen to provide information given the proximity of the RTM to the Ningaloo State Marine Park.
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)	Yes	Department of relevant State Minister and is required to be consulted under the Regulations.
Department of Primary Industries andRegional Development (DPIRD)	Yes	Responsible for managing State fisheries. Potential for interaction during proposed activities with the Pilbara LineFishery in the Operational Area.
Department of Transport (DoT)	Yes	Legislated responsibility for oil pollution response in State waters. Proposed activity has a hydrocarbon spill risk, which may require DoT response in State waters.
Commonwealth fisheries*		
North-West Slope Trawl Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. Woodside has provided information to the fishery's representative organisations – Commonwealth Fisheries Association and Western Australian Fishing Industry Council – on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. Woodside does not consider that the ongoing presence of the RTM to present a future risk to licence holders, given fishing methods by licence holders for species fished in this fishery (Australia has a 35% share of total global allowable catch of Southern Bluefin Tuna, which is value-added through tuna ranching near Port Lincoln (South Australia), or fishing effort in New South Wales (Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association). In addition, future interactions are not expected given the species' pelagic distribution. Woodside has provided information to the fishery's representative organisation – Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association – on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Western Skipjack Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. Woodside does not consider that the ongoing presence of the RTM will present a future risk to licence holders, given fishing methods for species fished by licence holders. Future interactions are not expected given the species' pelagic distribution. Woodside has provided information to the fishery's representative organisation – Commonwealth Fisheries Association – on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. Woodside does not consider that the ongoing presence of the RTM will present a future risk to licence holders, given fishing methods for species fished by licence holders. Future interactions are not expected given the species' pelagic distribution. Woodside has provided information to the fishery's representative organisation – Commonwealth Fisheries Association – on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery	Yes	The fishery overlaps the Operational Area and it has been active in the last five years.
State fisheries*		
Mackerel Managed Fishery – Pilbara (Area 2 and 3)	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years.
South West Coast Salmon Managed Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. Fishers are active south of Perth and from the beach (previous WAFIC advice).
West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it fishery has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years. In recent years fishing has only been undertaken along the continental shelf edge and in waters south of Exmouth (West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery; DPIRD, 2005).
Pilbara Crab Managed Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years.
West Australian Sea Cucumber Fishery	No	The fishery doesn't overlap the Operational Area.
Marine Aquarium Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, it has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years.
Specimen Shell Fishery	No	Although the fishery overlaps the Operational Area, the fishery has not been active in the Operational Area within the last five years.
Developmental Octopus Fishery	No	The fishery doesn't overlap the Operational Area.
Pilbara Demersal Scalefish Fishery • Pilbara Trawl Fishery	No	The Operational Area is outside of the Pilbara Trawl Fishery.
• Pilbara Trap Fishery	No	The Operational Area is outside of the Pilbara Trap Fishery.
• Pilbara Line Fishery	Yes	The fishery overlaps the Operational Area and DPIRD data indicate active fishing within the Operational Area.
Industry		

BHP	Yes	Adjacent Titleholder.
Santos	Yes	Adjacent Titleholder.
INPEX	Yes	Adjacent Titleholder.
Industry representative organisations		
Australian Petroleum Production andExploration Association (APPEA)	Yes	Represents the interests of oil and gas explorers and producers in Australia.
Commonwealth Fisheries Association (CFA)	Yes	Represents the interests of commercial fishers with licences in Commonwealth waters. Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery is active in the Operational Area. Woodside has provided information to the CFA on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association (ASBTIA)	No	Represents the interests of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery. The Fishery isn't active in the Operational Area. Woodside has provided information ASBTIA on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Tuna Australia	No	Represents the interests of the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery. The Fishery isn't active in the Operational Area. Woodside has provided information to Tuna Australia on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.
Pearl Producers Association (PPA)	No	Although interactions with licence holders in the Pearl Oyster Managed Fishery are unlikely, PPA has requested to be informed of Woodside's planned activities.
Recfishwest	Yes	Represents the interests of recreational fishers in WA. Activities have the potential to impact recreational fishers.
Marine Tourism WA	Yes	Represents the interests of recreational fishers in WA. Activities have the potential to impact recreational fishers.
WA Game Fishing Association	Yes	Represents the interests of charter owners and operators in WA. Activities have the potential to impact game fishers.
Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC)	Yes	Represents the interests of commercial fishers with licences in State Waters. There is potential for interaction with commercial fishers in the Western Deepwater Trawl and Pilbara Line Fishery.
Other Stakeholders		
Exmouth-based charter boat, tourism anddive operators	No	There has been no recent fishing effort in the Operational Area by charter boat operators. However, Woodside has chosen to consult charter operators.

Cape Conservation Group	Yes	Volunteer not-for-profit organisation that is involved in protecting the terrestrial and marine environment of the North West Cape.
Protect Ningaloo	Yes	Volunteer not-for-profit organisation that is involved in protecting the terrestrial and marine environment of NingalooReef
Exmouth Community Reference Group	Yes	Group established in 2002 to provide a forum for local community, industry and government stakeholders and the oil and gas industry to discuss operations and community issues.
Exmouth Game Fishing Club	Yes	Exmouth based game fishing club, which hosts a number of fishing tournaments in the region.
Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)	Yes	Not-for-profit group that represents local businesses.
Shire of Exmouth	Yes	Local government entity for the Exmouth region. Broader interest in activities in the region.
Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Advisory Committee	No	Activities will not occur in the Ningaloo World Heritage Area. However, Woodside has chosen to provide information to the Committee.
Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation	Yes	Registered Native Title body for the Exmouth region. Woodside has consulted the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu AboriginalCorporation, via their nominated representative the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC).

** Fisheries have been identified as being relevant on the basis of fishing licence overlap with the proposed Operational Area, as well as consideration of fishing effort data, fishing methods, water depth, and likelihood of fishing in the future.* ***Table 4-10*** *provides a detailed assessment of Commonwealth and State fisheries within or adjacent to the Operational Area.*

5.5 Relevant Person Consultation

Consultation activities conducted for the proposed activity (Phase 3) with relevant persons are outlined in **Table 5 2**.

The Consultation Information Sheet (**Appendix F**, reference 2.20) is published on the Woodside website and includes a toll-free 1800 phone number.

Table 5-2: Stakeholder consultation activities

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
Australian Government department or agency				
ABF	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the ABF (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the ABF advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
AFMA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the AFMA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.2) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	No feedback provided. Woodside has consulted DAWE, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia, WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside has addressed maritime biosecurity issues in **Section 6** of this EP based on previous offshore activities. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed AFMA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.2) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			
	On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed AFMA providing it with an update that Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery had been identified as a relevant fishery and licence holders would be consulted (**Appendix F**, reference 3.1).			
AHO	• On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the AHO (Appendix F, reference 1.3) advising that:	On 6 October 2021, the AHO responded acknowledging receipt of Woodside's email.	Woodside notes the AHO has received the consultation materials. No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	• Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed AHO advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.3) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and shipping lane map.			
AMSA (marine safety)	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed AMSA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.4) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed.	On 6 October 2021, AMSA emailed Woodside requesting: • The AHO be contacted no less than four working weeks before operations commence for the promulgation of related notices to mariners. • AMSA's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) be notified at least 24–48 hours before operations commence	On 6 October 2021, Woodside responded confirming we will contact/notify: • The AHO no less than 4 weeks before operations commence • AMSA's JRCC at least 24-48 hours before operations commence • Provide updates to both the AHO and AMSA on any changes.	Woodside has addressed AMSA's requests: Woodside will notify AMSA's JRCC at least 24–48 hours before operations commence for each survey, as referenced as **Control 3.3** in this EP. Woodside will notify the AHO no less than four working weeks before operations commence, as referenced as a **Control 3.1** in this EP.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	• Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed AMSA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.3) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and shipping lane map.	• Provide updates to the AHO and JRCC should there be changes to the activity. • Vessels exhibit appropriate lights and shapes to reflect the nature of operations and comply with the International Rules of Preventing Collisions at Sea. AMSA provided advice on obtaining vessel traffic plots, including digital datasets and maps.	Confirming vessels will exhibit appropriate lights and shapes to reflect the nature of operations and the obligation to comply with the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea.	Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
AMSA (marine pollution)	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the AMSA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.5) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	On 29 September 2021, AMSA responded to Woodside's 23 September 2021 email thanking it for the update.	No response required.	Woodside has addressed oil pollution planning and response at **Appendix D**. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

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<tr><th>Stakeholder</th><th>Information provided</th><th>Relevant person response</th><th>Woodside response</th><th>Woodside assessment and outcome</th></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>On 22 October 2021, Woodside emailed AMSA (Appendix F, reference 2.18) and provided a copy of the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (Appendix I).</td><td>No feedback received.</td><td>Woodside notes AMSA has received the consultation materials. No response required.
Woodside to provide the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan to AMSA.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">DAWE</td><td>On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DAWE (Appendix F, reference 1.6) advising that:
• Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued.
• Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area.
• An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed.
• Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.</td><td rowspan="3">No feedback received.</td><td rowspan="3">No response required.</td><td rowspan="3">No feedback provided. Woodside has consulted AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia, WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area.
Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in Section 4.9.2 of this EP.
Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as Control 3.2 in this EP.
Woodside has addressed maritime biosecurity issues in Section 6 of this EP based on previous offshore activities.
Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.</td></tr>
<tr><td>On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DAWE advising of the proposed activity considering biosecurity matters (Appendix F, reference 2.4) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.</td></tr>
<tr><td>On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed DAWE providing it with an update that Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery had been identified as a relevant fishery and</td></tr>
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	licence holders would be consulted (**Appendix F**, reference 3.2).			
DoD	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DoD (**Appendix F**, reference 1.7) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DoD advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.5) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and defence zone map.			
DISER	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed DISER (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

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	removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DISER advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a consultation Information Sheet.			
DNP	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DNP (**Appendix F**, reference 1.8) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	• No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has addressed the DNP's feedback, including reaffirming that Woodside will contact the DNP if details regarding the activity change and result in an overlap with or new impact to a marine park, or for an emergency response, as per the commitment in the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**). Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

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	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DNP advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.6) and provided a consultation Information Sheet.	On 20 October 2021, the DNP responded thanking Woodside for the information provided and: • Advised it notes that planned activities do not overlap any Australian Marine Parks and that there are no authorisation requirements from the DNP. • Advised that a Sea Dumping permit may be required. • Referenced the NOPSEMA and Parks Australia guidance note that outlines what titleholders need to consider and evaluate for an EP. Advised that DNP should be made aware of oil/gas pollution incidences which occur within a marine park or are likely to impact on a marine park as soon as possible.	On 20 October 2021, Woodside responded thanking the DNP for its feedback and confirmed that Woodside will contact the DNP if details regarding the activity change and result in an overlap with or new impact to a marine park, or for an emergency response.	
Western Australian Government department or agency or advisory body				
DBCA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DBCA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area.	No feedback received.	No response provided.	No feedback received. Planned activities do not impact DBCA's functions, interests or activities. The Environment Plan demonstrates that the proposed activities are outside the boundaries of a proclaimed State Marine Park and identifies that there are no credible risks as part of planned activities that have

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	• An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DBCA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			potential to impact the values of any marine parks (**Section 6**). Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
DMIRS	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed DMIRS (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside will provide notifications to DMIRS prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required

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	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DMIRS advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.	On 21 October 2021, DMIRS responded: • acknowledging receipt con sultation information; • advising that it had reviewed the information and did not require any further information at this stage; • noted its Consultation Guidance Note for reporting of incidents that could potentially impact on any land or water under State jurisdiction.	On 21 October 2021, Woodside responded: • thanking DMIRS for its feedback confirming that DMIRS had reviewed the consultation information and did not require any further information at this stage. • advised that Woodside would send DMIRS commencement and cessation notifications for the activities.	
DPIRD	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DPIRD (**Appendix F**, reference 1.9) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DPIRD, WAFIC, and individual relevant Licence holders. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of State fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests

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	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DPIRD advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.7) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.	On 15 October 2021, DPIRD responded thanking Woodside.	Woodside notes the DPIRD has received the consultation materials. No response required.	and no further consultation is required.
	On 15 October 2021, Woodside emailed DPIRD advising that consultation feedback concludes on 19 October 2021 and that Woodside would welcome any feedback DPIRD may have.			
DoT	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the DoT (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has addressed oil pollution planning and response at **Appendix D**. Woodside will consult DoT if there is a spill impacting State water from the proposed activity. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed DoT advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.	On 8 October 2021, the DoT responded requesting that if there are any changes that may result in an increased risk of a spill impacting State waters from the proposed	On 14 October 2021, Woodside responded confirming that if there is a risk of a spill impacting State waters, the Department of Transport will be consulted.	

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
		activities, that the Department of Transport is consulted.		
	On 22 October 2021, Woodside emailed DoT (**Appendix F**, reference 2.19) and provided a copy of the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**).	On 29 October 2021, DoT acknowledged receipt of the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan and that it would review and respond with any comments.	Woodside notes DoT has received the consultation materials. No response required.	
Commonwealth Fisheries				
North-West Slope Trawl Fishery	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the North-West Slope Trawl Fishery (**Appendix F**, reference 1.10) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DAWE, AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia and WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery (**Appendix F**, reference 1.10) advising that:	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DAWE, AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia and WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area.

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	• Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery (**Appendix F**, reference 1.10) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DAWE, AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia and WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. As the representative industry body, Woodside notes WAFIC's advice that it supports the ongoing maintenance of the RTM. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of

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	On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 3.5) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Western Skipjack Fishery	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Western Skipjack Fishery (**Appendix F**, reference 1.10) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DAWE, AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia and WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
State Fisheries				
Pilbara Line Fishery	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Pilbara Line Fishery (**Appendix F**, reference 1.10) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA and individual relevant Licence holders. As the representative industry body, Woodside notes WAFIC's advice that it supports the ongoing maintenance of the RTM.

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	• Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			Woodside has assessed the relevancy of State fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Pilbara Line Fishery advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.8) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			
Industry				
BHP	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed BHP (**Appendix F**, reference 1.11) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the	On 27 September 2021, BHP responded advising that it had reviewed the information and had no comments.	Woodside notes BHP has received the consultation materials. No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed BHP advising of the proposed activity (Appendix F, reference 2.9) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and Titleholder map.	No feedback received.	No response required.	
Santos	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Santos (**Appendix F**, reference 1.11) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Santos advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.9) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and Titleholder map.			

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
INPEX	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed INPEX advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.9) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and Titleholder map.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Shell	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Shell (**Appendix F**, reference 1.11) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
KUFPEC	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed KUFPEC (**Appendix F**, reference 1.11) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

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	removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			
Chevron	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Chevron (**Appendix F**, reference 1.11) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Industry representative organisations				
APPEA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed APPEA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that:	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	• Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed APPEA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
CFA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the CFA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.12) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted relevant Commonwealth fishery stakeholders including DAWE, AFMA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia, WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevance of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	• Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 3.6) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
ASBTIA	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed ASBTIA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.2) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted relevant Commonwealth fishery stakeholders including DAWE, AFMA, CFA, Tuna Australia, WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevance of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
Tuna Australia	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Tuna Australia advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.2) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted relevant Commonwealth fishery stakeholders including DAWE, AFMA, CFA, ASBTIA, WAFIC and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area.

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				Woodside has assessed the relevance of Commonwealth fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
PPA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the PPA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.13) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	On 22 October 2021, PPA responded thanking Woodside for the update.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted relevant State fishery stakeholders including WAFIC, DPIRD and relevant Licence holders. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of State fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2** of this EP. Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the PPA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.10) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.			
	On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed PPA providing it with an update that Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery had			

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	been identified as a relevant fishery and licence holders would be consulted (**Appendix F**, reference 3.3).			
Recfishwest	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Recfishwest (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted WA Game Fishing Club, Marine Tourism Association of WA and individual relevant charter operators. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Recfishwest advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Marine Tourism Association of WA	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Marine Tourism Association of WA (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted Recfishwest, WA Game Fishing Club and individual relevant charter operators. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests

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	• Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Marine Tourism Association of WA advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
WA Game Fishing Association	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the WA Game Fishing Association (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted Recfishwest, Marine Tourism Association of WA and individual relevant charter operators. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed WA Game Fishing Association advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
WAFIC	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed WAFIC (**Appendix F**, reference 1.14) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	On 19 October 2021, WAFIC responded thanking Woodside for the update and advised that WAFIC has no additional comments regarding the proposal at this stage.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted AFMA, DAWE, CFA, ASBTIA, Tuna Australia, PPA and individual Licence holders who have an entitlement to fish in the area. Woodside has assessed the relevancy of Commonwealth and State fisheries issues in **Section 4.9.2.** Woodside will provide notifications to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) prior to the commencement and at the end of the activity, as referenced as **Control 3.2** in this EP. Woodside notes WAFIC's advice that it supports the ongoing maintenance of the RTM. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed WAFIC advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.7) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet, and fisheries map.	On 19 October 2021, WAFIC responded thanking Woodside for its consultation information and advised that WAFIC supports the ongoing monitoring and	On 21 October 2021, Woodside responded to WAFIC thanking it for its feedback.	

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	On 15 October 2021, Woodside emailed WAFIC advising that consultation feedback concludes on 19 October 2021 and that Woodside would welcome any feedback WAFIC may have. On 19 October 2021, Woodside emailed AFMA providing it with an update that Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery had been identified as a relevant fishery and licence holders would be consulted (**Appendix F**, reference 3.4).	maintenance of the RTM, with a long-term proposal to remove the turret mooring.		and no further consultation is required.
Other stakeholders				
Exmouth-based charter boat, tourism and dive operators	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Exmouth-based charter boat, tourism and dive operators (**Appendix F**, reference 1.1) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Exmouth-based charter boat, tourism and	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has consulted Recfishwest, Marine Tourism Association of WA and WA Game Fishing Association. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	dive operators advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Cape Conservation Group (CCG)	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the CCG (**Appendix F**, reference 1.15) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the CCG advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.11) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Protect Ningaloo	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed Protect Ningaloo (**Appendix F**, reference 1.16) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests

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	• Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed Protect Ningaloo advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.1) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			and no further consultation is required.
Exmouth Community Reference Group (CRG)	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Exmouth CRG (**Appendix F**, reference 1.17) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	separate environmental approval.			
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Community Reference Group advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.12) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Exmouth Game Fishing Club	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Exmouth Game Fishing Club (**Appendix F**, reference 1.18) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Exmouth Game Fishing Club advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.13) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			

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Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the ECCI (**Appendix F**, reference 1.19) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed ECCI advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.14) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Shire of Exmouth	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Shire of Exmouth (**Appendix F**, reference 1.20) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval.			
	On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Shire of Exmouth advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.15) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Advisory Committee	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Ningaloo Coast world Heritage Advisory Committee (**Appendix F**, reference 1.21) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Advisory Committee advising of the proposed activity (**Appendix F**, reference 2.16) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			
Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation	On 23 September 2021, Woodside emailed the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation, via their nominated representative YMAC. (**Appendix F**, reference 1.22) advising that: • Re-purposing of the RTM as an IAR was no longer being pursued. • Woodside was now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area. • An EP revision for the ongoing management of the RTM would be progressed. • Future evaluation of decommissioning options for removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a separate environmental approval. On 5 October 2021, Woodside emailed the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation, via YMAC, advising of the proposed activity	No feedback received.	No response required.	Woodside has provided sufficient information and opportunity to respond. Woodside considers this adequately addresses stakeholder interests and no further consultation is required.

Stakeholder	Information provided	Relevant person response	Woodside response	Woodside assessment and outcome
	(**Appendix F**, reference 2.17) and provided a Consultation Information Sheet.			

5.6 Ongoing Stakeholder Consultation

Woodside is committed to the engagements listed in **Table 5-3**, based on stakeholder feedback. Woodside has established and maintains a publicly available interactive map, to provide stakeholders with updated information on activities being conducted as part of the Petroleum Activities Program particularly during SIMOPS.

Table 5-3: Ongoing stakeholder consultation

Stakeholder	Activity
AHO	Woodside will notify the AHO no less than 4 weeks before operations commence and provide updates to AHO on any changes to planned activities.
AMSA	Woodside will notify AMSA's JRCC at least 24-48 hours before operations commence, the start and end of operations and provide updates to AMSA on any changes in timing to planned activities.
DMIRS	Woodside will send DMIRS commencement and cessation notifications.
DoT	Woodside will consult DoT if there is a spill impacting State water from the proposed activity.
Relevant fishery stakeholders	Woodside will provide relevant fishery stakeholders with commencement and cessation of activity notifications, including AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, PPA, CFA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery).

6 ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT, PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES, STANDARDS AND MEASUREMENT CRITERIA

6.1 Overview

This section presents the risk analysis, risk evaluation and environment performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program, using the methodology described in **Section 2** of the EP.

6.2 Analysis and Evaluation

As required by Regulation 13(5) and 13(6) of the Environment Regulations, the following analysis and evaluation demonstrates that the identified impacts and risks associated with the Petroleum Activities Program are reduced to ALARP, are of an acceptable level and consider all operations of the activity, including potential emergency conditions. The impact assessment for planned activities has been based on the size of the Operational Area.

The impacts and risks identified during the ENVID workshops (including decision type, current risk level, acceptability of impacts and risks, and tools used to demonstrate acceptability and ALARP) have been divided into two broad categories:

- planned activities (routine and non-routine) that have the potential for inherent environmental impacts.
- unplanned events (accidents, incidents or emergency situations) with an environmental consequence, termed risks.

Within these categories, impact and risk assessment groupings are based on stressor type, e.g. emissions, physical presence, etc. In all cases, the worst credible consequence was assumed.

The ENVID (undertaken in accordance with the methodology described in **Section 2.3**) identified seven impacts and seven risks associated with the Petroleum Activities Program. Planned activities and unplanned events are summarised in **Table 6-1**.

The risk analysis and evaluation for the Petroleum Activities Program indicate that all of the current environmental risks and impacts associated with the activity are reduced to ALARP and are of an acceptable level as discussed further in **Sections 6.6** and **6.7**.

6.2.1 Cumulative Impacts

There are operating FPSOs in the region of the Operational Area (**Section 4.9.6**). The Ngujima Yin FPSO is the closest and is located 5 km from the Operational Area. Cumulative impacts from sources such as such as routine and non-routine discharges are therefore not expected.

There is a potential for SIMOPS to occur with activities covered under this EP and other Woodside decommissioning activities within WA-28-L. Woodside will implement a SIMOPS management plan to identify and manage any cumulative impacts and risks appropriately.

Cumulative impacts/risks have been assessed in the sections below where relevant, for example routine light emissions (**Section 6.6.5**) and acoustic emissions (**Section 6.6.6**).

Table 6-1: Environmental impact analysis summary of planned activities

Aspect	EP Section	Impact/Consequence				Acceptability of Impact
		Impact/consequence	Potential impact/consequence level[1]	Likelihood	Current Risk Rating	
Planned Activities (Routine and Non-routine)						
Physical presence: Interactions with Other Marine Users	6.6.1	E	Social and Cultural – Slight, short-term impact (<1 year) to a community or areas/items of cultural significance	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Physical presence: Seabed Disturbance	6.6.2	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Routine discharges: Project Vessels	6.6.3	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Routine and Non-routine Discharges: IMR Activities	6.6.4	F	Environment – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Routine Light Emissions	6.6.5	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Routine Acoustic Emissions	6.6.6	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Routine and Non-routine Atmospheric Emissions	6.6.7	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	-	-	Broadly acceptable
Unplanned Events (Accidents/Incidents)						
Unplanned Hydrocarbon Release: Vessel Collision	6.7.2	D	Environment – Minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystems function), physical or biological attributes Social and Cultural – Minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) to a community or highly valued areas/items of cultural significance	1	M	Broadly acceptable
Unplanned Discharges: RTM	6.7.3	E	Environment – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes	2	M	Broadly acceptable
Unplanned Discharges: Deck and Subsea Spills	6.7.4	E	Environment – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes	2	M	Broadly acceptable
Unplanned Discharges: Loss of Solid Hazardous / Non-hazardous Wastes	6.7.5	F	Environment – No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors	2	L	Broadly acceptable
Physical Presence: Unplanned Disturbance to Other Marine Users	6.7.6	E	Social and Cultural – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year) to a community or highly valued areas/items of cultural significance	2	L	Broadly acceptable
Physical Presence: Vessel collision with Marine Fauna	6.7.7	E	Environment – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes	1	L	Broadly acceptable
Physical Presence: Disturbance to Seabed from Dropped Objects and Accidental Sinking of RTM	6.7.8	F	Environment – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes Social and Cultural – Slight, short term local impact (<1 year) to a community or highly valued areas/items of cultural significance	1-2	L	Broadly acceptable
Physical Presence: Accidental Introduction of IMS	6.7.9	D	Environment – Minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystems function), physical or biological attributes	0	L	Broadly acceptable

[1] Where risk has multiple consequence rankings, the highest consequence has been described.

6.3 Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards, and Measurement Criteria

Regulation 13(7) of the Environment Regulations requires that an EP includes EPOs, EPSs and MC that address legislative and other controls to manage the environmental risks of the activity to ALARP and Acceptable levels.

EPOs, EPSs and MC for the Petroleum Activity Program have been identified to allow Woodside's environmental performance to be measured and through the implementation of this EP, to determine whether the EPOs and EPSs have been met.

The EPOs, EPSs and MC specified are consistent with legislative requirements and Woodside's standards and procedures. They have been developed based on the legislation, codes and standards, good industry practices and professional judgement outlined in **Section 2.7.2**, as part of the acceptability and ALARP justification process.

The EPOs, EPSs and MC are presented throughout this section and in **Appendix D** (Oil Spill Preparedness and Response). A breach of these EPOs or EPSs, constitutes a 'Recordable Incident' under the Environment Regulations (refer to **Section 7.8**).

6.4 Presentation

The environmental impact and risk analysis and evaluation (ALARP and acceptability), EPOs, EPSs and MC are presented in tabular form throughout this section, as shown in the sample below. Italicised text in this example table denotes the purpose of each part of the table, with reference to the relevant sections of the Regulations and/or this EP.

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Description of potential impacts to environmental values aligned to Woodside Risk Matrix consequence descriptors.				
Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[4]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
ALARP/Hierarchy of Control Tools Used - Section 2.7				
Summary of control considered to ensure the impacts and risks are continuously reduced to ALARP. *Regulation 13(5)(c).*	*Technical/logistical feasibility of the control.* *Cost/sacrifice required to implement the control (qualitative measure).*	*Qualitative commentary of impact/risk that could be averted/ environmental benefit gained if the cost/ sacrifice is made and the control is adopted.*	*Proportionality of cost/sacrifice vs environmental benefit. If proportionate (benefits outweigh costs), the control will be adopted. If disproportionate (costs outweigh benefits), the control will not be adopted.*	*If control is adopted, reference to Control No. provided.*
ALARP Statement Made on the basis of the environmental risk/impact assessment outcomes, use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type (**Section 2.7**) and a proportionality assessment. Regulation 10A (b).				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement Made on the basis of applying the process described in **Section 2.7** taking into account internal and external expectations, risk/impact to environmental thresholds and use of environment decision principles. Regulation 10A(c)

EPOs, EPSs and MC			
Environmental Performance Outcomes	***Controls***	***Environmental Performance Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO No. **S**: *Specific performance that addresses the legislative and other controls that manage the activity, and against which performance by Woodside in protecting the environment will be measured.* **M**: *Performance against the outcome will be measured through implementation of the controls via the MC.* **A**: *Achievability/feasibility of the outcome demonstrated via discussion of feasibility of controls in ALARP demonstration. Controls are directly linked to the outcome.* **R**: *The outcome will be relevant to the source of risk/impact and the potentially impacted environmental value*[5]	**C No.** *Identified control adopted to ensure that the impacts and risks are continuously reduced to ALARP.* *Regulation 13(5) (c).*	**PS No.** *Statement of the performance required of a control measure. Regulation 13(7)(a).*	**MC No.** *Measurement criteria for determining whether the outcomes and standards have been met. Regulation 13(7)(c).*

[4] Qualitative measure

[5] Where impact/consequence descriptors are capitalised and presented within EPOs in **Section 6** performance level corresponds with those aligned with the Woodside Risk Matrix (refer **Section 2.6)**

EPOs, EPSs and MC			
Environmental Performance Outcomes	***Controls***	***Environmental Performance Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
***T**: The outcome will state the timeframe during which the outcome will apply or by which it will be achieved.*			

6.5 Environment Risks/Impacts not Deemed Credible

The ENVID identified a number of environmental risks that were assessed as not being applicable (not credible) (refer **Section 2.5**) within or outside the Operational Area as a result of the Petroleum Activities Program, and therefore, which were determined to not form part of this EP. These are described in the following sections for information only.

6.5.1 Shallow/Nearshore Activities

The Petroleum Activities Program is located in waters about 400–600 m deep and about 33 km from nearest landfall (North West Cape). Consequently, risks associated with shallow/nearshore activities such as anchoring and vessel grounding were assessed as not credible.

6.5.2 Loss of Hydrocarbons to the Marine Environment from Bunkering

Bunkering will not occur within the Operational Area during the Petroleum Activities Program. Consequently, impacts and risks associated with a loss of hydrocarbons to the marine environment from bunkering are not addressed in this EP.

6.5.3 External Corrosion and Breakdown of the RTM during the Additional Period of Preservation

The external surface of the RTM has been installed with an anti-corrosion coating system (epoxy and paint overcoats) as the primary system of corrosion control. The coating system prevents contact between the steel and oxygenated seawater, thereby preventing corrosion by oxidisation. A cathodic protection system (aluminium sacrificial anodes) has also been installed to provide protection for any imperfections in the external coating system. These imperfections include damage to the coating system, experienced during installation or operation, *in situ* coating degradation or mechanical damage, or coating discontinuities.

In April 2021 a full Offshore In-Water Survey (OIWS) was performed including fifty-five through wall thickness measurements over compartments 1 through 11 with no measurable corrosion present over the RTM outer shell wall. As there has not been any recordable corrosion over the past 15 years of in water service, external corrosion of the RTM outer shell is not expected to occur during the additional period of preservation, and consequently impacts to the marine environment from corrosion were considered not credible.

6.6 Planned Activities (Routine and Non-routine)

6.6.1 Physical Presence: Interaction with Other Marine Users

Context		
RTM– **Section 3.5.1** RTM IMR Activities – **Section 3.9.4.1** Subsea IMR Activities – **Section 3.10** Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Socio-economic and Cultural – **Section 4.9** Environment – **Section 4.9**	Stakeholder Consultation – **Section 5**

Impact Evaluation Summary														
Source of Impact	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***							
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Presence of project vessels causing interference with or displacement to third-party vessels						X	A	E	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 1, 2 and 3
Continued presence of RTM causing interference with or displacement to third party vessels						X	A	E	-	-			
Presence of subsea infrastructure causing interference with or displacement to commercial fishing						X	A	F	-	-			

Description of Source of Impact
Presence of project vessels Up to two project vessels will be required to undertake IMR activities on the RTM and subsea infrastructure within the Operational Area (refer to **Section 3.11**). IMR activities for topsides inspection are expected to be conducted over a period of 1 - 3 days whilst any additional in-water survey would be conducted over up to a 7 day period. A 500 m operational exclusion zone (temporary) will be in place around the project vessel when undertaking IMR activities. The presence of project vessels in the Operational Area presents an opportunity for interaction with third-party marine users. ***Presence of the RTM*** The RTM is a floating, partially submerged structure that is maintained in position by mooring lines. The presence of the RTM within the Operational Area may present a navigational hazard to shipping and commercial fishing activities, resulting in displacement of third party vessels. The RTM is located within an established 500 m petroleum safety zone and is clearly marked on current nautical charts.

While the FPSO was connected to the RTM during production operations, it is not uncommon for FPSO facilities to disconnect from RTM systems (e.g. to avoid cyclones, dry dock for major repairs). As such, the need for other users to avoid the RTM when the FPSO is absent is not considered unusual.

The RTM is approximately 6 m above the sea surface and is coated in high visibility paint, as per good maritime practice for fixed hazards; navigation warning lights and passive radar reflectors are also fitted to the RTM. The outer casing of the RTM is constructed of steel and is reflective. These measures result in a clear signal return for anti-collision radars fitted on-board commercial vessels. Additionally, an active radar reflector was installed on the RTM in March 2020 to enhance the detectability of the RTM by returning a positive signal in response to shipboard radar.

The potential for a vessel collision with the RTM resulting in a hydrocarbon spill is addressed in **Section 6.7.2**.

Presence of subsea infrastructure

Subsea infrastructure will be retained *in situ* in a preserved state (i.e. production system flushed of hydrocarbons, filled with preservation fluid at hydrostatic pressure) for future field decommissioning.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Interference with commercial shipping

The presence of project vessels and the RTM within the Operational Area could potentially cause disruption to commercial shipping. Consultation with AMSA confirms that vessel traffic may be encountered within the Operational Area. However, it is noted that no shipping fairways intersect the Operational Area. The nearest shipping fairway designated by AMSA lies approximately 40 km north-west of the Operational Area. Additionally, in the vicinity of the Operational Area, vessel tracking data provided by AMSA indicate that the majority of traffic will be vessels associated with existing oil and gas infrastructure (**Section 4.9.2**).

There may be commercial vessels infrequently transiting through the Operational Area. The use of the shipping fairways is strongly recommended by AMSA, but is not mandatory, and shipping vessels still have to adhere to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, as implemented under Australian laws and regulations. The potential impacts could include short-term displacement of vessels as they make slight course alterations to avoid project vessels.

Displacement or Interference with commercial fishing activity

The Operational Area overlaps with a number of Commonwealth and State managed commercial fishery management areas (**Section 4.9.2**). However, only one State managed fishery; the Pilbara Line Fishery (PLF) and one Commonwealth managed fishery: the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery (WDTF), are considered to be active in the vicinity of the Operational Area.

The Operational Area sits on the border of two CAES blocks for the PLF, one of which has consistently reported effort every year since 2009 (**Section 4.9.2**). It is mostly likely that the PLF targets waters to the east of the Operational Area towards the Pilbara coast and Montebello Islands; however, there is a possibility that interactions with the fishery will occur within the Operational Area.

The Operational Area partially overlaps the management area for the WDTF. In 2020, fishing effort was reported within the Operational Area (Patterson et al., 2021), although no effort was reported during 2016-2019. The distribution of fishing effort is primarily concentrated south-west of the Operational Area, in the area offshore and slightly south of Shark Bay (Patterson et al., 2021). However, there is a possibility that interactions with the fishery will occur within the Operational Area.

During IMR activities, vessels in the Operational Area may restrict the use of the area by the PLF and WDTF, and any other commercial fisheries that have been identified as having potential (but are unlikely) to use the Operational Area. Potential impacts to commercial fishing activities within the Operational Area are considered to be localised displacement/avoidance by fishing vessels within the immediate vicinity of vessels. Use will particularly be restricted by the 500 m operational exclusion zone (temporary) that will be established around the vessel when undertaking IMR activities. However, because vessels will be in the area for short periods over a defined amount of time, and because the fisheries' areas extend beyond the Operational Area, impacts during IMR activities will be negligible with no lasting effect.

The NGA facility commenced operations in 2006, and the RTM remains marked on standard nautical charts. The RTM has an established 500 m petroleum safety zone. Given the period in which the facility had been in operation and the location being marked on nautical charts, commercial fishers are expected to be aware of the infrastructure.

The PLF and WDTF are the only active fisheries within the Operational Area. No trawling occurs in the PLF, and therefore the WDTF is the only fishery with the potential for interaction with subsea infrastructure. However, any disturbance will be limited to the immediate vicinity of subsea infrastructure, and because the WDTF fishing area extends beyond Operational Area, any impacts are expected to be negligible with no lasting effect.

No claims or objections were raised by participants in fisheries that overlap the Operational Area during consultation.

Displacement of recreational fishing activity

Recreational fishing and nature-based tourism in the region is concentrated in shallow coastal waters, particularly those in proximity to access nodes such as boat ramps. Recreational fishing is unlikely to occur in the Operational Area given the water depth (400–600 m), lack of reef habitat hosting sought-after demersal species, and distance offshore (47 km from Tantabiddi boat ramp). Additionally, consultation in relation to the Petroleum Activities Program indicated no claims or objections were raised by recreational fishers. No tourism operators have been documented in the Operational Area since commencement of NGA operations in 2006. As such, no impacts to recreational fishing and tourism are expected during the Petroleum Activities Program. If recreational fishing effort occurred within the Operational Area while IMR activities are being performed, displacement as a result of the Petroleum Activities Program would be minimal and relate only to the temporary operational exclusion zone (500 m radius) that would be in place around the vessels during IMR activities or the 500 m petroleum safety zone around the RTM. The potential impact to recreational fishers is expected to be negligible with no lasting effect. ***Interference with existing oil and gas infrastructure*** Interactions with operators of other nearby facilities have the potential to occur, including the Ngujima Yin FPSO (4 km north-east of the Operational Area), Ningaloo Vision FPSO (8 km north-east of the Operational Area) and the Pyrenees Venture FPSO (9 km south-east of the Operational Area). This would mainly be as a result of project-based vessel movements to and from the Operational Area not covered within this EP. Stakeholder consultation did not identify any concerns for impacts to other operators in proximity to the Operational Area (**Section 5**). **Section 6.2.1** outlines potential for cumulative impacts from SIMOPS with other Woodside decommissioning activities within WA-28-L. Interference with other aerial operations
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that the physical presence of the RTM, project vessels and subsea infrastructure will not result in a potential impact greater than isolated and short-term impact to shipping, commercial/recreational fishing or oil and gas interests with a consequence of slight or lower. Vessel-based activities for the Petroleum Activities Program will lead to a small increase in the overall vessel traffic in the Operational Area. However, no cumulative impacts from the interference with or displacement of third party vessels are expected.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)**[6]	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Active and passive radar reflectors and navigation lights maintained on RTM.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost, standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 1.1
500 m petroleum safety zone established around RTM.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 2.1
500 m operational exclusion zone established	F: Yes	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other	Controls based on legislative	Yes C 2.2

[6] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[6]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
around the project vessels during IMR activities.	CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	requirements – must be adopted.	
Good Practice				
Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practice.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged or loses station as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 2.3
AHO notified of activity no less than four working weeks prior to undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Notification to AHO will enable them to generate navigation warnings (Maritime Safety Information Notifications (MSIN) and Notices to Mariners (NTM) (including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant)).	Control is Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.1
Notify relevant fishing industry government departments, representative bodies and licence holders of activities prior to commencement and upon completion of activities.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.2
Notify AMSA JRCC of activities 24–48 hours of undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.3
Notify relevant stakeholders for activities that commence more than a year after EP acceptance.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.4

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[6]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
		of interfering with other marine users.		
Establish and maintain a publicly available interactive map which provides stakeholders with updated information on activities being conducted as part of the Petroleum Activities Program particularly during SIMOPS.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practice.	Interactive map provides additional alternate method for marine users to obtain information on the timing of activities, thereby reducing the likelihood of interference with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 3.5
Notify AHO and AMSA of any extended delay in the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 3.6
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Sink RTM to seabed to remove hazard to other users, rather than extend the period of presence on station[7].	F: Yes. Sinking the RTM to the seabed would result in reduced hazard at surface. However, it may not be feasible to recover fully once on the seabed. CS: Sinking followed by recovery of the RTM for disposal would impose significant cost upon the Petroleum Activities Program. A vessel and specialised equipment capable of securing and lifting the RTM from the seabed would need to be procured to recover the RTM.	While it is feasible to sink the RTM to reduce the surface hazard to other users, it will move the impact to the sea floor, and may not be feasible to recover.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice involved with removal of the RTM from the sea floor (if even possible) grossly outweighs the environmental benefit gained. Given the period in which the facility had been in operation and the location being marked on nautical charts, other marine users are expected to be aware of the infrastructure and continued presence of the RTM is not considered a significant	No

[7] In the unlikely event the RTM was to partially sink in the water column, Woodside would re-evaluate RTM removal options including the benefits of fully sinking the RTM to the seabed to remove the navigational hazard and then facilitate seabed removal where practicable. Unplanned impacts to other marine users in the event the RTM was to sink are addressed in **Section 6.7.6**

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[6]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
			navigational hazard.	
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of the presence of the RTM, project vessels and subsea infrastructure on other users, such as commercial fisheries, recreational fishing and shipping. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement
The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, the presence of the RTM, project vessels and subsea infrastructure on other users represents a consequence to commercial fishing, recreational fishing and shipping activities within the Operational Area limited to slight. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet requirements of Australian Marine Orders, and expectations of stakeholders (including AMSA and AHO) determined during consultation. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of presence of the RTM, project vessels and subsea infrastructure on other users to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 1 No unplanned interactions between RTM and marine users.	**C 1.1** Active and passive radar reflectors and navigation lights maintained on RTM.	**PS 1.1** Active and passive radar reflectors and navigation lights to be maintained in functional order.	**MC 1.1.1** Records confirm that navigation warning lights are functioning and RTM is clearly detectable by radar.
EPO 2 Prevent adverse interactions between vessels/RTM and other marine users during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 2.1** 500 m petroleum safety zone established around RTM.	**PS 2.1** No adverse interactions between vessels/RTM.	**MC 2.1.1** Records of adverse interactions in 500 m petroleum safety zone with other marine users are recorded.
	C 2.2 500 m operational exclusion zone established around the project vessels during IMR activities.	**PS 2.2** No adverse interactions between vessels.	**MC 2.2.1** Records of adverse interactions in 500 m operational exclusion

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
			zone with other marine users are recorded.
	C 2.3 Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.	**PS 2.3** RTM is monitored weekly visually and remotely to check for submergence and check that navigation systems are operational.	**C 2.3.1** Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.
EPO 3 Marine users aware of the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 3.1** AHO notified of activity no less than four working weeks prior to undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	**PS 3.1** AHO notified of activities and movements to allow generation of navigation warnings (MSIN and NTM [including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant])	**MC 3.1.1** Consultation records demonstrate that AHO has been notified prior to commencement of an activity to allow generation of navigation warnings (MSIN and NTM [including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant]).
	C 3.2 Notify relevant fishing industry government departments, representative bodies and licence holders of activities prior to commencement and upon completion of activities.	**PS 3.2** AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, CFA, WAFIC, PPA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) notified prior to commencement and upon completion of activities.	**MC 3.2.1** Consultation records demonstrate that AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, CFA, WAFIC, PPA and relevant Fishery Licence Holders (Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Pilbara Line Fishery) have been notified prior to commencement and upon completion of activities.
	C 3.3 Notify AMSA JRCC of activities 24–48 hours of undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	**PS 3.3** Notification to AMSA JRCC 24-48 hours prior to the scheduled commencement date.	**MC 3.3.1** Consultation records demonstrate that AMSA JRCC has been notified prior to commencement of the activity within required timeframes.
	C 3.4 Notify relevant stakeholders for activities that commence more than a year after EP acceptance.	**PS 3.4** Relevant stakeholders will be notified of activities that commence more than a year after EP acceptance.	**MC 3.4.1** Records demonstrate relevant stakeholders have been notified of activities commencing more than a year after EP acceptance.
	C 3.5 Establish and maintain a publicly available interactive map which provides stakeholders with updated information on activities being conducted as part of the	**PS 3.5** Activity interactive map established and maintained throughout activities.	**MC 3.5.1** Records demonstrate interactive map was provided and available to stakeholders throughout activities.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	Petroleum Activities Program particularly during SIMOPS.		
	C 3.6 Notify AHO and AMSA of any extended delay in the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program	**PS 3.6** AHO and AMSA notified of any extended delay in the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program.	**MC 3.6.1** Consultation records demonstrate that AHO and AMSA were notified of extended delays in the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program.

6.6.2 Physical Presence: Seabed Disturbance

Context	
Subsea IMR Activities – **Section 3.10**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impact Evaluation Summary

Source of Impact	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Disturbance to the seabed from the deployment of subsea equipment during IMR activities.	X	X		X			A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 4
Disturbance to seabed from subsea cleaning for IMR activities (marine growth removal and sediment relocation).	X	X		X			A	F	-	-			

Description of Source of Impact

Deployment of subsea equipment

IMR activities are typically undertaken using an ROV. The use of the ROVs may result in temporary seabed disturbance and suspension of sediment as a result of working close to, or occasionally on, the seabed. ROV use close to or on the seabed is limited to that required for effective and safe subsea activities. The footprint of a typical work class ROV is approximately 2.5 m by 7 m.

IMR activities often require deployment of frames/baskets which are temporarily placed on the seabed with a footprint of about 15 m^2. Frames/baskets have a perforated base, and are removed from the seabed at the end of the activity.

Subsea cleaning and sediment relocation

Excess marine growth may need to be removed from subsea infrastructure using an ROV before performing IMR activities. Marine growth removal methods may use either brushes mounted to an ROV, water jetting, or acid (typically sulphamic acid) (refer to **Section 3.10.4**). Sediment build-up around infrastructure may need to be relocated using a water jet or ROV-mounted suction pump.

Subsea cleaning and sediment removal have the potential to result in localised seabed disturbance, sediment relocation and temporary increased turbidity. Residual cleaning debris and water on project vessels will be managed in line with the routine vessel discharges approach.

Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
Benthic habitats within the Operational Area consist of soft, unconsolidated sediments which host sparse assemblages of filter- and deposit-feeding epifauna and infauna, as well as demersal fishes. These soft sediment habitats, and associated biological communities are widely represented throughout the NWMR and are not considered to be of particular conservation significance. ROV activities near the seafloor (including deployment of a frame/basket) will affect a small footprint on the seabed within the Operational Area, and may result in localised, short-term disturbance to the seabed from direct placement of the ROV basket and elevated turbidity from movement of the ROV. Impacts to environmental receptors are therefore expected to be slight, particularly given the soft sediments and low densities of benthic organisms at the water depths of the Operational Area. The use of ROVs near the seabed is expected to lead to localised, temporary resuspension of sediments. Sediments in the Operational Area are characterised by silts and muds. Given the discrete, one-off nature of ROV activities, sediment resuspension events will be of short duration and involve relatively small quantities of sediment. Impacts are expected to consist of a short duration increase in total suspended sediment load in the vicinity of the Operational Area. Sedimentation is a naturally occurring process, and benthic organisms are adapted to survive sedimentation. Water jetting to remove marine growth on the subsea infrastructure will result in temporary suspension of organic matter and localised increase in turbidity. Sediment relocation will also result in elevated turbidity. However, elevated turbidity would only be expected to be very localised and temporary, and is therefore not expected to have any significant impact to environment receptors, particularly given the low densities of benthic organisms at the water depths of the Operational Area. ***KEFs*** The ecological values of the Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula KEF (and the Enfield Canyon in particular) include the potential of enhanced productivity due to upwelling and increased connectivity between the continental shelf and the deep ocean. Woodside's environmental survey of the Enfield Canyon indicated that the canyon habitat hosts more diverse and abundant fish assemblages relative to surrounding non-canyon habitat. While the Operational Area overlaps a small portion of the Canyons KEF, the ecological functions of the Canyons KEF (enhanced upwelling, conduit between continental shelf and deep sea, diverse biological assemblages) are not predicted to be impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, seabed disturbance will be limited to localised impacts to benthic habitat, water quality and marine sediment within the Operational Area, with no lasting effect.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[8]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
No additional controls identified.				

[8] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[8]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Do not use ROV close to, or on, the seabed.	F: No. The use of ROVs (including work close to or occasionally landed on the seabed) is critical as the ROV is the main tool used to guide and manipulate equipment during activities. ROV usage is already limited to only that required to conduct the work effectively and safely. Due to visibility and operational issues ROV work on or close to the seabed is avoided unless necessary. CS: Not considered – control not feasible	Not considered – control not feasible	Not considered – control not feasible	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts of disturbance to the seabed from IMR activities. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts without disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, disturbance to the seabed from IMR activities represents a consequence to benthic community/habitat structure limited to no lasting effect. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet the requirements of Woodside's relevant systems and procedures. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of seabed disturbance to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***

6.6.3 Routine Discharges: Project Vessels

Context													
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**							Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**						
Impact Evaluation Summary													
Source of Impact	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Routine discharge of sewage, grey water and putrescible wastes to marine environment from project vessels.		X					A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 5
Routine discharge of deck and bilge water to marine environment from project vessels.		X					A	F	-	-			
Routine discharge of brine and cooling water to the marine environment from project vessels.		X					A	F	-	-			

Description of Source of Impact
Project vessels routinely generate/discharge the following: • **Sewage, greywater and putrescible waste:** Small volumes of treated sewage, grey water and putrescible wastes to the marine environment (impact assessment based on approximate discharge of 15 m³ per vessel per day), using an average volume of 75 L/person/day and a maximum of 200 persons on board. However, it is noted that project vessels used for IMR activities will have considerably less persons on board. • **Bilge water:** Routine/periodic discharge of relatively small volumes of bilge water. Bilge tanks on project vessels receive fluids from many parts of the vessel. Bilge water can contain water, oil, detergents, solvents, chemicals, particles and other liquids, solids or chemicals. • **Deck drainage:** Variable water discharge from project vessel decks directly overboard or via deck drainage systems. Water sources could include rainfall events and/or from deck activities such as cleaning/wash-down of equipment/decks. • **Brine and cooling water:** Cooling water from machinery engines and brine water produced during the desalination process of reverse osmosis to produce potable water on board project vessels. Environmental risk relating to the disposal/discharges above regulated levels or incorrect disposal/discharge of waste would be unplanned (non-routine/accidental) and are addressed in **Section 6.7.4**.
Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
The main environmental impact associated with ocean disposal of sewage and other organic wastes (i.e. putrescible waste) is eutrophication. Eutrophication occurs when the addition of nutrients, such as nitrates and phosphates, causes adverse changes to the ecosystem, such as oxygen depletion and phytoplankton blooms. Other contaminants of

concern occurring in these discharges may include ammonia, *E. coli*, faecal coliform, volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, phenol, hydrogen sulphide, metals, surfactants and phthalates. Woodside monitored sewage discharges at its Torosa-4 Appraisal Drilling campaign which demonstrated that a 10 m^3 sewage discharge reduced to about 1% of its original concentration within 50 m of the discharge location. In addition to this, monitoring at distances of 50, 100 and 200 m downstream of the platform and at five different water depths confirmed that discharges were rapidly diluted and no elevations in water quality monitoring parameters (e.g. total nitrogen, total phosphorous and selected metals) were recorded above background levels at any station (Woodside Energy Limited, 2011). Mixing and dispersion would be further facilitated in deep offshore waters, consistent with the location of the Operational Area, through regional wind and large scale current patterns resulting in the rapid mixing of surface and near surface waters where sewage discharges may occur. Studies investigating the effects of nutrient enrichment from offshore sewage discharges indicate that the influence of nutrients in open marine areas is much less significant than that experienced in enclosed areas (McIntyre and Johnston, 1975). Furthermore, open marine waters do not typically support areas of increased ecological sensitivity, due to the lack of nutrients in the upper water column and lack of light penetration at depth. Therefore, presence of receptors, such as fish, reptiles, birds and cetaceans in significant numbers within the Operational Area is unlikely. Research also suggests that zooplankton composition and distribution are not affected in areas associated with sewage dumping grounds (McIntyre and Johnston, 1975). Plankton communities are expected to rapidly recover from any such short-term, localised impact, as they are known to have naturally high levels of mortality and a rapid replacement rate. Additional discharges outlined, which may include other non-organic contaminants (e.g. bilge water), will be rapidly diluted through the same mechanisms as above and are expected to be in very small quantities and concentrations as to not pose any significant risk to any relevant receptors. As such, no significant impacts from the planned (routine and non-routine) discharges that are listed above are anticipated because of the minor quantities involved, the expected localised mixing zone and high level of dilution into the open water marine environment of the Operational Area. The Operational Area is more than 12 nm from land, which exceeds the 12 nm exclusion zones required under relevant Marine Orders. Routine discharges are expected to be intermittent in nature for the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program. Therefore, cumulative impacts to water quality within the Operational Area are expected to be localised and short-term with no lasting effect. It is possible that protected marine fauna transiting the localised area may come into contact with these discharges (e.g. as they traverse the Operational Area during their seasonal migrations (**Section 4.6**). However, given the localised extent of cumulative impacts from multiple vessel discharges within the Operational Area, impacts to marine fauna are not expected.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that routine discharges described will not result in a potential impact greater than localised contamination not significant to environmental receptors, with no lasting effect.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[9]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction[10]***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Marine Order 95 – pollution prevention – garbage (as appropriate to vessel class) which requires putrescible waste and food scraps to pass through a macerator so it is capable of passing through a screen with no opening wider than 25 mm.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	No reduction in likelihood or consequence would result.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 5.1

[9] Qualitative measure

[10] Measured in terms of reduction of likelihood (L), consequence (C) and current risk rating (CRR)

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[9]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction[10]***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Marine Order 96 – pollution prevention – sewage (as appropriate to vessel class) which includes the following requirements: • a valid International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate, as required by vessel class • an AMSA-approved sewage treatment plant • a sewage comminuting and disinfecting system • a sewage holding tank sized appropriately to contain all generated waste (black and grey water) • discharge of sewage which is not comminuted or disinfected will only occur at a distance of more than 12 nm from the nearest land • discharge of sewage which is comminuted or disinfected using a certified approved sewage treatment plant will only occur at a distance of more than 3 nm from the nearest land • discharge of sewage will occur at a moderate rate while support vessel is proceeding (> 4 knots), to avoid discharges in environmentally sensitive areas.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	No reduction in likelihood or consequence would result.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 5.2
Where there is potential for loss of primary containment of oil and chemicals on the project vessels, deck drainage will be collected via a closed drainage system.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of contaminated deck drainage water being discharged to the marine environment. No change in consequence would occur.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 5.3

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[9]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction[10]***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Marine Order 91 – oil (as relevant to vessel class) requirements, which includes mandatory measures for processing oily water prior to discharge: • machinery space bilge/oily water shall have IMO-approved oil filtering equipment (oil/water separator) with an on-line monitoring device to measure Oil in Water (OIW) content to be less than 15 ppm prior to discharge. • IMO-approved oil filtering equipment shall also have an alarm and an automatic stopping device or be capable of recirculating if OIW concentration exceeds 15 ppm. • a deck drainage system shall be capable of controlling the content of discharges for areas of high risk of fuel/oil/grease or hazardous chemical contamination. • there shall be a waste oil storage tank available, to restrict oil discharges. • if machinery space bilge discharges cannot meet the oil content standard of <15 ppm without dilution or be treated by an IMO-approved oil/water separator, they will be contained on-board and disposed onshore. • valid International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	No reduction in likelihood or consequence would result.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 5.4
Good Practice				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[9]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction[10]***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Storage, transport and treatment / disposal onshore of sewage, greywater, putrescible and bilge wastes.	F: Not feasible. Would present additional safety and hygiene hazards resulting from the storage, loading and transport of the waste material CS: Not considered – control not feasible	Not considered – control not feasible.	Not considered – control not feasible.	No
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impact of routine discharges from project vessels. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, routine discharges from project vessels is unlikely to result in a potential impact greater than temporary contamination above background levels and/or national/international quality standards and/or known biological effect concentrations outside a localised mixing zone with no lasting effect. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet legislative requirements under Marine Orders 91, 95 and 96. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts of these discharges to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 5 No impact to water quality greater than a consequence level of F[11] from discharge of sewage, greywater, putrescible wastes, bilge and deck drainage to the marine environment during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 5.1** Marine Order 95 – pollution prevention – garbage (as appropriate to vessel class) which requires putrescible waste and food scraps to pass through a macerator so it is capable of passing through a screen with no opening wider than 25 mm.	**PS 5.1** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 95 – pollution prevention – Garbage.	**MC 5.1.1** Records demonstrate activity support vessels and MODU are compliant with Marine Order 95 – pollution prevention (as appropriate to vessel class).
	C 5.2 Marine Order 96 – pollution prevention – sewage (as appropriate to vessel class) which includes the following requirements: • a valid International Sewage Pollution Prevention	**PS 5.2** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 96 – pollution prevention – sewage (as appropriate to vessel class).	**MC 5.2.1** Records demonstrate project vessels are compliant with Marine Order 96 – pollution prevention – sewage (as appropriate to vessel class).

[11] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors.'

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	Certificate, as required by vessel class • an AMSA-approved sewage treatment plant • a sewage comminuting and disinfecting system • a sewage holding tank sized appropriately to contain all generated waste (black and grey water) • discharge of sewage which is not comminuted or disinfected will only occur at a distance of more than 12 nm from the nearest land • discharge of sewage which is comminuted or disinfected using a certified approved sewage treatment plant will only occur at a distance of more than 3 nm from the nearest land • discharge of sewage will occur at a moderate rate while support vessel is proceeding (>4 knots), to avoid discharges in environmentally sensitive areas.		
	C 5.3 Where there is potential for loss of primary containment of oil and chemicals on project vessels, deck drainage will be collected via a closed drainage system. E.g. drill floor.	**PS 5.3** Contaminated drainage contained, treated and/or separated prior to discharge.	**MC 5.3.1** Records demonstrate MODU has a bilge/oily water management systems that is compliant Engineering Standard for Rig Equipment.
	C 5.4 Marine Order 91 – oil (as relevant to vessel class) requirements, which includes mandatory measures for processing oily water prior to discharge: • machinery space bilge/oily water shall have IMO-approved oil filtering equipment (oil/water separator) with an on-line monitoring device to measure OIW content to be less than 15 ppm prior to discharge. • IMO-approved oil filtering equipment shall also have an alarm and an automatic	**PS 5.4.1** Discharge of machinery space bilge/oily water will meet oil content standard of <15 ppm without dilution.	**MC 5.4.1** Records demonstrate discharge specification met for MODU and project vessels.
		PS 5.4.2 Deck drainage and bilge water will be discharged to meet the oil content standard of <15 ppm without dilution.	**MC 5.4.2** Records demonstrate maintained and up-to-date oil discharge records for the project vessels.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	stopping device or be capable of recirculating if OIW concentration exceeds 15 ppm. • a deck drainage system shall be capable of controlling the content of discharges for areas of high risk of fuel/oil/grease or hazardous chemical contamination. • there shall be a waste oil storage tank available, to restrict oil discharges. • if machinery space bilge discharges cannot meet the oil content standard of <15 ppm without dilution or be treated by an IMO-approved oil/water separator, they will be contained on-board and disposed onshore. • valid International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate.		

6.6.4 Routine and Non-routine Discharges: IMR Activities

Context	
RTM IMR Activities – **Section 3.9.4.1** Subsea IMR Activities – **Section 3.10**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impact Evaluation Summary

Source of Risk	*Environmental Value Potentially Impacted*						*Evaluation*						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Routine and non-routine discharges to the marine environment during IMR activities.		X			X		A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 6

Description of Source of Impact

Planned chemicals may be discharged in small volumes during IMR activities. All chemicals that may be released or discharged to the marine environment during the Petroleum Activities Program are assessed as per Woodside chemical selection and assessment procedure. This procedure is used to demonstrate that the potential impacts of the chemicals that may be released are acceptable and ALARP (refer to **Section 3.12**).

Chemicals that may be released during IMR activities include, but are not limited to:

- control fluid – a water-glycol based control fluid. The subsea control system is an open-loop system that releases hydraulic fluid during valve functioning
- hydrate control – monoethylene glycol (MEG) and triethylene glycol (TEG) are used for hydrate control
- scale inhibitor – scale inhibitor manages and prevents scale build-up within subsea equipment
- corrosion inhibitor/biocide – biocides prevent bacterial growth in flowlines and risers that may cause corrosion
- dye – chemical dyes incorporated in the control fluid identify the source of a leak
- acid – sulphamic (or equivalent) acid removes calcium deposits
- oxygen scavenger – oxygen scavenger de-oxygenates the pipeline to prevent corrosion and aerobic bacterial growth.

Marine growth removal

Marine growth removal from subsea infrastructure may be required. Marine growth removal may involve the following activities:

- water jetting using high pressure water to remove marine growth
- use of brushes attached to ROV
- use of acid (typically sulphamic acid) to dissolve calcium deposits
- use of sand/abrasive blasting using staurolite products (naturally occurring mineral).
- Small discharges of chemicals (e.g. sulphamic acid) or sand are likely from marine growth removal activities.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

The release of chemical discharges during IMR activities may reduce local water quality through contamination of the water column, resulting in potential adverse effects to marine biota as a result of chemical toxicity. The discharges present a risk to the marine environment due to the contaminants within them. However, the impacts are expected to be of no lasting effect due to rapid dilution in the open ocean environment. Marine fauna may be affected if they come in direct contact with a release (i.e. by traversing the immediate discharge area). Given the small volumes that represent the worst credible releases, and the dilution of any such discharge, the likelihood of ecological impacts to these marine fauna is considered to be highly unlikely. No impacts to commercial or recreational fisheries, KEFs or protected species are expected.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that routine and non-routine discharges of chemicals during IMR activities will be limited to slight, short-term impact (<1 year) on water quality, benthic habitats and species within the Operational Area due to the temporary contamination of water above background levels.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[12]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
Fluids and additives planned to be used and intended or likely to be discharged to the marine environment will have an environmental assessment completed before use.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Environmental assessment of chemicals will reduce the consequence of impacts resulting from discharges to the marine environment by ensuring chemicals have been assessed for environmental acceptability. Planned discharges are required for the safe execution of activities and therefore no reduction in likelihood can occur.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 6.1
Chemical reviews will be performed on all previously approved chemicals to confirm potential chemical impacts are reduced to ALARP.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reviews will ensure chemicals selected for drilling and completions fluids remain ALARP.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 6.2
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				

[12] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[12]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of routine and non-routine discharges of minor quantities of chemicals during IMR activities. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, routine and non-routine discharges of minor quantities of chemicals during IMR activities represent no lasting effect with only temporary contamination above background levels and/or national/international quality standards and/or known biological effect concentrations. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of these discharges to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO6 No impact to water quality or marine biota greater than a consequence level of F[13] from discharging fluids during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 6.1** Fluids and additives planned to be used and intended or likely to be discharged to the marine environment will have an environmental assessment completed before use.	**PS 6.1** All chemicals intended or likely to be discharged to the marine environment reduced to ALARP using the chemical assessment process.	**MC 6.1.1** Records demonstrate chemical selection, assessment and approval process for selected chemicals is followed.
	C 6.2 Chemical reviews will be performed on all previously approved chemicals to confirm potential chemical impacts are reduced to ALARP.	**PS6.2** Acceptability of previously approved chemicals are re-evaluated to ensure ALARP and alternatives are considered.	**MC 6.2.1** Records confirm reviews have occurred, and any actions/changes are

[13] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptor'.

6.6.5 Routine Light Emissions

Context	
Project vessels – **Section 3.11** RTM – **Section 3.5.1**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impact Evaluation Summary													
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Routine light emissions from project vessels and the RTM.					X		A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 7

Description of Source of Impact
Project vessels Routine light emissions include light sources that alter the ambient light conditions in an environment. Project vessels will routinely use external lighting to navigate and conduct safe operations at night throughout the Petroleum Activities Program. Vessel lighting will also be used to communicate the vessel's presence to other marine users (i.e. navigation/warning lights). This lighting typically consists of bright white (i.e. metal halide, halogen, fluorescent) lights, and is not dissimilar to lighting used for other offshore activities, including fishing and shipping. Lighting is required for safely operating project vessels and cannot reasonably be eliminated. Up to two project vessels will be required to complete IMR activities. External lighting is located on the vessel decks, with most external lighting directed towards working areas such as the main decks. These areas are typically <20 m above sea level. IMR activities for topsides inspection are expected to be conducted over a period of 1 - 3 days whilst any additional in-water survey would be conducted over up to a 7 day period. Both IMR activities will occur between January to May 2022. Lighting from vessels may appear as a direct light source from an unshielded lamp with direct line of sight to the observer or through sky glow. Direct lighting falling upon a surface is referred to as light spill. Sky glow is the diffuse glow caused by light that is screened from view, but through reflection and refraction creates a glow in the atmosphere. The distance at which direct light and sky glow may be visible from the source depends on the characteristics of the vessel (including height above sea level) and environmental conditions (e.g. cloud cover). ***RTM*** The RTM is fitted with two solar-powered marine navigational lights which operate at night only. Navigational lighting consists of bright white light, with a flashing sequence period of 15 seconds (s), comprised of two 0.7 s periods on/off, and a third 2.1 s period on, followed by 10.1 s off. Bird deterrent spikes are located on the top of the navigational lights. Lighting is required for safe navigation and cannot reasonably be eliminated.

Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
Receptors that have important habitat within a 20 km buffer of the Operational Area were considered for the impact assessment, based on recommendations of the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife Including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds (NLPG). The 20 km threshold provides a precautionary limit based on observed effects of sky glow on marine turtle hatchlings demonstrated to occur at 15–18 km and fledgling seabirds grounded in response to artificial light 15 km away (NLPG, 2020). Light emissions can affect fauna in two main ways:

1. *Behaviour*: Organisms are adapted to natural levels of lighting and the natural changes associated with the day and night cycle as well as the night-time phases of the moon. However, artificial lighting has the potential to create a constant level of light at night that can override these natural levels and cycles.
2. *Orientation*: Some organisms (e.g. marine turtles, birds) may also use lighting from natural sources to orient themselves in a certain direction at night. If an artificial light source is brighter than a natural source, the artificial light may override natural cues, leading to disorientation.

The fauna within and immediately adjacent to the Operational Area are predominantly pelagic fish and zooplankton, with a low abundance of transient species such as marine turtles, whale sharks, cetaceans and migratory shorebirds and seabirds. There is no known critical habitat within the Operational Area for EPBC Act listed species. However, the Operational Area overlaps a BIA (breeding and foraging) for the wedge-tailed shearwater. As described in **Table 4-9** and shown in **Figure 4-6**, internesting buffer 'Habitat Critical to the survival of the species' for flatback, green, loggerhead and hawksbill turtles are located ~2 km, ~12 km and ~31 km, respectively, from the Operational Area. However, as outlined below, internesting adult female turtles are not impacted by artificial light emissions, and it is more relevant to consider separation distances between light sources and nesting Habitat Critical for turtles – the nesting locations as identified in Table 6 of the Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017-2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).

At the closest point, the Operational Area is located:

~33 km from the nearest nesting locations for green turtles on the North West Cape

~37 km from the nearest nesting locations for loggerhead turtles on South Muiron Island

~52 km from the nearest nesting locations for hawksbill turtles on Peak Island

~63 km from the nearest nesting locations for flatback turtles on Flat Island.

Marine turtles – hatchlings

Turtle hatchlings emerge from the nest and orient towards the sea. After entering the water, hatchlings use a combination of cues (wave direction and currents) to orient and travel into offshore waters. Impacts to the sea-finding behaviour of hatchlings are more common for light sources behind a beach, as lighting offshore will orient emerging hatchlings towards the sea. Artificial light at close distances can also impact hatchling dispersal once they are in the water. Light spill may 'entrap' hatchling swimming behaviour, reducing the success of their seaward dispersion and potentially increasing their exposure to predators via silhouetting (Salmon et al., 1992).

As described above, the nearest nesting locations to the Operational Area are along the north-western extent of North West Cape (~33 km), and the western coastline of South Muiron Island (~37 km). The distance between project vessel light sources and the edge of visibility, or the visible horizon, was calculated using a manual calculation that takes atmospheric refraction into consideration (Young's method) as expressed by the formula $d = 3.86\sqrt{h}$, where 'd' is the distance to the visible horizon, and 'h' is the light source height in m. For lighting on a project vessel ~20 m above sea level, the distance to the visible horizon is approximately 16 km. Any lighting beyond this distance is below the horizon and direct light will not be visible. The RTM is approximately 6.5 km above sea level, and therefore it is expected the distance to the visible horizon from lighting will be less than that of project vessels. Therefore, direct light from the RTM and project vessels will not reach any nesting locations.

For nesting locations at both North West Cape and South Muiron Island, the light source is located directly offshore in the same direction that emerging hatchlings would be heading in anyway during normal sea-finding behaviour, meaning that no significant misorientation or disorientation would occur. Since the Operational Area is located >33 km from turtle nesting locations in the region, the risk of dispersing hatchlings becoming attracted to direct light or sky glow from the RTM/project vessels is not considered credible.

Any impacts to hatchling turtles from artificial light will be limited to possible short-term behavioural impacts to isolated individual hatchlings offshore, with no lasting effect to the species.

Marine turtles – adults

Although individuals undertaking behaviours such as internesting, migration, mating (adults) or foraging (adults and pelagic juveniles) may occur within the Operational Area, marine turtles do not use light cues to guide these behaviours. Furthermore, there is no evidence, published or anecdotal, to suggest that internesting, mating, foraging or migrating turtles are impacted by light from offshore vessels. As such, light emissions from vessels and the RTM are unlikely to result in displacement of, or behavioural changes to individuals in these life stages (PENV, 2020).

Artificial lighting may affect where nesting adult turtles emerge onto the beach, the success of nest construction, whether nesting is abandoned, and the seaward return of adults (Salmon et al., 1995a, 1995b; Salmon and Witherington, 1995). Such lighting is typically from residential and industrial development at the coastline, rather than offshore from nesting beaches. As described above, the beaches on the tip of North West Cape (~33 km from the Operational Area) and South Muiron Island (~37 km from the Operational Area) are known turtle nesting locations, however, direct light from the RTM/project vessels will not be visible to nesting adult turtles. As such, the RTM/project vessels will not discourage females from nesting, or affect nest site selection, and therefore will not displace females from nesting habitat.

The Operational Area does not contain any known critical habitat for any species of marine turtle, and no BIAs for turtles overlap the Operational Area. It is acknowledged that marine turtles may be present transiting the Operational Area in low densities; however, given the water depth (~400–600 m), turtles are unlikely to be foraging within the area and their presence will be limited to individuals temporarily transiting the area. As such, light emissions from the RTM and project vessels are unlikely to result in more than localised behavioural disturbance to isolated transient individuals, with no lasting effect to the species.

Seabirds and migratory shorebirds

Artificial lighting can attract and disorient seabird species resulting in species behavioural changes (e.g. circling light sources or disrupted foraging), injury or mortality near the light source as a result of collision (Longcore and Rich, 2004; Gaston et al., 2014). The Operational Area may be occasionally visited by seabirds and migratory shorebirds; however, there is no emergent land that could be used for roosting or nesting habitat within the Operational Area. The nearest shoreline is North West Cape (33 km from the Operational Area).

The Operational Area overlaps a foraging and breeding BIA for the wedge-tailed shearwater, and is approximately 36 km from the Muiron Islands, which is a significant breeding site for this species (Cannel et al., 2019). Adult shearwaters are vulnerable to artificial lighting during the breeding cycle, when returning to and leaving the nesting colony to maintain nesting sites or forage. Foraging wedge-tailed shearwaters may be attracted to sources of light emissions to feed on fish drawn to the light; however, the species feeds predominantly during the day (Catry et al., 2009; Whittow 1997). Artificial light can also impact behaviour and adult nest attendance, or confuse shearwater species, resulting in injury or mortality as a result of birds colliding with structures (Cianchetti-Benedetti et al., 2018; Rodriguez et al., 2017). Shearwater fledglings are predominantly impacted by onshore lighting sources, which can override sea finding cues and attract fledglings further inland, preventing them from reaching the sea (Mitkus et al., 2018; Telfer et al., 1987).

The breeding period for the wedge-tailed shearwater is from August to March, with peak incubation and chick rearing during November (Cannel et al., 2019). During this period, adults were observed taking a combination of short (1–4 days) or long (6–30 days) foraging trips from the Muiron Islands towards the north-west (Cannel et al., 2019). The Operational Area is within an area that is regularly used for short-distance foraging trips from Muiron Islands during chick rearing (Cannel et al., 2019); however, the peak of this foraging activity occurs during November, which does not overlap the planned timing of IMR activities (January–April). Impacts to wedge-tailed shearwaters is considered to be limited to negligible behavioural disturbance to isolated transient individuals, not significant to the population's presence in important breeding and foraging habitat.

Other migratory shorebirds may be present in or fly through the region between July and December, and again between March and April as they complete migrations between Australia and offshore locations (Department of Environment, 2015). The risk associated with collision from seabirds and shorebirds attracted to the light is considered to be low, given the short duration of activities within the Operational Area. Based on the intermittent and short duration of the activities in the Operational Area, as well as the distance offshore, impacts are expected to be limited to temporary behavioural disturbance to isolated individuals, with no lasting effect or displacement from important habitat.

Other marine fauna

Lighting from ROV or vessel activities in the Operational Area may result in the localised aggregation of fish around the ROV or below the vessel. These aggregations of fish due to light are considered localised and temporary. Any long-term changes to fish species composition or abundance is considered highly unlikely. Any localised impacts to marine fish are not expected to impact on any commercial fishers in the area. Krill or plankton may also aggregate around the source of light. These aggregations of fish, krill or plankton would be confined to a small area and would only occur when the ROV is in use. Based on the short duration and localised nature of the Petroleum Activities Program, these aggregations are not expected to attract pygmy blue whales, humpback whales or whale sharks.

Potential impacts to values of the Ningaloo Coast WHP

The Ningaloo Coast WHP is located 15 km south of the Operational Area. The values of the Ningaloo Coast WHP are defined in **Appendix H: Section 10**. Natural values include aggregations of whale sharks and marine mammals, and important nesting habitat for marine turtles and seabirds, including the wedge-tailed shearwater.

Important nesting sites for the wedge-tailed shearwater and marine turtles, including Muiron Islands, are within the Ningaloo Coast WHP. However, the nearest shoreline is over 30 km from the Operational Area and as such, sky glow and light spill from project vessels are not expected to reach the distances. The impact of light emissions to other marine fauna including whale sharks and marine mammals is considered to be negligible.

The Petroleum Activities Program is expected to be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the management objectives for the Ningaloo AMP, Ningaloo Coast WHP and the North-west Marine Park Network. No long-term or ecologically significant impacts are predicted, and the values will be conserved and protected.

Cumulative assessment

Light emissions from the Petroleum Activities program will not significantly increase light pollution from existing light sources in offshore waters, for example commercial shipping and the nearby Ngujima Yin FPSO. Potential impacts to marine turtles and seabirds would be limited to localised and temporary behavioural disturbance to isolated individuals.

Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)

Light emissions from project vessels and the RTM will not result in an impact greater than a localised and temporary disturbance to fauna in the vicinity of the Operational Area with no lasting effect to any species.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[14]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
Where activities will occur during the breeding period for wedge-tailed shearwaters (August–April) the following measures will be implemented, consistent with the NLPG (2020): • extinguish outdoor/deck lights not necessary for safety and/or navigation at night • use available block-out blinds on portholes and windows not necessary for safety and/or navigation at night • manage seabird landings appropriately and report interactions.	F: Yes, however a minimum level of lighting is required on the vessels for safety. CS: Minimal.	Negligible benefit in impact reduction for nesting adult seabirds or fledging seabirds as nearest potential nesting site is not predicted to be impacted by light. Potential for slight reduction in impact to individual foraging and migrating seabirds that may pass through the Operational Area, as identified in the NLPG.	Potential benefits outweigh the cost/sacrifice	Yes C 7.1
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Restrict the Petroleum Activities Program to daylight hours, eliminating the need for external work lights.	F: No. Components of the Petroleum Activities Program cannot safely be completed within a 12-hour day shift. As such, the need for external lighting cannot safely be eliminated. CS: Not considered – control not feasible	Not considered – control not feasible	Not considered – control not feasible	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
Substitute external lighting with light sources designed to minimise impacts to seabirds, shorebirds and marine turtles: use flashing/ intermittent lights instead of fixed beam use motion sensors to turn lights on only when needed	F: Yes. Replacement of external lighting with lighting appropriate for turtles and seabirds is technically feasible, although is not considered to be practicable. CS: Significant cost sacrifice. The retrofitting of all external lighting on the project vessels would result in considerable	Given the potential impacts to turtles, nesting seabirds and fledglings during this activity are insignificant, implementation of this control would not result in a	Grossly disproportionate. Implementation of the control requires considerable cost sacrifice for minimal environmental benefit.	No

[14] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[14]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
use luminaires with spectral content appropriate for the species present avoid high intensity light of any colour.	cost and time expenditure. Considerable logistical effort to source sufficient inventory of the range of light types onboard the project vessels.	reduction in consequence. Potential for minor reduction in impact to individual foraging seabirds that may transit the Operational Area, as outlined in the NLPG.	The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	
Vary the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program to avoid peak breeding and migration periods for seabirds and migratory shorebirds.	F: No. The peak breeding and migration periods of seabirds and migratory shorebirds that may occur within the Operational Area spans all seasons. CS: Not considered, control not feasible.	Not considered, control not feasible.	Not considered, control not feasible.	No
Variation of the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program to avoid peak turtle nesting periods (December to March).	F: Yes. Avoidance of turtle nesting periods is technically feasible, although is not considered to be practicable. CS: Significant cost and schedule impacts due to delays in securing vessels for specific timeframes.	Negligible or no reduction consequence given the distance of the nesting areas to the Operational Area.	Grossly disproportionate. Implementation of the control requires considerable cost sacrifice for minimal environmental benefit.	No
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the potential impacts from routine light emissions from project vessels and the RTM within the Operational Area to be ALARP. This includes consideration of the intermittent nature of light emissions for the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program, and the requirements for external lighting for safe operations. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that routine light emissions from project vessels may result in impacts limited to temporary behavioural disturbance to fauna within a localised area and with no lasting effect on any species. BIAs within the Operational Area include a foraging and breeding BIA for wedge-tailed shearwaters. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts have been investigated above. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice and wildlife conservation plans during the assessment of potential impacts and the NLPG were taken into consideration during the impact evaluation. Therefore, Woodside considers standard operations appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of routine light emissions to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 7 No impacts to marine fauna from light emissions with a consequence level greater than F[15] during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 7.1** Where activities will occur during the breeding period (August–April) for wedge-tailed shearwaters the following measures will be implemented, consistent with the NLPG (2020): • extinguish outdoor/deck lights not necessary for safety and/or navigation at night • use available block-out blinds on portholes and windows not necessary for safety and/or navigation at night • manage seabird landings appropriately and report interactions.	**PS 7.1.1** Pre-mobilisation vessel inspections will identify vessel operational controls to minimise light to safety and/or navigation requirements.	**MC 7.1.1** Pre-mobilisation vessel inspection records include identification of vessel operational controls to minimise light to safety and/or navigation requirements.
		PS 7.1.2 Project vessels will use available block-out blinds on portholes and windows not necessary for safety and/or navigation when operating at night.	**MC 7.1.2** Vessel contractor procedures include requirement to use available block-out blinds not necessary for safety and/or navigation when operating at night.
		PS 7.1.3 Record observed bird trappings and collisions and implement care and release steps recommended in the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) Guidelines to Minimize Seabirds Landing on Ships	**MC 7.1.3** Records demonstrate IAATO Guidelines implemented during trapping and collision incidents.

[15] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptor'.

6.6.6 Routine Acoustic Emissions

Context														
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**								Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**						
Impact Evaluation Summary														
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***							
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence / Impact***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***	
Generation of acoustic signals from project vessels (including DP).					X		A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 8	

Description of Source of Impact
Project vessels will generate noise both in the air and underwater, due to the operation of thruster engines, propeller cavitation, on-board machinery etc. These noises will contribute to and have the potential to exceed ambient noise levels which range from around 90 dB re 1 µPa (root square mean sound pressure level (rms SPL)) under very calm, low wind conditions, to 120 dB re 1µPa (rms SPL) under windy conditions (McCauley, 2005). ***Project vessels and operation of dynamic positioning systems*** The Petroleum Activities Program will be undertaken using up to two project vessels conducting IMR activities. The sound levels and frequencies generated by vessels varies with the size of the vessel, speed, engine type and the activity being undertaken. Large vessels typically produce higher sound levels at lower frequencies than small vessels, although significant variation may be found among vessels within the same group (Jiménez-Arranz et al., 2020). Sound levels tend to be greatest when engaging the throttle or thrusters, such as use of DP or when vessels are operating under load, compared with slow moving or idling vessels (Salgado Kent et al., 2016). Project vessels may maintain DP for varying durations during the Petroleum Activities Program. The greatest sound levels are likely to be associated with the use DP thrusters to maintain position on station. McCauley (1998) measured underwater broadband noise equivalent to approximately 182 dB re 1 µPa at 1 m (rms SPL) from a support vessel holding station using DP in the Timor Sea. Similarly, Hannay et al. (2005) and McCauley (2005) have measured source level for a support vessel with DP of 186 dB re 1 µPa at 1 m. It is expected that similar noise levels will be generated by the project vessels used for this Petroleum Activities Program. Excluding DP, vessels produce low frequency sound (i.e. below 1 kHz) from the operation of machinery, hydrodynamic flow sound around the hull and from propeller cavitation. The combined source level from two vessels operating on DP is conservatively expected to be 192 dB re 1 µPa (rms SPL), which represents a doubling of noise output (186 dB + 6 dB).
Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
Potential impact of noise Elevated underwater noise can affect marine fauna, including cetaceans, fish, turtles, sharks and rays, in three main ways (Richardson et al., 1995; Simmonds et al., 2004): 1. by causing direct physical effects on hearing or other organs. Hearing loss may be temporary (temporary threshold shift [TTS]; referred to as auditory fatigue), or permanent threshold shift (PTS; injury) 2. by masking or interfering with other biologically important sounds (including vocal communication, echolocation, signals and sounds produced by predators or prey)

3. through disturbance leading to behavioural changes or displacement from important areas (e.g. BIAs). The occurrence and intensity of disturbance is highly variable and depends on a range of factors relating to the animal and situation.

Sound Propagation

Increasing the distance from the noise source results in the level of noise reducing, due primarily to the spreading of the sound energy with distance The way that the noise spreads (geometrical divergence) will depend upon several factors such as water column depth, pressure, temperature gradients, and salinity, as well as surface and bottom conditions.

Marine mammals

Receptors

Ten cetacean species may be present in the Operational Area, including five threatened species (**Table 4-10**). Species include low-frequency (LF) cetaceans such as humpback whales and pygmy blue whales, and high-frequency (HF) cetaceans including spotted bottlenose dolphins (**Section 4.6.1.3**). The Operational Area overlaps with a humpback whale migration BIA and pygmy blue whale migration BIA. Individual pygmy blue whales may occasionally transit Operational Area during April to July and October to January during their seasonal migrations. Humpback whales migrate primarily during June and July (northbound) and late August/September to October (southbound). The recognised pygmy blue whale foraging BIA off North West Cape, and the humpback whale resting BIA in Exmouth Gulf are located >20 km from Operational Area.

Species sensitivity and thresholds

Marine mammals and especially cetaceans rely on sound for important life functions including individual recognition, socialising, detecting predators and prey, navigation and reproduction (Weilgart, 2007; Erbe et al., 2015; Erbe et al., 2018). Underwater noise can affect marine mammals in various ways including interfering with communication (masking), behavioural changes, a shift in the hearing threshold; permanent threshold shift (PTS) and temporary threshold shift (TTS), physical damage and stress (NRC, 2003; Erbe, 2012; Rolland et al., 2012). There is little information available regarding call masking in whales (Richardson et al., 1995), although it has been suggested that an observed lengthening of calls in response to low-frequency noise in humpback whales and orcas may be a response to auditory masking (Fristrup et al., 2003; Foote et al., 2004). Exposure to intense impulsive noise may be more hazardous to hearing than continuous noise.

The thresholds that could result in permanent threshold shift (PTS) (i.e. injury), temporary threshold shift (TTS) and a behavioural response for cetaceans as a result of impulsive and continuous noise sources are outlined in **Table 6-2**. These thresholds have been adopted by the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS], 2014, 2018; Southall et al., 2019).

Table 6-2: Thresholds for PTS, TTS and behavioural response onset in low-frequency (LF) and high-frequency (HF) cetaceans for impulsive and continuous noise

Hearing group	Impulsive			Continuous		
	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)
LF cetaceans	183	168	160	199	179	120
HF cetaceans	185	170	160	198	178	120

Source: NMFS (2014, 2018); Southall et al., (2019); NOAA, (2018)

Marine reptiles

Receptors

Five species of marine turtle may be present in the Operational Area (**Table 4-7**). The Operational Area is located 2 km from the internesting Habitat Critical to the survival of flatback turtles, and 6 km from the flatback turtle internesting buffer BIA. However, given water depths and distance from shore, the area does not constitute foraging or internesting habitat and occurrence of turtles is expected to be infrequent.

Species sensitivity and thresholds

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) notes that there is limited information available on the impact of noise on marine turtles, and that the impact of noise on turtle stocks may vary depending on whether exposure to noise is short (acute) or long-term (chronic).

Marine turtles have been shown to respond to low frequency sound, with indications that they have the highest hearing sensitivity in the frequency range 100–700 Hz (Bartol and Musick, 2003). Lenhardt (1994) observed marine turtles avoiding low-frequency sound.

Acute noise, or temporary exposure to loud noise, may result in the avoidance of important habitats and in some situations physical damage to marine turtles. McCauley et al. (2000) observed the behavioural response of caged sea turtles—green (*Chelonia mydas*) and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*)—to an approaching seismic airgun. For received levels above 166 dB re 1 µPa (SPL), the turtles increased their swimming activity and above 175 dB re 1 µPa (SPL) they began to behave erratically, which was interpreted as an agitated state.

The sound exposure thresholds for marine turtles are summarised in **Table 6-3** below. No numerical thresholds have been developed for impacts of continuous sources (e.g. vessel noise) on marine turtles. A Popper et al. (2014) review assessed thresholds for marine turtles and found qualitative results that the risk of TTS was moderate for near field exposure, and low for both intermediate and far field exposure (Popper et al., 2014).

Table 6-3: Thresholds for PTS, TTS and behavioural response onset in marine turtles for impulsive and continuous noise

Hearing group	Impulsive			Continuous		
	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)
Marine turtles	204	189	166* 175^{+}	(N) Low (I) Low (F) Low	(N) Moderate (I) Low (F) Low	(N) High (I) Moderate (F) Low

*Source: PTS and TTS thresholds (Finneran et al., 2017), * behavioural response threshold (NSF 2011), $^{+}$ behavioural disturbance threshold (McCauley et al. 2000).*

Note: The sound units provided in the table above for continuous noise include: relative risk (high, medium and low) is given for marine turtles at three distances from the source defined in relative terms as near (N – tens of metres), intermediate (I – hundreds of metres) and far (F – thousands of metres) (after Popper et al. 2014).

Fish, sharks and rays

Receptors

The Operational Area is located in water depths of ~400-600 m, and therefore the fauna associated with this area will be predominantly pelagic species of fish. A foraging BIA for the whale shark is located 10 km east of the Operational Area.

Species sensitivity and thresholds

The majority of fish species detect sounds from <50 Hz up to 500-1500 Hz (Popper and Hawkins, 2019). A smaller number of species can detect sounds over 3 kHz, while very few species can detect ultrasound over 100 kHz (Ladich and Fay, 2013). The critical issue for understanding whether an anthropogenic sound will affect the hearing of a fish is whether it is within the hearing frequency range of the fish and loud enough to be detectable above background ambient noise.

Fish perceive sound through the ears and the lateral line, which are sensitive to vibration. Some species of teleost or bony fish (e.g. herring) have a structure linking the gas-filled swim bladder and ear, and these species usually have increased hearing sensitivity. These species are considered to be more sensitive to anthropogenic underwater noise sources than species such as cod (Gadus sp.), which do not possess a structure linking the swim bladder and inner ear. Fish species that either do not have a swim bladder (e.g. elasmobranchs (sharks and rays) and scombrid fish (mackerel and tunas) or have a much-reduced swim bladder (e.g. flat fish) tend to have a relatively low auditory sensitivity.

Popper et al. (2014) developed sound exposure guidelines for fish, considering differences in fish physiology (Table 6-4).

Table 6-4: Thresholds for PTS, TTS and behavioural response onset in fish, sharks and rays for impulsive and continuous noise

Hearing group	Impulsive			Continuous		
	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)	PTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	TTS onset thresholds: SEL_{24h} (dB re 1 µPa².s)	Behavioural response (dB re 1 µPa)

Fish: no swim bladder	216	186	(N) High (I) Moderate (F) Low	(N) Low (I) Low (F) Low	(N) Moderate (I) Low (F) Low	(N) Moderate (I) Moderate (F) Low
Fish: swim bladder not involved in hearing	203	186	(N) High (I) Moderate (F) Low	(N) Low (I) Low (F) Low	(N) Moderate (I) Low (F) Low	(N) Moderate (I) Moderate (F) Low
Fish: swim bladder involving hearing	203	186	(N) High (I) High (F) Moderate	170 dB rms SPL for 48-hours	158 dB rms SPL for 12-hours	(N) High (I) Moderate (F) Low

Impulsive noise:

- *All criteria are presented as sound pressure, even for fish without swim bladders, since no data for particle motion exist.*

Continuous noise:

- *rms SPL: root mean square of time-series pressure level, useful for quantifying continuous noise sources.*

Relative risk (high, moderate, or low) is given for animals at three distances from the source defined in relative terms as near (N – tens of metres), intermediate (I – hundreds of metres), and far (F – thousands of metres).

Source: Popper et al. (2014)

Project vessels

Combined noise generated by up to two project vessels is expected to be limited to a conservatively estimated maximum of 192 dB re 1 µPa (rms SPL). For the purposes of this assessment two vessels operating concurrently on DP represent a single point source, and horizontal attenuation (transmission loss) from this point source has been predicted using both a modified spreading loss factor of 18log(r) and comparison with noise modelling for similar activities. The 18log(r) spreading loss factor is considered representative of the water depths of the Operational Area, i.e. into deeper water downslope (where typical spherical spreading loss [20log(r)] would apply), along slope parallel to the coastline, and upslope into shallower waters (where modified cylindrical spreading [15log(r)] is more relevant).

Based on the application of a spreading loss factor of 18log(r), and a cumulative source level of 192 dB re 1 µPa (rms SPL), horizontal transmission loss has been calculated. Behavioural response thresholds of 120 dB re 1 µPa (continuous noise behavioural response threshold for cetaceans; refer **Table 6-2**) are estimated to be exceeded within 10 km from the project vessels of DP. This is a conservative estimate compared to modelling of propagation loss for the construction anchor handling vessel '*Skandi Hercules*' (operating on DP with a source level of 181 dB re 1 µPa at 1 m), which was conducted by JASCO in 166 m water depth near the Ningaloo Marine Park. The modelling predicted that noise levels would drop below 120 dB re 1 µPa within 1.7 km (Quijano and McPherson, 2021). While the sound speed profile of the water column and bathymetry may be different, the modelling provides an indication of the broad order of magnitude for propagation loss from a DP similar source level.

The Operational Area overlaps with migration BIAs for the humpback whale and pygmy blue whale, and there may be increased numbers of individuals within the Operational Area during the migration periods. However, the Operational Area is surrounded by open water with no restrictions (such as shallow waters, embayments) on an animal's ability to avoid the activities. PTS and TTS criteria exceedance are based upon exposure for 24-hours by a stationary receptor, and it is unlikely that a migrating whale would remain within this range for 24-hours. For example, Möller et al. (2020) reported an average travel speed for pygmy blue whales of 1.17 ± 0.60 m/s for migratory behaviour, and Double et al. (2014) found migrating pygmy blue whales travelled an average distance of 21.9 ± 0.7 km per day. Noad and Cato (2007) reported humpback whale mean swimming speeds of 2.5 km/h for swimming whales and 4.0 km/h for non-singing whales during migration. Injury to other cetacean species within or adjacent to the Operational Area is also not considered credible as individuals are likely to be transiting through the area. Therefore, PTS and TTS thresholds are not expected to be exceeded for cetaceans transiting through the Operational Area.

As above, there are no quantitative sound exposure thresholds for behavioural responses in marine turtles resulting from continuous noise sources. Although the Operational Area is about 2 km from internesting habitat critical to the survival of flatback turtles, given the water depths and distance from shore, marine turtles are not expected to be in the area in high numbers even during nesting and internesting periods. Therefore, impacts to marine turtles from project vessels are expected to be negligible.

Other fauna associated with the Operational Area will be predominantly pelagic species of fish, with migratory species such as whale sharks transiting through the Operational Area; these species may be similarly affected by noise from project vessels.

Compliance with EPBC Regulation 2000 – Part 8 Interacting with Cetaceans to reduce the likelihood of collisions with cetaceans (i.e. vessels are to travel slower) may also further incidentally reduce the noise generated by vessels close to cetaceans and marine turtles—slower vessel speeds may reduce underwater noise. In summary, potential impacts from vessel noise are likely to be restricted to temporary avoidance behaviour of individuals transiting through the Operational Area with no lasting effect. Individuals foraging or migrating may deviate slightly from their activities or migration route, but are expected to continue on their migration pathway or resume normal behaviours as they move away from the activities.

Cumulative assessment

Cumulative impacts to marine fauna may occur if multiple activities occur concurrently or in quick succession within an area. Relevant activities that could result in a cumulative impact are limited to operation of the *Ngujima Yin* FPSO and commercial shipping.

Commercial shipping

There is no overlap with commercial shipping fairways and the Operational Area. Migratory cetacean species including the pygmy blue whale and humpback whale may transit the Operational Area seasonally throughout the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program. The impact of noise to marine turtles and fishes (including whale sharks) is considered to be negligible.

Given the nearest shipping fairway is approximately 40 km north-west of the Operational Area, cumulative impacts to marine fauna are expected to be limited to a behavioural response, for example pygmy blue whales and humpback whales may deviate slightly from their migration route, with no lasting effect.

Oil and gas

The *Ngujima Y*in FPSO is located approximately 4 km north-east of the Operational Area. Both the Operational Area and *Ngujima Yin* FPSO are located in open water and do not constrain the migration route for pygmy blue whales or humpback whales. As above, PTS/TTS impacts to cetaceans are not expected, and any isolated incidents of disturbance will not result in a cumulative impact. Cumulative impacts are expected to be limited to a behavioural response with no lasting effect.

Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)

It is considered that noise generated by project vessels will not result in a potential impact greater than localised impacts, with no lasting effect.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[16]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
EPBC Regulations 2000 – Part 8 Division 8.1 Interacting with cetaceans, including the following measures: • Project vessels will not travel faster than six knots within 300 m of a dolphin or turtle (caution zone) and not approach closer than 100 m from a whale. • Project vessels will not approach closer than 50 m for a dolphin or turtle and/or 100 m for a whale (with the exception of	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Implementation of these controls will reduce the likelihood of a collision between a cetacean, whale shark or turtle occurring. The consequence of a collision is unchanged.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 8.1

[16] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[16]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
animals bow-riding). • If the cetacean or turtle shows signs of being disturbed, project vessels will immediately withdraw from the caution zone at a constant speed of less than six knots. • Project vessels will not travel faster than eight knots within 250 m of a whale shark and not allow the vessel to approach closer than 30 m of a whale shark. **Exception:** the above does not apply to project vessels operating under limited/constrained manoeuvrability, and in the event of an emergency.				
Good Practice				
The use of dedicated Marine Fauna Observers (MFOs) on project vessels for the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program to watch for whales and provide direction on and monitor compliance with Part 8 of the EPBC Act Regulations.	F: Yes. However, activity support vessel bridge crews already maintain a constant watch during operations in compliance with the Woodside Marine – Charterers Instructions, on the requirements of vessel and whale interactions. In the event of a cetacean (or other sensitive fauna) in close proximity to project vessels, it is unlikely that DP (the most significant source of underwater noise expected during the Petroleum Activities Program) will be deactivated given it is a safety critical	Given that support vessel bridge crews already maintain a constant watch during operations, additional MFOs would not further reduce the likelihood or consequence of impact.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[16]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
	requirement for project vessels to hold station. As such, an MFO implementing management / shut down zones is considered to be ineffective. CS: Additional cost of MFOs			
Application of a pre start-up visual observation for blue whales (30 minutes) prior to commencing vessel DP operations	F: Yes. However, activity support vessel bridge crews already maintain a constant watch during operations in compliance with the Woodside Marine – Charterers Instructions, on the requirements of vessel and whale interactions. In the event of a cetacean (or other sensitive fauna) in close proximity to project vessels, it is unlikely that DP (the most significant source of underwater noise expected during the Petroleum Activities Program) will be deactivated given it is a safety critical requirement for project vessels to hold station. As such, application of a pre start-up visual observation prior to commencing DP operations is considered to be ineffective. CS: Minimal cost.	The Operational Area is located 25 km from the possible foraging area for pygmy blue whales off the Ningaloo Coast. There is no possibility that noise emissions from vessel DP operations would cause behavioural disturbance to blue whales within the foraging area. It is not credible that noise emissions from vessel DP operations would cause PTS or TTS onset in any individuals transiting through the Operational Area. Therefore, the implementation of this control would not have any benefit in impact reduction.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No
Undertake site-specific acoustic modelling	F: Yes, it is feasible to undertake site-specific modelling; however, the generation of noise from these sources is already well understood and this	Given that noise cannot be eliminated due to operating requirements, modelling would not further reduce the likelihood or consequence of impact, noting that no activities of significant	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[16]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
	noise cannot be eliminated due to operating requirements. CS: Additional cost of modelling	noise generation (i.e. explosives) are proposed.		
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Elimination of noise from project vessels	F: No. The generation of noise from these sources cannot be eliminated due to operating requirements. Note: Operating vessels on DP may be a safety critical requirement. CS: Inability to conduct the Petroleum Activities Program. Loss of project.	Not considered – control not feasible.	Not considered – control not feasible.	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
Avoid peak migration periods for migratory cetaceans.	F: Yes. Migration periods for cetaceans that may occur in the Operational Area (pygmy blue and humpback whales) are well known. CS: Potentially significant. The proposed timing of the Petroleum Activities Program (January to April) overlaps with the shoulder period for peak migration for pygmy blue and humpback whales. Precluding operations during cetacean migration periods may impose a considerable cost and operational burden, while resulting in little environmental benefit.	Avoiding migration periods would reduce the likelihood of impacts to cetaceans. However, given that the predicted noise levels are not considered to be ecologically significant at a population level, the overall benefit is minimal.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement				

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[16]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the potential impacts from noise generated from project vessels to be ALARP. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability			
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that underwater noise from project vessels is unlikely to result in a potential impact greater than localised behavioural impacts. These effects are not significant to marine fauna, and have no lasting effect. BIAs within the Operational Area include the humpback whale migration BIA and the pygmy blue whale migration BIA. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts have been investigated above. As demonstrated in **Section 6.8**, the residual impacts of routine acoustic emissions from project vessels in the Operational Area are not inconsistent with the relevant objectives and actions of any applicable recovery plans or threat abatement plans. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice during the assessment of potential impacts. Therefore, Woodside considers standard operations appropriate to manage the impacts of noise from project vessels to a level that is broadly acceptable.			
Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 8 No impacts to marine fauna from noise emissions with a consequence level greater than F[17] during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 8.1** EPBC Regulations 2000 – Part 8 Division 8.1 Interacting with cetaceans, including the following measures:	**PS 8.1** Compliance with EPBC Regulations 2000 – Part 8 Division 8.1 (Regulation 8.05 and 8.06) Interacting with cetaceans to minimise potential for vessel strike and application of these regulations to whale sharks and marine turtles.	**MC 8.1.1** Records demonstrate no breaches of EPBC Regulations 2000 – Part 8 Division 8.1 Interacting with cetaceans and application of these regulations to whale sharks and marine turtles.

[17] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible'. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptor'.

	• project vessels will not travel faster than six knots within 300 m of a dolphin or turtle (caution zone) and not approach closer than 100 m from a whale. • project vessels will not approach closer than 50 m for a dolphin or turtle and/or 100 m for a whale (with the exception of animals bow-riding). iIf the cetacean or turtle shows signs of being disturbed, project vessels will immediately withdraw from the caution zone at a constant speed of less than six knots. • vessels will not travel faster than eight knots within 250 m of a whale shark and not allow the vessel to approach closer than 30 m of a whale shark. **Exception:** the above does not apply to project vessels operating under limited/constrained manoeuvrability, and in the event of an emergency.	**PS 8.2** All vessel strike incidents with cetaceans, whale sharks and marine turtles will be reported in the National Ship Strike Database (as outlined in the Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale—A Recovery Plan under the EPBC Act 1999, Commonwealth of Australia, 2015).	**MC 8.1.2** Records demonstrate reporting cetacean, whale sharks and marine turtles ship strike incidents to the National Ship Strike Database.

6.6.7 Routine and Non-routine Atmospheric Emissions

Context													
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**							Physical Environment – **Section 4.3**						
Impact Evaluation Summary													
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Exhaust emissions from internal combustion engines and incinerators on project vessels.			X				A	F	-	-	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 9

Description of Source of Impact
Atmospheric emissions refer to the discharges to the atmosphere of gases and particulates from an activity that have a recognised adverse effect on human health and/or flora and fauna. The main emissions commonly associated with these effects include carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulphur dioxide (SO_2), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM10), non-methane volatile organic compounds (VOCs), BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes), which are specific VOCs of interest. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are defined as gases within the atmosphere that absorb long-wave radiation, and trap the heat reflected from the Earth's surface. The main gases commonly associated with this effect include carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O). Other GHG include perfluorocarbons (PFCs), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF6). ***Internal combustion engines and incinerators*** Atmospheric emissions will be generated by the project vessels from internal combustion engines (including all equipment and generators, which may be diesel powered and/or LNG powered) and incineration activities (including onboard incinerators) during the Petroleum Activities Program. Emissions will include SO_2, NO_x, ozone depleting substances, CO_2, particulates and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
Fuel combustion and incineration on project vessels have the potential to result in localised, temporary reduction in air quality, generation of dark smoke and contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. The air quality within the Operational Area is typical of an undisturbed tropical offshore environment and the ambient air quality in the offshore NWMR will be of high quality. Given the short duration and exposed location of project vessels (which will lead to the rapid dispersion of the low volumes of atmospheric emissions), atmospheric emissions from the Petroleum Activities Program have the potential to result in a localised reduction in air quality in the immediate vicinity of the release point, with no lasting effect.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that the release of a small volume of atmospheric emissions (including greenhouse gases) will not result in a potential impact greater than a temporary impact to local air quality with no lasting effect.

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<tr><th>Control Considered</th><th>Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[18]</th><th>Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction</th><th>Proportionality</th><th>Control Adopted</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Legislation, Codes and Standards</td></tr>
<tr><td>Marine Order 97 (Marine Pollution Prevention – Air Pollution), which details requirements for:
International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) Certificate, required by vessel class
use of low sulphur fuel when available
Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan, where required by vessel class
onboard incinerator to comply with Marine Order 97.</td><td>F: Yes
CS: Minimal cost</td><td>Legislative requirements to be followed may slightly reduce the likelihood of air pollution.</td><td>Control based on legislative requirements – must be adopted</td><td>Yes
C 9.1</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Good Practice</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">No additional controls identified.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Professional Judgement – Eliminate</td></tr>
<tr><td>Do not combust fuel.</td><td>F: No. There are no vessels that do not use internal combustion engines.
CS: Not considered, control not feasible.</td><td>Not considered, control not feasible.</td><td>Not considered, control not feasible.</td><td>No</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Professional Judgement – Substitute</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">No additional controls identified.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">No additional controls identified.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">ALARP Statement
On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the potential impacts of release of atmospheric emissions within the Operational Area. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts are considered ALARP.</td></tr>
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<tr><th>Demonstration of Acceptability</th></tr>
<tr><td>Acceptability Statement
The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, atmospheric emissions during the Petroleum Activities Program will not result in a potential impact greater than a temporary decrease in local air quality with low impact to the environment or human health and no lasting effects. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts of the described emissions within the Operational Area to a level that is broadly acceptable.</td></tr>
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[18] Qualitative measure

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 9 Emissions to atmosphere as a result of fuel combustion and incineration limited to those necessary to complete the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 9.1** • Marine Order 97 (Marine Pollution Prevention – Air Pollution) which details requirements for: • IAPP Certificate, required by vessel class • use of low sulphur fuel when available • Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan, where required by vessel class • onboard incinerator to comply with Marine Order 97.	**PS 9.1** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 97 (marine pollution prevention – air pollution) to restrict emissions to those necessary to perform the activity. Vessel marine assurance process conducted prior to contracting vessels, to ensure suitability and compliance with vessel combustion certification/ Marine Order requirements.	**MC 9.1.1** Marine Assurance inspection records demonstrate compliance with Marine Order 97.

6.7 Unplanned Activities (Accidents, Incidents, Emergency Situations)

6.7.1 Quantitative Spill Risk Assessment Methodology

Quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling was undertaken by RPS Asia Pacific Applied Science Associates (RPS APASA), on behalf of Woodside, using a three-dimensional hydrocarbon spill trajectory and weathering model, SIMAP (Spill Impact Mapping and Analysis Program), which is designed to simulate the transport, spreading and weathering of specific hydrocarbon types under the influence of changing meteorological and oceanographic forces.

A stochastic modelling scheme was followed in this study, whereby SIMAP was applied to repeatedly simulate the defined credible spill scenarios using different samples of current and wind data. These data samples were selected randomly from an historic time-series of wind and current data representative of the study area. Results of the replicate simulations were then statistically analysed and mapped to define contours of percentage probability of contact at identified thresholds around the hydrocarbon release point.

The model simulates surface releases and uses the unique physical and chemical properties of a representative hydrocarbon type to calculate rates of evaporation and viscosity change, including the tendency to form oil-in-water emulsions. Moreover, the unique transport and dispersion of surface slicks and in-water components (entrained and dissolved) are modelled separately. Thus, the model can be used to understand the wider potential consequences of a spill, including direct contact of hydrocarbons due to surface slicks (floating hydrocarbon) and exposure of organisms to entrained and dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons in the water column.

During each simulation, the SIMAP model records the location (by latitude, longitude and depth) of each of the particles (representing a given mass of hydrocarbons) on or in the water column, at regular time steps. For any particles that contact a shoreline, the model records the accumulation of hydrocarbon mass that arrives on each section of shoreline over time, less any mass that is lost to evaporation and/or subsequent removal by current and wind forces.

The collective records from all simulations are then analysed by dividing the study region into a three-dimensional grid. For surface hydrocarbons (floating oil), the sum of the mass in all hydrocarbon particles located within a grid cell, divided by the area of the cell provides hydrocarbon concentration estimates in that grid cell, at each model output time interval. For entrained and dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon particles, concentrations are calculated at each time step by summing the mass of particles within a grid cell and dividing by the volume of the grid cell. The process is also subject to the application of spreading filters that represent the expected mass distribution of each distinct particle. The concentrations of hydrocarbons calculated for each grid cell, at each time step, are then analysed to determine whether concentration estimates exceed defined threshold concentrations.

All hydrocarbons spill modelling assessments undertaken by RPS APASA undergo initial sensitivity modelling to determine appropriate time to add to the simulation after the cessation of the spill. The amount of time following the spill is based on the time required for the modelled concentrations to practically drop below threshold concentrations anywhere in the model domain in the test cases. This assessment is done by post-processing the sensitivity test results and analysing time-series of median and maximum concentrations in the water and on the surface.

6.7.1.1 Hydrocarbon Characteristics

As part of the risk identification process, Woodside identified credible hydrocarbon spill scenarios that may occur from the Petroleum Activities Program for consideration in the risk assessment of accidental hydrocarbon spill scenarios (**Sections 6.7.2**). A single credible spill scenario was identified:

- a vessel collision scenario resulting in about 500 m³ of marine diesel instantaneously released

The physical characteristics of marine diesel, as used in the hydrocarbon spill modelling studies, are provided in **Table 6-5**.

Table 6-5: Hydrocarbon characteristics

Hydrocarbon Type	Initial Density (g/cm^3)	Viscosity (cP)	Component BP (°C)	Volatiles <180 °C	Semi volatiles 180–265 °C	Low Volatility (%) 265–380 °C	Residual (%) >380 °C	Aromatic (%) of whole oil <380 °C BP
				Non-Persistent			Persistent	
Marine diesel	0.829 @ 25 °C	4.0 @ 25 °C	% of total	6.0	34.6	54.4	5.0	3.0
			% aromatics	1.8	1.0	0.2	-	-

6.7.1.2 Environment That May Be Affected and Hydrocarbon Contact Thresholds

The outputs of the quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling were used to assess the environmental consequence, if a credible hydrocarbon spill scenario occurred, in terms of delineating which areas of the marine environment could be exposed to hydrocarbon levels exceeding hydrocarbon threshold concentrations. The summary of all the locations where hydrocarbon thresholds could be exceeded by any of the simulations modelled is defined as the EMBA.

As the weathering of different fates of hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) differs due to the influence of the metocean transport mechanisms, the EMBA combines the potential spatial extent of the different fates. The EMBA also includes areas that are predicted to experience shoreline contact with hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations.

The EMBA covers a larger area than the area that is likely to be affected during any single spill event, as the model was run for a variety of weather and metocean conditions, and the EMBA represents the total extent of all the locations where hydrocarbon thresholds could be exceeded from all modelling runs. Furthermore, as the weathering of different fates of hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) differs due to the influence of the metocean transport mechanism, a different EMBA is presented for each fate. These EMBA together define the spatial extent for the existing environment, which is described in **Section 4**. Hydrocarbon contact below the defined thresholds may occur outside the EMBA and socio-cultural EMBA; however, the effects of these low exposure values will be limited to temporary exceedance of water quality triggers. The area within which this may occur in the event of a worst-case credible spill is presented in **Appendix D: Figure 5-1**.

The spill modelling outputs are presented as areas that meet threshold concentrations for surface, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons for the modelled scenarios. Surface spill concentrations are expressed as grams per square metre (g/m^2), with entrained and dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon concentrations expressed as parts per billion (ppb). A conservative approach—adopting accepted contact thresholds that are documented to impact the marine environment—is used to define the EMBA.

Hydrocarbon thresholds are presented **Table 6-6** and described in the following subsections.

Table 6-6: Summary of thresholds applied to the quantitative hydrocarbon spill risk modelling results

Hydrocarbon Type	EMBA				Socio-cultural EMBA
	Surface Hydrocarbon (g/m^2)	Entrained hydrocarbon (ppb)	Dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon (ppb)	Accumulated hydrocarbons (g/m^2)	Surface Hydrocarbon (g/m^2)
Diesel (surrogate for MGO)	10	100	50	100	1

6.7.1.3 Scientific Monitoring

A planning area for scientific monitoring is also described in Section 5.7 of the Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment (**Appendix D**). This planning area has been defined with reference to the low exposure entrained value of 10 ppb detailed in NOPSEMA Bulletin #1 Oil Spill

Modelling (2019). This low exposure threshold is based on the potential for exceeding water quality triggers.

A scientific monitoring program would be activated following a Level 2 or 3 unplanned hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors. This would consider receptors at risk (ecological and socio-economic) for the entire predicted EMBA and in particular, any identified Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) for the worst-case credible spill scenario(s) or other identified unplanned hydrocarbon releases associated with the operational activities.

6.7.2 Unplanned Hydrocarbon Release: Vessel Collision

Context		
RTM – **Section 3.5.1** Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5** Socio-economic – **Section 4.9**	Stakeholder Consultation – **Section 5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary

Source of Risk	*Environmental Value Potentially Impacted*						*Evaluation*						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Loss of hydrocarbons to marine environment due to a vessel collision (e.g. activity support vessels or other marine users).		X		X	X	X	A	D	1	M	LCS GP PJ RBA	Broadly acceptable	EPO 1, 2, 3 and 10
Loss of hydrocarbons to marine environment due to a vessel collision with the RTM (e.g. other marine users).		X		X	X	X	A	D	1	M			

Description of Source of Risk

Project vessels

Project vessels will use marine diesel fuel. A typical project vessel for the Petroleum Activities Program is likely to have multiple isolated marine diesel tanks distributed throughout the hull of the vessel. Individual marine diesel tanks are typically less than 500 m^3 in volume; however for the purposes of a conservative indication of the risks associated with a vessel collision for the Petroleum Activities Program, Woodside has assumed a largest marine diesel tank volume of 500 m^3 for a project vessel. In the unlikely event of a vessel collision involving a project vessel during the Petroleum Activities Program, the vessel will have the capability to pump marine diesel from a ruptured tank to a tank with spare volume in order to reduce the potential volume of fuel released to the environment.

Project vessels will be intermittently present in the Operational Area for the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program. This intermittent presence in the area will result in a navigational hazard for commercial shipping within the immediate area (as discussed in **Section 6.6.1**).

RTM

While the RTM remains on station, it may present a navigational hazard for commercial shipping within the immediate area. An operational exclusion zone of 500 m is in place and reflected on navigational charts. Navigational lights and passive reflective radar are installed and in working condition.

In the event the RTM loses integrity of a ballast compartment, it could lose draft such that its freeboard is reduced towards sea level but remains approximately between 4.1 to 6.9 m above the waterline (most credible ballast loss scenario); if a further ballast compartment failed, the freeboard may reduce down to approximate 2.7 m (most credible ballast loss scenario). Should a less credible scenario present itself with the two largest failed ballast compartments then the RTM would sink below the waterline and could settle below the water line and present itself as a submerged hazard to other vessels within the immediate area. A marker/sentry buoy has been fitted to the RTM which would float on the surface in case of this event providing an immediate hazard awareness measure.

Industry experience

Registered vessels or foreign flag vessels in Australian waters are required to report events to the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), AMSA or Australian Search and Rescue.

From a review of the ATSB marine safety and investigation reports, one vessel collision occurred in 2011–2012 that resulted in a spill of 25–30 L of oil into the marine environment as a result of a collision between a tug and activity support vessel off Barrow Island. Two other vessel collisions occurred in 2010, one in the port of Dampier, where an activity support vessel collided with a barge being towed. Minor damage was reported and no significant injury to personnel or pollution occurred. The second 2010 vessel collision involved a vessel under pilot control in port connected with a vessel alongside a wharf causing it to sink. No reported pollution resulted from the sunken vessel. These incidents demonstrate the likelihood of only minor volumes of hydrocarbons being released during the highly unlikely event of a vessel collision occurring.

From 2010 to 2011, the ATSB's annual publication defines the individual safety action factors identified in marine accidents and incidents: 42% related to navigation action (2011). Of those, 15% related to poor communication and 42% related to poor monitoring, checking and documentation. The majority of these related to the grounding instances.

One instance of a vessel colliding with a navigation buoy was recorded by the ATSB in 2017, with damage to the buoy and ship limited to paintwork. No instances were found of a collision with a buoy (floating or submerged) resulting in a spill.

Credible scenario

For a vessel collision to result in the worst-case scenario of a hydrocarbon spill from the vessel (the RTM is hydrocarbon free) potentially impacting an environmental receptor, several factors must align as follows:

- The identified causes of vessel interaction must result in a collision.
- The collision must have enough force to penetrate the vessel hull.
- The collision must be in the exact location of the fuel tank.
- The fuel tank must be full, or at least of volume which is higher than the point of penetration.

The probability of the chain of events described above aligning, to result in a breach of fuel tanks resulting in a spill that could potentially affect the marine environment is considered remote. Given the offshore location of the Operational Area, vessel grounding is not considered a credible risk.

The environmental risk analysis and evaluation undertaken identified and assessed a range of potential scenarios that could result in a loss of vessel structural integrity resulting in damage to fuel storage tank(s) and a loss of marine diesel to the marine environment. The scenarios considered damage to single and multiple fuel storage tanks in the activity support vessel due to various combinations of project vessel to vessel and third party vessel collision, or collision with the RTM. In summary:

1. It is not a credible scenario that a collision between project vessels would damage any storage tanks, due to the location of the tanks on both vessel types, and secondary containment.
2. It is highly unlikely that the full volume of the largest storage tank on an activity support vessel would be lost.
3. It is not a credible scenario that a collision between a third party vessel/project vessel and the floating RTM (12 m wide and ~6.5 m above waterline) would occur and result in an oil spill from the vessel.
4. It is highly unlikely that a collision between a third party vessel/project vessel and the RTM if it were submerged would occur resulting in the full volume of the largest storage tank on the vessel, due to the presence of the marker/sentry buoy and standby vessel as outlined in the demonstration of ALARP below.

A collision between a project vessel and a third party vessel (i.e. commercial shipping, other petroleum-related vessels and commercial fishing vessels) was assessed as being credible but highly unlikely given the distance from the Operational Area to the nearest shipping fairway (approximately 40 km away), the standard vessel operations and equipment in place to prevent collision at sea, the standby role of a support vessels (low vessel speed), the exclusion zone around the RTM and the construction and placement of storage tanks. The largest tank of the activity support vessel is unlikely to exceed 500 m^3 (**Table 6-7**).

In the event that the RTM lost integrity of two empty ballast compartments, becoming a submerged hazard, where a third party vessel/project vessel could collide with the RTM resulting in a loss of containment of marine diesel from the vessel, the vessel would need to impact the RTM directly resulting in significant damage to the front of the vessel and subsequent breach of the forward hull tanks. These tanks are often used for trim control and so do not typically contain fuel oil. Due to the shape of the RTM (circular profile) and stiffness of the mooring system, it is likely that any blow would be glancing resulting in damage to the immediate impact area then the RTM would be deflected by the impact and assuming no action were taken by the impacting vessel, the RTM would scrape along the side of the vessel. Wave action and resultant relative heave of the RTM and impacting vessel may exacerbate the damage caused by the RTM but the load applied would be low (caused by mooring system stiffness only).

This was assessed as being credible but highly unlikely given the RTM has been designed for surface shipping impact with compartment 13 foam filled to provide protection to the RTM/vessel should impact occur. In addition to this, the distance from the Operational Area to the nearest shipping fairway is approximately 40 km away, the RTM is marked on navigation charts, will remain within a marked 500 m exclusion zone while it is in the Operational Area and has a passive and active radar reflector. Should the RTM partially submerge, a standby vessel will be deployed to monitor the RTM 500 m exclusion zone and warn vessels of the hazard until navigation charts have been updated to reflect a submerged hazard, or the RTM is removed. The RTM is fitted with a self-deploying marker buoy, designed to float free in the event that the RTM partially submerges to provide a visual indication on the surface that a submerged hazard exists until the standby vessel arrives. Additionally, a draft and position monitoring system was installed on the RTM to provide automated alert to Woodside personnel in the event of the draft increasing to 76 m for 6 consecutive hours and/or the mean RTM offset exceeding 27 m for 6 consecutive hours. In the unlikely event that the RTM does partially submerge, AMSA will be informed along with the AHO to facilitate update of charts indicating the hazard.

Table 6-7: Assessment of potential vessel spill scenarios

Scenario	Hydrocarbon Volumes	Preventative and Mitigation Controls	Credibility	Max. Possible Volume loss (m^3)
Breach of project vessel fuel tanks due to collision with	Project vessels have multiple isolated tanks, largest volume of a single	Tank locations mid-ship (not bow or stern).	Not credible Collision between project vessels at slow speeds is	0

another project vessel	tank is likely to be ≤500 m^3	For the majority of IMR activities the project vessel will be holding location. Project vessels may steam within the project area at around 12 knots; however normal maritime procedures would apply during such vessel movements.	highly unlikely and if did occur is highly unlikely to result in a breach of vessel fuel tanks (low energy contact from slow-moving vessel)	
Breach of project vessel fuel tanks due to project vessel – other vessel collision including commercial shipping/fisheries	Project vessels have multiple marine diesel tanks typically ranging between 22 and 500 m^3 each.	Typically double wall, tanks which are located mid-ship (not bow or stern) Vessels are not anchored and steam at low speeds when relocating within the Operational Area or providing stand-by cover. Normal maritime procedures would apply during such vessel movements	Credible Project vessel – other vessel collision could potentially result in the release from a fuel tank	500 m^3
Breach of third party vessel / project vessel fuel tank due to a collision with RTM	Third party vessels assumed to be equal or smaller than project vessel fuel tank (between 22 and 500 m^3 each).	RTM is marked on navigation charts and within a 500 m exclusion zone. Also has navigation lights and a passive reflective radar. Compartment 13 is foam filled to provide protection to the RTM/vessel should impact with a vessel occur.	Not credible	0
Breach of third party vessel / project vessel fuel tank due to a collision with submerged RTM	Third party vessels assumed to be equal or smaller than project vessel fuel tank (between 22 and 500 m^3 each).	RTM is marked on navigation charts and within a 500 m exclusion zone. Also has navigation lights and a passive reflective radar. Compartment 13 is foam filled to provide protection to the RTM/vessel should impact with a vessel occur.	Credible Third party vessel / project vessel collision could potentially result in the release from a fuel tank.	500 m^3

Quantitative hydrocarbon risk assessment

Modelling was undertaken by RPS APASA, on behalf of Woodside, to determine the fate of marine diesel released from a collision within the Operational Area. The modelling assessed the extent of marine diesel spill volume of 500 m^3 for all seasons, using an historic sample of wind and current data for the region. A total of 200 simulations in various seasons were modelled with each simulation tracked for 42 days.

Hydrocarbon characteristics

Marine diesel is a mixture of both volatile and persistent hydrocarbons. Predicted weathering of marine diesel, based on typical conditions in the region, indicates that approximately 50% by mass would be expected to evaporate over the first day or two (**Figure 6-1**). After this time the majority of the remaining hydrocarbon is entrained into the upper water column. In calm conditions, entrained hydrocarbons are likely to resurface. Seven days following the spill, approximately

45–50% would evaporate, 40–45% would entrain and approximately 10% would decay and a small proportion would be dissolved (**Figure 6-1**).

Given the environmental conditions experienced in the Operational Area marine diesel is expected to undergo rapid spreading and this, together with evaporative loss, is likely to result in a rapid dissipation of the spill. Marine diesel distillates tend not to form emulsions at the temperatures found in the region. The characteristics of the marine diesel used in the modelling are given in **Table 6-8**.

Table 6-8: Characteristics of the marine diesel used in the modelling

Hydrocarbon Type	Initial Density (g/cm³) at 25°C	Viscosity (cP @ 25°C)	Component BP (°C)	Volatiles <180	Semi volatiles 180–265	Low Volatility (%) 265–380	Residual (%) >380
				Non-Persistent			Persistent
Marine Diesel (surrogate for MGO)	0.829	4.0	% of total	6	34.6	54.4	5

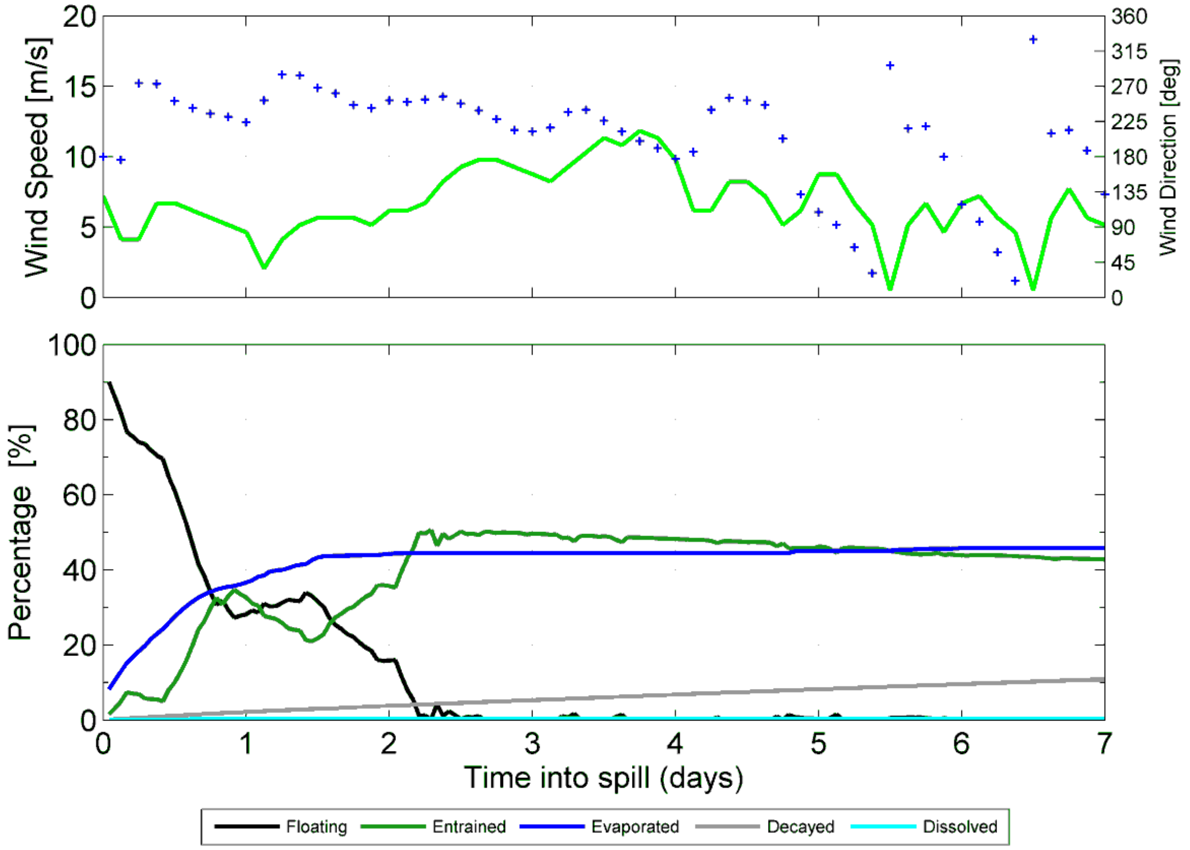

Figure 6-1: Proportional mass balance plot representing the weathering of marine diesel spilled onto the water surface as a one-off release (50 m3 over one hour) and subject to variable wind at 27 °C water temperature and 25 °C air temperature

Impact Assessment

Potential Impacts Overview

Environment that may be affected (EMBA)

The overall EMBA for the Petroleum Activities Program is based on stochastic modelling, which compiles data from 200 hypothetical worst-case spills under a variety of weather and metocean conditions (as described in **Section 6.7.1**). Therefore, the EMBA covers a larger area than the area that would be affected during any one single spill event, and thus represents the total extent of all the locations where hydrocarbon thresholds could be exceeded from all modelling runs. The trajectory of a single spill would have a considerably smaller footprint.

As the weathering of different fates of hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) differs due to the influence of the metocean transport mechanism, a different EMBA is discussed for each fate.

Surface hydrocarbons

Quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling results for surface hydrocarbons are shown in **Table 6-9**. In the event that this scenario occurred, a surface hydrocarbon slick would form down current of the release location with the trajectory dependent on prevailing wind and current conditions at the time. The modelling indicates that the spill would be localised and confined to open water, extending up to approximately 150 km from the release location.

Entrained hydrocarbons

Quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling results for entrained hydrocarbons are shown in **Table 6-9**. In the event that this vessel collision scenario occurred, the probability of contact by entrained oil at concentrations above 100 ppb is predicted to be highest at receptors associated with the Ningaloo coast and at the Gascoyne AMP (6.5% and 18%, respectively).

Dissolved hydrocarbons

Quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling results for dissolved hydrocarbons are shown in **Table 6-9**. Dissolved hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations (>50 ppb) were predicted by modelling to occur at receptors associated with the Ningaloo and the Gascoyne AMPs.

Accumulated hydrocarbons

Quantitative hydrocarbon spill modelling results for accumulated hydrocarbons are shown in **Table 6-9**. Accumulated hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations (>100 g/m^2) were predicted by the modelling to occur at Ningaloo Reef and the Muiron Islands. The largest potential volume of oil accumulating on any shoreline is expected to be 196 m^3 at Ningaloo coast north. Large potential volumes are also potentially forecast at the Muiron Islands (38 m^3).

Table 6-9: Key receptor locations and sensitivities potentially contacted above impact thresholds by the vessel collision scenario with summary hydrocarbon spill contact (table cell values correspond to probability of contact [%])

Environmental setting	Location / name	Environmental, Social, Cultural, Heritage and Economic Aspects presented as per the Environmental Risk Definitions (Woodside's Risk Management Procedure (WM0000PG10055394))																													Probability of hydrocarbon contact (diesel) (%) Note: the probability is based on stochastic modelling of 200 hypothetical worst-case spills under a variety of weather and metocean conditions					
		Physical		Biological																						Socio-economic and Cultural					Socio-cultural EMBA		EMBA			
		Water Quality	Sediment Quality	Marine Primary Producers			Other Communities / Habitats								Protected Species									Other Species												
		Open water – (pristine)	Marine Sediment – (pristine)	Coral reef	Seagrass beds / Macroalgae	Mangroves	Spawning/nursery areas	Open water – Productivity/upwelling	Non biogenic coral reefs	Offshore filter feeders and/or Deepwater benthic communities	Nearshore filter feeders	Sandy shores	Estuaries / tributaries / creeks / lagoons (including mudflats)	Rocky shores	Cetaceans – migratory whales	Cetaceans – dolphins and porpoises	Dugongs	Pinnipeds (sea lions and fur seals)	Marine turtles	Seasnakes	Whale sharks	Sharks and rays	Sea birds and/or migratory shorebirds	Pelagic fish populations	Resident /Demersal Fish	Fisheries – commercial	Fisheries – traditional	Tourism and Recreation	Protected Areas / Heritage – European and Indigenous / Shipwrecks	Offshore Oil and Gas Infrastructure (topside and subsea)	Surface hydrocarbon (1–10 g/m²)	Accumulated hydrocarbons (10–100 g/m²)	Surface hydrocarbon (≥10 g/m²)	Entrained hydrocarbon (≥100 ppb)	Dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon (≥50 ppb)	Accumulated hydrocarbons (>100 g/m²)
Offshore	Ningaloo AMP	✓						✓		✓					✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		4	1.5	2	6.5	0.5	N/A
	Gascoyne AMP	✓	✓												✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	11	8	5	18	1	N/A
	Shark Bay AMP/ WHA	✓	✓					✓							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		-	N/A	-	0.5	-	N/A
	Abrolhos Islands AMP	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓						✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		-	N/A	-	0.5	-	N/A
	Carnarvon Canyon AMP	✓	✓					✓		✓														✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		-	N/A	-	0.5	-	N/A
Islands	Muiron Islands (WHA, State Marine Park)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		0.5	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5
	Bernier and Dorre Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		-	-	-	1	-	-
Mainland (nearshore waters)	Ningaloo coast (north, middle and south) (WHA, and State Marine Park)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		4	1	2	6.5	0.5	0.5
	WA coastline	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		0.5	1.5	0.5	4.5		0.5

Potential impacts to environmental values
Summary of potential impacts to protected species
Marine mammals (cetaceans and dugongs)
Marine mammals that have direct physical contact with surface, entrained or dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons may suffer surface fouling, ingestion of hydrocarbons (from prey, water and sediments), aspiration of oily water or droplets, and inhalation of toxic vapours (DWH Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees, 2016). This may result in the irritation of sensitive membranes such as the eyes, mouth, digestive and respiratory tracts and organs, impairment of the immune system, neurological damage (Helm et al., 2015), reproductive failure, adverse health effects (e.g. lung disease, poor body condition) and potentially mortality (DWH Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees, 2016). In a review of cetacean observations relating to a number of large-scale hydrocarbon spills, Geraci (1988) found little evidence of mortality associated with hydrocarbon spills. However, it was concluded that exposure to oil from the DWH resulted in increased mortality to cetaceans in the Gulf of Mexico (DWH Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees, 2016). Geraci (1988) did identify behavioural disturbance (i.e. avoiding spilled hydrocarbons) in some instances for several species of cetacean, suggesting that cetaceans have the ability to detect and avoid surface slicks. However, observations during spills have recorded larger whales (both mysticetes and odontocetes) and smaller delphinids travelling through and feeding in oil slicks. During the DWH spill, cetaceans were routinely seen swimming in surface slicks offshore (and nearshore) (Achinger Dias et al., 2017).
Impacts to cetaceans depends on the exposure pathway; with exposure to entrained oil and surface slicks not expected to result in significant impacts due to the relatively volatile, non-persistent nature of the hydrocarbons. Direct toxic effects from external exposure are not expected to occur, although mucous membranes and eyes may become irritated. Indirect toxic effects, such as hydrocarbon ingestion through accumulation in prey may occur. Baleen whales feeding within entrained hydrocarbon plumes may ingest hydrocarbons, potentially resulting in toxic effects (particularly fresh hydrocarbons near the release location).
Five threatened and migratory, and six migratory cetacean species were identified by a search of the EPBC Act Protected Matters Database, as potentially occurring in the EMBA (refer to **Section 4.6.1.3**). In the event of a vessel collision, there is potential that surface and entrained hydrocarbons exceeding threshold concentrations will be transported across the north and southbound migratory route (BIA) of humpback and pygmy blue whales. If a vessel collision occurred during June to September it would coincide with humpback whale migration through the waters off the North West Cape, and if a vessel collision occurring during April to July or October to January it would coincide with pygmy blue whale migration. While opportunistic feeding may occur during migration, it is considered rare, therefore, a vessel diesel spill could result in a disruption to a portion of the population but it is not predicted to impact on the overall population viability.
Nearshore dolphin species (spotted bottlenose dolphin and Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin) and dugongs are known to reside or frequent nearshore waters, including the Ningaloo coast, which may be potentially impacted by surface, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons exceeding threshold concentrations in the event of a vessel collision. A BIA for dugongs lies within the EMBA, approximately 28 km south of the Operational Area (**Section 4.6.1.3**). Given these species are known to exhibit site fidelity and are often resident, avoidance behaviour may have greater impacts to population functioning. Nearshore dolphin species (e.g. spotted bottlenose dolphins) may exhibit higher site fidelity than oceanic species although Geraci (1988) observed relatively little impacts beyond behavioural disturbance. Additional potential environment impacts may also include the potential for dugongs to ingest hydrocarbons when feeding on oiled seagrass stands or indirect impacts to dugongs due to loss of this food source due to dieback in worse affected areas.
A loss of marine diesel from a vessel collision could result in a disruption to individual marine mammals transiting the EMBA. Such disruption could include behavioural impacts (e.g. avoidance of impacted areas), sub-lethal biological effects (e.g. skin irritation, irritation from ingestion or inhalation) and, in rare circumstances, death. Additionally, a hydrocarbon spill may have an impact on feeding habitats of dugongs and nearshore dolphin species, and result in a disruption to a portion of the local population. However, such disruptions or impacts are not predicted to impact on the overall population viability of the species within the EMBA.
Marine turtles
Adult sea turtles exhibit no avoidance behaviour when they encounter hydrocarbon slicks (NOAA, 2010). Contact with surface slicks, or entrained hydrocarbon, can therefore, result in hydrocarbon adherence to body surfaces (Gagnon and Rawson, 2010) causing irritation of mucous membranes in the nose, throat and eyes leading to inflammation and infection (NOAA, 2010). Oiling can also irritate and injure skin which is most evident on pliable areas such as the neck and flippers (Lutcavage et al., 1995). A stress response associated with this exposure pathway includes an increase in the production of white blood cells, and even a short exposure to hydrocarbons may affect the functioning of their salt gland (Lutcavage et al., 1995).
Hydrocarbons in surface waters may also impact turtles when they surface to breathe and inhale toxic vapours. Their breathing pattern, involving large ‘tidal’ volumes and rapid inhalation before diving, results in direct exposure to petroleum vapours which are the most toxic component of the hydrocarbon spill (Milton and Lutz, 2003). This can lead to lung damage and congestion, interstitial emphysema, inhalant pneumonia and neurological impairment (NOAA,

2010). Contact with entrained hydrocarbons can result in hydrocarbon adherence to body surfaces causing irritation of mucous membranes in the nose, throat and eyes leading to inflammation and infection (Gagnon and Rawson, 2010).

In the nearshore environment, turtles can ingest hydrocarbons when feeding (e.g. on oiled seagrass stands/macroalgae) or can be indirectly affected by loss of food source (e.g. seagrass due to dieback from hydrocarbon exposure) (Gagnon and Rawson, 2010). In addition, hydrocarbon exposure can impact on turtles during the breeding season at nesting beaches. Contact with gravid adult females or hatchlings may occur on nesting beaches (accumulated hydrocarbons) or in nearshore waters (entrained hydrocarbons) where hydrocarbons are predicted to make shoreline contact. Female turtles attempting to nest may avoid oiled beaches, or become oiled externally after contacting stranded hydrocarbons (Milton et al., 2010). Note that turtles typically nest well above the high tide level, beyond the high tide level where stranded hydrocarbons typically accumulate. Oiled nesting female turtles may be subject to acute and chronic toxic effects, including reduced reproductive success and mortality (Milton et al., 2010). Hatchling turtles may encounter stranded oil when exiting the nest, and surface and entrained oil upon reaching the sea. Hatchling turtles are expected to be more vulnerable to oil exposure than adult turtles, due to the relatively smaller size and greater portion of time spend at the sea surface (i.e. more likely to encounter floating oil) (Milton et al., 2010).

Due to the absence of potential nesting habitat and location offshore, the Operational Area is unlikely to represent important habitat for marine turtles (approximately 35 km from the Muiron Islands and the north Ningaloo coast and water depths of approximately 400 to 600 m deep). However, several marine turtle species utilise nearshore waters and shorelines for foraging and breeding (including internesting), with significant nesting beaches along the mainland coast and islands in potentially impacted locations such as the Ningaloo coast. Marine turtles have distinct breeding seasons as detailed in **Section 4.6.1.2**. The nearshore waters of these turtle habitat areas may be exposed to surface, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons exceeding threshold concentrations, and accumulated hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations. In the event that accumulated hydrocarbons (Ningaloo coast only) or entrained hydrocarbons reach the shoreline or internesting coastal waters (as predicted for the Ningaloo coast), there is the potential for impacts to turtles utilising the affected area.

During the breeding season, turtle aggregations near nesting beaches in the NWMR, within the EMBA, are most vulnerable due to greater turtle densities and potential impacts may occur at the population level but it is not expected to impact on overall population viability. Several important nesting areas were identified as potentially being subject to shoreline accumulation of hydrocarbons >100 g/m^2, including Ningaloo coast and Muiron Islands. While these are regionally significant nesting areas, all marine turtle species have significant nesting areas beyond the EMBA.

In the event of a vessel collision, a hydrocarbon spill may have a minor disruption to a portion of the population; however, there is no threat to overall population viability.

Seasnakes

Impacts to seasnakes from direct contact with hydrocarbons are likely to result in similar physical effects to those recorded for marine turtles and may include potential damage to the dermis and irritation to mucus membranes of the eyes, nose and throat (International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation [ITOPF], 2011). They may also be impacted when they return to the surface to breathe and inhale the toxic vapours associated with the hydrocarbons, resulting in damage to their respiratory system.

In general, seasnakes frequent the waters of the continental shelf area around offshore islands and potentially submerged shoals (water depths <100 m) and while individuals may be present in the EMBA (**Section 4.6.1.2**), their abundance is not expected to be high given the deepwater and offshore location of the activity. Therefore, a hydrocarbon spill may have a minor disruption to a portion of the population but there is no threat to overall population viability.

Sharks (including whale sharks) and rays

Impacts to sharks and rays may occur through direct contact with hydrocarbons and contaminate the tissues and internal organs either through direct contact or via the food chain (consumption of prey). In the offshore environment, it is probable that pelagic shark species are able to detect and avoid surface waters underneath hydrocarbon spills by swimming into deeper water or away from the affected areas. Stochastic spill model outputs indicate potential impacts from entrained and/or dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons to the benthic communities of nearshore, subtidal communities of the Ningaloo coast, and it is considered that there is potential for habitat loss to occur. Nearshore shark and ray populations displaced or no longer supported due to habitat loss would be expected to redistribute to other locations. However, widespread habitat loss is unlikely and any impact on sharks and rays is predicted to be minor and only a temporary disruption.

A foraging BIA for the whale shark is located within the EMBA (refer to **Section 4.6.1.1**), approximately 8 km east of the Operational Area, representing an area where solitary whale sharks may forage during their migration from Ningaloo (primarily between September and November). Hydrocarbon contact may affect whale sharks through ingestion (entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons), particularly if feeding. Whale sharks are versatile feeders, filtering large amounts of water over their gills, catching planktonic and nektonic organisms (Jarman and Wilson, 2004). Whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef have been observed using two different feeding strategies, including passive subsurface ram-feeding and active surface feeding (Taylor, 2007). Passive feeding consists of swimming slowly at the surface with the mouth wide open. During active feeding sharks swim high in the water with the upper part of the body above the surface with the mouth partially open (Taylor, 2007). These feeding methods would result in potential for individuals that are present in worse affected spill areas to ingest potentially toxic amounts of entrained/dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons into their body. Large amounts of ingested hydrocarbons may affect their endocrine and immune system in the longer term. The presence of hydrocarbons may cause displacement of whale sharks from the area where they normally feed and rest, and potentially disrupt migration and aggregations to these areas in subsequent seasons. Whale sharks may also be affected indirectly by entrained/dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons through the contamination of their prey. If the spill event were to occur during the spawning season, this important food supply (in worse spill affected areas of the reef) may be diminished or contaminated. The contamination of their food supply and the subsequent ingestion of this prey by the whale shark may also result in long-term impacts as a result of bioaccumulation. Individual whale sharks that have direct contact with hydrocarbons within the spill affected area may be impacted, but the consequences to migratory whale shark populations are likely to be minor.

Several threatened species of sawfish (*Pristis* spp.) were identified by a search of the EPBC Act Protected Matters Database, as potentially occurring in the EMBA (refer to **Section 4.6.1.1**). In the event of a vessel collision, a hydrocarbon spill may have a minor disruption to a portion of the population; however, there is no threat to overall population viability.

Seabirds and/or migratory shorebirds

Offshore waters are potential foraging grounds for seabirds associated with the coastal roosting and nesting habitat (Ningaloo and the Barrow/Montebello/Lowendal Island Group). The Operational Area overlaps with a breeding and foraging BIA for the wedge-tailed shearwater, and the EMBA overlaps with additional breeding and foraging BIAs for the Australian fairy tern and roseate tern, approximately 29 km south and 86 km south of the Operational Area, respectively.

Seabirds generally do not exhibit avoidance behaviour to floating hydrocarbons. Physical contact of seabirds with surface slicks is by several exposure pathways, primarily, immersion, ingestion and inhalation. Such contact with hydrocarbons may result in plumage fouling and hypothermia (loss of thermoregulation), decreased buoyancy and potential to drown, inability to fly or feed, anaemia, pneumonia and irritation of eyes, skin, nasal cavities and mouths (AMSA, 2013; IPIECA, 2004) and result in mortality due to oiling of feathers or the ingestion of hydrocarbons. Longer-term exposure effects that may potentially impact seabird populations include a loss of reproductive success (loss of breeding adults) and malformation of eggs or chick (AMSA, 2013). Seabirds typically nest above the high water mark and as such, are not likely to encounter stranded hydrocarbons. The extent of the EMBA for a surface slick may result in impacts on feeding habitat, however this is not expected to result in a threat to the overall population viability of seabirds or shorebirds.

Migratory shorebirds may be exposed to stranded hydrocarbon when foraging or resting in intertidal habitats, however, direct oiling is typically restricted to relatively small portion of birds, and such oiling is typically restricted to the birds' feet. Unlike seabirds, shorebird mortality due to hypothermia from matted feathers is relatively uncommon (Henkel et al., 2012). Indirect impacts, such as reduced prey availability, may occur (Henkel et at. 2012).

Summary of potential impacts to habitats and communities

Coral reefs

Exposure to entrained hydrocarbons has the potential to result in lethal or sub-lethal toxic effects to corals and other sensitive sessile benthos within the upper water column, including subtidal corals. Mortality in a number of coral species is possible and this would result in the reduction of coral cover and change in the composition of coral communities. Sub-lethal effects to corals may include polyp retraction, changes in feeding, bleaching (loss of zooxanthellae), increased mucous production resulting in reduced growth rates and impaired reproduction (Negri and Heyward, 2000). In the unlikely event of a marine diesel spill occurring at the time of coral spawning at potentially affected coral locations or in the general peak period of biological productivity, there is potential for a reduction in successful fertilization and coral larval survival due to the sensitivity of coral early life stages to hydrocarbons (Negri and Heyward, 2000). Such impacts are likely to result in the failure of recruitment and settlement of new population cohorts. In addition, some non-coral species may be affected via direct contact with entrained hydrocarbons, resulting in sub-lethal impacts and in some cases mortality. This is with particular reference to the early life-stages of coral reef animals (reef attached fishes and reef invertebrates), which can be relatively sensitive to hydrocarbon exposure. Coral reef fish are site attached, have small home ranges and as reef residents they are at higher risk from hydrocarbon exposure than non-resident, more wide-ranging fish species. The exact impact on resident coral communities will be entirely dependent on actual hydrocarbon concentration, duration of exposure and water depth of the affected communities.

The quantitative spill risk assessment and output EMBA indicate there would be a low probability for entrained and dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons (above threshold concentration) to contact shallow nearshore waters and therefore exposure of subtidal corals associated with the fringing reefs located at a number of mainland and island locations. Areas that may be contacted by entrained hydrocarbons and dissolved hydrocarbons include the Ningaloo coast. There is the potential for reefs along the Ningaloo coast to be exposed to entrained and/or dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons concentrations that are considered to induce toxicity effects, particularly for reproductive and juvenile stages of invertebrate and fish species.

Seagrass beds, macroalgae and mangroves

Seagrass and macroalgal beds occurring in the intertidal and subtidal zone may be susceptible to impacts from entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons. Toxicity effects can also occur due to absorption of soluble fractions of hydrocarbons into tissues (Runcie et al., 2010). The potential for toxicity effects of entrained hydrocarbons may be reduced by weathering processes that should serve to lower the content of soluble aromatic components before contact occurs. Exposure to entrained/dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons may result in mortality, depending on actual entrained/dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon concentration received and duration of exposure. Physical contact with entrained hydrocarbon droplets could cause sub-lethal stress, causing reduced growth rates and a reduction in tolerance to other stress factors (Zieman et al., 1984). Impacts on seagrass and macroalgal communities are likely to occur in areas where hydrocarbon threshold concentrations are exceeded.

Mangrove habitat and associated mud flats and salt marsh at Ningaloo coast (small habitat areas), have the potential to be exposed. Hydrocarbons coating prop roots of mangroves can occur from surface hydrocarbons when hydrocarbons are deposited on the aerial roots. Hydrocarbons deposited on the aerial roots can block the pores used to breathe or interfere with the trees' salt balance resulting in sub-lethal and potential lethal effects. Mangroves can also be impacted by entrained/dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons that may adhere to the sediment particles. In low energy environments such as in mangroves, deposited sediment-bound hydrocarbons are unlikely to be removed naturally by wave action and may be deposited in layers by successive tides (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA], 2014).

Entrained/dissolved hydrocarbon impacts may include sub-lethal stress and mortality to certain sensitive biota in these habitats, including infauna and epifauna. Larval and juvenile fish, and invertebrates that depend on these shallow subtidal and intertidal habitats as nursery areas, may be directly impacted due to the loss of habitats and/or lethal and sub-lethal in-water toxic effects. This may result in mortality or impairment of growth, survival and reproduction (Heintz et al., 2000). In addition, there is the potential for secondary impacts on shorebirds, fish, sea turtles, rays, and crustaceans that utilise these intertidal habitat areas for breeding, feeding and nursery habitat purposes.

Plankton and fish communities

There is the potential for plankton communities to potentially be impacted where entrained hydrocarbon threshold concentrations are exceeded. Communities are expected to recover quickly (weeks/months) due to high population turnover (ITOPF, 2011). With the relatively small EMBA and the fast population turn-over of open water plankton populations, it is considered that any potential impacts would be low magnitude and temporary in nature.

Pelagic and demersal fish populations in the open water offshore environment of the Operational Area and EMBA are highly mobile and can move away from a marine diesel spill. The spill-affected area will likely be confined to the upper surface layers. It is therefore unlikely that fish populations would be exposed to hydrocarbon contamination. Fish populations are likely to be distributed over a wide geographical area so impacts on populations or species level are considered to be negligible. Given the above factors and the rapid dispersion of marine diesel, it is considered that any potential impacts to fish will be negligible.

Spawning/nursery areas

Fish (and other commercially targeted taxa) in their early life stages (eggs, larvae and juveniles) are at their most vulnerable to lethal and sub-lethal impacts from exposure to hydrocarbons, particularly if a spill coincides with spawning seasons or if a spill reaches nursery areas close to the shore (e.g. seagrass and mangroves) (ITOPF, 2011). Fish spawning mostly occurs in nearshore waters at certain times of the year and nearshore waters are also inhabited by higher numbers of juvenile fishes than offshore waters.

Modelling indicated that in the unlikely event of a vessel collision there is potential for entrained hydrocarbons to occur in the surface water layers above threshold concentrations in nearshore waters including the Ningaloo coast. This, and the potential for possible lower concentration exposure for dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons, have the potential to result in lethal and sub-lethal impacts to a certain portion of fish larvae in affected areas, depending on concentration and duration of exposure and the inherent toxicity of the hydrocarbon. Although there is the potential for spawning/nursery habitat to be impacted (e.g. mangroves and seagrass beds, discussed above), losses of fish larvae in worst affected areas are unlikely to be of major consequence to fish stocks compared with significantly larger losses through natural predation, and the likelihood that most nearshore areas would be exposed is low (i.e. not all areas in the region would be affected). This is supported by a recent study in the Gulf of Mexico which used juvenile abundance data as indices of the acute, population-level responses of young fishes to the Deepwater Horizon spill. Results indicated that there was no change to the juvenile cohorts following this spill. Additionally there were no significant post-spill shifts in community composition and structure, nor were there changes in biodiversity measures (Fodrie and Heck, 2011). Any impacts to spawning and nursery areas are expected to be minor and short term, as would flow on effects to adult fish stocks into which larvae are recruited.

Summary of potential impacts to water quality

It is likely that water quality will be reduced at the hydrocarbon release location of the vessel collision to contamination levels above background levels and/or national/international quality standards; however, such impacts to water quality would be temporary and localised in nature due to the relatively small extent of the EMBA and the rapid dispersion of marine diesel. The potential impact is therefore expected to be low.

Summary of potential impacts to key ecological features

KEFs potentially impacted by a marine diesel spill from a vessel collision event are:

- Canyons that link the Cuvier Abyssal Plan with the Cape Range Peninsula
- Continental slope demersal fish communities
- Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef
- Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour
- Exmouth Plateau
- Wallaby Saddle
- Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth
- Western demersal slope and associated fish communities
- Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west-canyons
- Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands
- Western rock lobster

The KEFs are primarily defined by seabed geomorphological features and/or indicate a potential for increased biological productivity and, therefore, ecological significance.

The consequences of a hydrocarbon spill from a vessel collision may impact the values of the KEFs affected (for the values of each KEF see **Section 4.7**). Potential impacts to the above KEFs include: impacts to demersal fish populations and reduced biodiversity. Impacts to benthic habitats are not predicted as hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) will be limited to the upper layers of the water column. Most of the KEFs within the EMBA have relatively broad-scale distributions and are unlikely to be significantly impacted.

Therefore, a worst-case hydrocarbon spill scenario has the potential to result in minor, short-term impacts to the ecological values of KEFs within the EMBA, with impacts predicted to be greatest within surface water layers closest to the potential release location.

Summary of potential impacts to protected areas

The EMBA overlaps with a number of protected areas. The quantitative spill risk assessment results indicate that the open water environment protected within the Gascoyne AMP, Ningaloo AMP, Shark Bay AMP, Abrolhos Islands AMP and Carnarvon AMP may be affected by the released hydrocarbons (refer to **Table 6-9**). The Ningaloo State Marine Park and Muiron Islands Management Area are also located within the EMBA and may be affected by the release of hydrocarbons.

Many of the protected areas identified contain marine fauna and biological communities, which are considered to be of important environmental value that the protected areas are intended to protect (**Section 4.8**). As outlined in the preceding sections, a hydrocarbon release from a vessel collision may impact upon a range of these values simultaneously, and different receptors in an affected area may recover at different rates. In the event of simultaneous impacts to environmental values within a protected area, the collective environment of the protected area may be compromised to a greater extent than the assessments of each individual value would indicate.

Impact on the protected areas is discussed in the sections above for ecological the values and sensitivities and below for socio-economic values. Additionally, such hydrocarbon contact may alter stakeholder understanding and/or perception of the protected marine environment, given these represent areas largely unaffected by anthropogenic influences and contain biological diverse environments.

Summary of potential impacts to socio-economic values

Socio-economic

A marine diesel spill is considered unlikely to cause significant direct impacts on the target species fished by the Commonwealth and State Fisheries (see **Section 4.9.2**) which overlap with the EMBA. Active fisheries within the EMBA primarily target demersal and benthic species (finfish and crustaceans) that inhabit waters in the range of >60–200 m depth or pelagic species which are highly mobile. Therefore, a marine diesel spill due is expected to only result in negligible impacts, considering the relatively small area of the EMBA and hydrocarbons are confined to the top 40 m of the water column. However, there is the potential that a fishing exclusion zone would be applied in the area of the spill, which would put a temporary ban on fishing activities and therefore potentially lead to subsequent economic impacts on commercial fishing operators if they were planning on undertaking fishing within the area of the spill.

A loss of hydrocarbons due to vessel collision during the Petroleum Activities Program may lead to exclusion of marine nature-based tourist activities at Ningaloo coast, resulting in a loss of revenue for operators. Tourism is a major industry for the region and visitor numbers would likely reduce if a hydrocarbon spill were to occur. Given the nature of a marine diesel spill, impacts would be expected to be temporary in nature.

There are a number of oil and gas facilities that occur within the EMBA (e.g. Ngujima Yin FPSO). Avoidance of surface hydrocarbons is a possible response by other vessels. However, such occurrences will likely be limited to close proximity to the release site and other oil and gas activities are unlikely to be impacted.

Similarly, impacts to commercial shipping operations are unlikely to be impacted given the nearest shipping fairway is approximately 40 km north-west of the Operational Area. ***Cultural heritage*** There are a number of historic shipwrecks identified in the vicinity of the Operational Area, with the closest to the Operational Area being the Beatrice, located approximately 12 km away. These heritage sites are located on the seabed, and will not be directly impacted by a marine diesel spill as hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) are confined to the upper layers of the water column. Accumulated hydrocarbons above threshold concentrations (>100 g/m^2) are predicted at Ningaloo coast. It is acknowledged that the area contains numerous Indigenous sites such as burial grounds, middens and fish traps that provide a historical account of the early habitation of the area and a tangible part of the culture of local Indigenous groups (CALM, 1990). Additionally, the Ningaloo coast is a designated World, National and Commonwealth heritage place (**Section 4.9.1.3**). Potential impacts to the Ningaloo coast have been discussed in the sections above.
Summary of potential impacts to environmental values(s)
In the unlikely event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release to the marine environment due to vessel collision, combined with the adopted controls, it is considered that any potential impact would be minor and short-term in nature to water quality in comparison to background levels and/or international standards with minor and short-term impacts to habitats, populations and shipping/fishing concerns. The highest environmental consequence identified for the assessment of an unplanned hydrocarbon release to the marine environment due to vessel collision, as classified in **Figure 2-4**, is defined as D, which equates to 'minor, short-term impact (1–2 years) on species, habitat (but not affecting ecosystem function), physical or biological attributes'.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[19]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Active and passive radar reflectors and navigational lights maintained on RTM.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost, standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 1.1
500 m petroleum safety zone established around the RTM.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of interfering with other marine users.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 2.1
500 m operational exclusion zone established around the project vessels during IMR activities.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communicating the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 2.2

[19] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[19]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
		interfering with other marine users.		
Marine Order 30 (prevention of collisions) 2016, including: • adherence to steering and sailing rules including maintaining lookouts (e.g. visual, hearing, radar, etc.), proceeding at safe speeds, assessing risk of collision and taking action to avoid collision (monitoring radar) • adherence to navigation light display requirements, including visibility, light position/shape appropriate to activity • adherence to navigation noise signals as required.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirements to be followed reduce the likelihood of interference with other marine users and thus the likelihood of a collision.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 10.1
Marine Order 21 (safety and emergency arrangements) 2016, including: • adherence to minimum safe manning levels • maintenance of navigation equipment in efficient working order (compass/radar) • navigational systems and equipment required are those specified in Regulation 19 of Chapter V of *Safety of Life at Sea* • Automatic Identification System (AIS) that provides other users with information about the vessel's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related data.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirements to be followed reduce the likelihood of interference with other marine users and thus the likelihood of a collision.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 10.2
Comply with Marine Order 27 (Safety of navigation and radio equipment) 2016, including: • navigational systems and equipment mentioned in Regulations 19 and 20 of Chapter V of SOLAS for the vessel are type	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirement to reduce the likelihood of interference with other marine users resulting in a collision.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted	Yes C 10.3

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[19]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
approved and installed on board vessels • navigational systems and equipment mentioned in Regulations 7 to 11 of Chapter IV of SOLAS are installed on board vessels • navigational systems and equipment are maintained in working order • navigational activities and incidents of importance to safety of navigation on the vessel are recorded.				
Good Practice				
Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practice.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged or loses station as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 2.3
AHO notified of activity no less than four working weeks prior to undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Notification to AHO will enable them to generate navigation warnings (Maritime Safety Information Notifications (MSIN) and Notice to Mariners (NTM) (including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant)).	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.1
Notify relevant fishing industry government departments, representative bodies and licence holders of activities prior to commencement and upon completion of activities.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communication of the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of a collision with a third party vessel.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 3.2
Notify AMSA JRCC of activities 24–48 hours of undertaking activities within the Petroleum Activity Program.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communication of the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.3

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[19]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
		likelihood of a collision with a third party vessel.		
Notify relevant stakeholders for activities that commence more than a year after EP acceptance.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Communication of the Petroleum Activities Program to other marine users ensures they are informed and aware, thereby reducing the likelihood of a collision with a third party vessel.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 3.4
Develop SIMOPS management plan where multiple campaigns occur concurrently within the Operational Area.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	SIMOPS management plans between Woodside operated vessels in the Operational Area will reduce the likelihood of a collision occurring.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.6
Establish and maintain a publicly available interactive map which provides stakeholders with updated information on activities being conducted as part of the Petroleum Activities Program particularly during SIMOPS.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practise.	Interactive map provides additional alternate method for marine users to obtain information on the timing of activities, thereby reducing the likelihood of interference with other marine users.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 3.5
Notify AHO and AMSA in event that the RTM becomes a submerged hazard.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practise.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of a vessel collision with the RTM if submerged as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.5
If the RTM becomes a submerged hazard, a standby vessel will be deployed until navigation charts have been updated to reflect a submerged hazard, or the RTM is removed.	F: Yes CS: Moderate cost. Good practice.	Reduces the likelihood of a vessel collision with the RTM if submerged as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.6
In the event of a spill, emergency response activities implemented in accordance with the OPEP (**Table 7-4**).	F: Yes CS: Costs associated with implementing response strategies, vary dependant on nature and scale of spill event. Standard practice.	Potentially reduces consequence by implementing response to reduce impacts to the marine environment	Control based on regulatory requirement – must be adopted.	Yes C 10.7

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[19]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Arrangements supporting the activities in the OPEP (**Table 7-4**) will be tested to ensure the OPEP can be implemented as planned.	F: Yes. CS: Moderate costs associated with exercises. Standard practice.	No change to impact or risk however ensures OPEP can be implemented in the event of a hydrocarbon spill thereby potentially reducing the consequence.	Control based on regulatory requirement – must be adopted.	Yes C 10.8
Mitigation: oil spill response	Refer to **Appendix D**			
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Sink RTM to seabed to remove hazard to prevent collision which results in a spill.	F: Yes. Sinking the RTM to the seabed would result in reduced hazard at surface. However, it would be technically more challenging and possibly impractical to fully recover the RTM once on the seabed. CS: Sinking followed by recovery of the RTM for disposal would have significant cost, including the cost of procuring a vessel capable of securing and lifting the RTM from the seabed.	Although it is feasible to sink the RTM to reduce the surface hazard to other users, it will move the impact to the sea floor, and would be technically more challenging to recover.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice involved with removing the RTM from the sea floor grossly outweighs the environmental benefit gained.	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
Self-deploying marker buoy (to indicate a submerged hazard) attached to the topsides of the RTM, which will deploy if the RTM partially submerges.	F: Yes CS: Marker buoy has already been installed	Reduces the likelihood of a disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.9
No additional controls identified.				
Risk Based Analysis				
A quantitative spill risk assessment was undertaken (see details above)				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of an unplanned loss of hydrocarbon as a result of vessel collision. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that an unplanned loss of hydrocarbon as a result of a vessel collision represents a moderate current risk rating that is unlikely to result in potential impact greater than localised, minor and temporary disruption to a small proportion of the population and no impact on critical habitat or activity. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are consistent with the most relevant regulatory guidelines, good oil-field practice/industry best practice, and in some cases are above industry best practice and meet legislative requirements of (Marine Orders 30, 21 and 27). As demonstrated in **Section 6.8**, the residual risk of unplanned hydrocarbon release from vessel collision is not inconsistent with the relevant objectives and actions of any applicable recovery plans or threat abatement plans, based on the adopted controls. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice and wildlife conservation plans during the assessment of potential risks. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of a loss of vessel structural integrity to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 1 No unplanned interactions between RTM and marine users.	**C 1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 1.1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
EPO 2 Prevent adverse interactions between vessels/RTM and other marine users during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 2.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 2.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 2.1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 2.2 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 2.2** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 2.2.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 2.3 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 2.3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
EPO 3 Marine users aware of the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.2.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 3.2 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.2** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.2.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 3.3 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 3.4 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.4** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.4.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 3.5 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.5** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.5.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 3.6 Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 3.6** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 3.6.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
EPO 10 No release of hydrocarbons to the marine environment due to a vessel collision associated with the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 10.1** Marine Order 30 (prevention of collisions) 2016, including: adherence to steering and sailing rules including maintaining lookouts (e.g. visual, hearing, radar, etc.), proceeding at safe speeds, assessing risk of collision and taking action to avoid collision (monitoring radar)	**PS 10.1** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 30 (prevention of collisions) 2016 (which requires vessels to be visible at all times) to prevent unplanned interaction with marine users.	**MC 10.1.1** Marine Assurance inspection records demonstrate compliance with standard maritime safety procedures (Marine Orders 21, 27 and 30).

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	adherence to navigation light display requirements, including visibility, light position/shape appropriate to activity adherence to navigation noise signals as required.		
	C 10.2 Marine Order 21 (safety and emergency arrangements) 2016, including: adherence to minimum safe manning levels maintenance of navigation equipment in efficient working order (compass/radar) navigational systems and equipment required are those specified in Regulation 19 of Chapter V of Safety of Life at Sea AIS that provides other users with information about the vessel's identity, type, position, course, speed, navigational status and other safety-related data.	**PS 10.2** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 21 (safety of navigation and emergency procedures) 2016 to prevent unplanned interaction with marine users.	
	C 10.3 Comply with Marine Order 27 (Safety of navigation and radio equipment) 2016, including: • navigational systems and equipment mentioned in Regulations 19 and 20 of Chapter V of SOLAS for the vessel are type approved and installed on board vessels • navigational systems and equipment mentioned in Regulations 7 to 11 of Chapter IV of SOLAS are installed on board vessels • navigational systems and equipment are maintained in working order • navigational activities and incidents of importance to safety of navigation on the vessel are recorded.	**PS 10.3** Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 27 (safety of navigation and radio equipment) 2016 (which requires navigational systems and equipment) to prevent unplanned interaction with marine users.	
	C 10.4 Develop SIMOPS management plan where multiple campaigns occur concurrently within the Operational Area.	**P 10.4** SIMOPS management plan is in place where multiple campaigns occur concurrently within the Operational Area.	**MC 10.4** Records indicate a SIMOPS management plan has been created.
	C 10.5	**PS 10.5**	**10.5.1**

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	Notify AHO and AMSA in event that the RTM becomes a submerged hazard.	Notification to AHO and AMSA of submerged RTM hazard to allow generation of navigation warnings (Maritime Safety Information Notifications (MSIN) and Notice to Mariners (NTM) (including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant)).	Consultation records demonstrate that AHO and AMSA have been notified of RTM submerging.
	C 10.6 If the RTM becomes a submerged hazard, a standby vessel will be deployed until navigation charts have been updated to reflect a submerged hazard, or the RTM is removed	**PS 10.6** Navigational charts updated to mark the location of the submerged RTM.	**MC 10.6.1** Records demonstrate navigation charts are updated with submerged hazard or the RTM is removed before the standby vessel departs the submerged RTM.
	C 10.7 In the event of a spill, emergency response activities implemented in accordance with the OPEP (Table 7.4).	**PS 10.7** In the event of a spill the OPEP requirements are implemented.	**MC 10.7.1** Completed incident documentation.
	C 10.8 Arrangements supporting the activities in the OPEP (Table 7.4) will be tested to ensure the OPEP can be implemented as planned.	**PS 10.8.1** Exercises/tests will be conducted in alignment with the frequency identified in **Table 7-6**.	**MC 10.8.1** Testing of arrangement records confirm that emergency response capability has been maintained.
		PS 10.8.2 Woodside's procedure demonstrates a minimum level of trained personnel, for core roles in the OPEP, are maintained.	**PS 10.8.2** Emergency Management dashboard confirms that minimum level of personnel trained for core OPEP roles are available.
	C 10.9 Self-deploying marker buoy (to indicate a submerged hazard) attached to the topsides of the RTM, which will deploy if the RTM partially submerges	**PS 10.9** Self-deploying marker buoy (to indicate a submerged hazard) has been installed and is attached to the topsides of the RTM, which will deploy if the RTM partially submerges	**MC 10.9.1** Records demonstrate self-deploying marker buoy has been installed.
Detailed preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**.			

6.7.3 Unplanned Discharge: RTM

Context	
RTM – **Section 3.5.1**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary													
	Environmental Value Potentially Impacted						***Evaluation***						
Source of Risk	***Marine Sediment***	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Accidental discharge of hydrocarbons/ chemicals from the RTM from loss of integrity.	X	X			X		A	E	2	M	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 11
Accidental exposure to the marine environment of foam from the RTM from loss of integrity.		X			X								

Description of Source of Risk

Hydrocarbons/Chemicals

There are no planned discharges to the marine environment from the RTM remaining on station. However, in the unlikely event that the RTM were to sink, the following discharges may be released:

- Small quantities of operations fluids (up to 25 L of demulsifier, 40 L scale inhibitor, 40 L of hydraulic fluid and 60 L of methanol) may be released subsurface to the ocean from the EHU tail and piping on the RTM.
- Up to 180 L of a mix of demulsifier, scale inhibitor, methanol and rainwater may be decanted from the drain pot on the RTM, with the residue flushed to the ocean. The worst credible scenario is the drain pot is full (maximum capacity) and the 180 L is unable to be decanted and must be flushed to the ocean.
- Small volumes of residual hydrocarbons (calculated based on the OIW concentrations during flushing of the risers to be about 500 ml) may be released from the riser sections and discharged into the marine environment. The risers were flushed prior to FPSO removal therefore only trace quantities are likely to remain on the interior surface.

Polyurethanes (foam)

During fabrication of the RTM, rigid polyurethane foam was injected into compartment 13 to provide buoyancy to the compartment, if it were to flood due to damage or leaks. Compartment 13 is located at the waterline (refer to **Section 3.5.1**), and contains approximately 6 tonnes of rigid polyurethane foam, with a density of 80-90 kg/m^3. Compartment 13 is still structurally sound so it can be assumed that the foam contained within this compartment is still intact and in good condition and is not expected to be released. However, in the event of a gross structural failure (e.g. hull breakaway or sinking of the RTM), it is possible that the polyurethane foam may be exposed to the marine environment.

<u>Composition of the foam</u>

The product (MB 163P) was a two-part polyurethane system that is comparable to expanding foams used for a variety of construction purposes, including gap/cavity filling. Polyurethane foams are formed by the reaction between an isocyanate prepolymer and a polyol in the presence of a blowing agent, and an amine (catalyst). In MB 163P, the isocyanate is polymeric methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (PMDI) and the polyol is either ester-based or ether-based with terminal hydroxyl groups. When the reaction is fully complete, the foam forms a hard matrix that encapsulates gas bubbles formed during the process.

The polyol component of MB 163P also includes a flame retardant; however, no information is available in the product Safety Data Sheet as to what chemical it is. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), which are classified as persistent organic pollutants (POPs), were often used as flame retardants in the manufacture of polyurethane foams (Gallo et al. 2018). PBDEs are global contaminants of concern because they are persistent and toxic, and can bioaccumulate and

biomagnify. PBDEs tend to be stable and persistent in nature and are often associated with soils and sediments due to their high hydrophobicity and relatively low volatility. However, air and water particulate phases constitute important transport media for the dispersion of these contaminants and any congeners have been found to accumulate in living organisms and biomagnify in food chains (Yogui and Sericano 2009; Lee and Kim 2015). It is estimated that the flame retardant would potentially comprise ~2% of MB 163P, based on the typical concentration of flame retardants in other polyurethane foams, and on an assumption that the polyol component represents 50% of the two-part mixture. The foam has a density of 90 kg/m^3, which means that the 65 m^3 of foam in compartment 13 has a mass of 5.9 tonnes, and could contain up to 118 kg of flame retardant. Based on the current condition of the RTM and hull inspections and thickness measurements detailed in the 2021 OIWS Report (Fugro 2021), it is unlikely that there is a failure mechanism present that could result in gross structural failure required to separate a substantial buoyant section from the RTM structure. Woodside commissioned the University of Western Australia (UWA) to investigate the behaviour of submerged foam, should the polyurethane foam be exposed to the marine environment. Foam specimens of similar composition were tested under laboratory conditions under compression in water at equivalent pressure to 165 m water depth. Results of the testing suggested that if submerged in water, the foam would partially shrink due to hydrostatic pressure and would increasingly absorb water over time. The results indicate the foam will not disintegrate to particles or fracture or break up in any way (Elchalakani and Karrech, 2021). While the testing depth is shallower than the current moored location of the RTM (~400 m), the expectation is that in the deeper water (higher hydrostatic pressure) the foam may compress further whilst becoming fully saturated. However due to the high percentage of foam pore space that filled with water during testing with no sign of breakdown this would suggest that the foam will not breakup due to limited remaining pore space to fill as a result of the higher hydrostatic pressure at the RTM moored location.
Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
Unplanned spills of hydrocarbons or chemicals from the RTM, in the event of a loss of integrity, would decrease the water quality in the immediate area of the spill; however, the open water location and relatively small unplanned volumes of hydrocarbons/chemicals released would result in rapid dilution close to the source of discharge. Given the small volumes, and the offshore location of the Operational Area, any changes to water quality are expected to have no lasting effects. Given the small quantities of chemicals/hydrocarbons expected to be released, impacts to any marine fauna receptors would be negligible. As outlined above, if the polyurethane foam contained in compartment 13 were to be exposed to the marine environment due to loss of integrity of the RTM structure, it is expected to absorb water and not to disintegrate and disperse based on the UWA Study (Elchalakani and Karrech, 2021). This is consistent with findings of Huo et al. (2018), who investigated the effect of moisture absorption on the mechanical performance of polyurethane foam sheets. In this study polyurethane was subjected to seawater exposure for 166 days followed by elevated (e.g., mechanical) pressures that would be expected at around 100 m in depth. The authors found that while the polyurethane foam sheets degraded following salt water submersion and mechanical pressure, they did not fracture, but rather became compressed due to the loss of air bubbles and stayed in its relative form (Huo et al. 2018). The direct toxicity of polyurethane is extremely low, as most long chain molecules are considered to be biochemically inert due to their large molecular size (Teuten et al., 2009). While the parent compound has not been shown to be toxic in marine environments, its manufacturing chemicals can show toxicity when fresh. These are generally volatile chemicals (e.g., phenols, volatile organics compounds) which would not be expected to be present in aged product such as that found in the RTM compartments. As such the polyurethane material would not be expected to exhibit direct toxicity to marine organisms. Impacts from exposure of the polyurethane foam to the marine environment would therefore be highly localised and temporary, with efforts made to remove the structure following detail survey to assess the sunken condition of the RTM.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that accidental hydrocarbon/chemical spills or exposure of polyurethane foam to the marine environment from loss of RTM integrity will not result in a potential impact to water quality greater than slight and temporary contamination above background levels, quality standards or known effect concentrations and will not result in a potential impact greater than slight and temporary disruption to a small proportion of biological populations with no impact on protected species.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[20]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practice.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged or loses station as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 2.3
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
In the unlikely event the RTM sinks to the seabed, a survey will be conducted to assess condition and therefore feasibility of removal options prior to removal of the structure where determined feasible.	F: Yes CS: Woodside is committed to remove the RTM structure subject to it being feasible.	Conducting a survey will enable Woodside to evaluate removal options to meet its commitment of removing the RTM from the Operational Area where feasible to do so.	Benefits outweigh cost/ sacrifice	Yes C 11.1
A reduction in the volumes of chemicals and hydrocarbons within the RTM.	F: Yes CS: Would require a vessel to remove residual chemicals and hydrocarbons from the drain pot or chemical traps. Potential for access to drainage points to be restricted.	No reduction in consequence since volume of residual chemicals and hydrocarbons (<100L).	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice involved with residual chemicals and hydrocarbons from the RTM grossly outweighs the environmental benefit gained.	No
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of the potential unplanned accidental hydrocarbon/chemical discharges from the RTM described above. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that an unplanned minor discharge of hydrocarbons/chemicals as a result of loss of integrity and/or sinking of the RTM represents a moderate risk that is unlikely to result in potential impact greater

[20] Qualitative measure

than slight short-term localised and temporary disruption but not impacting on ecosystem function. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are consistent with the most relevant regulatory guidelines and good oil-field practice/industry best practice. As demonstrated in **Section 6.8**, the residual risk of unplanned loss of chemicals/hydrocarbons from the RTM is not inconsistent with the relevant objectives and actions of any applicable recovery plans or threat abatement plans, based on the adopted controls. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice and wildlife conservation plans during the assessment of potential risks. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of minor unplanned discharges from the RTM to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 11 No unplanned spills to the marine environment from the RTM greater than a consequence level of E[21] during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 2.3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 11.1 In the unlikely event the RTM sinks to the seabed, a survey will be conducted to assess condition and therefore feasibility of removal options prior to removal of the structure where determined feasible.	**PS 11.1** If the RTM sinks to the seabed, a survey is conducted within 60 days to assess condition and therefore feasibility of removal options prior to removal of the structure where determined feasible.	**MC 11.1.1** Records demonstrate a survey is conducted within 60 days to assess condition prior to removal of the structure where determined feasible.
Detailed preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**.			

[21] Defined as 'Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat but not affecting ecosystem function, physical or biological attributes'.

6.7.4 Unplanned Discharge: Deck and Subsea Spills

Context	
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary

Source of Risk	*Environmental Value Potentially Impacted*						*Evaluation*						
	Marine Sediment	*Water Quality*	*Air Quality (incl Odour)*	*Ecosystems/ Habitat*	*Species*	*Socio-economic*	*Decision Type*	*Consequence*	*Likelihood*	*Current Risk Rating*	*ALARP Tools*	*Acceptability*	*Outcome*
Accidental discharge of hydrocarbons/chemicals from project vessels deck activities and equipment (e.g. cranes) and from subsea ROV hydraulic leaks.		X			X		A	E	2	M	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 12

Description of Source of Risk

Unplanned hydrocarbon and chemical spills

Deck spills can result from spills from stored hydrocarbons/chemicals or equipment. Project vessels typically store hydrocarbon/chemicals in various volumes (20 L, 205 L; up to approximately 4000–6000 L). Storage areas are typically set up with effective primary and secondary bunding to contain any deck spills. Releases from equipment are predominantly from the failure of hydraulic hoses, which can either be located within bunded areas or outside of bunded or deck areas (e.g. over water on cranes).

Woodside's operational experience demonstrates that spills are most likely to originate from hydraulic hoses and have been less than 100 L, with an average volume <10 L.

Subsea spills can result from a loss of containment of fluids from subsea equipment including ROVs. Hydraulic fluid is supplied to the ROV through hoses containing approximately 20L of fluid. Hydraulic lines to ROV arms or other tooling may become caught, resulting in minor leaks to the marine environment. Small volume hydraulic leaks may occur from subsea equipment operating via hydraulic controls (subsea control fluid). These include ROV tooling, etc.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Water quality

Accidental spills of hydrocarbons or chemicals from project vessels will decrease the water quality in the immediate area of the spill; however, the open water location and relatively small unplanned volumes of hydrocarbons/chemicals released will result in rapid dilution close to the source of discharge.

Given the occasional nature of unplanned deck and subsea discharges, the small volumes, and the offshore location of the Operational Area, any changes to water quality are expected to have no lasting effects.

Marine fauna

As a result of a change in water quality, further impacts to ecological receptors may occur, which include injury or mortality to marine fauna resulting from exposure to toxins in the released chemicals. The potential biological and ecological impacts associated with a hydrocarbon spill is presented in **Section 6.7.2**. A minor loss of hydrocarbons from deck and subsea spills will be much reduced in terms of spatial and temporal scales from impacts described in **Section 6.7.2.** Physical coating of marine fauna and sub-lethal or lethal toxic effects from hydrocarbons/chemicals are considered unlikely given the low volumes of potential discharge, short exposure times and the rapid dilution and dispersion of discharges once entering the marine environment. Given the small area of the potential spill and the dilution

and weathering of any spill, the likelihood of ecological impacts to marine fauna (including protected species), other communities and habitats will be limited to no lasting effect and restricted to individual animals.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that minor hydrocarbon/chemical spills to the marine environment will not result in a potential impact to water quality greater than slight and temporary contamination above background levels, quality standards or known effect concentrations and will not result in a potential impact greater than slight and temporary disruption to a small proportion of biological populations with no impact on protected species.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[22]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Marine Order 91 (marine pollution prevention – oil) 2014, requires Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)/Spill Monitoring Programme Execution Plan (SMPEP) (as appropriate to vessel class).	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirements to be followed reduce the likelihood of an unplanned release. The consequence is unchanged.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 12.1
Liquid chemical and fuel storage areas are bunded or secondarily contained when they are not being handled/moved temporarily.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of contaminated deck drainage water being discharged to the marine environment.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 12.2
Good Practice				
Where there is potential for loss of primary containment of oil and chemicals on the project vessels, deck drainage will be collected via a closed drainage system.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of contaminated deck drainage water being discharged to the marine environment.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 5.3
Maintain and locate spill kits in close proximity to hydrocarbon storage areas and deck areas for use to contain and recover deck spills.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of a deck spill from entering the marine environment. The consequence is unchanged.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 12.3
Project vessels have self-containing hydraulic oil drip tray management system.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of a deck spill from entering the marine environment. The consequence is unchanged.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 12.4
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				

[22] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[22]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Below-deck storage of all hydrocarbons and chemicals.	F: Not feasible. During operations there is a need to keep small volumes near activities and within equipment requiring use of hydrocarbons and chemicals and can result in increased risk of leaks from transfers via hose or smaller containers. CS: Not considered – control not feasible.	Not considered – control not feasible.	Not considered – control not feasible.	No
A reduction in the volumes of chemicals and hydrocarbons stored onboard the vessel.	F: Yes. Increases the risks associated with transportation and lifting operations. CS: Project delays if required chemicals not on board. Increases the risks associated with transportation and lifting operations.	No reduction in likelihood or consequence since chemicals will still be required to enable activities to occur.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No

ALARP Statement

On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of the potential unplanned accidental deck and subsea spills described above. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.

Demonstration of Acceptability

Acceptability Statement

The impact assessment has determined that an unplanned minor discharge of hydrocarbons as a result of minor deck and subsea spills represents a moderate risk that is unlikely to result in potential impact greater than slight short-term localised and temporary disruption but not impacting on ecosystem function. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are consistent with the most relevant regulatory guidelines and good oil-field practice/industry best practice. As demonstrated in **Section 6.8**, the residual risk of unplanned loss of chemicals/hydrocarbons from projects vessels is not inconsistent with the relevant objectives and actions of any applicable recovery plans or threat abatement plans, based on the adopted controls. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice and wildlife conservation plans during the assessment of potential risks. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of minor unplanned deck and subsea spills to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 12 No unplanned spills to the marine environment from	**C 12.1** Marine Order 91 (marine pollution prevention – oil)	**PS 12.1** Appropriate initial responses prearranged and drilled in case	**MC 12.1.1** Marine Assurance inspection records

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
deck activities greater than a consequence level of E[23] during the Petroleum Activities Program.	2014, requires SOPEP/ SMPEP (as appropriate to vessel class).	of a hydrocarbon spill, as appropriate to vessel class.	demonstrate compliance with Marine Order 91.
	C 12.2 Liquid chemical and fuel storage areas are bunded or secondarily contained when they are not being handled/ moved temporarily.	**PS 12.2** Failure of primary containment in storage areas does not result in loss to the marine environment.	**MC 12.2.1** Records confirms all liquid chemicals and fuel are stored in bunded/ secondarily contained areas when not being handled/moved temporarily.
	C 5.3 Refer to **Section 6.6.3**	**PS 5.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.3**	**MC 5.3.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.3**
	C 12.3 Maintain and locate spill kits in close proximity to hydrocarbon storage areas and deck areas for use to contain and recover deck spills.	**PS 12.3** Spill kits to be available for use to clean up deck spills.	**MC 12.3.1** Records confirms spill kits are present, maintained and suitably stocked.
	C 12.4 Project vessels have self-containing hydraulic oil drip tray management system.	**PS 12.4** Contain any on-deck spills of hydraulic oil.	**MC 12.4.1** Records demonstrate project installation vessels are equipped with a self-containing hydraulic oil drip tray management system.
Detailed preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**.			

[23] Defined as ‘Slight, short term local impact (<1 year), on species, habitat but not affecting ecosystem function, physical or biological attributes.

6.7.5 Unplanned Discharge: Loss of Solid Hazardous / Non-hazardous Wastes

Context	
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary

Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Accidental loss of solid hazardous or non-hazardous wastes to the marine environment (excludes sewage, grey water, putrescible waste and bilge water).		X			X		A	F	2	L	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 13

Description of Source of Risk

Project vessels will generate a variety of solid wastes including packaging and domestic wastes such as aluminium cans, bottles, paper and cardboard. Hence, there is the potential for solid wastes to be lost overboard to the marine environment. Wastes on-board are managed in accordance with the on-board waste management plan. Some wastes may be incinerated (refer to **Section 6.6.7**). Based on industry experience, waste items lost overboard are typically wind-blown rubbish such as container lids, cardboard, etc. Such losses typically have occurred during back loading activities, periods of adverse weather and incorrect waste storage.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Water quality

The accidental loss of hazardous solid wastes, such as paint cans, oily rags etc., can cause a localised change in water quality through the release of contaminants, toxins and chemicals. Given the likely small volumes of any unplanned hazardous solid waste discharge, and the intermittent nature of the event, changes in water quality are likely to be temporary and highly localised, and rapidly return to background levels (i.e. no lasting effect).

Marine fauna

The unplanned discharge of solid wastes can result in injury or mortality to marine fauna, through contamination or physical injury. Ingestion or entanglement of marine fauna has the potential to cause physical harm and subsequently mortality by inhibiting feeding or foraging behaviours. The EPBC Act lists the injury and fatality to vertebrate marine life by ingestion or entanglement in harmful marine debris as a key threatening process (DoEE, 2018). Furthermore the Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on the vertebrate wildlife of Australia's coasts and oceans identifies EPBC Act-listed species for which adverse effects of marine debris are scientifically documented (DoEE, 2018). Marine turtles and seabirds in particular may be at risk from plastics, which are mistaken for food, or may cause entanglement (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017; DoEE, 2018). Ingested plastics can cause damage to internal tissues and potentially prevent feeding activities, having a lethal effect on the individual. Marine debris has been identified as a threat in the Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017-2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).

Several migratory and threatened species were identified as potentially occurring within the Operational Area, including cetaceans, marine turtles, whale sharks and seabirds. However, the temporary or permanent loss of solid waste materials into the marine environment is not expected to have a significant impact to these species, given the type, size

and frequency of wastes which could occur during the limited presence of vessels within the Operational Area, and the transient nature of the species present. Impacts will not occur at a population level, nor result in the decrease of the quality of the habitat such that the extent of these species is likely to decline. While the threat abatement plan for impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life does not list explicit management actions for non-related industries (Commonwealth of Australia, 2018), management controls will reduce the risk of unplanned discharge of solid waste.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that the accidental discharge of solid waste described will result in localised impacts not significant to environmental receptors, with no lasting effect.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[24]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Marine Order 95 – Pollution prevention – Garbage (as appropriate to vessel class), which prescribes matters necessary to give effect to Annex V of MARPOL, which prohibits the discharge of all garbage into the sea, except as provided otherwise.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirements to be followed reduces the likelihood of an unplanned release. The consequence is unchanged.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 13.1
Marine Order 94 – Packaged harmful substances, which requires: • vessels carrying harmful substances in packaged form must comply with 2 to 5 of MARPOL Annex III, with respect to stowage requirements. • a vessel Master may only wash a substance overboard if: - the physical, chemical and biological properties of the substance have been considered, and - washing overboard is considered the most appropriate manner of disposal, and - the Vessel Master has authorised the washing overboard.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Legislative requirements to be followed reduce the likelihood of an unplanned release. The consequence is unchanged.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 13.2
Good Practice				
Project vessels waste arrangements, which require: • dedicated waste segregation bins.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of an unplanned release. The consequence is unchanged.	Benefit outweighs cost sacrifice.	Yes C 13.3

[24] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[24]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
• records of all waste to be disposed, treated or recycled. • waste streams to be handled and managed according to their hazard and recyclability class.				
Lost waste/dropped objects will be recovered, where safe and practicable. Where safe and practicable for this activity, will consider: • risk to personnel to retrieve object • whether the location of the object is in recoverable water depths • object's proximity to subsea infrastructure • ability to recover the object (i.e. nature of object, lifting equipment and suitable weather).	F: Yes, however it may not always be practicable. Assessed on a case by case situation. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	No reduction in likelihood, as this is an unplanned event. Since the equipment may be recovered, a reduction in consequence is possible.	Benefit outweighs cost sacrifice.	Yes C 13.4
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of accidental discharges of solid waste. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, accidental discharge of solid waste represents a low current risk rating that is unlikely to result in a potential impact above localised, not significant to environmental receptors with no lasting effect. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet legislative requirements (Marine Order 94 and 95). Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of these discharges to a level that is broadly acceptable.

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<tr><th>Outcomes</th><th>Controls</th><th>Standards</th><th>Measurement Criteria</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">EPO 13
No unplanned releases of solid hazardous or non-hazardous waste to the marine environment greater than a consequence level of F[25] during the Petroleum Activities Program.</td><td>C 13.1
Marine Order 95 – marine pollution prevention—garbage (as appropriate to vessel class), prescribes matters necessary to give effect to Annex V of MARPOL, which prohibits the discharge of all garbage into the sea, except as provided otherwise.</td><td>PS 13.1
Project vessels compliant with Marine Order 95.</td><td>MC 13.1.1
Records demonstrate project vessels are compliant with Marine Order 95.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 13.2
Marine Order 94 (where relevant to vessel class) – packaged harmful substances, which requires:
• vessels carrying harmful substances in packaged form must comply with 2 to 5 of MARPOL Annex III, with respect to stowage requirements.
• a Vessel Master may only wash a substance overboard if:
- the physical, chemical and biological properties of the substance have been considered, and
- washing overboard is considered the most appropriate manner of disposal, and
- the Vessel Master has authorised the washing overboard.</td><td>PS 13.2
Compliance with Marine Order 94 (where relevant to vessel class) – packaged harmful substances which provides information about preventing harmful substances carried by regulated Australian vessels, from entering the marine environment.</td><td>MC 13.2.1
Records demonstrate any non-compliance with Marine Order 94 are documented.</td></tr>
<tr><td>C 13.3
Project vessel waste arrangements, which require:
• dedicated waste segregation bins
• records of all waste to be disposed, treated or recycled
• waste streams to be handled and managed according to their hazard and recyclability class.</td><td>PS 13.3
Hazardous and non-hazardous waste will be managed in accordance with the Installation Vessel waste arrangements.</td><td>MC 13.3.1
Records demonstrate compliance against Installation Vessel waste arrangements.</td></tr>
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[25] Defined as ‘No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	C 13.4 Lost waste/dropped objects will be recovered, where safe and practicable. Where safe and practicable for this activity, will consider: • risk to personnel to retrieve object • whether the location of the object is in recoverable water depths • object's proximity to subsea infrastructure • ability to recover the object (i.e. nature of object, lifting equipment and suitable weather).	**PS 13.4** Solid waste lost to the marine environment/ dropped objects will be recovered where safe and practicable to do so.	**MC 13.4.1** Records detail the recovery attempt consideration and status of any solid waste lost to the marine environment/ dropped objects.

6.7.6 Physical Presence: Unplanned Disturbance to Other Marine Users

Context													
RTM – **Section 3.5.1**							Socio-economic and Cultural Environment – **Section 4.9**						
Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary													
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Contingency - loss of integrity (partial or full sinking) of the RTM causing unplanned disturbance to other marine users						X	A	E	2	L	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 14
Contingency - loss of position of the RTM due to multiple mooring line failure causing unplanned disturbance to other marine users						X	A	F	2	L	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	

Description of Source of Risk

Contingency - Loss of integrity of the RTM

In the event the RTM loses integrity of a ballast compartment, it could sink by ~1.5 m to approximately 5 m above the waterline; if a further ballast compartment failed, it could sink to approximately 5 m below the water line where it would present a submerged hazard to commercial shipping/fishing within the immediate area. A full loss of buoyancy would result in the RTM sinking to the seabed. These scenarios are considered unlikely based on the external engineering assessment of the current condition of the RTM (**Section 3.9.1**).

Contingency - Loss of position of the RTM

Multiple mooring line failures could cause the RTM to move off station and become a navigation/collision hazard to nearby facilities and other marine users. However, for the RTM to lose station, all three mooring legs in a cluster would need to fail. There is therefore adequate redundancy in the mooring system and this contingent scenario is considered unlikely to occur (**Section 3.9**).

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Disturbance to other marine users if the RTM loses integrity

In the unlikely event of a loss of integrity of the RTM, resulting in partial sinking, the RTM may present a submerged hazard to commercial shipping/fishing activities within the immediate area. As outlined in the controls below, if the RTM were to partially submerge a standby vessel will be deployed to monitor the RTM 500 m exclusion zone and warn vessels of the hazard until navigation charts have been updated to reflect a submerged hazard or the RTM is removed from the Operational Area. The RTM is fitted with a self-deploying marker buoy, designed to float free in the event that the RTM partially submerges to provide a visual indication on the surface that a submerged hazard exists until the standby vessel arrives. AMSA will be informed along with the AHO to facilitate update of charts indicating the hazard.

In the event that the RTM loses integrity and partially sinks, impacts are expected to be minor displacement of commercial shipping/fishing within a localised area in the immediate vicinity of the RTM. Should the RTM fully sink to the seabed, no impacts to other marine users are anticipated given the water depths at the RTM location (~400 m). ***Disturbance to other marine users if the RTM loses position*** In the highly unlikely event the RTM were to lose position from a failure of the mooring system, the RTM is fitted with a monitoring system that monitors the RTM position and draft 24/7 sending an automated email notification to a response team onshore if the RTM deviates outside of position and draft limits. A navigation aid system comprising solar-powered marine navigation lights, passive and active radar reflectors to enhance marine radar detectability are present on the RTM and impacts are expected to be limited to minor displacement of commercial shipping/fishing in the immediate vicinity of the RTM.
Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)
Given the adopted controls, it is considered that the loss of integrity or loss of position of the RTM would not result in a potential impact greater than isolated and short-term impact to shipping and commercial/recreational fishing.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[26]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
Notify AHO and AMSA in event that the RTM becomes a submerged hazard.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Notification to AHO will enable them to generate navigation warnings (Maritime Safety Information Notifications (MSIN) and Notice to Mariners (NTM) (including AUSCOAST warnings where relevant)).	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice. Control is also Standard Practice.	Yes C 10.5
Ongoing monitoring of the RTM for submergence and to ensure navigation systems are operational.	F: Yes CS: Minimal cost. Good practice.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged or loses station as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 2.3
RTM draft and position monitoring system in place to send automated alerts to Woodside personnel if any anomalies are detected by the system.	F: Yes CS: Draft and position monitoring system has already been installed.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged as control measures able to be implemented swiftly.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 14.1
Annual RTM topsides inspection.	F: Yes CS: Moderate cost. Good practice.	Provides a reduction in likelihood of disturbance to other marine users as	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 14.2

[26] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	**Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[26]**	**Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction**	**Proportionality**	**Control Adopted**
		integrity issues can be identified and control measures able to be implemented.		
If the RTM becomes a submerged hazard, a standby vessel will be deployed until navigation charts have been updated to reflect a submerged hazard, or the RTM is removed.	F: Yes CS: Moderate cost. Good practice.	Reduces the likelihood of a disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged as control measures able to be implemented.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.6
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
Sink RTM to seabed to remove submersible hazard to prevent disturbance to other marine users.	F: Yes. Sinking the RTM to the seabed would result in reduced submersible hazard. However, it may not be technically feasible to recover the RTM once on the seabed. CS: Sinking followed by recovery of the RTM for disposal would have significant cost, including the cost of procuring a vessel capable of securing and lifting the RTM from the seabed.	Although it is feasible to sink the RTM to reduce the submersible hazard to other users, it will move the impact to the sea floor, and may not be technically feasible to recover.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice involved with removing the RTM from the sea floor (if even possible) grossly outweighs the environmental benefit gained.	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
Self-deploying marker buoy (to indicate a submerged hazard) attached to the topsides of the RTM, which will deploy if the RTM partially submerges.	F: Yes CS: Marker buoy has already been installed	Reduces the likelihood of a disturbance to other marine users if the RTM becomes submerged.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 10.9
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of accidental discharges of waste. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, unplanned disturbance to other marine users represents a low current risk rating that is unlikely to result in a potential impact above localised displacement with no

lasting effect. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet legislative requirements. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of unplanned disturbance to other marine users to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 14 No loss of RTM integrity	**C 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**PS 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**	**MC 2.3** Refer to **Section 6.6.1**
	C 14.1 RTM draft and position monitoring system in place to send automated alerts to Woodside personnel if any anomalies are detected by the system.	**PS 14.1** RTM draft and position monitoring system is maintained in functional order.	**MC 14.1.1** Records confirm annual inspection and maintenance of draft and position monitoring system completed.
	C 14.2 Annual RTM topsides inspection.	**PS 14.2** Annual RTM topsides inspection of navigation lights, draft and position monitoring system, radar system and tethered/sentry buoy to confirm functional.	**MC 14.2.1** Records demonstrate that Annual RTM topsides inspection completed.
	C. 14.3 Undertake ongoing maintenance and monitoring activities of the RTM to prevent a loss of integrity event occurring	**PS 14.3** To prevent loss of RTM integrity, the following actions will be undertaken: • Monitoring system checked via remote login monthly. • Monthly visual of RTM from Ngujima Yin FPSO by Master. • Annual RTM topsides inspection. • Compartment 3 to be dosed with corrosion inhibitor during annual topsides inspection • Where necessary blind flanges shall be fitted to external valves	**MC 14.3** Records demonstrate that RTM maintenance and monitoring of RTM integrity completed.
	C 10.5 Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**PS 10.5** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**MC 10.5.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**
	C 10.6 Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**PS 10.6** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**MC 10.6.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**
	C 10.9 Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**PS 10.9** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**MC 10.9.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**

6.7.7 Physical Presence: Vessel Collision with Marine Fauna

Context	
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary

	Environmental Value Potentially Impacted						*Evaluation*						
Source of Risk	***Marine Sediment***	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Accidental collision between project vessels and threatened and migratory marine fauna.					X		A	E	1	L	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 15

Description of Source of Risk

The project vessels operating in and around the Operational Area may present a potential hazard to cetaceans and other protected marine fauna such as pygmy blue whales, humpback whales, whale sharks and marine turtles. Vessel movements can result in collisions between the vessel (hull and propellers) and marine fauna, potentially resulting in superficial injury, serious injury that may affect life functions (e.g. movement and reproduction) and mortality.

Factors that contribute to the frequency and severity of impacts due to collisions vary greatly due to vessel type, vessel operation (specific activity, speed), physical environment (e.g. water depth) and the type of animal potentially present and their behaviours. Project vessels would typically be stationary or moving at low speeds when supporting the Petroleum Activities Program.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Vessel disturbance is a key threat to a number of migratory and threatened species identified as occurring within the Operational Area, including cetaceans, marine turtles and whale sharks.

Marine mammals

Cetaceans are naturally inquisitive marine mammals. The reaction of cetaceans to the approach of a vessel is quite variable. Some species remain motionless when close to a vessel, while others are known to be curious and often approach ships that have stopped or are slow moving, although they generally do not approach and sometimes avoid faster moving ships (Richardson et al., 1995). The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS, 2006), indicates that some cetacean species, such as humpback whales, can detect and change course to avoid a vessel.

Collisions between vessels and marine mammals are more frequent in areas where important habitats coincide with high vessel traffic (WDCS, 2006). In Australia, the majority of vessel strikes to known species involved humpback whales, followed by southern right and sperm whales (Peel et al., 2018). Van Warebeek et al. (2007) report just five blue whale ship strikes in the Southern Hemisphere. Prior to collision, cetaceans demonstrated varying behaviours, with some reported as being asleep/unmoving, whereas others exhibited a ‘last-second flight response’ (Peel et al., 2018; Laist et al., 2001). Individual cetaceans engaged in behaviours such as feeding, mating or nursing may also be more vulnerable to vessel collisions when distracted by these activities (DoEE, 2016).

The likelihood of vessel/whale collision being lethal is influenced by vessel speed—the greater the speed at impact, the greater the risk of mortality (Jensen and Silber, 2004; Laist et al., 2001). Vanderlaan and Taggart (2007) found that the chance of lethal injury to a large whale as a result of a vessel strike increases from about 20% at 8.6 knots to 80% at 15 knots. Project vessels within the Operational Area are likely to be travelling <8 knots (and will often be stationary), therefore, the chance of a vessel collision with protected species resulting in a lethal outcome is considered unlikely, as fauna can move away from project vessels. It is estimated that the risk of lethal injury to a large whale as a result of a vessel strike is less than 10% at a speed of 4 knots (Vanderlaan and Taggart, 2007). Vessel-whale collisions at this speed are uncommon and there only two known instances of collisions when the vessel was travelling at less than 6 knots; both of these were from whale-watching vessels that were deliberately positioned amongst whales (Jensen and Silber, 2004).

No known key cetacean aggregation areas (resting, breeding or feeding) are located within or immediately adjacent to the Operational Area; however, this area does overlap the migration BIAs for humpback and pygmy blue whales (**Section 4.6.1.3**). The Petroleum Activities Program could occur between January and April 2022, outside of key migration periods for pygmy blue and humpback whales (**Section 4.6.1.5**), and it is not expected that significant numbers of individuals will be present during this time. Given the duration of activities within the Operational Area and the slow speeds at which project vessels operate, collisions with cetaceans such as pygmy blue and humpback whales are considered unlikely.

There are several dugong BIAs in Exmouth Gulf, 26 km south-east of the Operational Area. The National Strategy for Reducing Vessel Strike on Cetaceans and other Marine Fauna 2017 (DoE, 2017) has recognised vessel strikes as a key threat to dugongs. Studies in Queensland demonstrated that dugongs spend approximately 47% of their time within 1.5 m of the surface, and calves spend 13% of their time travelling or resting on their mother's back (Hodgson, 2004). When approached by a vessel, dugongs have failed to flee or avoid a vessel until impact is inevitable (Groom et al., 2004). Given the absence of suitable dugong habitat, distance from known BIAs, and speed of vessels travelling through the Operational Area, collisions with dugongs are considered unlikely.

Marine reptiles

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017-2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017), and the National Strategy for Reducing Vessel Strike on Cetaceans and other Marine Fauna 2017 (DoE, 2017) have recognised vessel strikes as a key threat to marine turtles. A review of vessel strike data in Queensland between 1999-2002 found that at least 65 turtles were killed annually as a result of vessel collision (Hazel and Gyuris, 2006). Green turtles comprised the majority of records, followed by loggerhead turtles, and 72% of cases were involving adult of sub-adult turtles (Hazel and Gyuris, 2006). In Australian waters, all species of marine turtle have been involved in vessel strikes (DoEE, 2016).

The effect of vessel speed and turtle flee response can be significant. A study in 2007 found that 60% of green turtles fled from vessels travelling at 2.2 knots (4 km/h), whereas only 4% fled from vessel travelling at 10.2 knots (19 km/h). Whilst fleeing, 75% of turtles moved away from the vessels track, 8% swam along the track and 18% crossed in front of the vessel. The study concluded that most turtles would be unlikely to avoid vessels travelling at speeds greater than around 2.2 knots (Hazel et al., 2007; Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). Furthermore, the relatively small size of turtles and the significant time spent below the surface makes their observation by vessel operators extremely difficult or impossible. Green turtles observed by Hazel et al. (2009) generally only exposed the dorsal-anterior part of the head above the surface of the water and never for longer than two seconds.

The Operational Area is considered unlikely to represent an important habitat for marine turtles, with water depths of 400-600 m, and an absence of potential nesting or foraging habitats (i.e. no emergent islands, reef habitat or shallow shoals), although individuals may infrequently transit the area. Given the duration of activities within Operational Area and the slow speeds at which project vessels operate, collisions with transiting individual turtles are considered unlikely.

Fish, sharks and rays

Vessel strikes are recognised as a key threat to recovery by the Approved Conservation Advice for whale sharks (TSSC, 2015). Whale sharks are at risk from vessel strikes when feeding at the surface or in shallow waters (where there is limited option to dive). The defined foraging BIA (northward from Ningaloo along the 200 m isobath) is located approximately 10 km east of the Operational Area, and whale sharks may traverse the Operational Area between March to November during their migration. Given the duration of activities within Operational Area and the slow speeds at which project vessels operate, collisions with transiting individual whale sharks are considered unlikely.

Smaller fish may also be at risk of injury or mortality from vessels through being caught in thrusters during station keeping operations (i.e. DP). However, this is unlikely given the low presence of individuals, combined with the avoidance behaviour commonly displayed during station keeping operations.

Summary

It is unlikely that vessel movement associated with the Petroleum Activities Program in the Operational Area will result in collisions with marine fauna. Given the avoidance behaviour commonly displayed by whales, whale sharks and turtles and the low operating speed of the support vessels (generally <8 knots or stationary, unless operating in an emergency), the consequence of any impacts will be limited to slight with no population-level effects. Given the adopted controls, it is considered that a collision, if it occurred, will not result in a potential impact greater than slight, short term (<1 year) on species, but not affecting on a population level. It is considered highly unlikely that a collision will occur.

Summary of Potential Impacts to environmental values(s)

Given the adopted controls, it is considered that a collision, if it occurred, will not result in a potential impact greater than slight, short term (<1 year) on species, but not affecting on a population level. It is considered highly unlikely that a collision will occur.

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[27]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
EPBC Regulations 2000 – Part 8 Division 8.1 Interacting with cetaceans, including the following measures: • project vessels will not travel faster than six knots within 300 m of a dolphin or turtle (caution zone) and not approach closer than 100 m from a whale. • project vessels will not approach closer than 50 m for a dolphin or turtle and/or 100 m for a whale (with the exception of animals bow-riding). • if the cetacean or turtle shows signs of being disturbed, project vessels will immediately withdraw from the caution zone at a constant speed of less than six knots. • project vessels will not travel faster than eight knots within 250 m of a whale shark and not allow the vessel to approach closer than 30 m of a whale shark. **Exception:** the above does not apply to project vessels operating under limited/constrained manoeuvrability, and in the event of an emergency.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Implementation of these controls will reduce the likelihood of a collision between a cetacean, whale shark or turtle occurring. The consequence of a collision is unchanged.	Controls based on legislative requirements – must be adopted.	Yes C 8.1
Good Practice				
Variation of the timing of the Petroleum Activities Program to avoid whale migration periods.	F: Yes. However, activities will occur over a short duration and a small number of vessels (up to 2) will be	Not considered – control not feasible.	Not considered – control not feasible.	No

[27] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)***[27]	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
	slow moving within the Operational Area. CS: Costs outweigh the benefits.			
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
The use of dedicated MFOs on vessels for the duration of each activity to watch for whales and provide direction on and monitor compliance with Part 8 of the EPBC Regulations.	F: Yes, however vessel bridge crews already maintain a constant watch during operations, and crew complete specific cetacean observation training. CS: Additional cost of MFOs considered unnecessary.	Given vessel bridge crews already maintain a constant watch during operations, additional MFOs would not significantly further reduce the risk.	Disproportionate. The cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit gained.	No
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of potential vessel collision with protected marine fauna. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, vessel collision with marine fauna represents a low risk rating that is unlikely to result in a potential impact to fauna greater than slight and short term, with no population-level effects. BIAs within the Operational Area include humpback whale and pygmy blue whale migration BIAs. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice and meet the requirements of Part 8 (Division 8.1) of the EPBC Act Regulations 2000. As demonstrated in **Section 6.8**, the residual risk of vessel collision with marine fauna is not inconsistent with the relevant objectives and actions of any applicable recovery plans or threat abatement plans, based on the adopted controls. Regard has been given to relevant conservation advice during the assessment of potential risks. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of vessel collision with marine fauna to a level that is broadly acceptable.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Outcomes***	***Outcomes***	***Outcomes***
EPO 15 No vessel strikes with protected marine fauna (whales, whale sharks, turtles) during the	**C 8.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.6**	**PS 8.1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.6**	**MC 8.1.1** Refer to **Section 6.6.6**
		PS 8.1.2 Refer to **Section 6.6.6**	**MC 8.1.2** Refer to **Section 6.6.6**

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Outcomes***	***Outcomes***	***Outcomes***
Petroleum Activities Program.			

6.7.8 Physical Presence: Disturbance to Seabed from Dropped Objects and Accidental Sinking of RTM

Context	
RTM – **Section 3.5.1** Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary

Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***						
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Dropped objects resulting in the disturbance of benthic habitat.				X			A	F	2	L	LCS GP PJ	Broadly acceptable	EPO 16
Accidental sinking of the RTM while on station.				X			A	F	1	L	LCS GP PJ		

Description of Source of Risk

Dropped objects

During the Petroleum Activities Program, there is the potential for objects to be dropped overboard from project vessels to the marine environment. Reported dropped objects during previous offshore activities include small numbers of personal protective gear (e.g. glasses, gloves, hard hats), small tools (e.g. spanners) and hardware fixtures. The area of disturbance to the seabed is restricted to the Operational Area.

RTM sinking

Extended duration of the RTM in the field increases the potential for partial loss of buoyancy, and therefore there is potential for the RTM to sink to the seabed in an undesired location prior to the removal of the structure from the Operational Area (**Section 3.9**). Given the mooring lines would still be attached, the RTM is expected to settle within the area bound by the mooring anchors.

In the unlikely event that the RTM sinks to the seabed, it will result in localised disturbance to the seabed at that location. The potential disturbance footprint of the RTM would be approximately 83 m by 8.5 m (i.e. approximately 700 m^2). Residual hydrocarbons/chemicals within the RTM are described in **Section 6.7.3**. The nine mooring chains attached to the RTM would also settle on the seabed and are each ~800 m in length, made up of about 50% chain and 50% wire. Based on a chain diameter of 0.5 m and wire diameter of 68 mm, the total area of disturbance is estimated to be ~2050 m^2.

Impact Assessment

Potential impacts to environmental values

Benthic habitats and communities

The seafloor within the Operational Area is generally composed of sand, silt, clays and fines, with isolated areas of hard substrate in the form of isolated boulders. Epifauna and infauna are sparsely distributed and generally heterogeneous, comprising of crustaceans, octocorals, sponges and echinoderms reflective of the wider region (**Appendix H**).

The Operational Area overlaps two KEFs, the canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula KEF, and the continental slope demersal fish communities KEF. The ecological values of both KEFs are described in **Appendix H: Section 9**, and include the potential of enhanced productivity due to upwelling and increased connectivity

between the continental shelf and the deep ocean. While the Operational Area overlaps a small portion of the KEFs, the ecological functions of the KEFs are not predicted to be impacted by the Petroleum Activities Program. Dropped object In the unlikely event of the loss of an object being dropped into the marine environment, potential environmental effects would be limited to localised physical impacts on benthic communities. In most cases, objects will be able to be recovered and therefore these impacts will also be temporary in nature. However, there may be instances where objects are unable to be recovered due to health and safety, operational constraints or other factors such as the difficulty of recovering dropped objects at depth. When dropped objects are unable to be recovered, the impact will continue to be localised to a small area beneath the object, but would also be long-term. The temporary or permanent loss of dropped objects into the marine environment is not likely to have a significant environmental impact, as the benthic communities associated with the Operational Area are of low sensitivity and are broadly represented throughout the NWMR. RTM sinking In the unlikely event that the RTM sinks, the seabed disturbance would be confined to an area of approximately 700 m^2 for the RTM and 2050 m^2 for the mooring chains within the Operational Area. As above, the seabed consists of soft sediments, widely represented throughout the region. (**Section 4.5**). The Operational Area overlaps with a small portion of the Canyons KEF (Enfield Canyon in particular) (**Section 4.7**) which hosts more diverse and abundant fish assemblages relative to surrounding non-canyon habitat (BMT Oceanica, 2016). However, given the wide-ranging area covered by the KEF and small overlap with the Operational Area (~1.6%), the presence of the RTM on the seafloor is not likely to have a significant environmental impact. Disturbance to the seabed would be temporary, with efforts made to remove the structure following detail survey to assess the sunken condition of the RTM.
Summary of Potential Impacts to Environmental Values(s)
Given the adopted controls and the predicted footprint of disturbance, it is considered that an unplanned dropped object or sinking of the RTM would result in only localised impacts to a small area of the seabed and a small proportion of the benthic population; however, no significant impact to environmental receptors, and with no lasting effect (i.e. Environment Impact – F).

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[28]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
No additional controls identified.				
Good Practice				
The project vessel work procedures for lifts, bulk transfers and cargo loading, which require: • The security of loads to be checked prior to commencing lifts • Loads to be covered if there is a risk of losing loose materials • Lifting operations to be conducted using the PTW and JSA systems to manage the specific risks of that lift, including consideration of weather and sea state.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Occurs after an unplanned release and therefore no change to the likelihood. Since the objects may be recovered, a reduction in consequence is possible.	Benefit outweighs cost sacrifice.	Yes C 16.1

[28] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[28]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Lost waste/dropped objects will be recovered, where safe and practicable. Where safe and practicable for this activity, will consider: • risk to personnel to retrieve object • whether the location of the object is in recoverable water depths • object's proximity to subsea infrastructure • ability to recover the object (i.e. nature of object, lifting equipment and suitable weather).	F: Yes, however it may not always be practicable. Assessed on a case by case situation. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	No reduction in likelihood, as this is an unplanned event. Since the equipment may be recovered, a reduction in consequence is possible.	Benefit outweighs cost sacrifice.	Yes C 13.4
Project vessel inductions include control measures and training for crew in dropped object prevention.	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	By ensuring crew are appropriately trained in dropped object prevention, the likelihood of a dropped object event is reduced. No change in consequence will occur.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 16.2
Inspection and maintenance of RTM	F: Yes CS: Standard practice	RTM maintained in a condition that allows removal from the title area reduces the likelihood of unplanned seabed disturbance.	Benefits outweigh cost/ sacrifice	Yes C 16.3
Assessment of credible failure modes for RTM maintained	F: Yes CS: Reasonable cost	Maintaining an understanding of credible failure modes for RTM and implementing additional control measures as required reduces the likelihood of unplanned seabed disturbance.	Benefits outweigh cost/ sacrifice	Yes C 16.4
In the unlikely event the RTM sinks to the seabed, a survey will be conducted to assess condition and therefore feasibility of removal options prior to removal of the structure where determined feasible.	F: Yes CS: Woodside is committed to remove the RTM structure subject to it being feasible.	Conducting a survey will enable Woodside to evaluate removal options to meet its commitment of removing the RTM from the Operational Area where feasible to do so.	Benefits outweigh cost/ sacrifice	Yes C 11.1
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[28]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Substitute				
No additional controls identified.				
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
No additional controls identified.				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type (i.e. Decision Type A), Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks from unplanned dropped objects and sinking of the RTM. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, unplanned dropped objects or sinking of the RTM represent a consequence to benthic community/habitat structure limited to no lasting effect. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks to marine sediment from unplanned dropped objects or sinking of the RTM to an acceptable level.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 16 No incidents of dropped objects to the marine environment greater than a consequence level of F[29] during the Petroleum Activities Program	**C 16.1** The project vessel work procedures for lifts, bulk transfers and cargo loading, which require: • The security of loads to be checked prior to commencing lifts • Loads to be covered if there is a risk of losing loose materials • Lifting operations to be conducted using the PTW and JSA systems to manage the specific risks of that lift, including consideration of weather and sea state.	**PS 16.1** Lifts, bulk transfers and cargo loading managed in compliance with the work procedures, including implementation of PTW and JSA systems.	**MC 16.1.1** Records demonstrate adherence to requirements of work procedures and in accordance with PTW and JSA systems.
	C 13.4 Refer to **Section 6.7.5**	**PS 13.4** Refer to **Section 6.7.5**	**MC 13.4.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.5**
	C 16.2 Project vessel inductions include control measures	**PS 16.2**	**MC 16.2.1** Records show dropped object prevention training is provided

[29] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors'.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	and training for crew in dropped object prevention.	Awareness of requirements for dropped object prevention.	to the MODU/primary installation vessels.
EPO 17 No disturbance to the seabed greater than a consequence level of F[30] in the event of loss of integrity of the RTM during the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C16.3** RTM maintained in condition to allow removal from title area through inspection and maintenance of RTM.	**PS 16.3.1** Offshore in-water and topsides survey completed.	**MC 16.3.1** Records confirm required surveys and inspections completed.
	C16.4 Assessment of credible failure modes for the period the RTM will remain in the field, maintained.	**PS 16.4.1** If RTM has not been removed from the title area by end of April 2023, currency of assessment of RTM failure mechanisms will be reviewed and updated and additional controls implemented, as required.	**MC 16.4. 1** Records confirm up to date assessment of RTM failure mechanisms maintained.
	C 11.1 Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**PS 11.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**	**MC 11.1** Refer to **Section 6.7.2**

[30] Defined as 'No lasting effect (<1 month) or negligible impact. Localised impact not significant to environmental receptors'.

6.7.9 Physical Presence: Accidental Introduction of Invasive Marine Species

Context		
Project Vessels – **Section 3.11**	Physical Environment – **Section 4.4** Biological Environment – **Section 4.5**	Stakeholder Consultation – **Section 5**

Impacts and Risks Evaluation Summary														
Source of Risk	***Environmental Value Potentially Impacted***						***Evaluation***							
	Marine Sediment	***Water Quality***	***Air Quality (incl Odour)***	***Ecosystems/ Habitat***	***Species***	***Socio-economic***	***Decision Type***	***Consequence***	***Likelihood***	***Current Risk Rating***	***ALARP Tools***	***Acceptability***	***Outcome***
Introduction of invasive marine species within the Operational Area.				X	X		A	D	0	L	LCS	Broadly acceptable	EPO 17

Description of Source of Risk

Vessel operations

During the Petroleum Activities Program, vessels will be transiting to and from the Operational Area, and may mobilise from an Australian port or directly from international waters. All vessels are subject to some level of marine fouling whereby organisms attach to the vessel hull. This could particularly occur in areas where organisms can find a good attachment surface (e.g. seams, strainers and unpainted surfaces) or where turbulence is lowest (e.g. niches, sea chests, etc.), although commercial vessels typically maintain anti-fouling coatings to reduce the build-up of fouling organisms.

Project vessels have the potential to introduce invasive marine species (IMS) to the Operational Area from international waters, Australian waters and coastal waters, through marine fouling (containing IMS) on vessels as well as within high risk ballast water discharge. Organisms can also be drawn into ballast tanks during onboarding of ballast water as cargo is loaded or to balance vessels under load. Cross contamination between vessels can also occur (e.g. IMS translocated between project vessels) during times when vessels need to be alongside each other.

Immersible equipment

IMS could be present as biofouling on immersible equipment (e.g. ROVs) and could be translocated to the Operational Area and transferred directly to the seafloor or subsea structures where they could establish.

RTM

The RTM, which has been on location since 2006, may also be subject to some level of marine fouling. In February 2019, the RTM was inspected, and its marine growth sampled for IMS. Sampling of the RTM was undertaken in accordance with an IMS sampling procedure developed using sampling techniques and equipment advised by a suitably qualified and independent IMS inspector, selected in accordance with Woodside's IMS management procedures. Six samples, representing the depths of the length of the RTM, were sent to a qualified IMS assessment laboratory and analysed using quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) molecular testing to identify IMS of concern. The sampling did not detect any IMS of concern. The same qualified IMS inspector reviewed the video collected during sampling and the results of the laboratory testing and concluded that the inspection identified no evidence of IMS and that the RTM poses a low risk of IMS. In addition Woodside has applied the Woodside's IMS risk assessment process to activities undertaken in the Operational Area before ceasing operations and the risk of IMS establishing is remote. Given this, the RTM is not currently considered a potential source of IMS.

Impact Assessment
Potential impacts to environmental values
IMS are a subset of Non-Indigenous Marine Species (NIMS) that have been introduced into a region beyond their natural biogeographic range, resulting in impacts to social/cultural, human health, economic and/or environmental values. NIMS are species that can survive, reproduce, and establish founder populations. However, not all NIMS introduced into an area will thrive or cause demonstrable impacts (i.e. become IMS). Most NIMS around the world are relatively benign and few have spread widely beyond sheltered ports and harbours. NIMS are only considered IMS when they result in impacts to environmental values and/or have social/cultural, economic and/or human health impacts. Potential IMS have historically been introduced and translocated around Australia by various natural and human means including biofouling and ballast water. Potential IMS vary from one region to another depending on various environmental factors (e.g. water temperature, salinity, nutrient levels, habitat type), which dictate their survival and invasive capabilities. IMS typically require hard substrate in the photic zone, and thus require shallow waters to become established. Highly disturbed, shallow-water environments such as shallow coastal waters, ports and marinas are more susceptible to IMS colonisation—IMS are generally unable to successfully establish in deepwater ecosystems and open-water environments where the rate of dilution and the degree of dispersal are high (Williamson and Fitter, 1996; Paulay et al., 2002; Geiling, 2014). Therefore, the undisturbed, deepwater (>400 m), offshore location (< 30 km from shore) of the Operational Area is unlikely to represent suitable habitat for establishing IMS. During the Petroleum Activities Program, project vessels have the potential to introduce IMS to the Operational Area through biofouling (containing IMS) on vessels, as well as ballast water exchange. Cross-contamination between vessels can also occur (e.g. IMS translocated between project vessels) during times when vessels need to be alongside each other. As above, IMS typically require hard substrate in the photic zone to become established; the only hard substrate in the Operational Area within the photic zone is the RTM, which has been inspected and sampled for IMS and is not considered to be a credible source of IMS. If IMS are transferred to the RTM from vessels, they may become established on the RTM while in its current location; however, it is not credible for them to become established within the wider Operational Area given the water depths in this area.
Summary of Potential Impacts to Environmental Values(s)
To assess the impacts and risks of IMS introduction associated with the Petroleum Activities Program, Woodside conducted a risk and impact evaluation of the different aspects of a marine pest translocation. The results of this assessment are presented in **Table 6-10**. As a result of this assessment, Woodside has assessed the potential consequence and likelihood after implementing the identified controls. This assessment concluded that the highest potential consequence is a 'D' and the likelihood is 'Remote' (0), resulting in an overall 'Low' risk.

Table 6-10: Evaluation of risks and impacts from marine pest translocation

IMS Introduction Location	Credibility of Introduction	Consequence of Introduction	Likelihood
Introduced to the Operational Area and establish on the seafloor or subsea structures.	**Not Credible** The deep offshore open waters of the Operational Area are located away from shorelines (>30 km from a shore) and in waters >400 m deep; therefore, they are not conducive to the settlement and establishment of IMS.		
Introduced to the Operational Area and establish on a project vessel or the RTM.	**Credible** There is potential for the transfer of marine pests between project vessels or to the RTM while in its current location within the Operational Area.	**Environment – Not credible** The translocation of IMS from a colonised project vessel to shallower environments via natural dispersion is not considered credible, given the distances of the Operational Area from nearshore environments (i.e. >30 km and >50 m water depth). Therefore, there is no credible environmental risk and the assessment is limited to Woodside's reputation. **Reputation – D** If IMS were to establish on a project vessel, this could potentially impact	**Remote (0)** Interactions between project vessels will be limited during the Petroleum Activities Program, with minimum 500 m safety exclusion zones in force around the MODU and RTM, and interactions limited to short periods alongside (i.e. during backloading, bunkering activities). There is also no direct contact (i.e. they are

		the vessel operationally by fouling intakes, resulting in translocation of an IMS into the Operational Area and, depending on the species, potentially transferring an IMS to other vessels or the RTM. If IMS were transferred to another vessel, this would likely result in the quarantine of the vessel until eradication could occur (through cleaning and treating infected areas), which would be costly to perform. Such introduction would be expected to have minor impact on Woodside's reputation, particularly with Woodside's contractors, and would likely have a reputational impact on future proposals. If IMS were transferred to the RTM there would be no impact to the environment as establishment of IMS would be restricted to the top portion of the RTM that is within the photic zone until it is disconnected and removed from its current location and from the Operational Area. Therefore, there is no credible risk for IMS to become established within the Operational Area from establishment on the RTM.	not tied up alongside) during these activities. Spread of marine pests via ballast water or spawning in the open ocean environment is also considered remote.
Transfer between project vessels and by extension from project vessels to other marine environments beyond the Operational Area (i.e. transfer of IMS from one project vessel to another and then to another environment).	**Not Credible** This risk is considered so remote that it is not credible for the purposes of the activity. The transfer of a marine pest between project vessels was already considered remote, given the offshore open ocean environment (i.e. transfer pathway discussed above). For a marine pest to then establish into a mature spawning population on the new project vessel (which would have been through Woodside's risk assessment process) and then transfer to another environment is not considered credible (i.e. beyond the Woodside risk matrix). Project vessels are located in an offshore, open ocean, deep environment, where IMS survival is implausible. Furthermore this marine pest once transferred would need to survive on a new vessel with good vessel hygiene (i.e. has been through Woodside's risk assessment process), and survive the transport back from the Operational Area to shore. If it was to survive this trip, it would then need to establish a viable population in nearshore waters.		

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[31]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Legislation, Codes and Standards				
Project vessels will manage their ballast water using one of the approved ballast water management options, as outlined in the Australian	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Standard practice.	Reduces the likelihood of transferring marine pests between project vessels within the Operational Area. No	Controls based on legislative requirements under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* – must be adopted.	Yes C 17.1

[31] Qualitative measure

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[31]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Ballast Water Management Requirements.		change in consequence would occur.		
Good Practice				
Woodside's IMS risk assessment process[32] will be applied to the project vessels and relevant immersible equipment (ROVs) undertaking the Petroleum Activities Program. Assessment will consider these risk factors: For vessels: • vessel type • recent IMS inspection and cleaning history, including for internal niches • out-of-water period before mobilisation • age and suitability of antifouling coating at mobilisation date • internal treatment systems and history • origin and proposed area of operation • number of stationary/slow speed periods >7 days • region of stationary or slow periods • type of activity – contact with seafloor. For immersible equipment: • region of deployment since last thorough clean, particularly coastal locations • duration of deployments	F: Yes. CS: Minimal cost. Good practice implemented across all Woodside Operations.	Identifies potential risks and additional controls implemented accordingly. In doing so, the likelihood of transferring marine pests between project vessels within Operational Area is reduced. No change in consequence would occur.	Benefits outweigh cost/sacrifice.	Yes C 17.2

[32] Woodside's IMS risk assessment process was developed with regard to the national biofouling management guidelines for the petroleum production and exploration industry and guidelines for the control and management of a ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species (IMO Guidelines, 2011).

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[31]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
• duration of time out of water since last deployment • transport conditions during mobilisation • post-retrieval maintenance regime. Based on the outcomes of each IMS risk assessment, management measures commensurate with the risk (such as treating internal systems, IMS inspections or cleaning) will be implemented to minimise the likelihood of IMS being introduced.				
Professional Judgement – Eliminate				
No discharge of ballast water during the Petroleum Activities Program.	F: No. Ballast water discharges are critical for maintaining vessel stability. Given the nature of the Petroleum Activities Program, the use of ballast (including the potential discharge of ballast water) is considered to be a safety-critical requirement. CS: Not assessed, control not feasible.	Not assessed, control not feasible.	Not assessed, control not feasible.	No
Eliminate use of vessels.	F: No. Given vessels must be used to implement the project, there is no feasible means to eliminate the source of risk. CS: Loss of the project.	Not assessed, control not feasible.	Not assessed, control not feasible.	No
RTM inspected and tested for IMS of concern	F: Yes CS: Reasonable cost.	Given the recent inspection (February 2019) did not identify any evidence of IMS on the RTM, the RTM is not considered a potential source of IMS. It is not considered that further inspection will materially reduce the likelihood of IMS introduction.	Cost/sacrifice outweighs the benefit.	No
Professional Judgement – Substitute				

Demonstration of ALARP				
Control Considered	***Control Feasibility (F) and Cost/Sacrifice (CS)[31]***	***Benefit in Impact/Risk Reduction***	***Proportionality***	***Control Adopted***
Source project vessels based in Australia only.	F: Potentially. Limiting activities to only use local project vessels could potentially pose a significant risk in terms of time and duration of sourcing a vessel, as well as the ability of the local vessels to perform the required tasks. While the project will attempt to source support vessels locally, it is not always possible. Availability cannot always be guaranteed when considering competing oil and gas activities in the region. In addition, sourcing Australian based vessels only will cause increases in cost due to pressures of vessel availability. CS: Significant cost and schedule impacts due to restrictions of vessel hire opportunities.	Sourcing vessels from within Australia will reduce the likelihood of IMS from outside Australian waters; however, it does not reduce the likelihood of translocation of species native to Australia but alien to the Operational Area and NWMR, or of IMS that have established elsewhere in Australia. The consequence is unchanged.	Disproportionate. Sourcing vessels from Australian waters may result in a reduction in the likelihood of IMS introduction to the Operational Area; however, the potential cost of implementing this control is grossly disproportionate to the minor environmental gain (or reducing an already remote likelihood of IMS introduction) potentially achieved by using only Australian based vessels. Consequently, this risk is considered not reasonably practicable.	No
IMS Inspection of all vessels.	F: Yes. Approach to inspect vessels could be a feasible option. CS: Significant cost and schedule impacts. In addition, the IMS risk assessment process (C 17.2) is seen to be more cost effective, as this control allows Woodside to manage the introduction of marine pests through biofouling, while targeting its efforts and resources to areas of greatest concern.	Inspection of all vessels for IMS would reduce the likelihood of IMS being introduced to the Operational Area. However, this reduction is unlikely to be significant given the other control measures implemented. No change in consequence would occur.	Disproportionate. The cost outweighs the benefit gained, as other controls will be implemented to achieve an ALARP position.	No
Professional Judgement – Engineered Solution				
None identified				
ALARP Statement On the basis of the environmental risk assessment outcomes and use of the relevant tools appropriate to the decision type, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of IMS introduction. As no reasonable additional/alternative controls were identified that would further reduce the impacts and risks without grossly disproportionate sacrifice, the impacts and risks are considered ALARP.				

Demonstration of Acceptability
Acceptability Statement
The impact assessment has determined that, given the adopted controls, translocation of marine pests will not result in a potential impact greater than slight short-term impact on species or habitat within the Operational Area. Further opportunities to reduce the impacts and risks have been investigated above. The adopted controls are considered good oil-field practice/industry best practice. Therefore, Woodside considers the adopted controls appropriate to manage the impacts and risks of invasive marine species to an acceptable level.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
EPO 17 No introduction and establishment of invasive marine species into the Operational Area as a result of the Petroleum Activities Program.	**C 17.1** Project vessels will manage their ballast water using one of the approved ballast water management options, as outlined in the Australian Ballast Water Management Requirements.	**PS 17.1** Project vessels will manage ballast water in accordance with Australian Ballast Water Management Requirements.	**MC 17.1.1** Ballast Water Records System maintained by vessels which verifies compliance against Australian Ballast Water Management Requirements.
	C 17.2 Woodside's IMS risk assessment process[33] will be applied to project vessels and relevant immersible equipment undertaking the Petroleum Activities Program. Assessment will consider these risk factors: For vessels: • vessel type • recent IMS inspection and cleaning history, including for internal niches • out-of-water period before mobilisation • age and suitability of antifouling coating at mobilisation date • internal treatment systems and history • origin and proposed area of operation • number of stationary/slow speed periods >7 days • region of stationary or slow periods • type of activity – contact with seafloor.	**PS 17.2.1** Before entering the Operational Area, project vessels and relevant immersible equipment are determined to be low risk[34] of introducing IMS of concern, and maintain this low risk status to mobilisation.	**MC 17.2.1** Records of IMS risk assessments maintained for all project vessels and relevant immersible equipment entering the operational area or IMS management area to undertake the Petroleum Activities Program.
		PS 17.2.2 In accordance with Woodside's IMS risk assessment process, the IMS risk assessments will be undertaken by an authorised environment adviser who has completed relevant Woodside IMS training or by qualified and experienced IMS inspector.	**MC 17.2.2** Records confirm that the IMS risk assessments undertaken by an Environment Adviser or IMS inspector (as relevant).

[33] Woodside's IMS risk assessment process was developed with regard to the national biofouling management guidelines for the petroleum production and exploration industry and guidelines for the control and management of a ships' biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species (IMO Guidelines, 2011).

[34] Low risk of introducing IMS of concern is defined as either no additional management measures required or, management measures have been applied to reduce the risk.

Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria			
Outcomes	***Controls***	***Standards***	***Measurement Criteria***
	For immersible equipment: • region of deployment since last thorough clean, particularly coastal locations • duration of deployments • duration of time out of water since last deployment • transport conditions during mobilisation • post-retrieval maintenance regime. Based on the outcomes of each IMS risk assessment, management measures commensurate with the risk (such as treating internal systems, IMS inspections or cleaning) will be implemented to minimise the likelihood of IMS being introduced.		

6.8 Recovery Plan and Threat Abatement Plan Assessment

As described in **Section 1.10.1.3**, an EP must not be inconsistent with a recovery plan or threat abatement plan for a listed threatened species or ecological community. This section describes the assessment that Woodside has undertaken to demonstrate that the Petroleum Activities Program is not inconsistent with any relevant recovery plans or threat abatement plans. For the purposes of this assessment, the relevant Part 13 statutory instruments (recovery plans and threat abatement plans) are:

- Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017–2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).
- Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale 2015–2025 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a).
- Recovery Plan for the Australian Sea Lion (*Neophoca cinerea*) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2013).
- Recovery Plan for the Grey Nurse Shark (*Carcharias taurus*) 2014 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2014).
- Sawfishes and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015b).
- Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on the vertebrate wildlife of Australia's coasts and oceans 2018 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2018).

Table 6-11 lists the objectives and (where relevant) the action areas of these plans, and also describes whether these objectives/action areas are applicable to government, the Titleholder, and/or the Petroleum Activities Program. For those objectives/action areas applicable to the Petroleum Activities Program, the relevant actions of each plan have been identified, and an evaluation has been conducted as to whether impacts and risks resulting from the activity are clearly inconsistent with that action or not. The results of this assessment against relevant actions are presented in **Table 6-12** to **Table 6-17**.

Table 6-11: Identification of applicability of recovery plan and threat abatement plan objectives and action areas

EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Applicable to:		
	Government	***Titleholder***	***Petroleum Activities Program***
Marine Turtle Recovery Plan			
Long-term Recovery Objective: Minimise anthropogenic threats to allow for the conservation status of marine turtles to improve so they can be removed from the EPBC Act threatened species list	Y	Y	Y
Interim Recovery Objectives			
1. Current levels of legal and management protection for marine turtle species are maintained or improved, both domestically and throughout the migratory range of Australia's marine turtles	Y		
2. The management of marine turtles is supported	Y		
3. Anthropogenic threats are demonstrably minimised	Y	Y	Y
4. Trends in nesting numbers at index beaches and population demographics at important foraging grounds are described	Y	Y	
Action Areas			
A. Assessing and addressing threats			
A1. Maintain and improve efficacy of legal and management protection	Y		
A2. Adaptatively manage turtle stocks to reduce risk and build resilience to climate change and variability	Y		
A3. Reduce the impacts of marine debris	Y	Y	Y
A4. Minimise chemical and terrestrial discharge	Y	Y	Y
A5. Address international take within and outside Australia's jurisdiction	Y		
A6. Reduce impacts from terrestrial predation	Y		
A7. Reduce international and domestic fisheries bycatch	Y		
A8. Minimise light pollution	Y	Y	Y
A9. Address the impacts of coastal development/infrastructure and dredging and trawling	Y	Y	
A10. Maintain and improve sustainable Indigenous management of marine turtles	Y		
B. Enabling and measuring recovery			
B1. Determine trends in index beaches	Y	Y	Y
B2. Understand population demographics at key foraging grounds	Y		

EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Applicable to:		
	Government	***Titleholder***	***Petroleum Activities Program***
B3. Address information gaps to better facilitate the recovery of marine turtle stocks	Y	Y	Y
Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan			
Long-term recovery objective: Minimise anthropogenic threats to allow for their conservation status to improve so that they can be removed from the EPBC Act threatened species list	Y	Y	Y
Interim Recovery Objectives			
1. The conservation status of blue whale populations is assessed using efficient and robust methodology	Y		
2. The spatial and temporal distribution, identification of biologically important areas, and population structure of blue whales in Australian waters is described	Y	Y	Y
3. Current levels of legal and management protection for blue whales are maintained or improved and an appropriate adaptive management regime is in place	Y		
4. Anthropogenic threats are demonstrably minimised	Y	Y	Y
Action Areas			
A. Assessing and addressing threats			
A.1: Maintain and improve existing legal and management protection	Y		
A.2: Assessing and addressing anthropogenic noise	Y	Y	Y
A.3: Understanding impacts of climate variability and change	Y		
A.4: Minimising vessel collisions	Y	Y	Y
B. Enabling and Measuring Recovery			
B.1: Measuring and monitoring population recovery	Y		
B.2: Investigating population structure	Y		
B.3: Describing spatial and temporal distribution and defining biologically important habitat	Y	Y	Y
Australian Sea Lion Recovery Plan			
Overarching Objective			
To halt the decline and assist the recovery of the Australian sea lion throughout its range in Australian waters by increasing the total population size while maintaining the number and distribution of breeding colonies with a view to: improving the population status leading to the future removal of the Australian sea lion from the threatened species list of the EPBC Act	Y	Y	Y

EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Applicable to:		
	Government	*Titleholder*	*Petroleum Activities Program*
ensuring that anthropogenic activities do not hinder recovery in the near future or impact on the conservation status of the species in the future			
Specific Objectives			
1. Mitigate interactions between fishing sectors (commercial, recreational and Indigenous) and the Australian sea lion to enable the recovery of all breeding colonies	Y		
2. Mitigate the impacts of marine debris on Australian sea lion populations	Y	Y	
3. Mitigate the impacts of aquaculture operations on Australian sea lion populations	Y		
4. Investigate and mitigate other potential threats to Australian sea lion populations, including disease, vessel strike, pollution and tourism	Y	Y	Y
5. Continue to develop and implement research and monitoring programs that provide outputs of direct relevance to the conservation of the Australian sea lion	Y	Y	
6. Increase community involvement in, and awareness of, the recovery program	Y		
Grey Nurse Shark Recovery Plan			
Overarching Objective			
To assist the recovery of the grey nurse shark in the wild, throughout its range in Australian waters, with a view to: improving the population status, leading to future removal of the grey nurse shark from the threatened species list of the EPBC Act ensuring that anthropogenic activities do not hinder the recovery of the grey nurse shark in the near future, or impact on the conservation status of the species in the future	Y	Y	Y
Specific Objectives			
1. Develop and apply quantitative monitoring of the population status (distribution and abundance) and potential recovery of the grey nurse shark in Australian waters	Y		
2. Quantify and reduce the impact of commercial fishing on the grey nurse shark through incidental (accidental and/or illegal) take, throughout its range	Y		
3. Quantify and reduce the impact of recreational fishing on the grey nurse shark through incidental (accidental and/or illegal) take, throughout its range	Y		
4. Where practicable, minimise the impact of shark control activities on the grey nurse shark	Y		
5. Investigate and manage the impact of ecotourism on the grey nurse shark	Y		
6. Manage the impact of aquarium collection on the grey nurse shark	Y		
7. Improve understanding of the threat of pollution and disease to the grey nurse shark	Y	Y	Y

EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Applicable to:		
	Government	***Titleholder***	***Petroleum Activities Program***
8. Continue to identify and protect habitat critical to the survival of the grey nurse shark and reduce the impact of threatening processes within these areas	Y	Y	
9. Continue to develop and implement research programs to support the conservation of the grey nurse shark	Y	Y	
10. Promote community education and awareness in relation to grey nurse shark conservation and management	Y		
Sawfish and River Sharks Recovery Plan			
Primary Objective			
To assist the recovery of sawfish and river sharks in Australian waters with a view to: improving the population status leading to the removal of the sawfish and river shark species from the threatened species list of the EPBC Act ensuring that anthropogenic activities do not hinder recovery in the near future, or impact on the conservation status of the species in the future	Y	Y	Y
Specific Objectives			
1. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of commercial fishing on sawfish and river shark species	Y		
2. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of recreational fishing on sawfish and river shark species	Y		
3. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of Indigenous fishing on sawfish and river shark species	Y		
4. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate the impact of illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing on sawfish and river shark species	Y		
5. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of habitat degradation and modification on sawfish and river shark species	Y	Y	Y
6. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of marine debris on sawfish and river shark species noting the linkages with the Threat Abatement Plan for the Impact of Marine Debris on Vertebrate Marine Life	Y	Y	Y
7. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of collection for public aquaria on sawfish and river shark species	Y		
8. Improve the information base to allow the development of a quantitative framework to assess the recovery of, and inform management options for, sawfish and river shark species	Y		
9. Develop research programs to assist conservation of sawfish and river shark species	Y	Y	
10. Improve community understanding and awareness in relation to sawfish and river shark conservation and management	Y		
Marine Debris Threat Abatement Plan			
Objectives			
1. Contribute to long-term prevention of the incidence of marine debris	Y	Y	

EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Applicable to:		
	Government	*Titleholder*	*Petroleum Activities Program*
2. Understand the scale of impacts from marine plastic and microplastic on key species, ecological communities and locations	Y	Y	Y
3. Remove existing marine debris	Y	Y	Y
4. Monitor the quantities, origins, types and hazardous chemical contaminants of marine debris, and assess the effectiveness of management arrangements for reducing marine debris	Y		
5. Increase public understanding of the causes and impacts of harmful marine debris, including microplastic and hazardous chemical contaminants, to bring about behaviour change	Y		

Table 6-12: Assessment against relevant actions of the Marine Turtle Recovery Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Marine Turtle Recovery Plan	**Action Area A3**: Reduce the impacts from marine debris	**Action**: Support the implementation of the Marine Debris Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) Priority actions at stock level: G-NWS – Understand the threat posed to this stock by marine debris LH-WA – Determine the extent to which marine debris is impacting loggerhead turtles F-Pil – no relevant actions	Refer **Sections 6.7.3, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of release of plastics from the RTM and of accidental release of solid hazardous and non-hazardous wastes has considered the potential impacts to green, loggerhead and flatback turtles.	**EPO 11 and 13** **C 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4** **PS 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4**
	Action Area A4: Minimise chemical and terrestrial discharge	**Action**: Ensure spill risk strategies and response programs adequately include management for marine turtles and their habitats, particularly in reference to 'slow to recover habitats', e.g. nesting habitat, seagrass meadows or coral reefs Priority actions at stock level: G-NWS – Ensure that spill risk strategies and response programs include management for turtles and their habitats LH-WA & F-Pil – Ensure that spill risk strategies and response programs include management for turtles and their habitats, particularly in reference to slow to recover habitats, e.g. seagrass meadows or corals	Refer **Sections 6.6.3**, **6.6.4**, **6.7.2**, **6.7.3**, **6.7.4, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of accidental release of chemicals / hydrocarbons has considered the potential risks to green, loggerhead and flatback turtles. Spill risk strategies and response program include management measures for turtles and their nesting habitats.	Refer **Section 7.9** Detailed oil spill preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**
	Action Area A8: Minimise light pollution	**Action**: Artificial light within or adjacent to habitat critical to the survival of marine turtles will be managed such that marine turtles are not displaced from these habitats Priority actions at stock level: G-NWS – as above LH-WA – no relevant actions F-Pil – Manage artificial light from onshore and offshore sources to ensure biologically important behaviours of nesting adults and emerging/dispersing hatchlings can continue	Refer **Section 6.6.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of light emissions has considered the potential impacts to green, loggerhead and flatback turtles. Internesting, mating, foraging or migrating turtles are not impacted by light from offshore vessels. Vessel light emissions could cause localised and temporary behavioural disturbance to isolated transient individuals, which is unlikely to result in displacement of adult turtles from internesting or nesting habitat critical to the survival of marine turtles.	**EPO 7** **C 7.1** **PS 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3**

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
	Action Area B1: Determine trends at index beaches	**Action**: Maintain or establish long-term monitoring programs at index beaches to collect standardised data critical for determining stock trends, including data on hatchling production Priority actions at stock level: G-NWS – Continue long-term monitoring of index beaches LH-WA – Continue long-term monitoring of nesting and foraging populations F-Pil – no relevant actions	**Not inconsistent assessment**: Woodside contributes to Action Area B1 via its support of the Ningaloo Turtle Program[35].	N/A
	Action Area B3: Address information gaps to better facilitate the recovery of marine turtle stocks	**Action**: Understand the impacts of anthropogenic noise on marine turtle behaviour and biology Priority actions at stock level: G-NWS – Given this is a relatively accessible stock that is likely to be exposed to anthropogenic noise – Investigate the impacts of anthropogenic noise on turtle behaviour and biology and extrapolate findings from the North West Shelf stock to other stocks LH-WA – no relevant actions F-Pil – no relevant actions	Refer **Section 6.6.6** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of acoustic emissions has considered the potential impacts to green, loggerhead and flatback turtles. Vessels could cause localised and short-term behavioural disturbance to isolated transient individuals, which is unlikely to result in displacement of adult turtles from internesting or nesting habitat critical to the survival of marine turtles.	N/A
Assessment Summary The Marine Turtle Recovery Plan has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

[35] http://www.ningalooturtles.org.au/media_reports.html

Table 6-13: Assessment against relevant actions of the Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan	**Action Area A.2**: Assessing and addressing anthropogenic noise	**Action 2**: Assessing the effect of anthropogenic noise on blue whale behaviour **Action 3**: Anthropogenic noise in biologically important areas will be managed such that any blue whale continues to use the area without injury, and is not displaced from a foraging area	Refer **Section 6.6.6** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of acoustic emissions has considered the potential impacts to pygmy blue whales. Acoustic emissions from project vessels and MODU will not cause injury to any blue whale. If the Petroleum Activities Program overlaps with the southbound migration, individuals may deviate slightly from the migratory route, but will continue on their migration and will not be displaced from the possible foraging area at Ningaloo.	N/A
	Action Area A.4: Minimising vessel collisions	**Action 3**: Ensure the risk of vessel strikes on blue whales is considered when assessing actions that increase vessel traffic in areas where blue whales occur and, if required, appropriate mitigation measures are implemented	Refer **Sections 6.7.7** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of vessel collision with marine fauna has considered the potential risks to pygmy blue whales. If the Petroleum Activities Program overlaps with the southbound migration, individuals may deviate slightly from migratory route, but will continue on their migration. Vessel collisions with pygmy blue whales are highly unlikely to occur, given the very slow vessel speeds.	**EPO 15** **C 8.1** **PS 8.1.1 and 8.1.2**
	Action Area B.3: Describing spatial and temporal distribution and defining biologically important habitat	**Action 2**: Identify migratory pathways between breeding and feeding grounds **Action 3**: Assess timing and residency within Biologically Important Areas	**Not inconsistent assessment**: Woodside contributes to Action Area B3 via its support of targeted research initiatives (e.g. satellite tracking of pygmy blue whale migratory movements[36]).	N/A
Assessment Summary The Blue Whale Conservation Management Plan has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

[36] Double, M.C., Andrews-Goff, V., Jenner, K.C.S., Jenner, M.-N., Laverick, S.M., Branch, T.A., Gales, N.J., 2014. Migratory movements of pygmy blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus brevicauda*) between Australia and Indonesia as revealed by satellite telemetry. PloS One 9, e93578

Table 6-14: Assessment against relevant actions of the Australian Sea Lion Recovery Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Australian Sea Lion Recovery Plan	**Objective 4**: Investigate and mitigate other potential threats to Australian sea lion populations, including disease, vessel strike, pollution and tourism	**Action 4.1**: Improve the understanding of—and where necessary mitigate—the threat posed to Australian sea lion populations by illegal killings, vessel strike, pollution and oil spills	Refer **Sections 6.6.3, 6.6.4, 6.7.2, 6.7.3, 6.7.4, 6.7.5, 6.7.7** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of accidental release of chemicals / hydrocarbons has considered the potential risks to Australian sea lions.	Refer **Section 7.9** Detailed oil spill preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**
Assessment Summary The Australian Sea Lion Recovery Plan has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

Table 6-15: Assessment against relevant actions of the Grey Nurse Shark Recovery Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Grey Nurse Shark Recovery Plan	**Objective 7**: Improve understanding of the threat of pollution and disease to the grey nurse shark	**Action 7.1**: Review and assess the potential threat of introduced species, pathogens and pollutants	Refer **Section 6.7.3, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of release of plastics from the RTM and of accidental release of solid hazardous and non-hazardous wastes has considered the potential risks to grey nurse sharks.	**EPO 11 and 13** **C 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4** **PS 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4**
			Refer **Sections 6.6.3**, **6.6.4**, **6.7.2**, **6.7.3**, **6.7.4, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of accidental release of chemicals / hydrocarbons has considered the potential risks to grey nurse sharks.	Refer **Section 7.9** Detailed oil spill preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**
Assessment Summary The Grey Nurse Shark Recovery Plan has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

Table 6-16: Assessment against relevant actions of the Sawfish and River Shark Recovery Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Sawfish and River Shark Recovery Plan	**Objective 5**: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate adverse impacts of habitat degradation and modification on sawfish and river shark species	**Action 5c**: Identify risks to important sawfish and river shark habitat and measures needed to reduce those risks	Refer **Sections 6.6.3**, **6.6.4**, **6.7.2**, **6.7.3**, **6.7.4** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of accidental release of chemicals / hydrocarbons has considered the potential risks to sawfishes and river sharks.	Refer **Section 7.9** Detailed oil spill preparedness and response performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria for the Petroleum Activities Program are present in **Appendix D**
	Objective 6: Reduce and, where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of marine debris on sawfish and river shark species	**Action 6a**: Assess the impacts of marine debris including ghost nets, fishing gear and plastics on sawfish and river shark species	Refer **Sections 6.7.3, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of release of plastics from the RTM, and accidental release of solid hazardous and non-hazardous wastes has considered the potential risks to sawfishes and river sharks.	**EPO 11 and 13** **C 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4** **PS 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4**
Assessment Summary The Sawfish and River Shark Recovery Plan has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

Table 6-17: Assessment against relevant actions of the Marine Debris Threat Abatement Plan

Part 13 Statutory Instrument	Relevant Action Areas/Objectives	Relevant Actions	Evaluation	EPO, Controls and PS
Marine Debris TAP	**Objective 2**: Understand the scale of marine plastic and microplastic impact on key species, ecological communities and locations	**Action 2.04**: Build understanding related to plastic and microplastic pollution	Refer **Sections 6.7.3, 6.7.5** **Not inconsistent assessment**: The assessment of release of plastics from the RTM, and accidental release of solid hazardous and non-hazardous wastes has considered the potential risks to the marine environment. Controls have been implemented to reduce the likelihood of accidental release of solid wastes for the duration of the Petroleum Activities Program.	**EPO 11 and 13** **C 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4** **PS 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4**
Assessment Summary The Marine Debris TAP has been considered during the assessment of impacts and risks, and the Petroleum Activities Program is not considered to be inconsistent with the relevant actions of this plan.				

7 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

7.1 Overview

Regulation 14 of the Environment Regulations requires an EP to contain an implementation strategy for the activity. The Implementation Strategy for the Petroleum Activities Program confirms fit-for-purpose systems, practices and procedures are in place to direct, review and manage the activities so that environmental risks and impacts are continually being reduced to ALARP and are Acceptable, and that environmental performance outcomes and standards outlined in this EP are achieved.

Woodside, as Operator, is responsible for ensuring that the Petroleum Activities Program is managed in accordance with this Implementation Strategy and the WMS (see **Section 1.9**).

7.2 Systems, Practice, and Procedures

All operational activities are planned and carried out in accordance with relevant legislation and standards, management measures (i.e. controls) identified in this EP and internal environment standards and procedures (**Section 6**).

The systems, practices and procedures that will be implemented are listed in the Performance Standards (PS) contained in this EP. Document names and references numbers may change during the statutory duration of this EP and are managed through a changes register and update process.

7.3 Roles and Responsibilities

Key roles and responsibilities for Woodside and contractor personnel relating to implementing, managing and reviewing this EP are presented in **Figure 7-1** and described in **Table 7-1**. Roles and responsibilities for oil spill preparation and response are outlined in **Appendix D**.

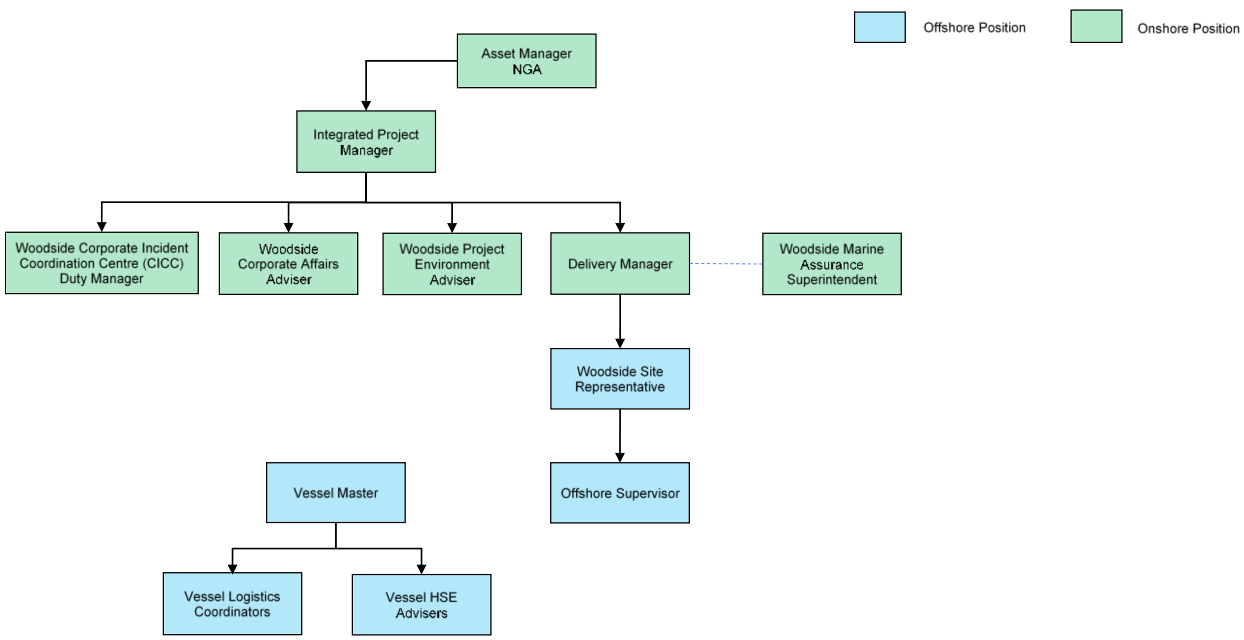

Figure 7-1: Organisational structure (subject to change)

Table 7-1: Roles and responsibilities

Title (role)	Environmental Responsibilities
Office-based Personnel	
NGA Asset Manager	• Ensures compliance with Woodside's HSE Policy, all relevant environmental legislative requirements and environmental operational controls as detailed in this EP. • Liaises with regulatory authorities as required.
Integrated Project Manager	• Establishes EP compliance expectation with Delivery Managers for their teams and contractors. • Provides resources (financial/personnel) to Delivery Managers so that environmental risk mitigations can be put into place. Ensures resources are available to deliver this EP. • Controls work into Operational Area, as per SIMOPS document. • Coordinates vessel movements in field, with Delivery Manager, in compliance with SIMOPS Plan document. • Communicates environmental incidents to the Project Environment Adviser and ensures follow up actions are carried out. • Consults with the Project Environment Adviser to develop corrective actions addressing any environmental issues in relation to the Petroleum Activities Program.
Delivery Manager	• Monitor and manage the Petroleum Activities Program so it is performed as per the relevant standards and commitments in this EP. • Manage change requests for the activity and notify the Project Environment Adviser in a timely manner of any scope changes. • Ensures all chemical components and other fluids that are be used have been reviewed by the Project Environmental Adviser. • Verify that contractors meet environmental related contractual obligations • Complies with requirements of the SIMOPS document. • Manages interface between offshore operations and those supporting onshore. • Ensures review of daily, weekly and monthly reporting from project vessels. • Confirm environmental incident reporting meets regulatory requirements (as outlined in this EP) and Woodside's HSE Reporting and Investigation Procedure • Ensures the importance of appropriate levels of training, competency and environmental awareness are communicated amongst the project vessel personnel. • Ensures action items from environmental audits are completed.
Woodside Project Environment Adviser	• Verifying Decommissioning and Project Team understands legislative and regulatory requirements, EPs and the WMS. • Developing, review and control revisions of the EP and maintaining in accordance with EP commitments. • Assisting in implementing and facilitating environmental improvement plans.

Title (role)	Environmental Responsibilities
	• Ensuring appropriate personnel have access to the EP and understand the outcomes, standards and measurement criteria and their environmental responsibilities for the activity. • Liaising with applicable regulatory authorities and stakeholders as required. • Developing and maintaining environmental training inductions, awareness refreshers and environment toolbox topics for deployment to offshore personnel. • Coordinating environmental monitoring and reporting requirements from the EP including environmental performance and compliance reporting. • Participating in environmental audits/inspections to ensure regular checking of compliance with the EP. Communicating findings to management and assisting with closeout of audit actions. • Assisting with review, investigation and reporting of environmental incidents. • Preparation and delivery/dissemination of environmental training material.
Woodside Corporate Affairs Adviser	• Prepare and implement the Stakeholder Consultation Plan for Petroleum Activities Program. • Report on stakeholder consultation. • Ongoing liaison as required.
Woodside Marine Assurance Superintendent	• Conducts relevant audit and inspection to confirm vessels are in compliance with relevant Marine Orders and Woodside Marine Charters Instructions requirements to meet safety, navigation and emergency response requirements.
Woodside Corporate Incident Coordination Centre (CICC) Duty Manager	• On receiving notification of an incident, the Woodside CICC Duty Manager shall: • establish and take control of the Incident Management Team (IMT) and establish an appropriate command structure for the incident • assess situation, identify risks and actions to minimise the risk • communicate impact, risk and progress to the Crisis Management Team and stakeholders • develop the incident action plan (IAP) including setting objectives for action • approve, implement and manage the IAP • communicate within and beyond the incident management structure • manage and review safety of responders • address the broader public safety considerations • conclude and review activities.
Vessel-based Personnel	
Vessel Master	• The vessel management system and procedures are implemented.

Title (role)	Environmental Responsibilities
	• Personnel commencing work on the vessel receive an environmental induction that meets the relevant requirements specified in this EP. • Personnel are competent to undertake the work they have been assigned. • SOPEP drills are conducted as per the vessel's schedule. • The vessel Emergency Response Team has been given sufficient training to implement the SOPEP. • Any environmental incidents or breaches of relevant environmental performance outcomes or performance standards detailed in this EP, are reported immediately to the Woodside Site Representative. Corrective actions for incidents or breaches are developed, communicated to the Woodside Site Representative, and tracked to close out in a timely manner. Close out of actions is communicated to the Woodside Site Representative.
Vessel HSE Advisers	• Verify that the environmental performance outcomes and performance standards are undertaken as detailed in this EP. • Verify environmental incidents or breaches of outcomes, standards or criteria outlines in this EP, are reported as per the Woodside Corporate Event Notification Matrix. • Confirm periodic environmental inspections are completed. • Review Contractors procedures, Input into Toolbox talks and JSAs. • Provide day-to-day environmental support for activities in consultation with the Project Environmental Adviser.
Vessel Logistics Coordinators	• Waste is managed on the relevant project vessels and sent to shore as per the relevant Waste Management Plan.
Woodside Site Representative	• Support the Delivery Manager and the NGA Asset Manager to ensure the environmental performance outcomes are met and the performance standards detailed in this EP are implemented on the project vessels. • Any environmental incidents or breaches of relevant environmental performance outcomes or performance standards detailed in this EP, are reported to the Delivery Manager and the Project Environment Adviser. Corrective actions for incidents or breaches are developed, communicated and tracked to close out in a timely manner. • Participation in periodic environmental inspections to ensure regular checking of compliance with the EP.
Offshore Supervisor (Contractor)	• Confirm activities are performed in accordance with this EP, as detailed in the Woodside-approved Contactor Environmental Management Plan. • Ensure personnel commencing work on the project receive a relevant environmental induction that meets the requirements specified in this EP • Ensure personnel are competent to perform the work they have been assigned. • Ensure any environmental incidents or breaches of objectives, standards or criteria outlined in this EP, are reported immediately to the Woodside Site Representative or Vessel Master.

It is the responsibility of all Woodside employees and contractors to implement the Woodside Corporate Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Policy (**Appendix A**) in their areas of responsibility and that the personnel are suitably trained and competent in their respective roles.

7.4 Training and Competency

7.4.1 Overview

Woodside as part of its contracting process undertakes assessments of a proposed contractor's environmental management systems to determine the level of compliance with the standard AS NZ ISO 14001. This assessment is undertaken for the Petroleum Activities Program as part of the pre-mobilisation process. The assessment determines whether there is a clearly defined organisational structure that clearly defines the roles and responsibilities for key positions. The assessment also assesses whether there is an up-to-date training matrix that defines any corporate and site/activity-specific environmental training and competency requirements.

As a minimum, environmental awareness training is required for all personnel, detailing awareness and compliance with the contractor's environmental policy and environmental management system.

7.4.2 Inductions

Inductions are provided to all relevant personnel before the mobilisation to or on arrival at the activity location. The induction covers the HSE requirements and environmental information specific to the activity location. A record of attendance will be maintained.

The Petroleum Activities Program induction may cover the following information:

- ecological and socio-economic values of the activity location
- description of the activity
- regulations relevant to the activity
- woodside Environmental Management System – Health Safety, Environment and Quality Policy
- EP importance/structure/implementation/roles and responsibilities
- main environmental aspects/hazards and potential environmental impacts and related performance outcomes
- oil spill preparedness and response
- monitoring and reporting on performance outcomes and standards using measurement criteria
- incident reporting.

7.4.3 Petroleum Activity-specific Environmental Awareness

Prior to commencing each component of the Petroleum Activities Program, a Woodside representative will hold a pre-activity meeting on-board project vessels with all relevant personnel. The pre-activity meeting provides an opportunity to reiterate specific environmental sensitivities or commitments associated with the activity. Attendance lists are recorded and retained. Relevant sections of the pre-activity meeting will also be communicated through to the project vessel personnel.

During operations, regular HSE meetings will be held on project vessels which cover all crew. During these meetings, recent environmental incidents are reviewed and awareness material presented on a regular basis. Attendance is recorded and lists retained on the project vessels.

7.4.4 Management of Training Requirements

All personnel on the project vessels are required to be competent to perform their assigned positions. This may be in the form of external or 'on the job' training. The vessel Safety Training Coordinator (or equivalent) is responsible for identifying training needs, keeping records of training undertaken and identifying minimum training requirements. Spill response training is mandatory for relevant teams. Environmental awareness is also included in inductions.

7.5 Monitoring, Auditing, Management of Non-Conformance and Review

7.5.1 Monitoring

Woodside and its Contractors will undertake a program of periodic monitoring during the Petroleum Activities Program – starting at mobilisation of each activity and continuing through the duration of each activity to activity completion. This information will be collected using the tools and systems outlined below, developed based on the environmental performance outcomes, controls, standards and measurement criteria in this EP. The tools and systems will collect, as a minimum, the data (evidence) referred to in the measurement criteria in **Section 6** and **Appendix D**.

The collection of this data (against the measurement criteria) will form part of the permanent record of compliance maintained by Woodside and will form the basis for demonstrating that the environmental performance outcomes and standards are met, which will be summarised in a series of routine reporting documents.

7.5.1.1 Source-Based Impacts and Risks

The tools and systems to monitor environmental performance, where relevant, will include:

- daily reports undertaken during IMR activities, which include leading indicator compliance
- quarterly review of waste management and recycling records
- use of project vessel contractor's risk identification program that requires personnel to record and submit safety and environment risk observation cards on a routine basis
- collection of evidence of compliance with the controls detailed in the EP relevant to offshore activities by the Woodside Offshore HSE Adviser (or equivalent) (other compliance evidence is collected onshore)
- environmental discharge reports that record volumes of planned and unplanned discharges to ocean and atmosphere
- monitoring of progress against the Developments function scorecard for KPIs
- internal auditing and assurance program as described in **Section 7.5.2**.

Throughout this activity, Woodside will continuously identify new source-based risks and impacts through the Monitoring and Auditing systems and tools described above and in **Section 7.5.2**.

7.5.1.2 Receptor-Based Knowledge Updates

Under the Woodside Environmental Knowledge Management System, regular monitoring to maintain currency of receptor knowledge is performed as follows:

- DoEE EPBC Act listed species status, listed species Recovery/Management and Conservation Plans, and other environmental matters is reviewed quarterly and recorded by Environment Science team. The outcome of each review is summarised and issued to the relevant Environment personnel responsible for implementing the EP for their consideration.

- Under the Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Programme preparedness, an annual review and update to the environmental baseline studies database is completed and documented.
- Periodic location focused environmental studies baseline data gap analyses are completed and documented. Any subsequent studies scoped and executed as a result of such gap analysis are managed by the Environment Science Team and tracked via the Corporate Environment Baseline Database.

7.5.2 Auditing and Inspections

Environmental performance auditing will be undertaken to:

- identify potential new, or changes to existing environmental impacts and risk, and methods for reducing those to ALARP
- confirm that mitigation measures detailed in this EP are effectively reducing environmental impacts and risk, that mitigation measures proposed are practicable and provide appropriate information to verify compliance
- confirm compliance with the Performance Outcomes, Controls and Standards detailed in this EP.

Proposed audits include:

- start up or pre-mobilisation audits
- offshore environmental inspections
- contractor-specific HSE audits of the project vessels.

Non-conformances identified will be reported and/or tracked in accordance with **Section 7.5.3**. Audit findings relevant to continuous improvement of environmental performance are tracked through a compliance action register.

7.5.2.1 Start-Up/Pre-Mobilisation Audit

An audit will be undertaken to align with each key project activity. Start-up or pre-mobilisation audits will be undertaken before IMR activities commence.

The scope of these audits will focus on ensuring all personnel are aware of environmental commitments and appropriate environmental controls are in place.

7.5.2.2 Environmental Inspections

Environmental inspections will be undertaken as required on the project vessels by offshore personnel. Inspections of project vessels will ensure that any project vessels are compliant with the EP. Selected risk areas will be inspected during routine visits throughout the activity, determined by risk, previous incidents and operation specification requirements.

7.5.2.3 Marine Assurance

Marine assurance is undertaken in accordance with Woodside's Marine Offshore Vessel Assurance Procedure. The marine assurance process is managed by the Marine Assurance Team of the Marine Services.

The processes and procedures used are based on industry standards and consideration of guidelines and recommendations from recognised industry organisations such as Oil Companies International Marine Forum and International Maritime Contractors Association.

The Marine Offshore Vessel Assurance Procedure defines the marine offshore assurance activities applicable for all vessels chartered directly by or on behalf of Woodside. The procedure is mandatory for all vessels hired for Woodside operations, including for short-term hires (less than three months in duration).

The Marine Offshore Vessel Assurance Procedure ensures all vessel operators and vessels chartered only operate seaworthy vessels that meet the requirements for a defined scope of work, and are managed with a robust safety management system. The marine offshore vessel assurance process is multi-faceted and encompasses:

- offshore vessel safety management system assessment (OVMSA)
- offshore vessel inspection database (OVID) inspection or similar
- project support for tender review and evaluation, pre/post contract award.

OVID inspections are objective in nature and reflect what was observed while conducting the inspection. The inspection provides observations as opposed to non-conformances. Woodside will maintain records of the marine assurance review.

Where an OVID inspection and/or OVMSA verification review is not available, and all reasonable efforts based on time and resource availability to complete an OVID inspection and/or OVMSA verification review are undertaken (i.e. short-term vessel hire), the Marine Assurance Specialist Offshore may approve using an alternate means of inspection as defined in the Marine Offshore Vessel Assurance Procedure, known as a risk assessment.

7.5.3 Management of Non-Conformance

Woodside classifies non-conformances with environmental performance outcomes and standards in this EP as environmental incidents. Woodside employees and contractors are required to report all environmental incidents, and these are managed as per Woodside’s internal event recording, investigation and learning requirements.

An internal computerised database called First Priority is used to record and report these incidents. Details of the event, immediate action taken to control the situation, investigation outcomes and corrective actions to prevent recurrence are all recorded. Corrective actions are monitored using First Priority and closed out in a timely manner.

Woodside uses a consequence matrix for classification of environmental incidents, with the significant categories being A, B and C (as detailed in **Section 2.6**). Detailed investigations are completed for all categories A, B, C and high potential environmental incidents.

7.5.4 Review

7.5.4.1 Management Review

Within the Environment Function, senior management regularly monitor and review environmental performance and the effectiveness of managing environmental risks and performance. Within in each Function and Business Unit Leadership Team Managers review environmental performance on a regular basis.

7.5.4.2 Learning and Knowledge Sharing

Learning and knowledge sharing occurs via a number of different methods including:

- event investigations
- event bulletins
- after action review conducted at the end of key activities, including review of environmental incidents as relevant

- ongoing communication with project vessel operators
- formal and informal industry benchmarking
- cross asset learnings
- engineering and technical authorities discipline communications and sharing.

7.5.4.3 Review of Impacts, Risks, and Controls Across the Life of the EP

In the unlikely case that activities described in this EP do not occur continuously or sequentially, before recommencing activities after a cessation period greater than 12 months, impacts, risks and controls will be reviewed.

The process will identify or review impacts and risks associated with the newly-commencing activity, and will identify or review controls to ensure impacts and risks remain/are reduced to ALARP and acceptable levels. Information learned from previous activities conducted under this EP will be considered. Controls which have previously been excluded on the basis of proportionality will be reconsidered. Any required changes will be managed by the MoC process outlined below (**Section 7.6**).

7.6 Management of Change and Revision

7.6.1 EP Management of Change

Management of changes relevant to this EP, concerning the scope of the activity description (**Section 3**) including: review of advances in technology at stages where new equipment may be selected such as vessel contracting, changes in understanding of the environment, including all current advice from DoEE on species protected under EPBC Act and current requirements for Australian Marine Parks (**Section 4**); and potential new advice from external stakeholders (**Section 5)** will be managed in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Environment Regulations.

Risk will be assessed in accordance with the environmental risk management methodology (**Section 2.5**) to determine the significance of any potential new environmental impacts or risks not provided for in this EP. Risk assessment outcomes are reviewed in compliance with Regulation 17 of the Environment Regulations.

Minor changes where a review of the activity and the environmental risks and impacts of the activity do not trigger a requirement for a revision, under Regulation 17 of the Environment Regulations, will be considered a ‘minor revision’. Minor administrative changes to this EP, where an assessment of the environmental risks and impacts is not required (e.g. document references, phone numbers, etc.), will also be considered a ‘minor revision’. Minor revisions as defined above will be made to this EP using Woodside’s document control process. Minor revisions will be tracked in an MoC Register to ensure visibility of cumulative risk changes, as well as enable internal EP updates/reissuing as required. This document will be made available to NOPSEMA during regulator environment inspections.

7.6.2 OPEP Management of Change

Relevant documents from the OPEP will be reviewed in the following circumstances:

- implementation of improved preparedness measures
- a change in the availability of equipment stockpiles
- a change in the availability of personnel that reduces or improves preparedness and the capacity to respond

- the introduction of a new or improved technology that may be considered in a response for this activity
- to incorporate, where relevant, lessons learned from exercises or events
- if national or state response frameworks and Woodside's integration with these frameworks changes.

Where changes are required to the OPEP, based on the outcomes of the reviews described above, they will be assessed against Regulation 17 to determine if EP, including OPEP, resubmission is required (see **Section 7.6.1**). Changes with potential to influence minor or technical changes to the OPEP are tracked in management of change records, project records and incorporated during internal updates of the OPEP or the five-yearly revision.

7.7 Record Keeping

Compliance records (outlined in Measurement Criteria in **Section 6**) will be maintained.

Record keeping will be in accordance with Regulation 14(7) that addresses maintaining records of emissions and discharges.

7.8 Reporting

To meet the environmental performance outcomes and standards outlined in this EP, Woodside undertake reporting at a number of levels, as outlined in the next sections.

7.8.1 Routine Reporting (Internal)

7.8.1.1 Daily Progress Reports and Meetings

Reports for activities are prepared and issued to key support personnel and stakeholders, by relevant managers responsible for the activity. The report provides performance information on the activities, heath, safety and environment, and current and planned work activities.

Meetings between key personnel are used to transfer information, discuss incidents, agree plans for future activities and develop plans and accountabilities for issue resolution.

7.8.1.2 Regular HSE Meetings

Regular dedicated HSE meetings are held with the offshore and Perth-based management and advisers to address targeted HSE incidents and initiatives. Minutes of these meetings are produced and distributed as appropriate.

7.8.1.3 Performance Reporting

Monthly and quarterly performance reports are developed and reviewed by the Function and Business Unit Leadership Teams. These reports cover a number of subject matters, including:

- HSE incidents (including high potential incidents and those related to this EP) and recent activities
- corporate Key Performance Indicator targets, which include environmental metrics
- outstanding actions as a result of audits or incident investigations
- technical high and low lights.

7.8.2 Routine Reporting (External)

7.8.2.1 Start and End Notifications of the Petroleum Activities Program

In accordance with Regulation 29, Woodside will notify NOPSEMA and DMIRS of the commencement of the Petroleum Activities Program at least ten days before the activity commences, and will notify NOPSEMA and DMIRS within ten days of completing the activity.

7.8.2.2 Environmental Performance Review and Reporting

In accordance with applicable environmental legislation for the activity, Woodside is required to report information on environmental performance to the appropriate regulator. Regulatory reporting requirements are summarised in **Table 7-2**.

Table 7-2: Routine external reporting requirements

Report	Recipient	Frequency	Content
Monthly Recordable Incident Reports	NOPSEMA	Monthly, by the 15th of each month.	Details of recordable incidents that have occurred during the Petroleum Activities Program for previous month (if applicable).
Environmental Performance Report	NOPSEMA	Annually, with the first report submitted within 12 months of the commencement of the Petroleum Activity Program covered by this EP (as per the requirements of Regulation 14(2).	Compliance with environmental performance outcomes, controls and standards outlined in this EP, in accordance with the Environment Regulations.

7.8.2.3 End of the Environment Plan

The EP will end when Woodside notify NOPSEMA that the Petroleum Activities Program has ended and all the obligations identified in this EP have been completed, and NOPSEMA has accepted the notification, in accordance with Regulation 25A of the Environment Regulations.

7.8.3 Incident Reporting (Internal)

The process for reporting environmental incidents is described in **Sections 7.8.2** and **7.8.4** of this EP. It is the responsibility of the Woodside Project Manager to ensure that reporting of environmental incidents meets Woodside's and regulatory reporting requirements as detailed in the Woodside Health, Safety and Environment Event Reporting and Investigation Procedure and this section of this EP.

7.8.4 Incident Reporting (External) – Reportable and Recordable

7.8.4.1 Reportable Incidents

Definition

A reportable incident as defined under Regulation 4 of the Environment Regulations as:

- 'an incident relating to the activity that has caused, or has the potential to cause, moderate to significant environmental damage'.

A reportable incident for the Petroleum Activities Program is:

- an incident that has caused environmental damage with a Consequence Level C+ (as defined under Woodside's Risk Table [refer to **Table 2-3**])

- an incident that has the potential to cause environmental damage with a Consequence Level C+ (as defined under Woodside's Risk Table [refer to **Table 2-3**]).
- an incident that has the potential to cause a navigation hazard
- an incident that has the potential to result in a non-compliance with s572 and Direction 812.

The environmental risk assessment (**Section 6**) for the Petroleum Activities Program did not identify any risks with a potential consequence level of C+ for environment. The incidents that have the potential to cause the highest level of impact include the unplanned hydrocarbon loss to the marine environment resulting from a vessel collision and the accidental introduction of IMS (both Consequence Level D).

Any such incidents (with a Consequence Level C+) represent potential events which would be reportable incidents. Incident reporting is undertaken with consideration of NOPSEMA (2014) guidance stating, 'if in doubt, notify NOPSEMA', and assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine if they trigger a reportable incident as defined in this EP and by the Regulations.

Notification

NOPSEMA will be notified of all reportable incidents, according to the requirements of Regulations 26, 26A and 26AA of the Environment Regulations. Woodside will:

- report all reportable incidents to the regulator (orally) as soon as practicable, but within two hours of the incident or of its detection by Woodside
- provide a written record of the reported incident to NOPSEMA, the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) and the Department of the responsible State Minister (DMIRS) as soon as practicable after the oral reporting of the incident
- complete a written report for all reportable incidents using a format consistent with the NOPSEMA Form FM0929 – Reportable Environment Incident (**Appendix E**) which must be submitted to NOPSEMA as soon as practicable, but within three days of the incident or of its detection by Woodside
- provide a copy of the written report to NOPTA and DMIRS, within seven days of the written report being provided to NOPSEMA.

AMSA will be notified of oil spill incidents as soon as practicable following the occurrence, and DoEE notified if MNES are to be affected by the oil spill incident.

7.8.4.2 Recordable Incidents

Definition

A recordable incident as defined under Regulation 4 of the Environment Regulations as an incident arising from the activity that 'breaches an environmental performance outcome or environmental performance standard, in the EP that applies to the activity, that is not a reportable incident'.

Notification

NOPSEMA will be notified of all recordable incidents, according to the requirements of Regulation 26B(4), not later than 15 days after the end of the calendar month using the NOPSEMA Form – Recordable Environmental Incident Monthly Summary Report (**Appendix E**) detailing:

- all recordable incidents that occurred during the calendar month
- all material facts and circumstances concerning the recordable incidents that the operator knows or is able, by reasonable search or enquiry, to find out

- any action taken to avoid or mitigate any adverse environment impacts of the recordable incidents
- the corrective action that has been taken, or is proposed to be taken, to prevent similar recordable incidents
- the action that has been taken, or is proposed to be taken, to prevent a similar incident occurring in the future.

7.8.4.3 Other External Incident Reporting Requirements

In addition to the notification and reporting of environmental incidents defined under the Environment Regulations and Woodside requirements, **Table 7-3** describes the incident reporting requirements that also apply in the Operational Area.

Table 7-3: External incident reporting requirements

Event	Responsibility	Notifiable party	Notification requirements	Contact	Contact detail
Any marine incidents during Petroleum Activities Program	Vessel Master	AMSA	Incident Alert Form 18 as soon as reasonably practicable* Within 72 hours after becoming aware of the incident, submit Incident Report Form 19	AMSA	reports@amsa.gov.au
Oil pollution incidents in Commonwealth waters	Vessel Master	AMSA JRCC	As per Article 8 and Protocol I of MARPOL within two hours via the national emergency 24-hour notification contacts and a written report within 24 hours of the request by AMSA	AMSA Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) Australia	If the ship is at sea, reports are to be made to: Free call: 1800 641 792 Phone: 08 9430 2100 (Fremantle)
Oil pollution incidents in Commonwealth waters	Vessel Master	AMSA JRCC	Without delay as per Protection of the Sea Act, part II, section 11(1), AMSA RCC notified verbally via the national emergency 24-hour notification contact of the hydrocarbon spill; follow up with a written Pollution Report as soon as practicable after verbal notification	AMSA RCC Australia	Phone: 1800 641 792 or +61 2 6230 6811 AFTN: YSARYCYX
Any oil pollution incident which has the potential to enter a National Park or requires oil spill response activities to be conducted within a National Park	Vessel Master	Department of Environment and Energy	Reported verbally, as soon as practicable	Director of National Parks	Phone: 02 6274 2220
Activity causes unintentional death of or injury to fauna species listed as Threatened or Migratory under the EPBC Act	Vessel Master	Department of Environment and Energy	Within seven days of becoming aware	Secretary of the DoEE	Phone: 1800 803 772 Email: protected.species@environment.gov.au
Any oil pollution incident which has the potential to enter a WA State waters	CICC DM or delegate	WA Department of Transport	Marine Duty Manager to verbally notify DoT that a spill has occurred and request use of equipment stored in the Exmouth supply shed at Harold E Holt.	DoT Duty Officer	Phone: 08 9480 9924

Event	Responsibility	Notifiable party	Notification requirements	Contact	Contact detail
			Follow up with a written pollution reports as soon as practicable following verbal notification. Additionally DoT to be notified if spill is likely to extend into WA State waters. Request DoT to provide Liaison to WEL IMT.		

Additionally, the following activity should also be reported to AMSA via RCC Australia by the Vessel Master:

- any loss of plastic material
- garbage disposed of in the sea within 12 nm of land (garbage includes food, paper, bottles, etc.)
- any loss of hazardous materials.

For oil spill incidents other agencies and organisations will be notified as appropriate to the nature and scale of the incident as per procedures and contact lists in the Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia).

External incident reporting requirements required under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations including under subregulation 2.42, notices and reports of dangerous occurrences will be reported to NOPSEMA under the approved activity safety cases.

7.9 Emergency Preparedness and Response

7.9.1 Overview

Under Regulations 14(8) the implementation strategy must contain an Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) and provide for the updating of the OPEP. Regulation 14(8AA) outlines the requirements for the OPEP which must include adequate arrangements for responding to and monitoring of oil pollution.

A summary of how this EP and supporting documents address the various requirements of Environment Regulations relating to oil pollution response arrangements is shown in **Table 7-4**.

Table 7-4: Oil pollution and preparedness and response overview

Content	Environment Regulations Reference	Document / Section Reference
Details of (oil pollution response) control measures that will be used to reduce the impacts and risks of the activity to as low as reasonably practicable and an acceptable level	Regulation 13 (5), (6), 14 (3)	Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Facility Operations Cessation Environment Plan (**Appendix D**)
Description of the oil pollution emergency plan	Regulation 14 (8)	Environment Plan: **Section 7.9.1** and **7.9.2**. Woodside's oil pollution emergency plan has the following components: • Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia) • Nganhurra Operations Cessation Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**) • Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Facility Operations Cessation Environment Plan (**Appendix D**) In accordance with Regulation 31 of the Environmental Regulations the Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia) was provided with the Julimar Phase 2 Drilling and Subsea Installation EP, accepted by NOPSEMA on 8 November 2019.
Details the arrangements for responding to and monitoring oil pollution (to inform response activities), including control measures	Regulation 14 (8AA)	Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Facility Operations Cessation Environment Plan (**Appendix D**) Nganhurra Operations Cessation Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**)
Details the arrangements for the updating and testing the oil pollution response arrangements	Regulation 14 (8), (8A), (8B), (8C)	Environment Plan: **Section 7.9.7** Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan (**Appendix D**)
Details of provision, monitoring impacts to the environment from oil pollution and response activities	Regulation 14 (8D)	Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan (**Appendix D**)
Demonstrates that the oil pollution response arrangements are consistent	Regulation 14 (8E).	Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia)

Content	Environment Regulations Reference	Document / Section Reference
with the national system for oil pollution preparedness and control.		

7.9.2 Emergency Response Training

Regulation 14(5) requires that the implementation strategy includes measures to ensure that employees and contractors have the appropriate competencies and training. Woodside has conducted a risk-based training needs analysis on the positions required for effective oil spill response. Following the mapping of training to Woodside-identified competencies, training was then mapped to positions based on those required competencies (**Table 7-5**).

Table 7-5: Minimum levels of competency for key IMT positions

IMT Position	Minimum Competency
Corporate Incident Coordinate Centre (CICC) Leader	Incident and Crisis Leadership Development Program (ICLDP) Oil Spill Response Skills Enhancement Course (OSREC – internal course) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (initial) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (refresher)
Security & Emergency Manager Duty Manager	ICLDP OSREC IMO2 or equivalent spill response specialist level with an oil spill response organisation (OSRO) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (initial) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (refresher)
Operations, Planning, Logistics, Safety	OSREC ICC Fundamentals Course (internal course) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (initial) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (refresher)
Environment Coordinator	ICC Fundamentals OSREC IMO2 or equivalent spill response specialist level with an OSRO Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (initial) Participation in L2 oil spill exercise (refresh
• Note on competency/equivalency	

- In 2018 Woodside undertook a review of incident and crisis systems, processes and tools to assess whether these were fit-for purpose and has rolled out a change to the Incident and Crisis Management training and the oil spill response training requirements for both ICC and field-based roles.
- The revised ICC Fundamentals training Program and Incident and Crisis Leaders Development Program (ICLDP) align with the performance requirements of the *PMAOMIR320 – Manage Incident Response Information* and *PMAOM0R418 - Coordinate Incident Response.*
- Regarding training specific equivalency;
- ICLDP is mapped to *PMAOM0R418* (and which is equivalent to IMOIII when combined with Woodside's OSREC course) and ensures broader incident management principles aligned with Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS).
- The revised ICC Fundamentals Course is mapped to *PMAOMIR320* (and which is equivalent to IMOII). The blended learning program offers modules aligned to IMOIII, IMOII, IMOI and AMOSC Core Group Training Oil Spill Response Organisation Specialist Level training.
- OSREC involves the completion of two (2) online AMSA Modules (Introduction to National Plan and Incident management; and Introduction to oil spills) as well as elements of IMOI and IMOII tailored to Woodside specific OSR capabilities.
- Woodside Learning Services (WLS) are responsible for collating and maintaining personnel training records. The Hydrocarbon Spill Response Team Competency Dashboard reflects the competencies required for each oil spill role (IMT/operational).

7.9.3 Emergency Response Preparation

The Corporate Incident Coordination Centre (CICC), based in Woodside's head office in Perth, is the onshore coordination point for an offshore emergency. The CICC is staffed an appropriately skilled team available on call 24 hours a day. The purpose of the team is to coordinate incidents rescues, maintain the safety of personnel, minimise damage to the environment and facilities, and to liaise with external agencies. A description of Woodside's Incident Command Structure and arrangements is further detailed in the Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia).

Woodside has an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) in place relevant to the Petroleum Activities Program. The ERP provides procedural guidance specific to the activity and location of operations to control, coordinate and respond to an emergency or incident. The ERPs will contain instructions for vessel emergency, medical emergency, search and rescue, reportable incidents, incident notification, contact information and activation of the Contractor's emergency centre and Woodside Communication Centre (WCC).

In the event of an emergency of any type:

- Vessel Master (depending on the location of the emergency) will assume overall onsite command and act as the Incident Controller (IC). All persons will be required to act under the IC's directions. The vessels will maintain communications with the onshore project manager and/ or other emergency services in the event of an emergency. Emergency response support can be provided by the contractor's emergency centre or WCC if requested by the IC.

The project vessels will have on-board equipment for responding to emergencies including but not limited to medical equipment, fire-fighting equipment and oil spill response equipment.

7.9.4 Hydrocarbon and Other Hazardous Materials Spill

A significant hydrocarbon spill during the Petroleum Activities Program is unlikely, but should such an event occur, it has the potential to cause serious environmental and reputational damage if not managed properly. The Nganhurra Operations Cessation Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**), which provides operational response guidance to the activity/area and **Appendix D** of this EP, covers spill response for this Petroleum Activities Program (**Appendix I**).

The Security and Emergency Management Function is responsible for managing Woodside's hydrocarbon spill response equipment and for maintaining hydrocarbon spill preparedness and response documentation. In the event of a major spill, Woodside will request that AMSA (administrator of the National Plan) provides support to Woodside through advice and access to equipment, people and liaison. The interface and responsibilities, as defined under the National Plan, are described in the Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia). AMSA and Woodside have a Memorandum of Understanding in place to support Woodside in the event of an oil spill.

The Nganhurra Operations Cessation Oil Pollution First Strike Plan provides immediate actions required to commence a response (**Appendix I**).

Project vessels will have SOPEPs in accordance with the requirements of MARPOL 73/78 Annex I. These plans outline responsibilities, specify procedures and identify resources available in the event of a hydrocarbon or chemical spill from vessel activities. The Oil Pollution First Strike Plan is intended to work in conjunction with the SOPEPs, if hydrocarbons are released to the marine environment from a vessel.

Woodside has established environmental performance outcomes, performance standards and measurement criteria to be used for oil spill response during the Petroleum Activities Program, as detailed in **Appendix D**.

7.9.5 Emergency and Spill Response

Woodside categorises incidents and emergencies in relation to response requirements as follows:

7.9.5.1 Level 1

Level 1 incidents can be resolved through the use of existing resources, equipment and personnel. A Level 1 incident is contained, controlled and resolved by site / regionally based teams using existing resources and functional support services.

7.9.5.2 Level 2

Level 2 incidents are characterised by a response that requires external operational support to manage the incident. It is triggered in the event the capabilities of the tactical level response are exceeded. This support is provided to the activity via the activation of all, or part of, the responsible ICC.

7.9.5.3 Level 3

A Level 3 incident or crisis is identified as a critical event that seriously threatens the organisation's people, the environment, company assets, reputation, or livelihood. At Woodside, the Crisis Management Team (CMT) manages the strategic impacts in order to respond to and recover from the threat to the company (material impacts, litigation, legal and commercial, reputation etc.). The ICC may also be activated as required to manage the operational incident response.

7.9.6 Emergency and Spill Response Drills and Exercises

Woodside's capability to respond to incidents will be tested periodically, in accordance with the Emergency and Crisis Management Procedure. The scope, frequency and objective of these tests is described in **Table 7-6**. Emergency response testing is aligned to existing or developing risks associated with Woodside's operations and activities. Corporate hazards/risks outlined in the corporate risk register, respective Safety Cases or project Risk Registers, are reference points developing and scheduling emergency and crisis management exercises. External participants may be invited to attend exercises (e.g. government agencies, specialist service providers, oil spill response organisations, or industry members with which Woodside has mutual aid arrangements).

The overall objective of exercises is to test procedures, skills and the teamwork of the Emergency Response and Command Teams in their ability to respond to major accident / major environment events. After each exercise, the team holds a debriefing session, during which the exercise is reviewed. Any lessons learned or areas for improvement are identified and incorporated into revised procedures, where appropriate.

Table 7-6: Testing of response capability

Response Category	Scope	Response Testing Frequency	Response Testing Objective
Level 1 Response	Exercises are project-/ activity-specific	One Level 1 'First Strike' drill conducted within two weeks of activity commencement.	Comprehensive exercises test elements of the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan (**Appendix I**). Emergency drills are scheduled to test other aspects of the Emergency Response Plan.
Level 2 Response	Exercises are vessel specific	A minimum of one Emergency Management exercise per activity.	Testing both the facility IMT response and/or that of the CICC following handover of incident control.
Level 3 Response	Exercises are relevant to all Woodside assets	The number of CMT exercises conducted each year is determined by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Vice President of Security and Emergency Management.	Test Woodside's ability to respond to and manage a crisis level incident.

7.9.7 Hydrocarbon Spill Response Testing of Arrangements

Woodside is required to test hydrocarbon spill response arrangements as per regulations 8B and 8C of the Environment Regulations. Woodside's arrangements for spill response are common across its Australian operating assets and activities to ensure the controls are consistent. The overall objective of testing these arrangements is to ensure that Woodside maintains an ability to respond to a hydrocarbon spill, specifically to:

- ensure relevant responders, contractors and key personnel understand and practise their assigned roles and responsibilities
- test response arrangements and actions to validate response plans
- ensure lessons learned are incorporated into Woodside's processes and procedures and improvements are made where required.

If new response arrangements are introduced, or existing arrangements significantly amended, additional testing is undertaken accordingly. Additional activities or activity locations are not anticipated to occur; however, if they do, testing of relevant response arrangements will be undertaken as soon as practicable.

In addition to the testing of response capability described in **Table 7-6**, up to eight formal exercises are planned annually, across Woodside, to specifically test arrangements for responding to a hydrocarbon spill to the marine environment.

7.9.7.1 Testing of Arrangements Schedule

Woodside's Testing of Arrangements Schedule (**Figure 7-2**) aligns with international good practice for spill preparedness and response management; the testing is compatible with the IPIECA Good Practice Guide and the Australian Emergency Management Institute Handbook. If a spill occurs, enacting these arrangements will underpin Woodside's ability to implement a response across its petroleum activities. **Figure 7-2** shows a condensed snapshot of Woodside's 5-year rolling Testing of Arrangements Schedule.

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5 YEAR ROLLING SCHEDULE

Arrangement	Support Agency / Company	Area to be tested
1	WEL	Personnel
2	WEL	Equipment
3	WEL	Vessel aquistion - internal processes
4	AMOSC	Equipment
5	AMOSC	Personnel
6	OSRL	Equipment
7	OSRL	Personnel
8	Worley Parsons	Equipment
9	Worley Parsons	Personnel
10	ERM	Equipment
11	ERM	Personnel
12	Jacobs	Equipment
13	Jacobs	Personnel
14	AMSA	Equipment
15	AMSA	Personnel
16	DOT (Department of Transport)	Equipment
17	DOT (Department of Transport)	Staging Area Support
18	WEL	Predictive Modelling - Rapid Assessment Tool
19	RPS APASA	Predictive Modelling
20	KSAT	Satellite remote sensing
21	Bristows	Aircraft
22	MSRC	Personnel
23	Sci Aero	Equipment and Personnel
24	Centurion	Logistics Support
25	Harold E Holt	Support and Access
26	Fergusons	Equipment
27	Swires	Equipment
28	Toll Mermaid	Staging Area Support
29	Norwest Air Works	Dispersant Aircraft (access and support)
30	Exmouth Aerodrome	Dispersant Aircraft (access and support)
31	Broome International Airport	Dispersant Aircraft (access and support)
32	Learmonth Airport	Dispersant Aircraft (access and support)
33	Exmouth Freight and Logistics	Logistics Support
34	Veolia	Equipment and Personnel
35	FRS	Equipment and Personnel

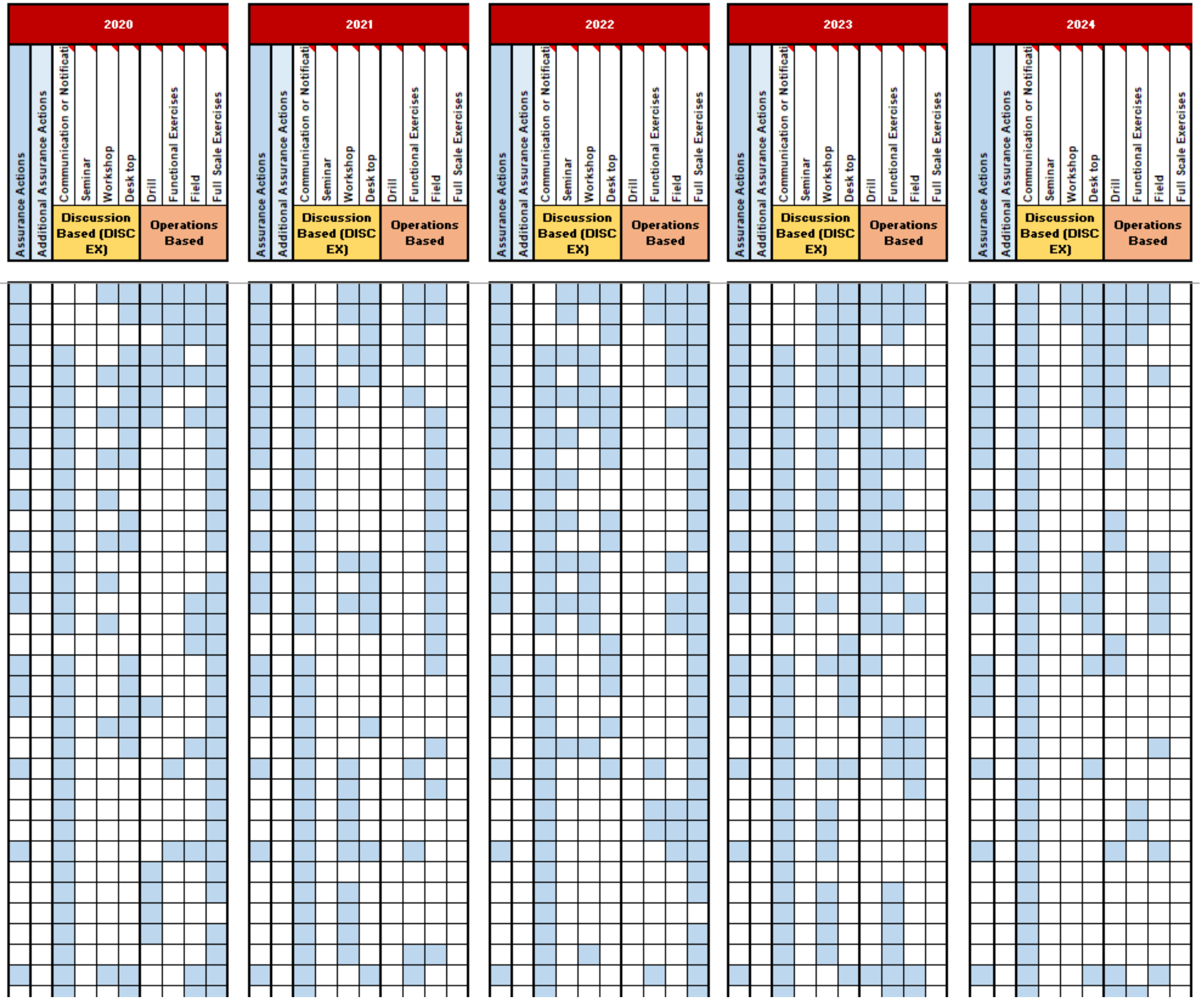

Figure 7-2: Indicative 5-yearly testing of arrangements schedule

(Snapshot of a selection of oil spill response arrangements tested annually; Note: schedule is subject to change, additional detail is included in the live document)

Numbered hydrocarbon spill arrangements listed in the rows of the schedule are taken from the support plans and operational plans described in Section 1.4 of **Appendix D**. Each arrangement has a support agency/company and an area to be tested (e.g. capability, equipment and personnel). For example, an arrangement could be to test Woodside's personnel capability for conducting scientific monitoring, or the ability of the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre to provide response personnel and equipment. About 75 hydrocarbon spill preparedness arrangements are tested annually across the eight planned exercises, as described in **Section 7.9.6**.

The vertical columns under each year in **Figure 7-2** relate to an individual exercise or additional assurance actions that are conducted over the 5-year rolling schedule. The sub-heading for the column describes the standard method of testing (e.g. discussion exercise, desktop exercise), and the blue cells indicate the arrangements that could be tested for each method.

Arrangements in the schedule are tested at least once a year; however, some arrangements may be tested across multiple exercises (e.g. critical arrangements) or via other 'additional assurance' methods outside the formal Testing of Arrangements Schedule that also constitute sufficient evidence of testing of arrangements (e.g. audits, no-notice drills, internal exercises, assurance drills) (refer to the first and second vertical columns for each year in **Figure 7-2**).

7.9.7.2 Exercises, Objectives, and KPIs

Exercises are designed to cumulatively provide assurance for all arrangements within Woodside's Testing of Arrangements Schedule annually across all facilities. Exercise-initiating scenarios are derived from the worst-case credible scenarios as described in the relevant facility's First Strike Plans.

Objectives and KPIs for each exercise are determined by reviewing:

- the Testing of Arrangements Schedule, which identifies which arrangements can be tested for each testing method (**Section 7.9.7.1**)
- the objectives and KPIs master generic plan, which summarises generic objectives and KPIs that could be tested for specific response strategies, based on industry good practice guidance (i.e. IPIECA) for testing oil spill arrangements
- the oil spill ALARP commitments register, which summarises all spill response commitments from accepted EPs (e.g. timings, numbers) for different response strategies, and considers priority commitments and worst-cast spill scenarios
- actions undertaken from recommendations from previous exercises, where relevant .

The required capabilities, number of personnel, equipment, and timeframes (i.e. arrangements) form specific KPIs during an exercise. Where this is the case, the ALARP commitments register indicates the specific response strategy performance standards to use/test the arrangements against. Where relevant the most stringent performance standard across all in-force EPs is used as the KPI. After each exercise, a report is produced that includes recommendations for improvements, which are then converted to actions and tracked in the Testing of Arrangements Register.

Additional assurance actions are also routinely undertaken outside formal exercises (e.g. response audits, no-notice drills), which support testing of these arrangements. Evidence and outcomes from additional assurance actions are used, where relevant, to support testing individual arrangements, including from external sources (e.g. evidence of suppliers testing their own arrangements).

7.9.8 Cyclone and Dangerous Weather Preparation

As the timing of some activities associated with the Petroleum Activities Program are not yet determined, it is possible that project activities will overlap with the cyclone season (November to April, with most cyclones occurring between January and March). If undertaking activities within cyclone season, the project vessel contractors must have a Cyclone Contingency Plan (CCP) in place outlining the processes and procedures that would be implemented during a cyclone event, which will be reviewed and accepted by Woodside.

Project vessels will receive daily forecasts from the BoM. If a cyclone (or severe weather event) is forecast, the path and its development will be plotted and monitored using the BoM data. If there is the potential for the cyclone (severe weather event) to affect the Petroleum Activities Program, the CCP will be actioned. If required, vessels can transit from the proposed track of the cyclone (severe weather event).

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9 GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

9.1 Glossary

Term	Meaning
(the) Regulator	The Government Agency (State or Commonwealth) that is the decision maker for approvals and undertakes ongoing regulation of the approval once granted.
Acceptability	The EP must demonstrate that the environmental impacts and risks of an activity will be of an acceptable level as per Regulation 10A(c).
ALARP	A legal term in Australian safety legislation, it is taken here to mean that all contributory elements and stakeholders have been considered by assessment of costs and benefits, and which identifies a preferred course of action
API (gravity)	is a measure of how heavy or light a petroleum liquid is compared to water
Australian Standard	An Australian Standard which provides criteria and guidance on design, materials, fabrication, installation, testing, commissioning, operation, maintenance, re-qualification and abandonment
Ballast	Extra weight taken on to increase a ship's stability to prevent rolling and pitching. Most ships use seawater as ballast. Empty tank space is filled with inert (non-combustible) gas to prevent the possibility of fire or explosion
Bathymetry	Related to water depth – a bathymetry map shows the depth of water at a given location on the map
Benthos/Benthic	Relating to the seabed, and includes organisms living in or on sediments/rocks on the seabed
Biodiversity	Relates to the level of biological diversity of the environment. The EPBC Act defines biodiversity as: "the variability among living organisms from all sources (including terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part) and includes: (a) diversity within species and between species; and (b) diversity of ecosystems"
Biota	The animal and plant life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
Cetacean	Whale and dolphin species
Consequence	The worst-case credible outcome associated with the selected event assuming some controls (prevention and mitigation) have failed. Where more than one impact applies (e.g. environmental and legal/compliance), the consequence level for the highest severity impact is selected.
Coral	Anthozoa that are characterised by stone like, horny, or leathery skeletons (external or internal). The skeletons of these animals are also called coral
Coral Reef	A wave-resistant structure resulting from skeletal deposition and cementation of hermatypic corals, calcareous algae, and other calcium carbonate-secreting organisms
Crustacean	A large and variable group of mostly aquatic invertebrates which have a hard external skeleton (shell), segmented bodies, with a pair of often very modified appendages on each segment, and two pairs of antennae (e.g. crabs, crayfish, shrimps, wood lice, water fleas and barnacles)
Cyclone	A rapidly-rotating storm system characterised by a low-pressure centre, strong winds, and a spiral arrangement of thunderstorms that produce heavy rain
dB	Decibel – this is a measure of the overall noise level of sound across the audible spectrum with a frequency weighting (that is, 'A' weighting) to compensate for the varying sensitivity of the human ear to sound at different frequencies

Term	Meaning
dB re 1 µPa (RMS)	Measure of underwater noise, in terms of sound pressure. Because the dB is a relative measure, rather than an absolute measure, it must be referenced to a standard “reference intensity”, in this case 1 micro Pascal (1 µPa), which is the standard reference that is used. The dB is also measured over a specified frequency, which is usually either a one Hertz bandwidth (expressed as dB re 1 $\mu Pa^2/Hz$), or over a broadband which has not been filtered. Where a frequency is not specified, it can be assumed that the measurement is a broadband measurement
dB re 1 $\mu Pa^2.s$	Normal unit for sound exposure level
Demersal	Living close to the floor of the sea (typically of fish)
DRIMS	Woodside’s internal document management system.
Dynamic positioning	In reference to a marine vessel that uses satellite navigation and radio transponders in conjunction with thrusters to maintain its position
EC50	the concentration of a drug, antibody or toxicant which induces a response halfway between the baseline and maximum after a specified exposure time
Echinoderms	Any of numerous radially symmetrical marine invertebrates of the phylum Echinodermata, which includes the starfishes, sea urchins, and sea cucumbers, which have an internal calcareous skeleton and often covered with spines
Endemic	A species that is native to, or confined to a certain region
Environment	The surroundings in which an organisation operates, including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelations (Source: ISO 14001).
Environment Plan	Prepared in accordance with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009, which must be assessed and accepted by the Designated Authority (NOPSEMA) before any petroleum-related activity can be carried out
Environment Regulations	OPGGS (Environment) Regulation 2020
Environmental approval	The action of approving something, which has the potential to have an adverse impact on the environment. Environmental impact assessment is generally required before environmental approval is granted.
Environmental Hazard	The characteristic of an activity or event that could potentially cause damage, harm or adverse effects on the environment
Environmental impact	Any change to the environment, whether adverse or beneficial, wholly or partially resulting from an organisation’s activities, products or services (Source: HB 203:2006).
Environmental impact assessment	An orderly and systematic process for evaluating a proposal or scheme (including its alternatives), and its effects on the environment, and mitigation and management of those effects (Source: Western Australian Environmental Impact Assessment Administrative Procedures, 2010).
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999. Commonwealth legislation designed to promote the conservation of biodiversity and protection of the environment.
Epifauna	Benthic animals that live on the surface of a substrate
Fauna	Collectively, the animal life of a particular region
GVI	General Visual Inspection
Infauna	Aquatic animals that live in the substrate of a body of water, especially in a soft sea bottom
ISO 14001	ISO 14001 is an international standard that specifies a process (called an Environmental Management System [EMS]) for controlling and improving a company's environmental performance. An EMS provides a framework for managing environmental responsibilities so that they become more efficient and more integrated into overall business operations.

Term	Meaning
LC50	The concentration of a substance that is lethal to 50% of the population exposed to it for a specified time.
Likelihood	The description that best fits the chance of the selected consequence actually occurring, assuming reasonable effectiveness of the prevention and mitigation controls.
MARPOL (73/78)	The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978. MARPOL 73/78 is one of the most important international marine environmental conventions. It was designed to minimise pollution of the seas, including dumping, oil and exhaust pollution. Its stated object is to preserve the marine environment through the complete elimination of pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances
Meteorology	The study of the physics, chemistry, and dynamics of the earth's atmosphere, including the related effects at the air–earth boundary over both land and the oceans.
Mitigation	Management measures which minimise and manage undesirable consequences
pH	measure of the acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution
Protected Species	Threatened, vulnerable or endangered species which are protected from extinction by preventive measures. Often governed by special federal or state laws
Putrescible	Refers to food scraps and other organic waste associated with food preparation that will be subject to decay and rot (putrefaction)
Risk	The combination of the consequences of an event and its associated likelihood. For guidance see Environmental Guidance on Application of Risk Management Procedure
Sessile	Organism that is fixed in one place; immobile
Thermocline	A temperature gradient in a thermally stratified body of water
Zooplankton	Plankton consisting of small animals and the immature stages of larger animals

9.2 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
~	Approximately
°C	Degrees Celsius
ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resources Economics
ACE	Authority for Contract Execution
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AHO	Australian Hydrographic Office
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science
AIS	Automatic Identification System
ALARP	As Low As Reasonably Practicable
AMP	Australian Marine Park
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
RPS APASA	RPS Asia Pacific Applied Science Associates
ATSB	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
AUSCOAST	Australian Coastal (weather warning)

Abbreviation	Meaning
BCF	Bioconcentration Factor
BIA	Biologically Important Area
BP	Boiling Point
BTEX	Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes
CAES	Catch and Effort System
CALM	Former Western Australian Department of Conservation and Land Management (now DBCA) (CALM dates: from 22 Mar 1985 to 30 Jun 2006)
CEFAS	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (UK)
CH4	Methane
CHP	Commonwealth Heritage Places
CO	Carbon monoxide
CO2	Carbon dioxide
cP	Centipoise
CP	Contract Plan
CS	Cost/Sacrifice
CV	Company Values
DAA	Department of Aboriginal Affairs
DAWE	Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
dB	Decibel
DEWHA	Former Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (now Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment [DAWE] from 1 Feb 2020) (DEWHA dates: from 3 Dec 2007 to 14 Sep 2010)
DMP	Former Western Australian Department of Mines and Petroleum (now Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety [DMIRS] [from 1 July 2017]; DMP dates: 1 January 2009 to 1 July 2017)
DNP	Director of National Parks
DoEE	Former Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (formerly Department of the Environment and Water; Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts [DEWHA]; and Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities [SEWPaC]) (DoEE dates: from 19 Jul 2016 to 31 Jan 2020) (Energy functions split from this department and incorporated into the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources [DISER] 1 Feb 2020) (Environment functions split from this department in incorporated into the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment [DAWE] 1 Feb 2020)
DP	Dynamic Positioning; a computer-controlled system to automatically maintain a vessel's position and heading by using its propellers and thrusters
DPIRD	Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (formerly Department of Agriculture and Food, Department of Fisheries, and Department of Regional Development and Lands) (from 1 Jul 2017 to [ongoing])
DPLH	Western Australian Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (formerly Department of Planning, Department of Lands, State Heritage Office, and Department of Aboriginal Affairs) (from 1 July 2017 to [ongoing])

Abbreviation	Meaning
DSEWPaC	Former Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (formerly Department of the Environment and Water; Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts [DEWHA]; now DAWE) (DSEWPaC dates: 14 Sep 2010 to 18 Sep 2013)
EC50	half maximal effective concentration
EMBA	Environment that May Be Affected
ENVID	Environmental hazard Identification
EOI	Expression of Interest
EP	Environment Plan
EPBC Act	Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
EPO	Environmental Performance Objective / Outcome
EPS	Environmental Performance Standard
(F)	Control Feasibility
FPSO	Floating Production, Storage and Offtake (vessel)
g	Gram
g/cm^3	Grams per cubic centimetre
g/m^2	Grams per square metre
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GP	Good Practice
HAZID	Hazard Identification
HF	High-frequency
HFC	Hydroflurocarbons
HOCNF	Harmonised offshore chemical notification format
HQ	Hazard Quotient
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
IAPP	International Air Pollution Prevention
IAR	Integrated Artificial Reef
IMCRA	Integrated Marine and Coastal Regionalisation of Australia
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IMR	Inspection, Maintenance and Repair
IMS	Invasive Marine Species
IPIECA	International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITOPF	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JRCC	AMSA’s Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
KEF	Key Ecological Feature
km	Kilometre
L	Litre

Abbreviation	Meaning
LBL	Long Baseline
LC50	Lethal concentration, 50%
LCS	Legislation, Codes and Standards
LF	Low-frequency
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
m	Metre
m^3	Cubic metre
MC	Measurement Criteria
MEG	Monoethylene glycol
MFO	Marine Fauna Observer
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
MoC	Management of Change
MODU	Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MSIN	Maritime Safety Information Notifications
N20	Nitrous Oxide
N/A	Not Applicable
NGA	Nganhurra
NHP	National Heritage Places
NIMS	Non-indigenous Marine Species
NLPG	National Light Pollution Guidelines
nm	Nautical mile (1852 m); a unit of distance on the sea
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (division of NOAA)
NO	Nitrogen oxides
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
NTM	Notices to Mariners
NWMR	North-west Marine Region
NWS	North West Shelf
OCNS	Offshore Chemical Notification Scheme
OIW	Oil in Water
OIWS	Offshore in-Water Survey
OPGGS Act	Commonwealth *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*
OSPAR	Oslo and Paris Commission for the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
OSPRMA	Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment
P&A	Plug and abandonment
PBA	Pre-emptive Baseline Areas

Abbreviation	Meaning
PENV	Pendoley Environmental Pty Ltd
PFC	Perfluorocarbons
PJ	Professional Judgement
PLF	Pilbara Line Fishery
PM10	Particulate matter less than 10 microns
PMST	Protected Matters Search Tool
ppb	Parts Per Billion
ppm	Parts Per Million
PTS	Permanent Threshold Shift
Q1, Q2 etc.	Three-month quarter of a calendar year
qPCR	Quantitative polymerase chain reaction
RBA	Risk-based Analysis
RBI	Risk-based Inspection
RMS	Root Mean Square
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
RTM	Riser Turret Mooring
SCSSSV	Surface Controlled Sub-surface Safety Valve
SF6	Sulphur hexafluoride
SIMAP	Spill Impact Mapping and Analysis Program
SIMOPS	Simultaneous Operations
SMPEP	Spill Monitoring Programme Execution Plan
SO2	Sulphar dioxide
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea
SOPEP	Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
SPL	Sound Pressure Level
SV	Societal Values
SWMR	South-west marine region
TAP	Threat Abatement Plan
TEC	Threatened Ecological Communities
TEG	Triethylene glycol
TTS	Temporary Threshold Shift
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
WA	Western Australia
WEL	Woodside Energy Ltd
WHP	World Heritage Property
WMS	Woodside Management System

Abbreviation	Meaning
Woodside	Woodside Energy Ltd

APPENDIX A WOODSIDE HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Health, Safety and Environment Policy

OBJECTIVES

Strong health, safety and environment (HSE) performance is essential for the success and growth of our business. Our aim is to be recognised as an industry leader in HSE through managing our activities in a sustainable manner with respect to our workforce, our communities and the environment.

At Woodside we believe that process and personal safety related incidents, and occupational illnesses, are preventable. We are committed to managing our activities to minimise adverse health, safety or environmental impacts.

PRINCIPLES

Woodside will achieve this by:

- implementing a systematic approach to HSE risk management
- complying with relevant laws and regulations and applying responsible standards where laws do not exist
- setting, measuring and reviewing objectives and targets that will drive continuous improvement in HSE performance
- embedding HSE considerations in our business planning and decision-making processes
- integrating HSE requirements when designing, purchasing, constructing and modifying equipment and facilities
- maintaining a culture in which everybody is aware of their HSE obligations and feels empowered to speak up and intervene on HSE issues
- undertaking and supporting research to improve our understanding of HSE and using science to support impact assessments and evidence-based decision making
- taking a collaborative and pro-active approach with our stakeholders
- requiring contractors to comply with our HSE expectations in a mutually beneficial manner
- publicly reporting on HSE performance

APPLICATION

Responsibility for the application of this Policy rests with all Woodside employees, contractors and joint venturers engaged in activities under Woodside operational control. Woodside managers are also responsible for promotion of this Policy in non-operated joint ventures.

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APPROVED

Risk Management Policy

OBJECTIVES

Woodside recognises that risk is inherent in our business and the effective management of risk is vital to deliver our strategic objectives, continued growth and success. We are committed to managing risks in a proactive and effective manner as a source of competitive advantage.

Our approach protects us against potential negative impacts, enables us to take risk for reward and improves our resilience against emerging risks. The objective of our risk management framework is to provide a single consolidated view of risks across the company to understand our full risk exposure and prioritise risk management and governance.

The success of our approach lies in the responsibility placed on everyone at all levels to proactively identify, assess and treat risks relating to the objectives they are accountable for delivering.

PRINCIPLES

Woodside achieves these objectives by:

- Applying a structured and comprehensive framework for the identification, assessment and treatment of current risks and response to emerging risks;
- Ensuring line of sight of financial and non-financial risks at appropriate levels of the organisation;
- Demonstrating leadership and commitment to integrating risk management into our business activities and governance practices;
- Recognising the value of stakeholder engagement, best available information and proactive identification of potential changes in external and internal context;
- Embedding risk management into our critical business processes and control framework;
- Understanding our exposure to risk and tolerance for uncertainty to inform our decision making and assure that Woodside is operating with due regard to the risk appetite endorsed by the Board; and
- Evaluating and improving the effectiveness and efficiency our approach.

APPLICATION

The Managing Director of Woodside is accountable to the Board of Directors for ensuring this policy is effectively implemented.

Managers are responsible for promoting and applying the Risk Management Policy. Responsibility for the effective application of this policy rests with all Woodside employees, contractors and joint venturers engaged in activities under Woodside operational control.

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updated as required.

Revised by the Woodside Petroleum Ltd Board on 4 December 2020.

APPENDIX B RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS

This appendix refers to Commonwealth Legislation related to the project. Western Australian State Legislation relevant to an accidental release of hydrocarbons in WA State waters is outlined in the Julimar Phase 2 Drilling and Subsea Installation Oil Pollution Emergency Plan.

Commonwealth Legislation	Legislation Summary
Air Navigation Act 1920 • *Air Navigation Regulations 1947* • *Air Navigation (Aerodrome Flight* • *Corridors) Regulations 1994* • *Air Navigation (Aircraft Engine* • *Emissions) Regulations 1995* • *Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise)* • *Regulations 1984* • *Air Navigation (Fuel Spillage) Regulations 1999*	This Act relates to the management of air navigation.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990	This Act establishes a legal framework for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), which represents the Australian Government and international forums in the development, implementation and enforcement of international standards including those governing ship safety and marine environment protection. AMSA is responsible for administering the Marine Orders in Commonwealth waters.
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998	This Act relates to the protection of the health and safety of people, and the protection of the environment from the harmful effects of radiation.
Biosecurity Act 2015 • *Quarantine Regulations 2000* • *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* • *Australian Ballast Water Management Requirements 2017*	This Act provides the Commonwealth with powers to take measures of quarantine, and implement related programs as are necessary, to prevent the introduction of any plant, animal, organism or matter that could contain anything that could threaten Australia's native flora and fauna or natural environment. The Commonwealth's powers include powers of entry, seizure, detention and disposal. This Act includes mandatory controls on the use of seawater as ballast in ships and the declaration of sea vessels voyaging out of and into Commonwealth waters. The Regulations stipulate that all information regarding the voyage of the vessel and the ballast water is declared correctly to the quarantine officers.
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 • *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000*	This Act protects matters of national environmental significance (NES). It streamlines the national environmental assessment and approvals process, protects Australian biodiversity and integrates management of important natural and culturally significant places. Under this Act, actions that may be likely to have a significant impact on matters of NES must be referred to the Commonwealth Environment Minister.
Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981 • *Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Regulations 1983*	This Act provides for the protection of the environment by regulating dumping matter into the sea, incineration of waste at sea and placement of artificial reefs.
Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment Act) 1989 • *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Regulations 1990*	This Act creates a national register of industrial chemicals. The Act also provides for restrictions on the use of certain chemicals which could have harmful effects on the environment or health.

Commonwealth Legislation	Legislation Summary
National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) Act 1998 • *National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) Regulations 1999*	This Act and Regulations provide for the implementation of National Environment Protection Measures (NEPMs) to protect, restore and enhance the quality of the environment in Australia and ensure that the community has access to relevant and meaningful information about pollution. The National Environment Protection Council has made NEPMs relating to ambient air quality, the movement of controlled waste between states and territories, the national pollutant inventory, and used packaging materials.
National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 • *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Safeguard Mechanism) Rule 2015*	This Act and associated Rule establishes the legislative framework for the NGER scheme for reporting greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption and production by corporations in Australia.
Navigation Act 2012 • *Marine order 12 – Construction – subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations* • *Marine order 30 - Prevention of collisions* • *Marine order 47 - Mobile offshore drilling units* • *Marine order 57 - Helicopter operations* • *Marine order 60 - Floating offshore facilities* • *Marine order 91 - Marine pollution prevention—oil* • *Marine order 93 - Marine pollution prevention—noxious liquid substances* • *Marine order 94 - Marine pollution prevention—packaged harmful substances* • *Marine order 96 - Marine pollution prevention—sewage* • *Marine order 97 - Marine pollution prevention—air pollution*	This Act regulates navigation and shipping including Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). The Act will apply to some activities of the MODU and project vessels. This Act is the primary legislation that regulates ship and seafarer safety, shipboard aspects of marine environment protection and pollution prevention.
Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 • *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* • *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Resource Management and Administration) Regulations 2011* • *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety) Regulations 2009*	This Act is the principal Act governing offshore petroleum exploration and production in Commonwealth waters. Specific environmental, resource management and safety obligations are set out in the Regulations listed.
Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989 • *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995*	This Act provides for measures to protect ozone in the atmosphere by controlling and ultimately reducing the manufacture, import and export of ozone depleting substances (ODS) and synthetic greenhouse gases, and replacing them with suitable alternatives. The Act will only apply to Woodside if it manufactures, imports or exports ozone depleting substances.

Commonwealth Legislation	Legislation Summary
Protection of the Sea (Powers of Intervention) Act 1981	This Act authorises the Commonwealth to take measures for the purpose of protecting the sea from pollution by oil and other noxious substances discharged from ships and provides legal immunity for persons acting under an AMSA direction.
Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983 *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) (Orders) Regulations 1994* • *Marine order 91 - Marine pollution prevention—oil* • *Marine order 93 - Marine pollution prevention—noxious liquid substances* • *Marine order 94 - Marine pollution prevention—packaged harmful substances* • *Marine order 95 - Marine pollution prevention—garbage* • *Marine order 96 - Marine pollution prevention—sewage* *Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Act 2007* MARPOL Convention	This Act relates to the protection of the sea from pollution by oil and other harmful substances discharged from ships. Under this Act, discharge of oil or other harmful substances from ships into the sea is an offence. There is also a requirement to keep records of the ships dealing with such substances. The Act applies to all Australian ships, regardless of their location. It applies to foreign ships operating between 3 nautical miles (nm) off the coast out to the end of the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nm). It also applies within the 3 nm of the coast where the State/Northern Territory does not have complementary legislation. All the Marine Orders listed, except for Marine Order 95, are enacted under both the *Navigation Act 2012* and the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983*. This Act is an amendment to the *Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983*. This amended Act provides the protection of the sea from pollution by oil and other harmful substances discharged from ships.
Protection of the Sea (Harmful Antifouling Systems) Act 2006 • *Marine order 98—(Marine pollution prevention—anti-fouling systems)*	This Act relates to the protection of the sea from the effects of harmful anti-fouling systems. It prohibits the application or reapplication of harmful anti-fouling compounds on Australian ships or foreign ships that are in an Australian shipping facility.

APPENDIX C EPBC ACT PROTECTED MATTERS SEARCH REPORTS

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

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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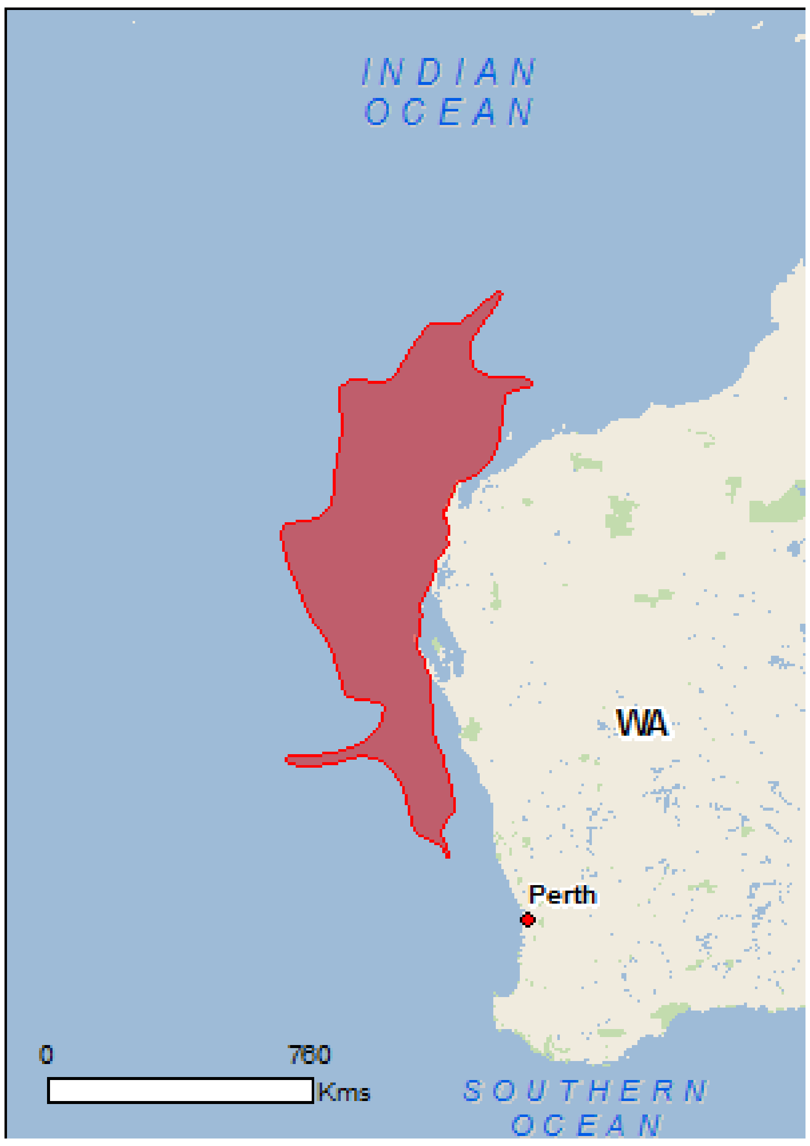

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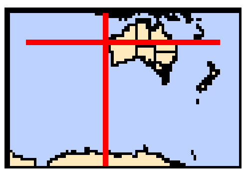

Summary

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.

World Heritage Properties:	2
National Heritage Places:	5
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	2
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	59
Listed Migratory Species:	77

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.

Commonwealth Land:	2
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	3
Listed Marine Species:	146
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	38
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	11

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	7
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	13
Nationally Important Wetlands:	2
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	11

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

World Heritage Properties [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Shark Bay, Western Australia	WA	Declared property
The Ningaloo Coast	WA	Declared property

National Heritage Properties [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Natural		
Shark Bay, Western Australia	WA	Listed place
The Ningaloo Coast	WA	Listed place
Historic		
Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 - Houtman Abrolhos	WA	Listed place
Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616 - Cape Inscription Area	WA	Listed place
HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites	EXT	Listed place

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		
Anous tenuirostris melanops Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limosa lapponica menzbieri Northern Siberian Bar-tailed Godwit, Russkoye Bar-tailed Godwit [86432]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Malurus leucopterus leucopterus 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
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Papasula abbotti Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pezoporus occidentalis Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phaethon lepturus fulvus Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sternula nereis nereis Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Turnix varius scintillans Painted Button-quail (Houtman Abrolhos) [82451]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fish		
Milyeringa veritas Blind Gudgeon [66676]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Ophisternon candidum Blind Cave Eel [66678]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Bettongia lesueur lesueur Burrowing Bettong (Shark Bay), Boodie [66659]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi Woylie [66844]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dasyurus geoffroii Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lagorchestes hirsutus dorreae Rufous Hare-wallaby (Dorre Island) [66663]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Lagostrophus fasciatus fasciatus Banded Hare-wallaby, Merrnine, Marnine, Munning [66664]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		within area
Neophoca cinerea Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Perameles bougainville bougainville Western Barred Bandicoot (Shark Bay) [66631]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Petrogale lateralis lateralis Black-flanked Rock-wallaby, Moororong, Black-footed Rock Wallaby [66647]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Other		
Kumonga exleyi Cape Range Remipede [86875]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
Aipysurus apraefrontalis Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Aipysurus foliosquama Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Egernia stokesii badia Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Sharks		
Carcharias taurus (west coast population) Grey Nurse Shark (west coast population) [68752]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Pristis clavata Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus 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

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Ardenna pacifica Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]		Breeding known to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydroprogne caspia Caspian Tern [808]		Breeding known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Onychoprion anaethetus Bridled Tern [82845]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phaethon rubricauda Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Anoxypristis cuspidata Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaena glacialis australis Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Isurus oxyrinchus Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Isurus paucus Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lamna nasus Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Manta alfredi 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
Manta birostris 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
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pristis clavata Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Thalasseus bergii Greater Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding known to occur within area
Tringa brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa glareola Wood Sandpiper [829]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat 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 - Defence - LEARMONTH - AIR WEAPONS RANGE

Commonwealth Heritage Places [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Natural		
Learmonth Air Weapons Range Facility	WA	Listed place
Ningaloo Marine Area - Commonwealth Waters	WA	Listed place
Historic		
HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites	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
Birds		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anous tenuirostris melanops Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Catharacta skua Great Skua [59472]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius ruficapillus Red-capped Plover [881]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Heteroscelus brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [59311]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Himantopus himantopus Pied Stilt, Black-winged Stilt [870]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Larus novaehollandiae Silver Gull [810]		Breeding known to occur within area
Larus pacificus Pacific Gull [811]		Breeding known to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Papasula abbotti Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pelagodroma marina White-faced Storm-Petrel [1016]		Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Phaethon lepturus fulvus Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phaethon rubricauda Red-tailed Tropicbird [994]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phalacrocorax fuscescens Black-faced Cormorant [59660]		Breeding likely to occur within area
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pterodroma macroptera Great-winged Petrel [1035]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Puffinus assimilis Little Shearwater [59363]		Breeding known to occur within area
Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Puffinus huttoni Hutton's Shearwater [1025]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Puffinus pacificus Wedge-tailed Shearwater [1027]		Breeding known to occur within area
Recurvirostra novaehollandiae Red-necked Avocet [871]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sterna anaethetus Bridled Tern [814]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bengalensis Lesser Crested Tern [815]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bergii Crested Tern [816]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna caspia Caspian Tern [59467]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna fuscata Sooty Tern [794]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna nereis Fairy Tern [796]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Tringa glareola Wood Sandpiper [829]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fish		
Acentronura australe Southern Pygmy Pipehorse [66185]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Acentronura larsonae Helen's Pygmy Pipehorse [66186]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bulbonaricus brauni Braun's Pughead Pipefish, Pug-headed Pipefish [66189]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys galei Gale's Pipefish [66191]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys tricarinatus Three-keel Pipefish [66192]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys brachysoma Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish [66194]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys latispinosus Muiron Island Pipefish [66196]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys suillus Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys flavofasciatus Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish [66200]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cosmocampus banneri Roughridge Pipefish [66206]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus dactyliophorus Banded Pipefish, Ringed Pipefish [66210]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Doryrhamphus excisus Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus janssi Cleaner Pipefish, Janss' Pipefish [66212]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus multiannulatus Many-banded Pipefish [66717]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus negrosensis Flagtail Pipefish, Masthead Island Pipefish [66213]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Festucalex scalaris Ladder Pipefish [66216]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Filicampus tigris Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus brocki Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus grayi Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus nitidus Glittering Pipefish [66224]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus spinirostris Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliichthys taeniophorus Ribboned Pipehorse, Ribboned Seadragon [66226]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus angustus Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus breviceps Short-head Seahorse, Short-snouted Seahorse [66235]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus histrix Spiny Seahorse, Thorny Seahorse [66236]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus kuda Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus planifrons Flat-face Seahorse [66238]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus spinosissimus Hedgehog Seahorse [66239]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Hippocampus subelongatus West Australian Seahorse [66722]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus trimaculatus Three-spot Seahorse, Low-crowned Seahorse, Flat-faced Seahorse [66720]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus fatiloquus Prophet's Pipefish [66250]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Maroubra perserrata Sawtooth Pipefish [66252]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Micrognathus micronotopterus Tidepool Pipefish [66255]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mitotichthys meraculus Western Crested Pipefish [66259]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Nannocampus subosseus Bonyhead Pipefish, Bony-headed Pipefish [66264]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phoxocampus belcheri Black Rock Pipefish [66719]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phycodurus eques Leafy Seadragon [66267]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phyllopteryx taeniolatus Common Seadragon, Weedy Seadragon [66268]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pugnaso curtirostris Pugnose Pipefish, Pug-nosed Pipefish [66269]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus hardwickii Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus lettiensis Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus cyanopterus Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora argus Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora nigra Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Trachyrhamphus longirostris		
Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Urocampus carinirostris		
Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Vanacampus margaritifer		
Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Arctocephalus forsteri		
Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Fur-seal [20]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dugong dugon		
Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
Neophoca cinerea		
Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Reptiles		
Acalyptophis peronii		
Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus apraefrontalis		
Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Aipysurus duboisii		
Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus eydouxii		
Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus foliosquama		
Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Aipysurus laevis		
Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus pooleorum		
Shark Bay Seasnake [66061]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Astrotia stokesii		
Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta		
Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas		
Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea		
Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Disteira kingii		
Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major		
Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat may occur within area
Emydocephalus annulatus Turtle-headed Seasnake [1125]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ephalophis greyi North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Hydrophis czeblukovi Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis elegans Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis ornatus Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Whales and other Cetaceans [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Feresa attenuata Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species

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		habitat may occur within area
Globicephala melas Long-finned Pilot Whale [59282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hyperoodon planifrons Southern Bottlenose Whale [71]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Indopacetus pacificus Longman's Beaked Whale [72]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia simus Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lagenodelphis hosei Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissodelphis peronii Southern Right Whale Dolphin [44]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Mesoplodon bowdoini Andrew's Beaked Whale [73]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon densirostris Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon ginkgodens Gingko-toothed Beaked Whale, Gingko-toothed Whale, Gingko Beaked Whale [59564]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon grayi Gray's Beaked Whale, Scamperdown Whale [75]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon layardii Strap-toothed Beaked Whale, Strap-toothed Whale, Layard's Beaked Whale [25556]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon mirus True's Beaked Whale [54]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Peponocephala electra Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Pseudorca crassidens False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella coeruleoalba Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella longirostris Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Steno bredanensis Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Australian Marine Parks [Resource Information]

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)
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)
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
Bernier And Dorre Islands	WA
Cape Range	WA
Dirk Hartog Island	WA
Houtman Abrolhos Islands	WA
Jurabi Coastal Park	WA
Muiron Islands	WA
Unnamed WA26400	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 Resouces Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Columba livia		
Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia senegalensis		
Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
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
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
Opuntia spp.		
Prickly Pears [82753]		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
Cape Range Subterranean Waterways	WA
Shark Bay East	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
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	North-west
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the	North-west
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	North-west
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	North-west
Exmouth Plateau	North-west
Wallaby Saddle	North-west
Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth	South-west
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding	South-west
Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other	South-west
Western demersal slope and associated fish	South-west
Western rock lobster	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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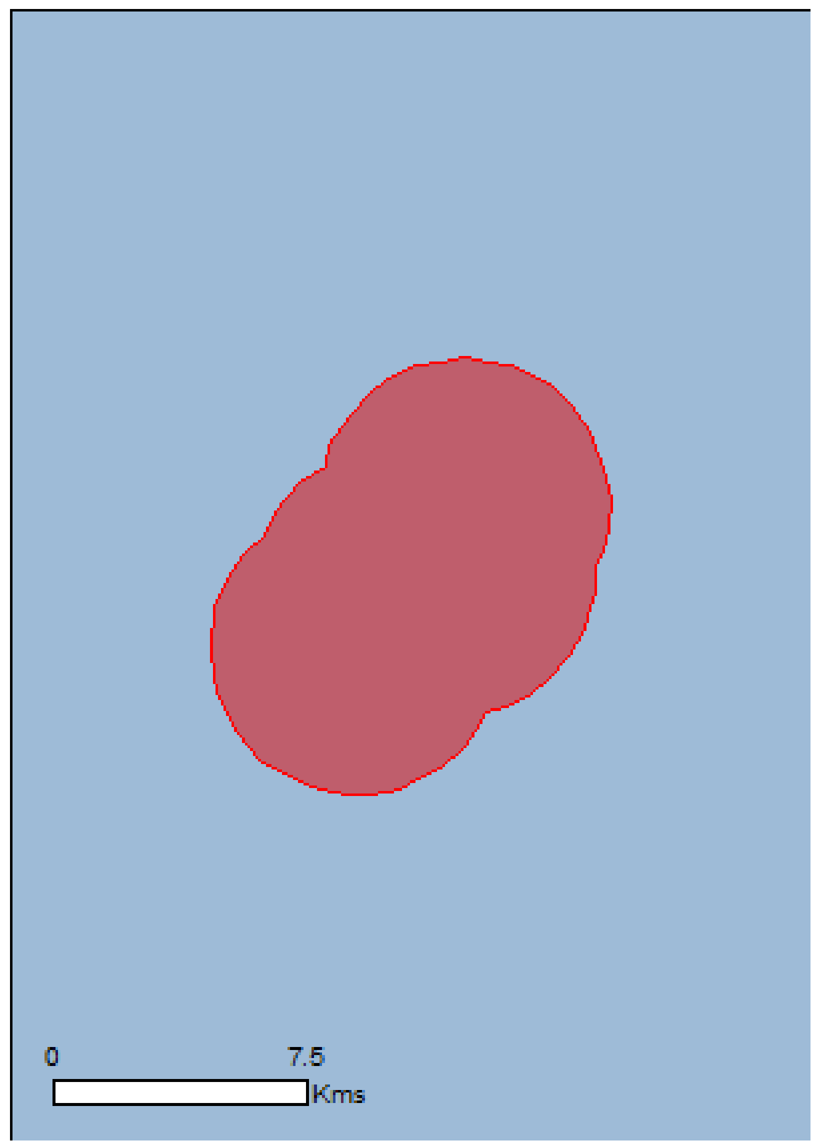

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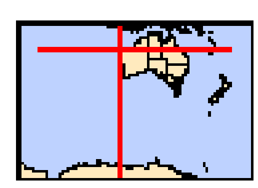

Summary

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.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	1
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	18
Listed Migratory Species:	32

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.

Commonwealth Land:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	29
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	27
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	None

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	None
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	2

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
Birds		
Calidris canutus		
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ferruginea		
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes giganteus		
Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis		
Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phaethon lepturus fulvus		
Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma mollis		
Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sternula nereis nereis		
Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis		
Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus		
Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Reptiles		
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Sharks		
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may 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
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardenna carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Anoxypristis cuspidata Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaena glacialis australis Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Isurus oxyrinchus Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Isurus paucus Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacific Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Manta Ray [84995]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

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
Birds		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phaethon lepturus fulvus Christmas Island White-tailed Tropicbird, Golden Bosunbird [26021]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
Acalyptophis peronii Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus duboisii Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus eydouxii Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Astrotia stokesii Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Disteira kingii Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ephalophis greyi North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Hydrophis elegans Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Hydrophis ornatus Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Whales and other Cetaceans [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dolphin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Feresa attenuata Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia simus Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lagenodelphis hosei Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		habitat known to occur within area
Mesoplodon densirostris Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Peponocephala electra Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pseudorca crassidens False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella coeruleoalba Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella longirostris Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Steno bredanensis Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Extra Information

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
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the	North-west
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	North-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.

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- -Australian Government, Department of Defence
- Forestry Corporation, NSW
- -Geoscience Australia
- -CSIRO
- -Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns
- -eBird Australia
- -Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre
- -Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- -Australian Government National Environmental Science Program
- -Australian Institute of Marine Science
- -Reef Life Survey Australia
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APPENDIX D OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE STRATEGY SELECTION AND EVALUATION

Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Environment Plan

Security and Emergency Management
Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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A summary of the key facts and references to additional detail within this document are presented below.

Table 0-1: Summary of the key details for assessment

Key details of assessment	Summary	Reference to additional detail
Worst Case Credible Scenario	**Credible Scenario-01 (CS-01): Instantaneous hydrocarbon release of marine diesel caused by vessel collision.** A short-term (instantaneous) uncontrolled release of 500 m^3 of marine diesel from a vessel, representing a fuel tank rupture after a collision. 5% residual component – 25 m^3	**Section 2.2**
Hydrocarbon Properties	**Marine Diesel (API 37.2)** Marine diesel is a mixture of volatile and persistent hydrocarbons with low proportions of highly volatile and residual components. In general, about 6% of the oil mass should evaporate within the first 12 hours (BP < 180 °C); a further 35% should evaporate between 12 hours and 24 hours (180 °C < BP < 265 °C); and a further 54% should evaporate over several days (265 °C < BP < 380 °C). Approximately 5% of the oil is shown to be persistent. The aromatic content of the oil is approximately 3%. If released in the marine environment and in contact with the atmosphere (i.e. surface spill), approximately 41% by mass of this oil is predicted to evaporate over the first couple of days depending upon the prevailing conditions, with further evaporation slowing over time. The heavier (low volatility) components of marine diesel have a tendency to entrain into the upper water column due to wind-generated waves but can subsequently resurface if wind-waves abate. Therefore, the heavier components of this oil can remain entrained or on the sea surface for an extended period, with associated potential for dissolution of the soluble aromatic fraction. Specifically, the mass balance forecast for constant 5 knot wind conditions shows that approximately 40% of the marine diesel is predicted to evaporate within 36 hours. Under these calm conditions the majority of the remaining oil on the water surface would weather at a slower rate due to being comprised of the longer chain compounds with higher boiling points. Evaporation of the residual compounds will slow significantly and they will then be subject to more gradual biodegradation. Under a variable-wind case, where the winds are of greater strength, entrainment into the water column is indicated to be significant. Approximately 2 days after the spill, around 45% of the oil mass is forecast to have entrained and a further 45% is forecast to have evaporated, leaving only a small proportion of the oil floating on the water surface. The residual compounds will tend to entrain beneath the surface under conditions that generate wind waves (> ~6 m/s).	**Section 6.7.1.1 of the EP** **Appendix A of the First Strike Plan**

Modelling Results	A quantitative, stochastic assessment has been undertaken for CS-01 to help assess the environmental risk of a hydrocarbon spill. Stochastic modelling for CS-01 included a total of 200 replicate simulations over an annual period (50 per quarter). Deterministic modelling was not undertaken and the stochastic modelling has, therefore, been used to scale the response.	**Section 2.3**

Stochastic modelling results	**Credible Scenario-01** **Marine diesel surface release**
Maximum distance from release location for surface hydrocarbons greater than 50 g/m^2	105 km
Maximum distance from release location for surface hydrocarbons greater than 10 g/m^2	165 km
Minimum time to shoreline impact (above 100 g/m^2)	2.5 days (Ningaloo Coast North – 196 m^3) *
Largest volume ashore at any single Response Priority Area (RPA) (above 100 g/m^2)	196 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, 2.5 days) *
Largest total shoreline accumulation (above 100g/m^2) all shorelines	237 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, Ningaloo Coast Middle, and Muiron Islands) *

* Results for CS-01 derived from stochastic modelling results. The minimum timeframes and maximum volumes cited for 'minimum time to shoreline impact' and 'largest volume ashore' for CS-01 are derived from 200 replicate simulations and so the timeframe and volume given may not be associated with the same single release. The 'largest total shoreline accumulation' is also derived from 200 replicate simulations and all three locations may not have been contacted during a single simulation. Therefore, the results presented for CS-01 are likely to be conservative.

Net Environmental Benefit Analysis	Identified as potentially having a net environmental benefit (dependent on the actual spill scenario) and carried forward for further assessment are: • Monitor and Evaluate • Source Control via vessel SOPEP (Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan) • Shoreline Protection and Deflection • Shoreline Clean-up • Oiled Wildlife Response • Scientific monitoring programs.	**Section 4**
ALARP evaluation of selected response techniques	The evaluation of the selected response techniques shows the proposed controls reduced the risk to an ALARP and Acceptable level for the risk presented in **Section 2**, without the implementation of considered additional, alternative or improved control measures.	**Section 7**

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Woodside Energy Ltd (Woodside) has developed its oil spill preparedness and response position for Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L), hereafter known as the Petroleum Activities Program (PAP). This document outlines Woodside's decisions and techniques for responding to a hydrocarbon loss of containment event and the process for determining its level of hydrocarbon spill preparedness.

1.2 Purpose

This document, together with the documents listed below, meet the requirements of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* (OPGGS Environment Regulations) relating to hydrocarbon spill response arrangements.

- The Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Environment Plan (EP)
- Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (OPEA) (Australia)
- The Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) including
  - First Strike Response Plan (FSP)
  - Relevant Operations Plans
  - Relevant Tactical Response Plans (TRPs, also see Annex E)
  - Relevant Supporting Plans
  - Data Directory.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate that the risks and impacts from an unplanned hydrocarbon release and the associated response operations are controlled to As Low as Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Acceptable levels.

1.3 Scope

This document demonstrates that the risks and impacts from an unplanned hydrocarbon release, and the associated response operations, are controlled to As Low as Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Acceptable levels. It achieves this by evaluating response options to address the potential environmental risks and impacts resulting from an unplanned loss of hydrocarbon containment associated with the PAP described in the EP. This document then outlines Woodside's decisions and techniques for responding to a hydrocarbon release event and the process for determining its level of hydrocarbon spill preparedness. It should be read in conjunction with the documents listed in **Table 1-1**. The location of the Petroleum Activity Program is shown in Figure 3-2 of the EP.

1.4 Oil spill response document overview

The documents outlined in **Table 1-1** and **Figure 1-1** are collectively used to manage the preparedness and response for a hydrocarbon release.

The Oil Pollution First Strike Response Plan (FSP) contains a pre-operational Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) summary, outlining the selected response techniques for this PAP. Relevant Operational Plans to be initiated for associated response techniques are identified in the FSP and relevant forms to initiate a response are appended to the FSP.

The process to develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) begins once the Oil Pollution FSP is underway. The IAP includes inputs from the Monitor and Evaluate (ME) operations and the operational NEBA

(**Section 4**). Planning, coordination and resource management are initiated by the Incident Management Team (IMT). In some instances, technical specialists may be utilised to provide expert advice. The planning may also involve liaison officers from supporting government agencies.

During each operational period, field reports are continually reviewed to evaluate the effectiveness of response operations. In addition, the operational NEBA is continually reviewed and updated to ensure the response techniques implemented continue to result in a net environmental benefit (**Section 4**).

The response will continue as described in **Section 5** until the response termination criteria have been met.

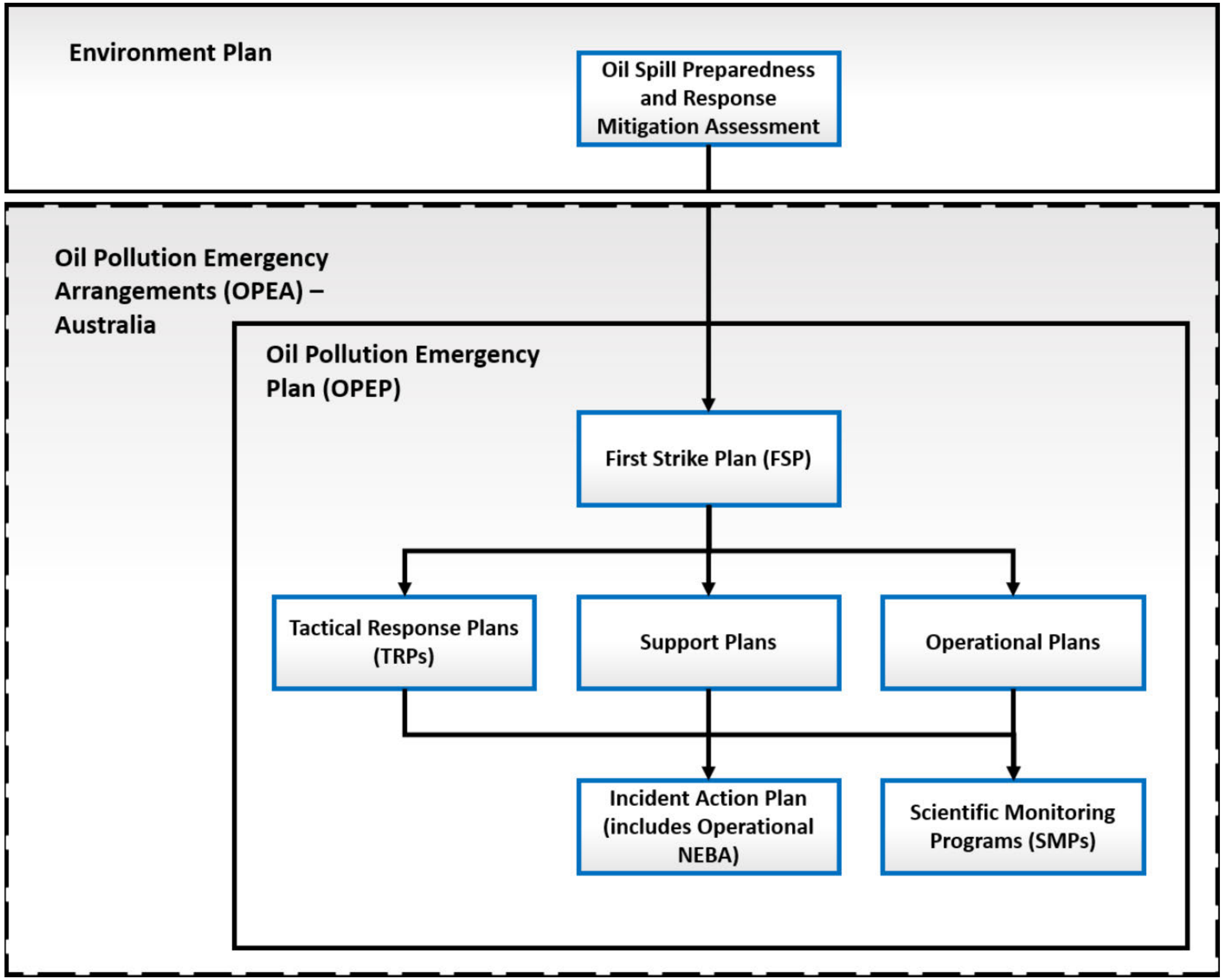

Figure 1-1: Woodside hydrocarbon spill document structure

Table 1-1: Hydrocarbon Spill preparedness and response – document references

Document	Document overview	Stakeholders	Relevant information	Document name/reference
Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Environment Plan (EP)	Demonstrates that potential adverse impacts on the environment associated with the Nganhurra Operations Cessation (during both routine and non-routine operations) are mitigated and managed to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and will be of an acceptable level.	NOPSEMA Woodside internal	EP Section 6 (Identification and evaluation of environmental risks and impacts, including credible spill scenarios) EP Section 7 (Implementation strategy – including EP Section 7.9 - emergency preparedness and response) EP Section 7.8 (Reporting) EP Section 7.9 (Performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria)	Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) EP
Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (OPEA) Australia	Describes the arrangements and processes adopted by Woodside when responding to a hydrocarbon spill from a petroleum activity.	Regulatory agencies Woodside internal	All	https://docs.nopsema.gov.au/A682414
Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment for the Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) (this document)	Evaluates response options to address the potential environmental impacts resulting from an unplanned loss of hydrocarbon containment associated with the PAP described in the EP.	Regulatory agencies Corporate Incident Control Centre (CICC): Control function in an ongoing spill response for activity-specific response information.	All Performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria related to hydrocarbon spill preparedness and response are included in this document.	N/A
Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Oil Pollution First Strike Response Plan	Facility specific document providing details and tasks required to mobilise a first strike response. Primarily applied to the first 24 hours of a response until a full Incident Action Plan (IAP) specific to the event is developed. Oil Pollution First Strike Response Plans are intended to be the first document used to provide immediate guidance to the	Site-based IMT for initial response, activation and notification. CICC for initial response, activation and notification. CICC: Control function in an ongoing spill response for activity-specific response information.	Initial notifications and reporting required within the first 24 hours of a spill event. Relevant spill response options that could be initiated for mobilisation in the event of a spill. Recommended pre-planned tactics. Details and forms for use in immediate response. Activation process for oil spill trajectory modelling (OSTM), aerial	Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Oil Pollution First Strike Response Plan

Document	Document overview	Stakeholders	Relevant information	Document name/reference
	responding Incident Management Team (IMT).		surveillance and oil spill tracking buoy details.	
Operational Plans	Lists the actions required to activate, mobilise and deploy personnel and resources to commence response operations. Includes details on access to equipment and personnel (available immediately) and steps to mobilise additional resources depending on the nature and scale of a release. Relevant operational plans will be initially selected based on the Oil Pollution First Strike Plan; additional operational plans will be activated depending on the nature and scale of the release.	CICC: Operations and Logistics functions for first strike activities. CICC: Planning Function to help inform the IAP on resources available.	Locations from where resources may be mobilised. How resources will be mobilised. Details of where resources may be mobilised to and what facilities are required once the resources arrive. Details on how to use resources to undertake a response.	Operational Monitoring Plan Protection and Deflection Shoreline Clean Up Oiled Wildlife Scientific Monitoring Vessel Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)
Tactical Response Plans	Provides options for response techniques in selected RPAs. Provides site, access and deployment information to support a response at the location.	CICC: Planning Function to help develop IAPs, and Logistics Function to assist with determining resources required.	Indicative response techniques. Access requirements and/or permissions. Relevant information for undertaking a response at that site. Where applicable, may include equipment deployment locations and site layouts.	For full list of relevant Tactical Plans for the Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) oil spill response, refer to **Annex E** (or here)
Support Plans	Support Plans detail Woodside's approach to resourcing and the provision of services during a hydrocarbon spill response.	CICC: Operations, Logistics and Planning functions.	Technique for mobilising and managing additional resources outside of Woodside's immediate preparedness arrangements.	Marine Logistics People and Global Capability Surge Labour Requirement Plan Health and Safety Aviation IT (First Strike Response) IT (Extended Response)

Document	Document overview	Stakeholders	Relevant information	Document name/reference
				Communications (First Strike Response) Communications (Extended Response) Stakeholder Engagement Accommodation and Catering Waste Management Guidance for Oil Spill Claims Management Not Controlled (Land based) Security Support Plan Hydrocarbon Spill Responder Health Monitoring Guideline

2 RESPONSE PLANNING PROCESS

This document details Woodside's process for identifying potential response options for the hydrocarbon release scenarios, identified in the EP. **Figure 2-1** outlines the interaction between Woodside's response, planning/preparedness and selection process.

This structure has been used because it shows how the planning and preparedness activities inform a response and provides indicative guidance on what activities would be undertaken, in sequential order, if a real event were to occur. The process also evaluates alternative, additional and/or improved control measures specific to the PAP.

The Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) First Strike Response Plan then summarises the outcome of the response planning process and provides initial response guidance and a summary of ongoing response activities, if an incident were to occur.

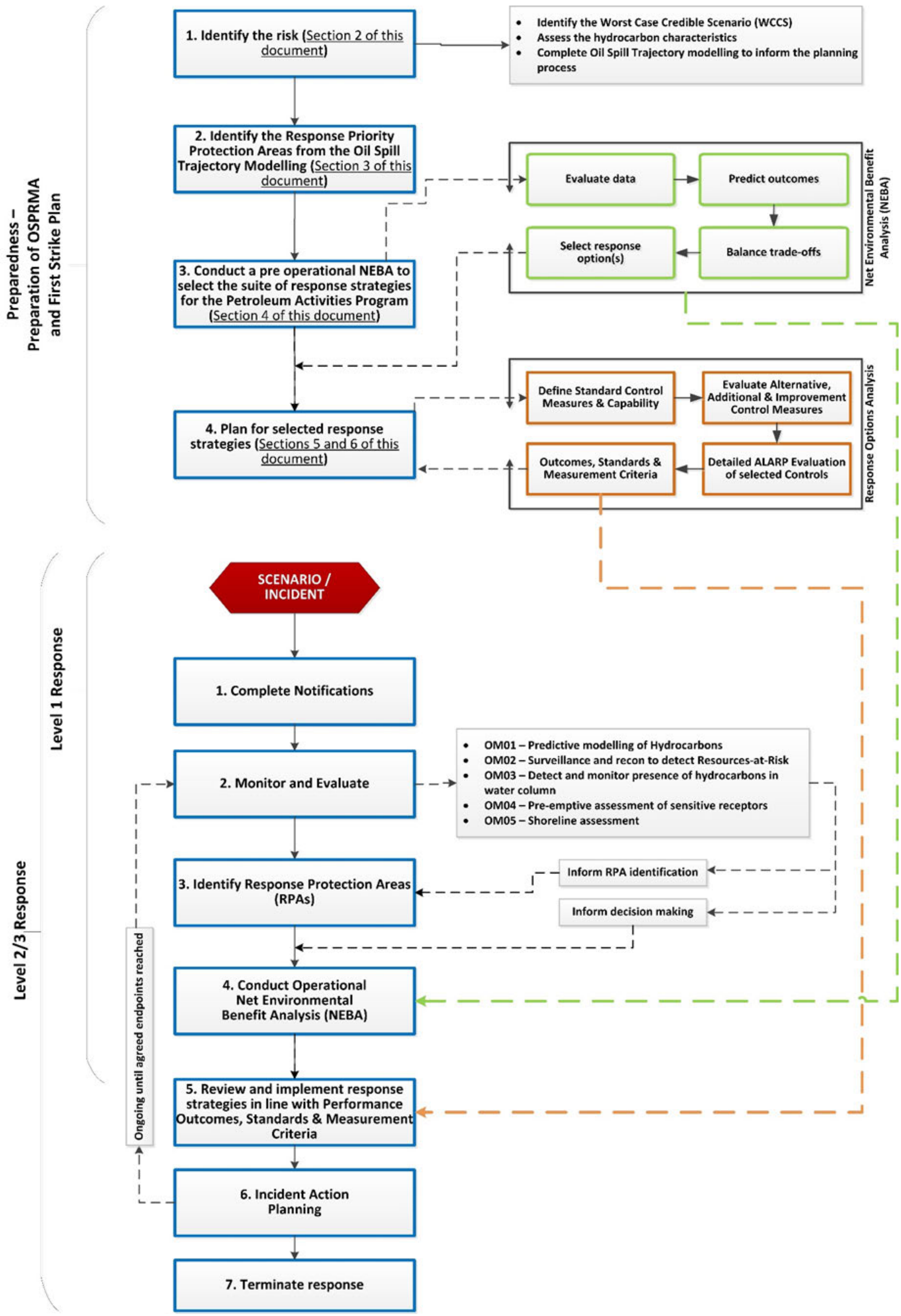

Figure 2-1: Response planning and selection process

2.1 Response planning process outline

This document is expanded below to provide additional context on the key steps in determining capability, evaluating ALARP and hydrocarbon spill response requirements.

Section 1. INTRODUCTION

Section 2. RESPONSE PLANNING PROCESS

- identification of worst-case credible scenario(s) (WCCS)
- spill modelling for WCCS.

Section 3. IDENTIFY RESPONSE PROTECTION AREAS (RPAs)

- areas predicted to be contacted at concentration >100g/m^2 [1]

Section 4. NET ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS (NEBA)

- pre-operational NEBA (during planning/ALARP evaluation): this must be reviewed during the initial response to an incident to ensure its accuracy
- selected response techniques prioritised and carried forward for ALARP assessment.

Section 5. HYDROCARBON SPILL ALARP PROCESS

- determines the response need based on predicted consequence parameters.
- details the environmental performance of the selected response options based on need.
- sets the environmental performance outcomes, environmental performance standards and measurement criteria.

Section 6. ALARP EVALUATION

- evaluates alternative, additional, and improved options for each response technique to demonstrate the risk has been reduced to ALARP.
- provides a detailed ALARP assessment of selected control measure options against:
  - predicted cost associated with implementing the option
  - predicted change to environmental benefit
  - predicted effectiveness / feasibility of the control measure.

Section 7. ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT OF SELECTED RESPONSE TECHNIQUES

- evaluation of impacts and risks from implementing selected response options.

Section 8. ALARP CONCLUSION

Section 9. ACCEPTABILITY CONCLUSION

[1] This represents the threshold that could impact the survival and reproductive capacity of benthic epifaunal invertebrates living in intertidal habitat.

2.1.1 Response Planning Assumptions

For the purpose of defining terms related to response planning and timing, the following definitions have been developed;

IMT Call-out/ Notification	Contract Activation	Response Option Mobilisation	Response Option Deployment	Response Option Effectiveness
This is the time taken from call-out to mobilise the IMT to the designated Incident Control Centre	This is the time taken once the IMT has been mobilised to activate specific contracts for resources (SFRT, FWADC, AMOSC, AMSA, OSRL, etc)	This is the time taken to mobilise resources from home location to laydown/staging area (expected to be airport or sea port) close to response area	This is the time taken to deploy resources from laydown/staging area (expected to be airport or sea port) to response area/field	This relates to the performance of equipment/response option as well as required personnel resourcing (Specialists/Supervisors + support personnel)
Approx 2-4 hours	Approx 2-4 hours	Response Technique specific	Field/Location specific	Response Strategy specific

Figure 2-2: Response Planning Assumption - Timing, Resourcing and Effectiveness

2.2 Environment plan risk assessment (credible spill scenarios)

Potential hydrocarbon release scenarios from the PAP have been identified during the risk assessment process (**Section 6 of the EP**). Further descriptions of risk, impacts and mitigation measures (which are not related to hydrocarbon preparedness and response) are provided in **Section 6 of the EP**. Two unplanned events or credible spill scenarios for the PAP have been selected as representative across types, sources and incident/response levels, up to and including the WCCS.

Table 2-1 presents the credible scenarios for the PAP. The WCCS for the activity is then used for response planning purposes, as all other scenarios are of a lesser scale and extent. By demonstrating capability to manage the response to the WCCS, Woodside assumes other scenarios that are smaller in nature and scale can also be managed by the same capability. Response performance measures have been defined based on a response to the WCCS.

The surface release of marine diesel caused by vessel collision (Credible Scenario-01; CS-01) has been modelled for a worst case spill scenario of an instantaneous surface release of 500 m^3 of marine diesel. This is the volume of the largest single fuel tank, and is considered for response planning purposes. Marine fuel loss during bunkering (Credible Scenario-02; CS-02) has a significantly smaller marine diesel release volume of 8 m^3, based on a release of 5 min at a transfer rate of 1.6 m^3/min. CS-02 is considered to be within the risk profile and spill response capability requirements of CS-01 and is therefore selected for response planning purposes.

Table 2-1: Petroleum Activities Program credible spill scenarios

Credible Spill Scenarios	Scenario selected for planning purposes	Scenario description	Maximum credible volume released (liquid m^3)[1]	Incident Level	Hydrocarbon (HC) type	Residual proportion	Residual volume (liquid m^3)
Credible Spill Scenario-01	Yes	Hydrocarbon release caused by marine vessel collision. Instantaneous release of 500 m^3 of marine diesel within the Operational Area.	500 m^3	Level 2	Marine Diesel	5.0%	25 m^3
Credible Spill Scenario-02	No	Loss of containment caused by refuelling hose failure, coupling failure or operator error.	8 m^3	Level 1	Marine Diesel	5.0%	0.4 m^3

2.2.1 Hydrocarbon characteristics

Hydrocarbon characteristics, including modelled weathering data and ecotoxicity, are included in Section 6 of the EP.

Marine Diesel

Marine Diesel Oil is typically classed as an International Tanker Owners Federation (ITOPF) Group two oil.

Marine diesel is a mixture of volatile and persistent hydrocarbons with low proportions of highly volatile and residual components. In general, about 6% of the diesel mass should evaporate within the first 12 hours (BP < 180 °C); a further 35% should evaporate within the first 24 hours (180 °C < BP < 265 °C); and a further 54% should evaporate over several days (265 °C < BP < 380 °C). Approximately 5% of the diesel is shown to be persistent. The aromatic content of the diesel is approximately 3%.

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2.3 Hydrocarbon spill modelling

Oil spill trajectory modelling tools are used for environmental impact assessment and during response planning to understand spatial scale and timeframes for response operations. Woodside recognises that there is a degree of uncertainty related to the use of modelling data and has subsequently utilised conservative approaches to volumes, weathering, spatial areas, timing and response effectiveness to scale capability to need.

The Oil Spill Model and Response System (OILMAP) and Integrated Oil Spill Impact Model System (SIMAP) models are both used for stochastic and deterministic trajectory modelling. They have been developed over three decades of planning, exercises, actual responses, several peer reviews, and validation studies. OILMAP was originally derived from the United States Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Type A model (French et al. 1996), for assessing marine transport, biological impact and economic impact that was also used under the United States Oil Pollution Act 1990 Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) regulations. Notable spills where the model has been used and validated against actual field observations include Exxon Valdez (French McCay 2004), North Cape Oil Spill (French McCay 2003), along with an assessment of 20 other spills (French McCay and Rowe, 2004). In addition, test spills designed to verify fate, weathering and movement algorithms have been conducted regularly and in a range of climate conditions (French and Rines 1997; French et al. 1997; Payne et al. 2007; French McCay et al. 2007).

Further to this, the algorithms have been updated using the latest findings from the Macondo/Deepwater Horizon well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico and validated according to the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill in support of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) (Spaulding et al. 2015; French McCay et al. 2015, 2016).

Finally, the OILMAP and SIMAP models have been used extensively in Australia to prosecute pollution offences, predict discharge locations and likely spill volumes based on weathering and surveillance observations, and has been used as expert witness evidence in Australian court proceedings, aiding the prosecution to determine spill quantum estimates.

2.3.1 Stochastic modelling

Stochastic modelling has been completed for the spill scenario CS-01, outlined in **Table 2-1**. A quantitative, stochastic assessment has been undertaken for the credible spill scenarios to help assess the environmental consequences of a hydrocarbon spill.

Multiple replicate simulations were completed for each scenario to test for trends and variations in the trajectory and weathering of the spilled oil, with an even number of replicates completed using samples of metocean data that commenced within each calendar quarter. For CS-01, a total of 200 replicate simulations were run over an annual period (50 per quarter).

Further details relating to the assessments for the scenarios can be found in Section 6 of the EP.

2.3.1.1 Environmental impact thresholds – EMBA and hydrocarbon exposure

The outputs of the stochastic spill modelling are used to assess the potential environmental impact from the credible scenarios. The stochastic modelling results are used to delineate areas of the marine and shoreline environment that could be exposed to hydrocarbon levels exceeding environmental impact threshold concentrations. The summary of all the locations where hydrocarbon thresholds could be exceeded by any of the simulations modelled is defined as Environment that May Be Affected (EMBA) and is discussed further in Section 6 of the EP. As the weathering of different fates of hydrocarbons (surface, entrained and dissolved) differs due to the influence of the metocean mechanism of transportation, a different EMBA is presented for each fate within the EP.

A conservative approach – adopting accepted contact thresholds for impacts on the marine environment – is used to define the EMBA. These hydrocarbon thresholds are presented in **Table 2-2** below and described in **Section 6 of the EP**.

Table 2-2: Summary of thresholds applied to the stochastic hydrocarbon spill modelling to determine the EMBA and environmental impacts

Threshold (marine diesel)	Description
10 g/m^2	Surface hydrocarbon
100 ppb	Entrained hydrocarbon (ppb)
50 ppb	Dissolved aromatic hydrocarbon (ppb)
100 g/m^2	Shoreline accumulation

2.3.2 Deterministic modelling

Deterministic modelling was not undertaken for CS-01. Stochastic modelling has, therefore, been used to scale the response.

2.3.2.1 Response planning thresholds for surface and shoreline hydrocarbon exposure

Thresholds to determine the EMBA are used to predict and assess environmental impacts and inform the scientific monitoring program (SMP), however they do not appropriately represent the thresholds at which an effective response can be implemented. Additional response thresholds are used for response planning and to determine areas where response techniques would be most effective. The spill modelling results are then used to assess the nature and scale of a response.

In the event of an actual response, existing spill modelling would be reviewed for suitability and additional modelling would be conducted using real-time data and field information to inform Incident Management Team decisions.

The spill modelling outputs are presented at response planning thresholds for surface hydrocarbons for the WCCS. Surface spill concentrations are expressed as grams per square metre (g/m^2) (**Section 2.2**). The thresholds used are derived from oil spill response planning literature and industry guidance and are summarised below.

2.3.2.2 Surface hydrocarbon concentrations

Table 2-3: Surface hydrocarbon thresholds for response planning

Surface hydrocarbon concentration (g/m^2)	Description	Bonn Agreement Oil Appearance Code (BAOAC)	Mass per area (g/m^2)
>10	Predicted minimum threshold for commencing operational monitoring [2]	Code 3 – Dull metallic colours	5 - 50
50	Predicted minimum floating oil threshold for containment and recovery and surface dispersant application [3]	Code 4 – Discontinuous true oil colour	50 - 200
100	Predicted optimum floating oil threshold for containment and recovery and surface dispersant application	Code 5 – Continuous true oil colour	>200

[2] Operational monitoring will be undertaken from the outset of a spill whether or not this threshold has been reached. Monitoring is needed throughout the response to assess the nature of the spill, track its location and inform the need for any additional monitoring and/or response techniques. It also informs when the spill has entered State Waters and control of the incident passes to Western Australia Department of Transport (WA DoT).

[3] At 50 g/m^2, containment and recovery and surface dispersant application operations are not expected to be particularly effective. This threshold represents a conservative approach to planning response capability and containing the spread of surface oil.

Surface hydrocarbon concentration (g/m^2)	Description	Bonn Agreement Oil Appearance Code (BAOAC)	Mass per area (g/m^2)
100	Predicted minimum shoreline accumulation threshold for shoreline assessment operations	Stain	>100
250	Predicted minimum threshold for commencing shoreline clean-up operations	Level 3 - Thin Coating	200 - 1000

The surface thickness of oil at which dispersants are typically effective is approximately 100 g/m^2. However, substantial variations occur in the thickness of the oil within the slick. Additionally, the recommended rate of application for surface dispersant is typically 1-part dispersant to 20 or 25 parts of spilled oil. These figures assume a 0.1 mm slick thickness, averaged over the thickest part of the spill, to calculate a litres/hectare application rate from vessels and aircraft. In practice, this can be difficult to achieve as it is not possible to accurately assess the thickness of the floating oil.

Some degree of localised over-dosage and under-dosage is inevitable in dispersant response. An average oil layer thickness of 0.1 mm is often assumed, although the actual thickness can vary over a wide range (from less than 0.0001 mm to more than 1 mm) over short distances (International Petroleum Industry Environment Conservation Association [IPIECA] 2015).

Guidance from Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA, 2015) indicates that spreading of spills of Group II or III products will rapidly decrease slick thickness over the first 24 hours of a spill resulting in the potential requirement of up to a ten (10) fold increase in capability on day 2 to achieve the same level of performance.

Further guidance from the European Maritime Safety Authority (EMSA) states that spraying the 'metallic' looking area of an oil slick (Bonn Agreement Oil Appearance Code [BAOAC] 3, approx. 5 – 50 µm) with dispersant from spraying gear designed to treat an oil layer 0.1 mm (100 µm) thick, will inevitably cause dispersant over-treatment by a factor of 2 to 20 times (EMSA 2012).

Therefore, dispersant application should be concentrated on the thickest areas of an oil slick and Woodside intends on applying surface dispersants to only BAOAC 4 and 5. Spraying areas of oil designated as BAOAC Code 4 (Discontinuous true oil colour) with dispersant will, on average, deliver approximately the recommended treatment rate of dispersant.

Spraying areas of oil designated as BAOAC Code 5 with dispersant (Continuous true oil colour and more than 0.2 mm thick) will, on average, deliver approximately half the recommended treatment rate of dispersant. Repeated application of these areas of thicker oil, or increased dosage ratios, will be required to achieve the recommended treatment rate of dispersant (EMSA 2012).

Guidance from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the United States is found in the document: *Characteristics of Response Techniques: A Guide for Spill Response Planning in Marine Environments 2013* (NOAA 2013). This guide outlines advice for response planning across all common techniques, including surface dispersant spraying and containment and recovery. It states that oil thickness can vary by orders of magnitude within distinct areas of a slick, thus the actual slick thickness and oil distribution of target areas are crucial for determining response method feasibility. Further to this, ITOPF also states that in terms of oil spill response, sheen can be disregarded as it represents a negligible quantity of oil, cannot be recovered or otherwise dealt with to a significant degree by existing response techniques, and is likely to dissipate readily and naturally (ITOPF, 2014).

Figure 2-3 below from AMSA's Identification of Oil on Water – Aerial Observation and Identification Guide (AMSA, 2014) shows expected percent coverage of surface hydrocarbons as a proportion of total surface area. Wind-rows, heavy oil patches and tar balls, for example, must be considered, as they influence oil encounter rates, chemical dosages and ignition potential. Each method has different thickness thresholds for effective response.

From this information and other relevant sources (Allen and Dale, 1996, EMSA, 2012, Spence, 2018) the surface threshold of 50g/m^2 was chosen as an average / equilibrium thickness (50g/m^2 is an average is 50% coverage of 0.1mm Bonn Agreement Code 4 - discontinuous true oil colour, or 25% coverage of 0.2 mm Bonn Agreement Code 5 – continuous true oil colour which would represent small patches of thick oil or wind-rows).

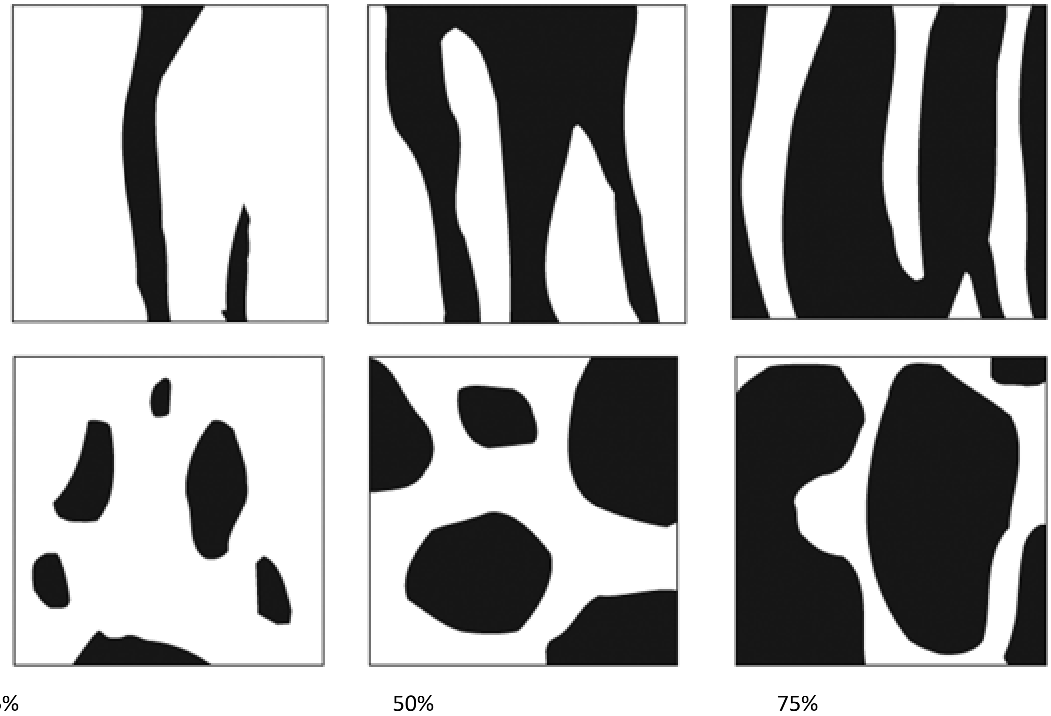

Figure 2-3: Proportion of total area coverage (AMSA, 2014)

Figure 2-4 illustrates the general relationships between on-water response techniques and slick thickness. Wind-rows, heavy oil patches and tar balls, for example, must be considered, as they influence oil encounter rates, chemical dosages and ignition potential. Each method has different thickness thresholds for effective response.

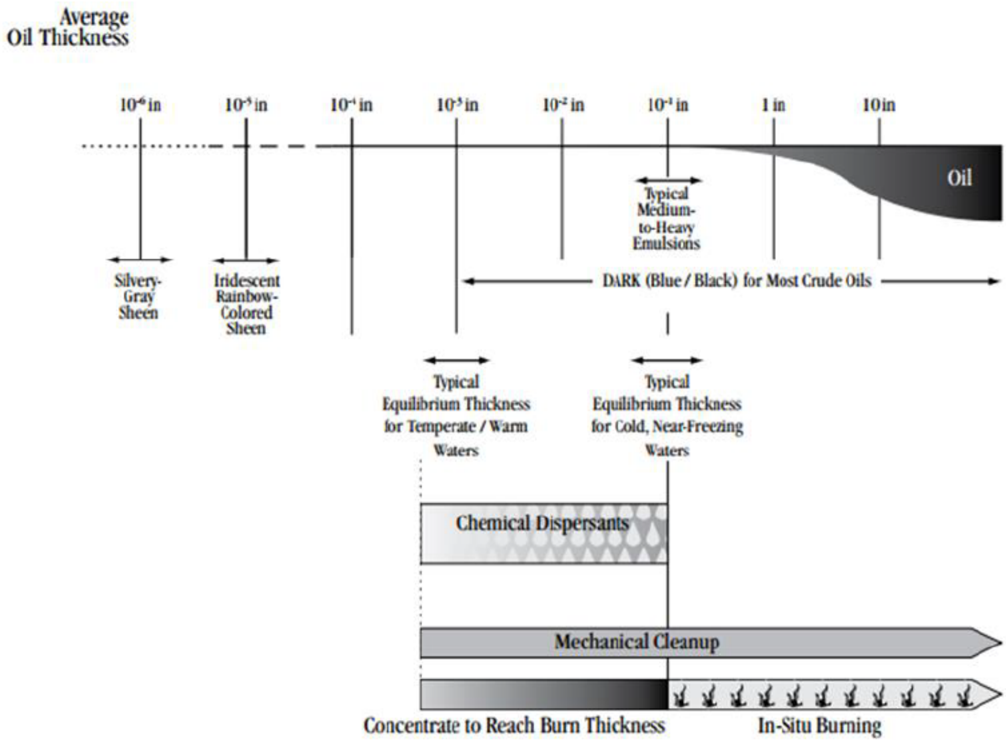

Figure 2-4: Oil thickness versus potential response options (from Allen and Dale 1996)

Wind and waves influence the feasibility of mechanical clean-up operations, dropping the effectiveness significantly because of entrainment and/or splash-over as short period waves develop beyond two to three feet (0.6–0.9m) in height. Waves and wind can also be limiting factors for the safe operation of vessels and aircraft. There is also potential secondary contamination of unimpacted areas and waste issues associated with mechanical dispersion of slicks (**Table 4-3** and **Section 4.2.3.1**).

2.3.2.3 Surface hydrocarbon viscosity

Table 2-4: Surface hydrocarbon viscosity thresholds

Surface viscosity (cSt)	Description	European Maritime Safety Authority (EMSA)	Viscosity at sea temperature (cSt)
5,000	Predicted optimum viscosity for surface dispersant operations	Generally possible to disperse	500-5000
10,000	Predicted maximum viscosity for effective surface dispersant operations	Sometimes possible to disperse	5,000-10,000

Further to the required thickness for surface dispersant application and containment and recovery to be deployed effectively as outlined above, changes to viscosity will also limit the treatment of offshore response techniques. As outlined in the EMSA Manual on the Applicability of Oil Spill Dispersants (EMSA, 2012), guidance around changes to viscosity and likely effectiveness of surface dispersant application is provided.

This includes the following statements: “It has been known for many years that it is more difficult to disperse a high viscosity oil than a low or medium viscosity oil. Laboratory testing had shown that the effectiveness of dispersants is related to oil viscosity, being highest for modern “Concentrate, UK Type 2/3” dispersants at an oil viscosity of about 1,000 or 2,000 mPa.s (1,000 – 2,000 cSt) and then declining to a low level with an oil viscosity of 10,000 mPa.s (10,000 cSt). It was considered that some generally applicable viscosity limit, such as 2,000 or 5,000 mPa.s (2,000 – 5,000 cSt), could be applied to all oils.”

However, modern oil spill dispersants are generally effective up to an oil viscosity of 5,000 mPa.s (5,000 cSt) or more, and their performance gradually decreases with increasing viscosity; oils with a viscosity of more than 10,000 are, in most cases, no longer dispersible. Guidance from EMSA (2012) also indicates that products with a range of 500 – 5,000 cSt at sea temperature are generally possible to disperse, while 5,000 – 10,000 cSt at sea temperature above pour point are sometimes possible to disperse, with products beyond 10,000 cSt at sea temperature below pour point are generally impossible to disperse. The potential use of dispersants is evaluated in **Table 4-3**.

To support decision making and response planning, a threshold of 10,000 cSt at sea temperature was chosen as a conservative estimate of maximum viscosity for surface dispersant spraying operations.

The thresholds described above are compared with the modelling results for CS-01 (**Table 2-5**). Stochastic modelling was undertaken for CS-01 but deterministic modelling was not undertaken. The minimum timeframes and maximum volumes cited for ‘minimum time to shoreline impact’ and ‘largest volume ashore’ for CS-01 are derived from 200 replicate simulations and so the timeframe and volume specified may not be associated with the same single release. The ‘largest total shoreline accumulation’ is also derived from 200 replicate simulations and all three locations may not have been contacted during a single simulation. Therefore, the results presented for CS-01 are likely to be conservative.

Results are presented below in **Table 2-5**, **Section 2.3.3** below.

2.3.3 Spill modelling results

Details of the credible scenarios and modelling inputs are included along with modelling results in **Table 2-5**.

The selected spill modelling results used to represent the WCCS are:

- Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100g/m^2);
- Largest volume ashore at any single RPA (above 100g/m^2); and
- Largest volume ashore on all shorelines from a single model run (above 100g/m^2).

Stochastic modelling was undertaken for CS-01 but deterministic modelling was not undertaken. The minimum timeframes and maximum volumes cited for 'minimum time to shoreline impact' and 'largest volume ashore' for CS-01 are derived from 200 replicate simulations and so the timeframe and volume specified may not be associated with the same single release. The 'largest total shoreline accumulation' is also derived from 200 replicate simulations and all three locations may not have been contacted during a single simulation. Therefore, the results presented for CS-01 are likely to be conservative.

Results are presented below in **Table 2-5**.

Table 2-5: Worst case credible scenario modelling results

Scenario description	Modelled results Credible Scenario-01 Marine diesel surface release
Worst-case credible scenario(s) (WCCS) Total volume released	Hydrocarbon release caused by vessel collision. Instantaneous release of 500 m^3
Worst-case credible scenario(s) (WCCS) Residual volume remaining post-weathering	5% residual component – 25 m^3 marine diesel
Modelling results	
Maximum distance from release location for surface hydrocarbons greater than 50 g/m^2	105 km
Maximum distance from release location for surface hydrocarbons greater than 10 g/m^2	165 km
Minimum time to shoreline impact (above 100 g/m^2)	2.5 days (Ningaloo Coast North, 196 m^3) *
Largest volume ashore at any single RPA (above 100 g/m^2)	196 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, 2.5 days) *
Largest total shoreline accumulation (above 100 g/m^2) all shorelines	237 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, Ningaloo Coast Middle, and Muiron Islands) *
* Results for CS-01 derived from stochastic modelling results. The minimum timeframes and maximum volumes cited for 'minimum time to shoreline impact' and 'largest volume ashore' for CS-01 are derived from 200 replicate simulations and so the timeframe and volume given may not be associated with the same single release. The 'largest total shoreline accumulation' is also derived from 200 replicate simulations and all three locations may not have been contacted during a single simulation. Therefore, the results presented for CS-01 are likely to be conservative.	

From the above modelling results, the volumes and timeframes derived from stochastic modelling results in the case of CS-01 have been considered as the basis for response planning and are included in **Section 4.2**.

Further, stochastic modelling results for CS-01 are summarized in **Section 2.3.3.1**.

2.3.3.1 Credible Scenario-01 (Surface Release, Marine Diesel)

- Surface hydrocarbon concentrations greater than 50 g/m^2 may occur up to 105 km from the release location, at the Gascoyne AMP, Ningaloo Coast North WHA and the Ningaloo AMP.
- Surface hydrocarbons greater than 10 g/m^2 may occur up to 165 km from the release location.
- Weathering of the surface oil occurs rapidly due to the loss of light, volatile components and the spreading. Dispersant application and containment and recovery are not appropriate for use on spills of marine diesel due to these weathering characteristics.
- Shoreline accumulations greater than 100 g/m^2 may occur in 2.5 days at Ningaloo Coast North, and 4-5 days at Ningaloo Coast Middle and the Muiron Islands.
- The Gascoyne Australian Marine Park (AMP) and Ningaloo Coast are predicted to receive the worst case entrained oil concentrations at the 100 ppb threshold with a probability of 18% after 9 hours and 6.5% after 21 hours, respectively.

3 IDENTIFY RESPONSE PROTECTION AREAS (RPAS)

In a response, operational monitoring programs – including trajectory modelling and vessel/aerial observations – would be used to predict RPAs that may be impacted. For the purposes of planning and appropriately scaling a response, modelling has been used to identify RPAs as outlined below in **Figure 3-1**.

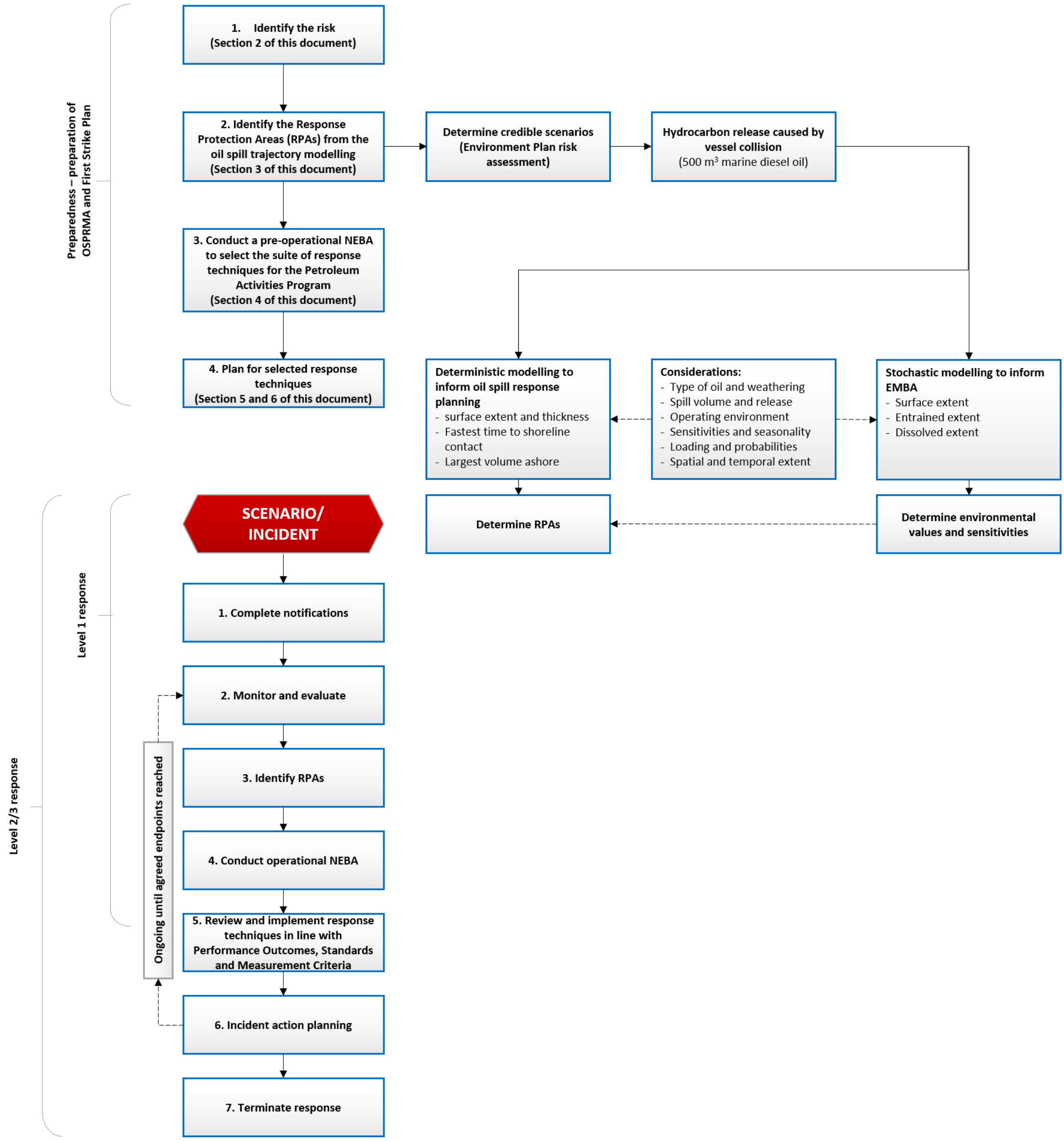

Figure 3-1: Identify Response Protection Areas (RPAs) flowchart

3.1 Identified sensitive receptor locations

Section 6.7.2 of the EP includes the list of sensitive receptor locations that have been identified by stochastic modelling as meeting the requirements outlined below:

- receptors with the potential to incur surface, entrained or shoreline accumulation contact above environmental impact thresholds
- receptors within the EMBA which meet the following:
  - a number of priority protection criteria/categories
  - International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) marine protected area categories
  - high conservation value habitat and species
  - important socio-economic/heritage value.

3.2 Identify Response Protection Areas

From the identified sensitive receptors described in **Section 6.7.2 of the EP**, only those which a shoreline response could feasibly be conducted (accumulation >100 g/m^2 for shoreline assessment and/or contact with surface slicks >10 g/m^2 for operational monitoring) have been selected for response planning purposes.

3.2.1 Response Protection Areas

RPAs are selected on the basis of their environmental ecological, social, economic, cultural and heritage values and sensitivities and the ability to conduct a response based on the minimum response thresholds (**Section 2.3.2.1**). It is important to note that the figures outlined in **Table 3-1** are the combined results of the individual worst-case runs and do not indicate a single WCCS (where the timings and volumes are all expected from one release).

While not discounting other sensitivities, these RPAs have been used as the basis for demonstrating the capability to respond to the nature and scale of a spill from the WCCS and prioritising response techniques.

Table 3-1 outlines locations which were identified from the modelling runs for the WCCS but does not constitute the full list of Priority Protection Areas (PPAs) potentially contacted from stochastic modelling (as per EMBA definition) (see **Section 6.7.2 of the EP**). Other PPA outliers were identified from the modelling and have been included in the assessment of capability in **Sections 5 and 6**.

Additional sensitive receptors are presented the existing environment description (**Section 4 of the EP**) and impact assessment section (**Section 6.7 of the EP**) for each respective spill scenario. The pre-operational NEBA (**Section 4**) considers the results from the stochastic modelling to ensure all feasible response techniques are considered in the planning phase, therefore additional receptors are also included in the pre-operational NEBA.

The RPAs identified in **Table 3-1** are used to plan for the nature and scale of a shoreline response.

Table 3-1: Response Protection Areas (RPAs)

Areas of coastline contacted	Conservation status	IUCN protection category	Credible Scenario-01	
			Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100g/m^2) in days	Maximum shoreline accumulation (above 100g/m^2) in m^3
Ningaloo Coast North (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	2.5 days (196 m^3)	196 m^3 (2.5 days)
Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	4 days (3 m^3)	3 m^3 (4 days)
Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	State Marine Management Area World Heritage Area	IUCN IA – Strict Nature Reserve IUCN VI – Multiple Use Zone	4.8 days (38 m^3)	38 m^3 (4.8 days)

4 NET ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS (NEBA)

A Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) is a structured process to consider which response techniques are likely to provide the greatest net environmental benefit.

The NEBA process typically involves four key steps outlined in **Figure 4-1**: evaluate data, predict outcomes, balance trade-offs, and select response options. These steps are followed in the planning/preparedness process and would also be followed in a response.

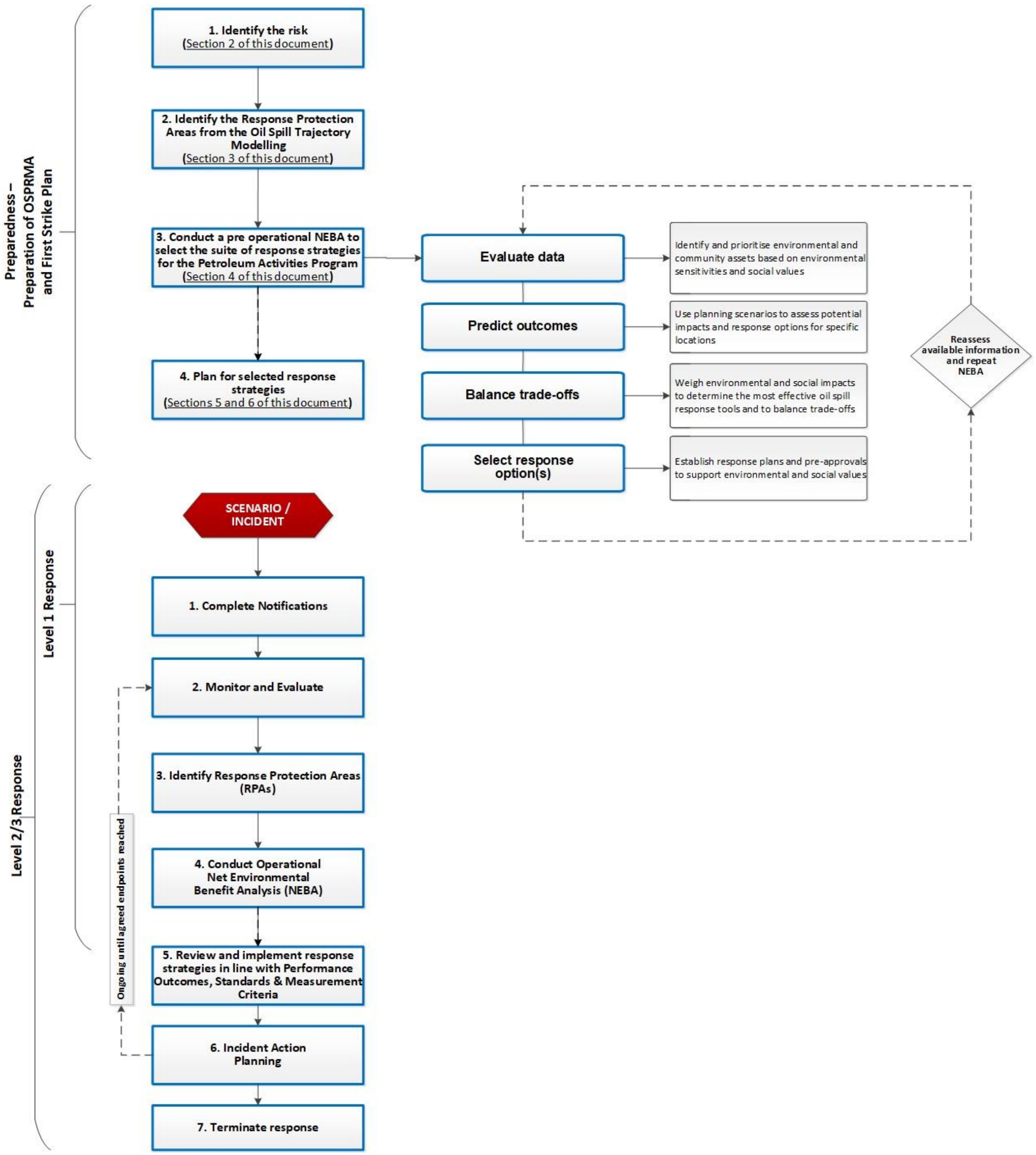

Figure 4-1: Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) flowchart

4.1 Pre-operational / Strategic NEBA

The pre-operational NEBA identifies positive and negative impacts to sensitive receptors from implementing the response techniques. Feasibility is considered by assessing the receptors potentially impacted above response thresholds (**Section 2.3.2.1**) and the surface concentrations (**Section 2.3.2.2**) from the modelling.

Completing a pre-operational NEBA is a key response planning control that reduces the environmental risks and impacts of implementing the selected response techniques. Comprehensive details of the pre-operational NEBA for this PAP are contained in **ANNEX A: Net Environmental Benefit Analysis detailed outcomes**.

4.2 Stage 1: Evaluate data

Woodside identifies and prioritises environmental and community assets based on environmental sensitivities and social values, informed through the use of trajectory modelling. Interpretation of stochastic oil spill modelling determines the EMBA for the release, which defines the spatial area that may be potentially impacted by the PAP activities.

4.2.1 Define the scenario(s)

Woodside uses scenarios identified from the risk assessment in the EP to assess potential impacts and response options for specific locations. Modelling of the WCCS is then used for this pre-operational NEBA. Outlier locations with potential environmental impacts, selected from the stochastic modelling may also be included for assessment. Response thresholds and modelling are then used to assess the feasibility/effectiveness and scale of the response.

Table 4-1: Scenario summary information (WCCS, Credible Scenario-01)

Scenario summary information (Credible Scenario-01)	
Scenario	Hydrocarbon release caused by marine vessel collision
Location	Close to ENA-01 well location (Operational Area) Latitude: 21° 29' 55.012" S Longitude: 114° 0' 4.816" E
Oil Type	Marine diesel
Volume and duration of release	500 m^3 – instantaneous

4.2.1.1 Hydrocarbon characteristics

Marine Diesel – Credible Scenario-01

Marine Diesel Oil is typically classed as an International Tanker Owners Federation (ITOPF) Group two oil.

Marine diesel is a mixture of volatile and persistent hydrocarbons with low proportions of highly volatile and residual components. In general, about 6% of the diesel mass should evaporate within the first 12 hours (BP < 180 °C); a further 35% should evaporate within the first 24 hours (180 °C < BP < 265 °C); and a further 54% should evaporate over several days (265 °C < BP < 380 °C). Approximately 5% of the diesel is shown to be persistent. The aromatic content of the diesel is approximately 3%.

If released in the marine environment and in contact with the atmosphere (i.e. surface spill), approximately 41% by mass of this oil is predicted to evaporate over the first couple of days depending upon the prevailing conditions, with further evaporation slowing over time. The heavier (low volatility) components of marine diesel have a tendency to entrain into the upper water column due to wind-generated waves but can subsequently resurface if wind-waves abate. Therefore, the heavier components of this oil can remain entrained or on the sea surface for an extended period, with associated potential for dissolution of the soluble aromatic fraction.

Specifically, the mass balance forecast for constant 5 knot wind conditions shows that approximately 40% of the marine diesel is predicted to evaporate within 36 hours. Under these calm conditions the majority of the remaining oil on the water surface would weather at a slower rate due to being comprised of the longer chain compounds with higher boiling points. Evaporation of the residual compounds will slow significantly and they will then be subject to more gradual biodegradation.

Under a variable-wind case, where the winds are of greater strength, entrainment into the water column is indicated to be significant. Approximately 2 days after the spill, around 45% of the oil mass is forecast to have entrained and a further 45% is forecast to have evaporated, leaving only a small proportion of the oil floating on the water surface. The residual compounds will tend to entrain beneath the surface under conditions that generate wind waves (> ~6 m/s).

Table 4-2: Oil fate, behaviour and impacts

Modelling results		
	Credible Scenario-01	
Surface area of hydrocarbons (>50 g/m^2)	Deterministic modelling was not undertaken for CS-01 so spatial area is not available. Surface hydrocarbon concentrations greater than 50 g/m^2 may occur up to 105 km from the release location.	
Surface area of hydrocarbons (>50 g/m^2 and <15,000 cSt)	Deterministic modelling was not undertaken for CS-01 so viscosity data and spatial area are not available.	
Minimum time to shoreline contact (>100 g/m^2)	2.5 days (Ningaloo Coast North – 196 m^3) *	
Largest volume ashore at any single RPA (>100 g/m^2)	196 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, 2.5 days) *	
Largest total shoreline accumulation (>100 g/m^2)	237 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North, Ningaloo Coast Middle, and Muiron Islands) *	
	Credible Scenario-01	
	Minimum time to shoreline contact (>100g/m^2) in days	**Maximum shoreline accumulation (>100g/m^2) in m^3**
Ningaloo Coast North (Incl. WHA)	2.5 days (196 m^3)	196 m^3 (2.5 days)
Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	4 days (3 m^3)	3 m^3 (4 days)
Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	4.8 days (38 m^3)	38 m^3 (4.8 days)
* Results for CS-01 derived from stochastic modelling results. The minimum timeframes and maximum volumes cited for 'minimum time to shoreline impact' and 'largest volume ashore' for CS-01 are derived from 200 replicate simulations and so the timeframe and volume given may not be associated with the same single release. The 'largest total shoreline accumulation' is also derived from 200 replicate simulations and all three locations may not have been contacted during a single simulation. Therefore, the results presented for CS-01 are likely to be conservative.		

4.2.2 Determining potential response options

The available response techniques based on current technology can be summarised under the following headings:

- Monitor and evaluate (including operational monitoring)
- Source control
  - Remotely operated vehicle (ROV) intervention
  - debris clearance and/or removal
  - capping stack
  - containment dome
  - relief well drilling
- Subsea dispersant injection
- Containment and recovery
- In-situ burning
- Surface dispersant application:
  - aerial dispersant application
  - vessel dispersant application
- Shoreline protection and deflection:
  - protection
  - deflection
- Shoreline clean-up:
  - Phase 1 – Mechanical clean-up
  - Phase 2 – Manual clean-up
  - Phase 3 – Final polishing
- In-situ burning
- Oiled wildlife response (including hazing)
- Waste management
- Post spill monitoring/scientific monitoring

An assessment of which response options are feasible for the scenarios is included below in **Table 4-3**. These options are evaluated against each scenario's parameters including oil type, volume and characteristics, prevailing weather conditions, logistical support, and resource availability to determine their deployment feasibility.

A shortlist of the feasible response options is then carried forward for the ALARP assessment with a justification for the exclusion of other response techniques included in **Section 4.2.3**. This assessment will typically result in a range of available options, that are deployed at different areas (at-source, offshore, nearshore and onshore) and times through the response. The NEBA process assists in prioritising which options to use where and when and timings throughout the response.

Table 4-3: Response technique evaluation – Marine diesel release caused by marine vessel separation (Credible Scenario-01)

Response Technique	Effectiveness	Feasibility	Decision	Rationale for the decision
Hydrocarbon: Marine Diesel				
Monitor and evaluate	Will be effective in tracking the location of the spill, predicting potential impacts and triggering further monitoring and response techniques as required. Operational Monitoring (OM) techniques include: • OM01 Predictive modelling of hydrocarbons – used throughout release. 'Ground-truthed' using the outputs of all other monitoring techniques. • OM02 Surveillance and reconnaissance to detect hydrocarbons and resources at risk – from outset of release. • OM03 Monitoring of hydrocarbon presence, properties, behaviour and weathering in water – from outset of release. • OM04 Pre-emptive assessment of sensitive receptors at risk – triggered once OM01, OM02 and OM03 inform likely RPAs at risk. • OM05 Shoreline assessment – once OM02, OM03 and OM04 inform which RPAs have been impacted.	Monitoring of a Marine Diesel release is a feasible response technique and outputs will be used to guide decision making on the use of other monitoring/response techniques and providing information to regulatory agencies including AMSA and Western Australia's Department of Transport (WA DoT).	Yes	Monitoring the release will be necessary to: • validate trajectory and weathering models • determine the behaviour of the oil in water • determine the location and state of the slick • provide forecasts of spill trajectory • determine appropriate response techniques • determine effectiveness of response techniques • confirm impact pathways to receptors • provide regulatory agencies with required information.
Source control (vessel)	Controlling the spill of diesel at source would be the most effective way to limit the quantity of hydrocarbon entering the marine environment.	A spill of diesel from a vessel collision will be instantaneous and source control will be limited to what the vessel or facility can achieve whilst responding to the incident.	Yes	Ability to stop the spill at source will be dependent upon the specific spill circumstances and whether or not it is safe for response personnel to access/isolate the source of the spill.
Surface dispersant application (SDA)	Dispersants are not considered effective when applied on thin surface films such as marine diesel as the dispersant droplets tend to pass through the surface films without binding to the hydrocarbon.	Marine diesel is prone to rapid spreading and evaporation thus the use of dispersant would be deemed an unnecessary response technique.	No	The application of dispersant to marine diesel is unnecessary as the diesel will rapidly evaporate and would thus unnecessarily introduce additional chemical substances to the marine environment. The additional entrainment would also increase exposure of subsea species and habitats to hydrocarbons.
Mechanical dispersion	Mechanical dispersion involves the use of a vessel's prop wash and/or fire hose to target surface hydrocarbons to achieve dispersion into the water column. However, this technique is of limited benefit in an open ocean environment where wind and wave action are likely to deliver similar advantages.	Although the technique is feasible, highly volatile hydrocarbons are likely to weather, spread and evaporate quickly. The volatile nature of the oil is also likely to lead to unsafe conditions in the vicinity of fresh hydrocarbon. Additionally, any vessel used for mechanical dispersion activities would be contaminated by the hydrocarbon and could potentially cause secondary contamination of unimpacted areas when exiting the spill area. The decontamination of a vessel used for mechanical dispersion activities would result in additional quantities of oily waste requiring appropriate handling and treatment.	No	Given the limited benefit of mechanical dispersion over natural wind and wave action, secondary contamination and waste issues, and the associated safety risk of implementing the response for this activity, this strategy is deemed unsuitable.
In-situ burning	In-situ burning is only effective where minimum slick thickness can be achieved.	Use of in-situ burning as a response technique for marine diesel is unfeasible as the minimum slick thickness cannot be attained due to rapid spreading. In addition, there is a limited window of opportunity in which this technique can be applied (prior to evaporation of the volatiles) which is unlikely to be achieved. Furthermore, entering a volatile environment to undertake this technique would be unsafe for response personnel.	No	Diesel characteristics are not appropriate for the use of in-situ burning as the minimum thickness will not be attained due to rapid spreading. Furthermore, it would unnecessarily cause an increase the release of atmospheric pollutants.
Containment and recovery	Containment and recovery has an effective recovery rate of 5-10% when a hydrocarbon encounter rate of 25-50% is achieved at BAOAC 4 and 5. Containment and recovery requires a spill to be BAOAC 4 or 5 with a 50-100% coverage of 100 g/m^2 to 200 g/m^2.	Marine diesel is prone to rapid spreading and evaporation thus reducing the feasibility of containment and recovery as a response technique.	No	Containment and recovery would be an inappropriate response technique as it requires the spilled hydrocarbon to be BAOAC 4 or 5 with a 50-100% coverage of 100 g/m^2 to 200 g/m^2 which a spill of marine diesel would not achieve. In addition, most of the spilled diesel would have been subject to rapid evaporation prior to the commencement of containment and recovery operations.

Shoreline protection and deflection	Shoreline protection and deflection can be effective at preventing contamination of at-risk areas.	Given the minimum time to shoreline contact is 2.5 days, use of shoreline protection and deflection for a spill of marine diesel may provide some environmental benefit and could prevent shoreline accumulation occurring. Operational monitoring will be deployed from the outset of a spill to track the spill location and fate in real-time. Due to potentially high levels of volatiles from a spill of marine diesel, shoreline protection and deflection would only be undertaken if safe for response personnel.	**Yes**	Protection and deflection may be deployed to prevent contamination of sensitive resources. RPAs predicted to be contacted are based on modelling outputs and thus may differ under the prevailing conditions of a real event.
Shoreline clean-up	Shoreline clean-up is an effective means of hydrocarbon removal from contaminated shorelines where coverage is at an optimum level of 250 g/m^2.	A marine diesel spill would be prone to rapid spreading and evaporation prior to impacting any sensitive receptors. Operational monitoring will, however, be deployed from the outset of a spill to track the spill location and fate in real-time. The modelling indicates that there is a very low probability of an impact from a marine diesel spill and that in the event of an impact the diesel would continue to evaporate and decay rapidly post-impact. Due to potentially high levels of volatiles from a spill of marine diesel, shoreline clean-up would only be undertaken when safe for response personnel.	**Potentially**	Shoreline clean-up may be undertaken if sensitive receptors are impacted at levels that would permit an effective response and only if volatile levels are safe for responders. RPAs predicted to be contacted are based on modelling outputs and thus may differ under the prevailing conditions of a real event.
Oiled wildlife	Oiled wildlife response is an effective response technique for reducing the overall impact of a release on wildlife. This is mostly achieved through hazing to prevent additional wildlife from being contaminated and through rehabilitation of those already subject to contamination. Air-breathing fauna such as marine mammals are most at risk from surface exposures due to the high volatile components. Marine mammals that have direct physical contact with surface, entrained or dissolved aromatic hydrocarbons may suffer surface fouling, ingest hydrocarbons and inhale toxic vapours.	Due to the likely volatile atmospheric conditions surrounding a diesel spill, response options would be limited to hazing to ensure the safety of response personnel. In addition, any rehabilitation could only be undertaken by trained specialists.	**Yes**	The modelling undertaken predicts that no sensitive areas will be impacted thus it is unlikely that this technique would be required. However, in the event that wildlife are at risk of contamination, oiled wildlife response will be undertaken as and where required.

4.2.3 Exclusion of response techniques

Response techniques that are not feasible for CS-01 for the PAP are detailed in the subsections below and are excluded from further assessment within this document.

4.2.3.1 Mechanical dispersion

Mechanical dispersion involves the use of a vessel's prop wash and/or fire hose to target surface hydrocarbons to achieve dispersion into the water column. However, this technique is of limited benefit in an open ocean environment where wind and wave action are likely to deliver similar advantages.

4.2.3.2 In-situ burning

This technique requires calm sea state conditions as is required for containment and recovery operations, which limits its feasibility in Exmouth region. Optimum weather conditions are <20 knot wind speed and waves <1 to 1.5 m with oil collected to a minimum 3 mm thick layer. Due to the conditions in Exmouth region it is expected that the ability to contain oil may be limited as the sea state may exceed the optimum conditions. It is preferable that oil is fresh and does not emulsify to maximise burn efficiency and reduce residue thickness.

There are health and safety risks for response personnel associated with the containment and subsequent burning of hydrocarbons. It is also suggested that the residue from attempts to burn would sink, thereby posing a risk to the environment. The longer-term effects of burn residues on the marine environment are not fully understood and therefore, no assessment of the potential environmental impact can be determined.

Until further operational and environmental information becomes available, Woodside will not consider this option.

4.2.3.3 Surface dispersant application

Marine diesel is prone to rapid spreading and evaporation thus the use of dispersant would be deemed an unnecessary response technique. The application of dispersant to marine diesel is unnecessary as the diesel will rapidly evaporate and would thus unnecessarily introduce additional chemical substances to the marine environment. The additional entrainment would also increase exposure of subsea species and habitats to hydrocarbons.

4.2.3.4 Containment and recovery

Marine diesel is prone to rapid spreading and evaporation thus reducing the feasibility of containment and recovery as a response technique. Furthermore, entering a volatile environment to undertake this technique would be unsafe for response personnel. Although this scenario results in surface oil of BAOAC 4, this only occurs within the first 24 hours during which time volatile levels would be very high and unsafe for response personnel.

4.3 Stage 2: Predict Outcomes

Woodside uses planning scenarios to assess potential impacts and response options for specific locations. Locations with potential environmental impacts, selected from the stochastic modelling are included for assessment. Response thresholds and modelling are then used to assess the feasibility/effectiveness of a response.

4.4 Stage 3: Balance trade-offs

Woodside considers environmental impacts and response effectiveness/feasibility to determine the most effective oil spill response tools and balance trade-offs, using an automated NEBA tool. The tool considers potential benefits and impacts associated with a response at sensitive receptors and then considers the effectiveness/feasibility of the response to select the response techniques carried forward to the ALARP assessment. The NEBA can be found in **ANNEX A: Net Environmental Benefit Analysis detailed outcomes**.

4.5 Stage 4: Select Best Response Options

To select the response technique, all the other stages in the NEBA process are considered and used to establish response plans and any pre-approvals to support protection of identified environmental and social values.

The response techniques implemented may vary according to a particular spill. The hydrocarbon type released and the sensitivities of the receptors (both ecological and socio-economic) may influence the response. The pre-operational NEBA broadly evaluates each response technique and supports decisions on whether they are feasible and of net environmental benefit. Response techniques that are not feasible or beneficial are rejected at this stage and not progressed to planning.

Further risks and impacts from implementing these selected response options are outlined in **Section 7**.

Table 4-4: Selection and prioritisation of response techniques

Response planning scenario	Key characteristics for response planning (minimum times to contact for first receptor and/or shoreline contacted above response threshold)	Feasibility of response techniques: Monitor and evaluate	Source control – via IRS, ROV or subsea tree	Debris clearance	Source control – capping stack	Source control on the vessel	Source control – relief well drilling	Subsea dispersant injection	Surface dispersant application	Mechanical dispersion	In-situ burning	Containment and recovery	Shoreline protection and deflection	Shoreline cleanup	Oiled wildlife response	Outline response technique
Credible Scenario-01: Hydrocarbon release caused by marine vessel separation. Instantaneous release of 500 m^3 of marine diesel within the Operational Area. Residual component of 25 m^3 (5%)	Minimum time to shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2: 2.5 days (Ningaloo Coast North) Maximum shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2: 196 m^3 (Ningaloo Coast North)	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	Yes	Monitor and evaluate. Initiate vessel source control if feasible. Consider shoreline protection and deflection (in liaison with WA DoT) if safety of responders can be ensured with regard to the potentially high level of volatiles. Consider shoreline clean-up (in liaison with WA DoT) if safety of responders can be ensured with regard to the potentially high level of volatiles. Plan for oiled wildlife response and implement if oiled wildlife is observed.

From the NEBA undertaken on the WCCS identified, the primary response techniques are;

- Monitor and evaluate
- Source control on the vessel
- Shoreline protection and deflection at identified RPAs
- Shoreline clean-up on priority impacted coastlines
- Oiled wildlife response

Support functions include:

- Waste management
- Scientific monitoring programs

5 HYDROCARBON SPILL ALARP PROCESS

Woodside's hydrocarbon spill ALARP process is aligned with guidance provided by NOPSEMA in *Guidance Note GN1488* (2021) and is set out in the 'Woodside Hydrocarbon Spill Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment (OSPRMA) Development Guidelines' (Link).

From the identified response planning need and pre-operational NEBA, Woodside conducts a structured, semi-quantitative hydrocarbon spill process which has the following steps:

1. Considers the Response Planning Need identified in terms of surface area (km^2) and available surface hydrocarbon volumes (m^3) against existing Woodside capability
2. Considers alternative, additional, and improved options for each response technique/control measure by providing an initial and, if required, detailed evaluation of:
   - predicted cost associated with adopting the control measure
   - predicted change/environmental benefit
   - predicted effectiveness/feasibility of the control measure.
3. Evaluates the risks and impacts of implementing the proposed response techniques, and any further control measures with associated environmental performance to manage these additional risks and impacts.

Woodside considers the risks and impacts from a hydrocarbon spill to have been reduced to ALARP when:

1. a structured process for identifying and considering alternative, additional, and improved options has been completed for each selected response technique
2. the analysis of alternate, additional, and improved control measures meets one of the following criteria:
   - all identified, reasonably practicable control measures have been adopted, or
   - no identified reasonably practicable additional, alternative and/or improved control measures would provide further overall increased proportionate environmental benefit, or
   - no reasonably practical additional, alternative, and/or improved control measures have been identified.
3. where an alternative, additional and/or improved control measure is adopted, a measurable level of environmental performance has been assigned
4. higher order impacts/risks have received more comprehensive alternative, additional, and improved control measure evaluations and do not just compare the cost of the adopted control measures to the costs of an extreme or clearly unreasonable control measure
5. cumulative effects have been analysed when considered in combination across the whole activity.

The response technique selection is based on the risk assessment conducted in the EP. The risk assessment identifies the type of oil, volume of release, duration of release, predicted fate, weathering and the EMBA (along with other requirements such as time to impact and predicted volumes ashore). Modelling is then used to inform the NEBA and the prioritisation of suitable response options. The scale of the response techniques selected in the pre-operational NEBA is informed through the assessment of results from the modelling.

For the purpose of the ALARP assessment, the following terms and definitions have been used:

- Response techniques are considered the control measures that reduce consequences from hydrocarbon spill events. The terms 'response technique' and 'control measure' are used interchangeably.
- Cost is defined as the time, effort and/or trouble taken in financial, safety, design/storage/installation, capital/lease, and/or operations/maintenance terms to adopt a control measure.
- Where the predicted change to environmental impact is compared against standard environmental values and sensitivities impacts using positive or negative criteria from the NEBA Impact Ranking Classification Guidance in **ANNEX A: Net Environmental Benefit Analysis detailed outcomes**.

5.1 Monitor and Evaluate (including operational monitoring)

Monitor and evaluate includes the gathering and evaluation of data to inform the oil spill response planning and operations. It includes fate and trajectory modelling, spill tracking, weather updates and field observations. This response option is deployed in some capacity for every event.

Table 5-1 provides the operations monitoring plans that support the successful execution of this response technique.

Table 5-1: Description of supporting operational monitoring plans

ID	Title
OM01	Predictive modelling of hydrocarbons to assess resources at risk
OM02	Surveillance and reconnaissance to detect hydrocarbons and resources at risk
OM03	Monitoring of hydrocarbon presence, properties, behaviour and weathering in water
OM04	Pre-emptive assessment of sensitive receptors at risk
OM05	Shoreline assessment

Woodside maintains an *Operational Monitoring Operational Plan*. If shoreline contact is predicted, Response Protection Areas (RPAs) will be identified and assessed before contact. If shorelines are contacted, a shoreline assessment survey will be completed to guide effective shoreline clean-up operations. This plan includes the process for the IMT to mobilise resources depending on the nature and scale of the spill.

The proximity of Exmouth to the spill event location means that monitoring of the spill can be undertaken in a relatively short timeframe. The primary mobilisation base for initial monitoring activities would be Exmouth. However, in the unlikely event of an extended spill with potential to impact receptors further afield, monitoring activities may also be mobilised from Onslow, Dampier or Karratha.

5.1.1 Response need based on predicted consequence parameters

Operational monitoring will be undertaken from the outset of a spill. This is needed to assess the nature of the spill and track its location. The data collected from the operational monitoring will inform the need for any additional operational monitoring, deployment of response techniques and may assist post-spill scientific monitoring. It also informs when the spill has entered State Waters and control of the incident passes to WA DoT.

The following statements identify the key parameters upon which a response need can be based.

- Floating oil concentrations greater than 10 g/m^2 and 50 g/m^2 may occur at Ningaloo Coast North after 20 hours and 22 hours respectively. Floating oil concentrations greater than

50 g/m^2 and 10 g/m^2 may occur up to 105 km and 165 km from the release location, respectively.

- The minimum time to contact for oil at concentrations of entrained hydrocarbons greater than 100 ppb at shoreline receptors is 21 hours at Ningaloo Coast North.
- Shoreline accumulations greater than 100 g/m^2 may occur at Ningaloo Coast North after 2.5 days, and at Ningaloo Coast Middle and the Muiron Islands within 4-5 days of the release.
- Arrangements for support organisations who provide specialist services or resources should be tested regularly.
- Plans, procedures and support documents need to be in place for Operational and Support functions. These should be reviewed and updated regularly.

5.1.2 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-2: Environmental Performance - Monitor and Evaluate

Environmental Performance Outcome		To gather information from multiple sources to establish an accurate Common Operating Picture (COP) as soon as possible and predict the fate and behaviour of the spill to validate planning assumptions and adjust response plans as appropriate to the scenario.		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
1	Oil spill trajectory modelling	1.1	Initial modelling available within 6 hours using the Rapid Assessment Tool	1, 3B, 3C, 4
		1.2	Detailed modelling available within 4 hours of APASA receiving information from Woodside	
		1.3	Detailed modelling service available for the duration of the incident upon contract activation	
2	Tracking buoy	2.1	Tracking buoy located on vessel and ready for deployment 24/7	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		2.2	Deploy tracking buoy from vessel within 2 hours as per the First Strike Plan.	1, 3A, 3B, 4
		2.3	Contract in place with service provider to allow data from tracking buoy to be received 24/7 and processed.	1, 3B, 3C, 4
		2.4	Data received to be uploaded into Woodside Common Operating Picture (COP) daily to improve the accuracy of other monitor and evaluate techniques.	1, 3B, 4
3	Satellite imagery	3.1	Contract in place with 3rd party provider to enable access and analysis of satellite imagery. Imagery source/type requested on activation of service.	1, 3C, 4
		3.2	3rd party provider will confirm availability of an initial acquisition within 2 hours	1, 3B, 3C, 4
		3.3	First image received with 24 hours of Woodside confirming to 3rd party provider its acceptance of the proposed acquisition plan.	1
		3.4	3rd party provider to submit report to Woodside per image. Report is to include a polygon of any possible or identified slick(s) with metadata.	1
		3.5	Data received to be uploaded into Woodside COP daily to improve accuracy of other monitor and evaluate techniques.	1, 3B, 4
		3.6	Satellite Imagery services available and employed during response	1, 3C, 4
4	Aerial surveillance	4.1	2 trained aerial observers available to be deployed by day 1 from resource pool.	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4
		4.2	1 aircraft available for two sorties per day, available for the duration of the response from day 1	1, 3C, 4
		4.3	Observer to compile report during flight as per first strike plan. Observers report available to the IMT within 2 hours of landing after each sortie.	1, 2, 3B, 4
		4.4	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Systems (UAV/UASs) to support SCAT, containment and recovery and surface dispersal and pre-emptive assessments as contingency if required.	1, 2
5	Hydrocarbon detections in water	5.1	Activate 3rd party service provider as per first strike plan. Deploy resources within 2.5 days: • 3 specialists in water quality monitoring • 2 monitoring systems and ancillaries • 1 vessel for deploying the monitoring systems with a dedicated winch, A-frame or Hiab and ancillaries to deploy the equipment.	1, 2, 3C, 3D, 4
		5.2	Water monitoring services available and employed during response	1, 3C, 4
		5.3	Preliminary results of water sample as per contractor's implementation plan within 7 days of receipt of samples at the accredited lab	
		5.4	Daily fluorometry reports as per service provider's implementation plan will be provided to IMT to validate modelling and monitor presence/absence of entrained hydrocarbons.	
		5.5	Use of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) for hydrocarbon presence and detection may be used as a contingency if the operational SIMA confirms conventional methods are unsafe or not possible.	1, 2, 3C, 4
6	Pre-emptive assessment	6.1	Within 2 days, deployment of 2 specialists from resource pool in establishing the status of sensitive receptors.	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4

	of sensitive receptors	6.2	Daily reports provided to IMT on the status of the receptors to prioritise Response Protection Areas (RPAs) and maximise effective utilisation of resources.	1, 3B, 4
7	Shoreline assessment	7.1	Within 2 days, deployment of 2 specialists in SCAT from resource pool for each of the Response Protection Areas (RPAs) with predicted impacts at greater than 100 g/m^2.	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4
		7.2	SCAT reports provided to IMT daily detailing the assessed areas to maximise effective utilisation of resources	1, 3B, 4

The control measures and capability of Woodside and its third-party service providers are shown to support Monitor and Evaluate activities up to and including the identified WCCS. This is demonstrated by the following:

- Woodside has a documented, structured and tested capability for Monitor and Evaluate operations including internal trajectory modelling capabilities, tracking buoys located offshore and contracted aerial observation platforms with access to trained observers.
- Woodside and its third-party service providers ensure there is sufficient capability for the duration of the response.
- Woodside has assessed the existing capability available and considered potential alternative, additional and improved control measures (**Section 6.1**).
- The health and safety, financial, capital and operations/maintenance costs of implementing the alternative, additional or improved control measures identified and not carried forward are considered grossly disproportionate to the environmental benefit gained and/or not reasonably practicable for this PAP.
- The Monitor and Evaluate capability outlined in this section is part of the response developed to manage potential risks and impacts associated with the scenarios to ALARP, and there are no further additional, alternative and improved control measures other than those implemented that would provide further benefit.

5.2 Source Control via Vessel SOPEP

Vessel source control will be conducted, where feasible and in accordance with International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) 73/78 Annex I[4], by the Vessel Master under the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) triggered by any loss of containment from the PAP vessels.

The SOPEP provides guidance to the Master and Officers on board the vessel with respect to the extra steps to be taken when an unexpected pollution incident has occurred or is likely to occur. The SOPEP contains all information and operational instructions required by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Resolution MEPC.54 (32) adopted on 6 March 1992, as amended by resolution MEPC.86 (44) adopted on 13 March 2000.

Its purpose is to set the necessary actions in motion to stop or minimise oil discharge and mitigate its effects. Furthermore, it outlines responsibilities, pollution reporting requirements, procedures and resources needed in the event of a hydrocarbon spill from vessel activities.

In the event of the WCCS vessel collision event, the vessel master may engage precautionary marine manoeuvres to avoid collision or commence pumping operations to transfer marine diesel and thus minimise the release.

5.2.1 Environmental performance based on need

Woodside has established control measures, environmental performance outcomes, performance standards and measurement criteria to be used for vessel-source oil spill response during the PAP which are detailed in **Section 6 of the EP**. The vessel master's roles and responsibilities are described in **Section 7 of the EP**.

Performance standards for each contracted PAP vessel are detailed in the vessel's specific SOPEP.

These standards ensure that sufficient resources are available and are adequately tested to ensure implementation of the SOPEP in the event of a hydrocarbon spill.

[4] Marpol 73/78 Annex I entry into force in Australia, 2 Oct 1983

5.3 Shoreline Protection and Deflection

The placement of containment, protection or deflection booms on and near a shoreline is a response technique to reduce the potential volume of hydrocarbons contacting or spreading along shorelines, which may reduce the scale of shoreline clean-up. Hydrocarbons contained by the booms would be collected where practicable.

Shorelines would be protected where accessible via vessel or shore. Where hydrocarbon contact has already occurred, there may still be value in deploying protection equipment to limit further accumulations and preventing remobilisation of stranded hydrocarbons.

Shoreline protection and deflection equipment would be mobilised to selected locations, where the following conditions were met:

- Sea-states and hydrocarbon characteristics are safe to deploy protection and deflection measures,
- Oil trajectory has been identified as heading towards identified RPAs.

5.3.1 Response need based on predicted consequence parameters

The following statements identify the key parameters upon which the response need can be based for CS-01:

- Floating oil concentrations greater than 10 g/m^2 and 50 g/m^2 may occur at Ningaloo Coast North after 20 hours and 22 hours respectively.
- The minimum time for shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2 is 2.5 days at Ningaloo Coast North, and 4-5 days at Ningaloo Coast Middle and the Muiron Islands.
- Pre-emptive assessment and shoreline assessments (OM04 and OM05) will be mobilised prior to shoreline accumulation at 100 g/m^2, which occurs on day 3 at Ningaloo Coast North.
- Following pre-emptive assessments of sensitive receptors at risk, and in agreement of prioritisation with WA DoT (if a Level 2/3 incident and within State Waters), protection and deflection operations would commence until agreed termination criteria are reached.
- Shoreline response operations may extend 1-2 weeks following the release based on the predicted time for shoreline contact and the time to complete shoreline clean-up operations.
- Arrangements for support organisations who provide specialist services (trained personnel, protection and deflection equipment) and/or resources and should be tested regularly.
- Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) for Response Protection Areas (RPAs) along with other relevant plans, procedures and support documents need to be in place for Operational and Support functions. These should be reviewed and updated regularly.

In addition, a number of assumptions are required to estimate the response need for Shoreline Protection and Deflection. These assumptions have been described in the table below.

Table 5-3: Response Planning Assumptions – Shoreline Protection and Deflection

Response Planning Assumptions	
Safety considerations	Shoreline protection and deflection operations cannot be implemented if the safety of response personnel cannot be guaranteed. This requires an initial and ongoing risk assessment of health and safety hazards and risks at the site. Personnel safety issues may include: • hydrocarbon gas and/or liquid exposure • safe for deployment and conditions within range of vessels • high ambient temperatures.
Shoreline Protection and Deflection	One (1) Shoreline Protection and Deflection operation may include; • Quantity of shoreline sealing boom (as outlined in TRP) • Quantity of fence or curtain boom (as outlined in TRP) • 1-2 x trained supervisors • 8-10 x personnel / labour hire Specific details of each operation would be tailored to the Tactical Response Plan implemented (where available).

5.3.2 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-4: Environmental Performance – Shoreline Protection and Deflection

Environmental Performance Outcome		To stop hydrocarbons encountering particularly sensitive areas		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
8	Response teams	8.1	Relevant Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) will be identified in the first strike plan for activation within 12 hours of the release.	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		8.2	Mobilise teams to RPA's within 12 hours of operational monitoring predicting impacts. Teams to contaminated RPAs comprised of: • 1-2 trained specialists per operation • 8-10 personnel/labour hire Personnel sourced through resource pool	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4
		8.3	1 operation mobilised within 24 hours to each identified RPA. Expected to be 1 RPA within 2.5 days or 3 RPAs within 5 days (operation as detailed above).	1, 3A, 3B, 4
		8.4	12 trained personnel available within 48 hours sourced through resource pool.	1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		8.5	Open communication line to be maintained between IMT and infield operations to ensure awareness of progress against plan(s)	1, 3A, 3B
		8.6	The safety of shoreline response operations will be considered and appropriately managed. During shoreline operations: • All personnel in a response will receive an operational/safety briefing before commencing operations • Gas monitoring and site entry protocols will be used to assess safety of an operational area before allowing access to response personnel	1, 3B, 4
9	Response equipment	9.1	Equipment mobilised from closest stockpile within 12 hours.	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		9.2	Supplementary equipment mobilised from State, AMOSC, AMSA stockpiles within 24 hours.	1, 3C, 3D, 4
		9.3	Supplementary equipment mobilised from OSRL within 48 hours.	
		9.4	Woodside maintains integrated fleet of vessels. Additional vessels can be sourced through existing contracts/frame agreements	1, 3A, 3C, 4
10	Management of Environmental Impact of the response risks	10.1	If vessels are required for access, anchoring locations will be selected to minimise disturbance to benthic primary producer habitats. Where existing fixed anchoring points are not available, locations will be selected to minimise impact to nearshore benthic environments with a preference for areas of sandy seabed where they can be identified	1

		10.2	Shallow draft vessels will be used to access remote shorelines to minimise the impacts associated with seabed disturbance on approach to the shorelines	

The resulting shoreline protection and deflection capability has been assessed against the WCCS. The range of techniques provide an ongoing approach to shoreline protection and deflection at identified RPAs.

Under optimal conditions, during the subsea and surface releases the capability available exceeds the need identified. It indicates that, the shoreline protection and deflection capability have the following expected performance:

- Modelling scenarios indicate that first shoreline impact at Ningaloo Coast North may occur within 2.5 days for CS-01.
- Existing capability allows for mobilisation and deployment of 1 protection and deflection operation (approximately 10-12 responders) within 24 hours (if required). Given shoreline contact at RPAs is not predicted until Day 2.5 at Ningaloo Coast North, the existing capability is considered sufficient to mobilise and deploy protection at RPAs prior to hydrocarbon contact, guided by the ongoing operational monitoring.
- The most significant constraint on expanding the scale of response operations is the availability of accommodation and transport services in the region between Exmouth and Port Hedland, and the management of response generated waste. From previous assessment of accommodation in this region, Woodside estimates that current accommodation can cater for a range of 500-700 personnel per day for an ongoing operation.
- TRPs have been developed for all identified RPAs excepting international locations.
- Woodside has assessed the existing capability available and considered potential alternative, additional and improved control measures (**Section 6.3**).
- No further control measures that may result in an increased environmental benefit that involve moderate to significant cost and/or dedication of resources have been adopted as the timeframe required for deployment of this technique does not justify the excessive costs of identified alternate, improved or additional controls.

5.4 Shoreline Clean-up

Shoreline clean-up may be undertaken using a broad range of techniques when floating hydrocarbons contact shorelines. The timing, location and extent of shoreline clean-up activities can vary from one scenario to another, depending on the hydrocarbon type, sensitivities and values contacted, shoreline type and access, degree of oiling, and area oiled.

Shoreline clean-up is typically undertaken as a three-phase process, phase one (gross contamination removal) involving the collection of bulk oil, either floating against the shoreline or stranded on it, phase two (moderate to heavy contamination removal) involving removal or in-situ treatment of shoreline substrates such as sand or pebble beaches, and phase three (final treatment or polishing) involving removal of the remaining residues of oil. As phase one typically involves recovery of floating and pooled oil, and phase three removes minor volumes, they have not been considered in the assessment of response need for the scenarios identified.

The *Shoreline Clean-up Operational Plan* details the mobilisation and resource requirements for a shoreline clean-up operation including the logistics, support and facility arrangements to manage the movement of personnel and resources.

The *Shoreline Clean-up Operational Plan* includes the process for the IMT to mobilise resources depending on the nature and scale of the spill. Woodside would activate and mobilise trained and competent personnel in shoreline assessment before or following shoreline contact at response thresholds.

Shoreline clean-up consists of different manual and mechanical recovery techniques to remove hydrocarbons and contaminated debris from a shoreline; this is to minimise ongoing environmental contamination and impact. The National Plan also provides guidance on shoreline clean-up techniques as outlined in National Plan Guidance *Response, assessment and termination of cleaning for oil contaminated foreshores* (AMSA 2015).

5.4.1 Response need based on predicted consequence parameters

The following statements identify the key parameters upon which the response need can be based for CS-01:

- The minimum time for shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2 is 2.5 days at Ningaloo Coast North, and 4-5 days at Ningaloo Coast Middle and the Muiron Islands.
- Shoreline response operations may extend 1-2 weeks following the release based on the predicted time for shoreline contact and the time to complete shoreline clean-up operations.
- Pre-emptive assessment and shoreline assessments (OM04 and OM05) will be mobilised prior to shoreline contact.
- Following Shoreline Assessment and agreement of prioritisation with WA Department of Transport, clean-up operations would commence until agreed termination criteria are reached.
- Arrangements for support organisations who provide specialist services (trained personnel, labour hire, shoreline clean-up, and site management equipment) and/or resources and should be tested regularly.
- Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) for Response Protection Areas (RPAs) along with other relevant plans, procedures and support documents should be in developed and in place for Operational and Support functions. These should be reviewed and updated regularly.

In addition, a number of assumptions are required to estimate the response need for shoreline clean-up. These assumptions have been described in the table below.

Table 5-5: Response Planning Assumptions – Shoreline Clean-up

Response planning assumptions: Shoreline clean-up	
Safety considerations	Shoreline clean-up operations cannot be implemented if the safety of response personnel cannot be guaranteed. This requires an initial and ongoing risk assessment of health and safety hazards and risks at the site. Personnel safety issues may include: • hydrocarbon gas and/or liquid exposure • waves and/or sea states, tidal cycle and intertidal zone limits • presence of wildlife • high ambient temperatures.
Manual shoreline clean-up operation (Phase 2)	One, manual shoreline clean-up operation (Phase 2) may include: • 1–2 x trained supervisor • 8–10 x personnel/labour hire • Supporting equipment for manual clean-up including rakes, shovels, plastic bags etc.

Physical properties	**Surface Threshold**
	• Lower – 100 g/m^2 - 100% coverage of 'stain' – cannot be scratched off easily on coarse sediments or bedrock
	  • Expected trigger to undertake detailed shoreline survey
	• Optimum – 250 g/m^2 – 25% coverage of 'coat' – can be scratched off with a fingernail on coarse sediments
	  • Expected trigger to commence clean-up operations

Efficiency (m^3 oil recovered per person per day)	Manual shoreline clean-up (Phase 2) - approx. 0.25–1 m^3 oil recovered per person per 10 hr day is based on moderate to high coverage of oil (100 g/m^2–1000 g/m^2) with manual removal using shovels/rakes, etc. from studies of previous response operations and exercises
Field operation supervisors required (per team)	Manual shoreline clean-up (Phase 2) – 1-2 trained supervisor(s) per operation (assumes one team per operation)
Personnel/ labour hire (per team)	Manual shoreline clean-up (Phase 2) – 8-10 personnel/labour hire per operation (assumes one team per operation)

Table 5-6: Shoreline Clean-up techniques and recommendations

Technique	Description	Shoreline type		Application
		Recommended	Not recommended	
Natural recovery	Allowing shoreline to self-clean; no intervention undertaken.	Remote and inaccessible shorelines for personnel, vehicles and machinery. Other clean-up techniques may cause more damage than allowing the shoreline to naturally recover. Natural recovery may be recommended for areas with mangroves and coral reefs due to their sensitivity to disturbance from other shoreline clean-up techniques. High-energy shorelines: where natural removal rates are high, and hydrocarbons will be removed over a short timeframe.	Low-energy shorelines: these areas tend to be where hydrocarbon accumulates and penetrates soil and substrates.	May be employed, if the operational NEBA identifies that other clean-up techniques will have a negligible or negative environmental impact on the shoreline. May also be used for buried or reworked hydrocarbons where other techniques may not recover these.
Manual recovery	Use of manpower to collect hydrocarbons from the shoreline. Use of this form of clean-up is based on type of shoreline.	Remote and inaccessible shorelines for vehicles and machinery. Areas where shorelines may not be accessible by vehicles or machinery and personnel can recover hydrocarbons manually. Where hydrocarbons have formed semi-solid to solid masses that can be picked up manually. Areas where nesting and breeding fauna cannot or should not be disturbed.	Coral reef or other sensitive intertidal habitats, as the presence of a response may cause more environmental damage then allowing them to recover naturally. For some high-energy shorelines such as cliffs and sea walls, manual recovery may not be recommended as it may pose a safety threat to responders.	May be used for sandy shorelines. Buried hydrocarbons may be recovered using shovels into small carry waste bags, but where possible the shoreline should be left to naturally recover to prevent any further burying of hydrocarbons (from general clean-up activities).

Technique	Description	Shoreline type: Recommended	Shoreline type: Not recommended	Application
Sorbents	Sorbent boom or pads used to recover fluid or sticky hydrocarbons. Can also be used after manual clean-up to remove any residues from crevices or from vegetation.	When hydrocarbons are free-floating close to shore or stranded onshore. As a secondary treatment method after hydrocarbon removal and in sensitive areas where access is restricted.	Access for deploying and retrieving sorbents should not be through soft or sensitive habitats or affect wildlife.	Used for rocky shorelines. Sorbent boom will allow for deployment from small shallow draught vessels, which will allow deployment close to shore where water is sheltered and to aid recovery. Sorbents will create more solid waste compared with manual clean-up, so will be limited to clean rocky shorelines.
Vacuum recovery, flushing, washing	The use of high volumes of low-pressure water, pumping and/or vacuuming to remove floating hydrocarbons accumulated at shorelines.	Suited to rocky or pebble shores where flushing can remobilise hydrocarbons (to be broken up) and aid natural recovery. Any accessible shoreline type from land or water. May be mounted on barges for water-based operations, on trucks driven to the recovery area, or hand-carried to remote sites. Flushing and vacuum may be useful for rocky substrate. Medium- to high-energy shorelines where natural removal rates are moderate to high. Where flushed hydrocarbons can be recovered to prevent further oiling of shorelines.	Areas of pooled light, fresh hydrocarbons may not be recoverable via vacuum due to fire and explosion risks. Shorelines with limited access. Flushing and washing not recommended for loose sediments. High-energy shorelines where access is restricted.	High volume low pressure (HVLP) flushing and washing into a sorbent boom could be used for rocky substrate, if protection booming has been unsuccessful in deflecting hydrocarbons from these areas.
Sediment reworking	Movement of sediment to surf to allow hydrocarbons to be removed from the sediment and move sand via heavy machinery.	When hydrocarbons have penetrated below the surface. Recommended for pebble/cobble shoreline types. Medium- to high-energy shorelines where natural removal rates are moderate to high.	Low-energy shorelines as the movement of substrate will not accelerate the natural cleaning process. Areas used by fauna which could potentially be affected by remobilised hydrocarbons.	Use of wave action to clean sediment: appropriate for sandy beaches where light machinery is accessible.

Technique	Description	Shoreline type		Application
		Recommended	Not recommended	
Vegetation cutting	Cutting vegetation to prevent oiling and reduce volume of waste and debris.	Vegetation cutting may be recommended to reduce the potential for wildlife being oiled. Where oiling is restricted to fringing vegetation.	Access in bird-nesting areas should be restricted during nesting seasons. Areas of slow-growing vegetation.	May be used on shorelines where vegetation can be safely cleared to reduce oiling.
Cleaning agents (OSCA)	Application of chemicals such as dispersants to remove hydrocarbons.	May be used for manmade structures and where public safety may be a concern.	Natural substrates and in low-energy environments where sufficient mixing energy is not present.	Not recommended for shorelines. Could be used for manmade structures such as boat ramps.

5.4.2 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-7: Environmental Performance – Shoreline Clean-up

Environmental Performance Outcome		To remove bulk and stranded hydrocarbons from shorelines and facilitate shoreline amenity habitat recovery.		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
11	Shoreline responders	11.1	In liaison with WA DoT (for Level 2/3 incidents), deployment of one shoreline clean-up team to each contaminated RPA comprised of: • 1-2 trained specialists per operation • 8-10 personnel/labour hire Personnel sourced through resource pool within 48 hours of request from the IMT.	1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		11.2	Relevant Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) will be identified in the first strike plan for activation within 24 hours of the release	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		11.3	Relevant Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) available for international locations potentially contacted by accumulation >100 g/m^2 within 14 days.	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		11.4	Clean-up operations for shorelines in line with results and recommendations from SCAT outputs	1, 3A, 3B
		11.5	All shoreline clean-up sites will be zoned and marked before clean-up operations commence.	
		11.6	In liaison with WA DoT (for Level 2/3 incidents), mobilise and deploy 3-5 shoreline clean-up operations by Day 3.	1, 2, 3A, 3C, 4
		11.7	In liaison with WA DoT (for Level 2/3 incidents), mobilise and deploy 8-10 shoreline clean-up operations by Day 5.	
		11.8	The safety of shoreline response operations will be considered and appropriately managed. During shoreline clean-up operations: • All personnel in a response will receive an operational/safety briefing before commencing operations • Gas monitoring and site entry protocols will be used to assess safety of an operational area before allowing access to response personnel	1, 3B, 4
		11.9	Open communication line to be maintained between IMT and infield operations to ensure awareness of progress against plan(s)	1, 3A, 3B
12	Shoreline clean up equipment	12.1	Contract in place with 3rd party providers to access equipment.	1, 3A, 3C, 4
		12.2	Equipment mobilised from closest stockpile within 12 hours.	
		12.3	Supplementary equipment mobilised from State, AMOSC, AMSA stockpiles within 24 hours.	1, 3C, 3D, 4
		12.4	Supplementary equipment mobilised from OSRL within 48 hours.	
13	Management of Environmental Impact of the response risks	13.1	If vessels are required for access, anchoring locations will be selected to minimise disturbance to benthic primary producer habitats. Where existing fixed anchoring points are not available, locations will be selected to minimise impact to nearshore benthic environments with a preference for areas of sandy seabed where they can be identified	1
		13.2	Shallow draft vessels will be used to access remote shorelines to minimise the impacts associated with seabed disturbance on approach to the shorelines	
		13.3	Vehicular access will be restricted on dunes, turtle nesting beaches an in mangroves	
		13.4	Removal of vegetation will be limited to moderately or heavily oiled vegetation	
		13.5	Shoreline access routes with the least environmental impact identified will be selected by a specialist in SCAT operations	
		13.6	Oversight by trained personnel who are aware of the risks	
		13.7	Trained unit leader's brief personnel of the risks prior to operations	

The resulting shoreline clean-up capability has been assessed against the WCCS. The range of techniques provide an ongoing approach to shoreline clean-up at identified RPAs. Woodside's capability can cover all required shoreline clean-up operations for the PAP from Day 5.

Whilst modelling predicts shoreline contact from Day 2.5 Ningaloo Coast North, Woodside is satisfied that the current capability is managing risks and impacts to ALARP.

The capability available meets the need identified for this activity. The shoreline clean-up capability has the following expected performance (if required during a response):

- Assessment of response capability indicates that for a worst-case scenario, the existing shoreline clean-up capability would be sufficient by Day 5, but prior to this there is a deficit in the available capability to respond to shoreline hydrocarbons as personnel and equipment are not yet mobilised to site. From Day 5 onwards, the available response capability is predicted to be sufficient as the number of personnel and equipment mobilised to RPAs increases. While additional resources are predicted to be required for shoreline clean-up to remove 100% of oil on the same day that it accumulates between Day 3 and Day 5, it is noted that up-scaling of available resources is still adequate to clean-up residual oil by the end of Week 1. It is also emphasised that the gap in capability is based on a combination of the worst case volumes and minimum timeframes to shore from CS-01. Under most conditions, the available response capability is expected to be sufficient.
- Woodside has considered deployment of additional personnel to undertake shoreline clean-up operations but is satisfied that the identified level of resource is balanced between cost, time and effectiveness. The most significant constraint on expanding the scale of response operations is the availability of accommodation and transport services in the region between Exmouth and Port Hedland and management of response generated waste. From previous assessment of accommodation in this region, Woodside estimates that current accommodation can cater for a range of 500 - 700 personnel per day for an ongoing operation.
- TRPs have been developed for all identified RPAs.
- Woodside has assessed the existing capability available and considered potential alternative, additional and improved control measures (**Section 6.4**).
- No further control measures that may result in an increased environmental benefit that involve moderate to significant cost and/or dedication of resources have been adopted as the limited scale and timeframe for deployment of this technique does not justify the excessive costs of identified alternate, improved or additional controls.

5.5 Oiled wildlife response (including hazing)

Woodside would implement a response in accordance with the Western Australian *Oiled Wildlife Operational Plan* (WA OWRP). This plan includes the process for the IMT to mobilise resources depending on the nature and scale of the spill. Oiled wildlife operations would be implemented with advice and assistance from the Oiled Wildlife Advisor from the Western Australia Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

Oiled wildlife response is undertaken in accordance with the Western Australian Oiled Wildlife Response Plan to ensure it is conducted in accordance with legislative requirements under the Animal Welfare Act 2002.

If there is a net environmental benefit, oiled wildlife operations will be conducted 24 hours per day to reduce the time for rehabilitation and release of oiled wildlife. Hazing and pre-emptive capture techniques to keep non-oiled animals away from contaminated habitat in instances where it is deemed appropriate will be conducted in accordance with the Western Australian Oiled Wildlife Response Plan, specifically vessels used in hazing/pre-emptive capture will approach fauna at slow speeds to ensure animals are not directed towards the oil and deterrence/hazing and pre-emptive capture will only be conducted if Woodside has licensed authority from DBCA and approval from the Incident Controller.

Shoreline access will be considered as part of the operational NEBA. Vehicular access would be restricted on dunes, turtle nesting beaches and in mangroves. Woodside retains specialist personnel to support and manage oiled wildlife operations, including trained and competent responders in Exmouth or the wider region. Additional personnel would be sourced through Woodside's arrangements to support an oiled wildlife response as required.

5.5.1 Response need based on predicted consequence parameters

The following statements identify the key parameters upon which a response need can be based:

- modelling predicts the shortest time to shoreline contact at day 2.5 (CS-01) at Ningaloo Coast North.
- the offshore location of the release site and relatively low floating oil concentrations is expected to initially result in low numbers of at-risk or impacted wildlife.
- as the surface oil approaches shorelines, potential for oiled wildlife impacts are likely to increase.
- it is estimated that an oiled wildlife response would be between Level 2 and 3, as defined in the WA OWRP (**Table 5-10**).

Table 5-8: Key at-risk species potentially in Priority Protection Areas and open ocean

Species	Open Ocean	Ningaloo Coast	Muiron Islands	Gascoyne AMP
Marine turtles	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sea birds and/or migratory shorebirds	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetaceans – migratory whales	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cetaceans – dolphins and porpoises	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dugongs		✓	✓	
Whale sharks	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sea snakes	✓	✓	✓	✓

The oiled wildlife response technique targets key wildlife populations at risk within Commonwealth open waters and the nearshore waters as described in **Section 4 of the EP**. Responding to oiled wildlife consists of eight key stages, as described in **Table 5-9** below.

Table 5-9: Oiled wildlife response stages

Stage	Description
Stage 1: Wildlife first strike response	Gather situational awareness including potential wildlife assets at risk.
Stage 2: Mobilisation of wildlife resources	Resources include personnel, equipment and facilities.
Stage 3: Wildlife reconnaissance	Reconnaissance to identify potentially affected animals.
Stage 4: IAP wildlife sub-plan development	The IAP includes the appropriate response options for oiled wildlife, including wildlife priorities for protection from oiling; deterrence measures (see below); and recovery and treatment of oiled wildlife; resourcing of equipment and personnel. It includes consideration of deterrence practices such as 'hazing' to prevent fauna from entering areas potentially contaminated by spilled hydrocarbons, as well as dispersing, displacing or relocating fauna to minimise/prevent contact and provide time for clean-up.
Stage 5: Wildlife rescue and staging	This includes the different roles of finding oiled wildlife, capturing wildlife, and holding and/or transportation of wildlife to oiled wildlife facilities.
Stage 6: Establishment of an oiled wildlife facility	Treatment facilities would be required for the first-aid, cleaning and rehabilitation of affected animals. A vessel-based 'on-water' facility would likely need to be established to enable stabilisation of oiled wildlife before transport to a suitable treatment facility. Suitable staging sites in Exmouth have been identified in the draft Regional Oiled Wildlife Response Operational Plan (OWROP), should a land-based site be required.
Stage 7: Wildlife rehabilitation	Considerations include a suitable rehabilitation centre and personnel, wildlife housing, record keeping and success tracking.
Stage 8: Oiled wildlife response termination	Once a decision has been made to terminate operations, the Incident Controller will stand down individual participating and supporting agencies.

Reconnaissance and primary response would be done during operational monitoring and surveillance activities. Where marine fauna are observed on water or transiting near or within the spill area, observations would be recorded through surveillance records. The shoreline assessments would be done in accordance with OM05, which would be used as a further tool to identify fauna and habitats contacted by hydrocarbons.

Staging sites would be established as forward bases for shoreline- or vessel-based field teams. Once recovered to a staging site, wildlife would be transported to the designated oiled wildlife facility or a temporary holding centre (before being transported to the oiled wildlife facility). Temporary holding centres are required when there is significant distance between a staging site and the oiled wildlife facility, to enable stabilisation of oiled animals. The oiled wildlife facility is the primary location where animals would be housed and treated. Sites proposed for staging a regional oiled wildlife response in Exmouth have been identified.

To deploy a response that is appropriate to the nature and scale of the event, as well as scalable over time, Woodside would implement an oiled wildlife response in consultation with DBAC and use the capability outlined in the WA OWRP, with additional capability if required (e.g. volunteers) accessible through Woodside's *People and Global Capability Surge Labour Requirement Plan*.

The WA OWRP provides indicative oiled wildlife response levels (**Table 5-10**) and the resources likely to be needed at each increasing level of response.

Table 5-10: Indicative oiled wildlife response level (adapted from the WA OWRP [AMOSC/DPAW, 2014])

OWR Level	Indicative personnel numbers	Indicative duration	Indicative number of birds (non-threatened species)	Indicative number of birds (threatened species)	Turtles (hatchlings, juveniles, adults)	Cetaceans	Pinnipeds	Dugongs
Level 1	6	< 3 days	1–2/day < 5 total	None	None	None	None	None
Level 2	26	> 4–14 days	1–5/day < 20 total	None	< 20 hatchlings No juv/adults	None	None	None
Level 3	59	> 4–14 days	5–10/day	1–5/day < 10 total	< 5 juv/adults < 50 hatchlings	None	< 5	None
Level 4	77	> 4–14 days	5–10/day < 200 total	5–10/day	< 20 juv/adults < 500 hatchlings	< 5, or known habitats affected	5–50	Habitat affected only
Level 5	116	> 4–14 days	10–100/ day > 200 total	10–50/day	> 20 juv/adults > 500 hatchlings	< 5 dolphins	> 50	Dugongs oiled
Level 6	122	> 4–14 days	> 100/day	10–50/day	> 20 juv/adults > 500 hatchlings	> 5 dolphins	> 50	Dugongs oiled

5.5.2 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-11: Environmental Performance – Oiled Wildlife Response

Environmental Performance Outcome		Oiled Wildlife Response is conducted in accordance with the Western Australian Oiled Wildlife Response Plan (WAOWRP) to ensure it is conducted in accordance with legislative requirements to house, release or euthanise fauna under the Animal Welfare Act 2002.		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
14	Wildlife response equipment	14.1	Contracted capability to treat 100 individual fauna for immediate mobilisation to Response Priority Areas (RPAs)	1, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		14.2	Contracted capability to treat up to an additional 250 individual fauna within a five-day period.	
		14.3	National plan access to additional resources under the guidance of the DoT (up to a Level 5 oiled wildlife response as specified in the OWRP), with the ability to treat about 600 individual fauna by the time hydrocarbons contact the shoreline.	1, 3C, 4
		14.4	Vessels used in hazing/pre-emptive capture will approach fauna at slow speeds to ensure animals are not directed towards the hydrocarbons.	1, 3A, 3B, 4
		14.5	Facilities for the rehabilitation of oiled wildlife are operational 24/7 as per WAOWRP.	1, 3A, 4
15	Wildlife responders	15.1	4 OWR Team Members to lead the oiled wildlife operations who have completed an Oiled Wildlife Response Management course	1, 2, 3B
		15.2	Wildlife responders to be accessed through resource pool and additional agreements with specialist providers	1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		15.3	Oiled wildlife operations (including hazing) would be implemented with advice and assistance from the Oiled Wildlife Advisor from the DBCA.	1
		15.4	Open communication line to be maintained between IMT and infield operations to ensure awareness of progress against plan(s)	1, 3A, 3B

The resulting wildlife response capability has been assessed against the WCCS. The range of techniques provide an ongoing approach to response at identified RPAs.

Under optimal conditions, during the subsea or surface release the capability available meets the need identified. It indicates that, the wildlife response capability has the following expected performance:

- Mobilisation and deployment of approximately 4 wildlife collection teams by Day 2 at Ningaloo Coast North.
- Mobilisation and deployment of approximately 1 additional wildlife collection teams by Day 5 at the Muiron Islands.
- Mobilisation and deployment of 2 central wildlife treatment and rehabilitation locations at Exmouth in accordance with WA OWRP.

Additional capability could be deployed but given modelling predicts discreet impacts, the response teams can be redeployed and thus additional personnel are unlikely to increase the net environmental benefit. This capability is considered to be a manageable balance between effective response and minimising environmental impact.

Woodside would establish a wildlife collection point at the RPA for identified oiled wildlife collection and sorting. From these locations, recovered wildlife would be transported to a central treatment location at Exmouth.

5.6 Waste Management

Waste management is considered a support technique to wildlife response, containment and recovery and shoreline clean-up. Waste generated and collected during the response that will require handling, management and disposal may consist of:

- Liquids (hydrocarbons and contaminated liquids) collected during wildlife response, and shoreline clean-up; and/or
- Solids/semi-solids (oily solids, garbage, contaminated materials) and debris (e.g. seaweed, sand, woods, and plastics) collected during wildlife response, and shoreline clean-up.

Expected waste volumes during an event are likely to vary depending on oil type, volume released, response techniques employed and how weathering of hydrocarbons. Waste management, handling and capacity should be scalable to ensure continuous response operations can be maintained.

All waste management activities will follow the Environment Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 and the waste will be managed to minimise final disposal volumes. Waste treatment techniques will consider contaminated solids treatment to allow disposal to landfill and solids with high concentrations of hydrocarbon will be treated and recycled where possible or used in clean fill if suitable.

The waste products would be transported from response locations to the nearest suitable staging area/waste transfer station for treatment, disposal or recycling. Waste will be transferred with appropriately licensed vehicles. Containers will be available for temporary waste storage and will be:

- labelled with the waste type
- provided with appropriate lids to prevent waste being blown overboard
- bunded if storing liquid wastes.
- processes will be in place for transfers of bulk liquid wastes and include:
  - inspection of transfer hose undertaken prior to transfer
  - watchman equipped with radio visually monitors loading hose during transfer
  - tank gauges monitored throughout operation to prevent overflow

The Oil Spill Preparedness Waste Management Support Plan details the procedures, capability and capacity in place between Woodside and its primary waste services contractor (Veolia Waste Management) to manage waste volumes generated from response activities.

5.6.1 Response need based on predicted consequence parameters

Table 5-12: Response Planning Assumptions – Waste Management

Response planning assumptions: Waste management	
Waste loading per m^3 oil recovered (multiplier)	Shoreline clean-up (manual) – approx. 5-10x multiplier for oily solid and liquid wastes generated by manual clean-up
	Oiled wildlife response – approx. 1 m^3 of oily liquid waste generated for each wildlife unit cleaned

5.6.2 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-13: Environmental Performance – Waste Management

Environmental Performance Outcome		To minimise further impacts, waste will be managed, tracked and disposed of in accordance with laws and regulations.		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
17	Waste Management	17.1	Contract with waste management services for transport, removal, treatment and disposal of waste	1, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		17.2	Access to at least 2000 m^3 of solid and liquid waste storage available within 3 days upon activation of 3rd party contract.	
		17.3	Access to up to 2000 m^3 of solid and liquid waste storage up to end of Month 1.	
		17.4	Decanting in accordance with National Plan guidelines to occur in daylight hours into the apex of the boom once hydrocarbon/water has settled in storage container.	
		17.5	Recovered hydrocarbons and wastes will be transferred to licensed treatment facility for reprocessing or disposal.	
		17.6	Response teams will segregate liquid and solid wastes at the earliest opportunity.	
		17.7	Waste management provider support staff available year-round to assist in the event of an incident with waste management as detailed in contract.	
		17.8	Open communication line to be maintained between IMT and waste management services to ensure the reliable flow of accurate information between parties.	1, 3A, 3B
		17.9	Waste management to be conducted in accordance with Australian laws and regulations	1, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4
		17.10	Waste management services available and employed during response	

The resulting waste management capability has been assessed against the WCCS. The range of techniques provide an ongoing approach to waste management at identified RPAs.

Noting that offshore surface dispersant application and containment and recovery operations are unlikely to be a significant part of the response for the WCCS, the greatest waste volumes are associated with shoreline clean-up activities, with a small contribution from potential shoreline protection and deflection and oiled wildlife response.

The greatest volume of hydrocarbons ashore for CS-01 may involve, 196 m^3 of diesel on Day 3, followed by an additional 3 m^3 of diesel on Day 4 and an additional 38 m^3 of diesel on Day 5, generating a maximum of approximately 1,960 m^3 of waste during any single day during Week1 of the response.

This indicates that the waste management capability has the following expected performance:

- Woodside has assessed the existing capability available and considered potential alternative, additional and improved control measures. Woodside currently has access to service providers committed to providing approximately 120,000 m^3 liquid waste over 77 days (approximately 1,600 m^3 per day) from an offshore response or 64,000 m^3 solid waste over 130 days for shoreline clean-up.
- The waste management requirements of all credible spill scenarios are well within Woodside's and its service providers existing capacity.
- Woodside has assessed the existing capability available and considered potential alternative, additional and improved control measures (**Section 6.6**).

- No further control measures that may result in an increased environmental benefit that involve moderate to significant cost and/or dedication of resources have been adopted as the requirements of this technique does not justify the excessive costs of identified alternate, improved or additional controls.

5.7 Scientific monitoring

A scientific monitoring program (SMP) would be activated following a Level 2 or 3 unplanned hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors. This would consider receptors at risk (ecological and socio-economic) for the entire predicted Environment that Maybe Affected (EMBA) and in particular, any identified Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) for the credible spill scenario(s) or other identified unplanned hydrocarbon releases associated with the operational activities (refer to **Table 2-1**: PAP credible spill scenarios).

The outputs of the stochastic hydrocarbon spill modelling are used to assess the environmental risk, in terms of delineating which areas of the marine environment are predicted to be exposed to hydrocarbons exceeding environmental threshold concentrations (refer to **Table 2-2**, **Section 2.3.1.1**). The summary of all the locations where hydrocarbon thresholds could be exceeded by any of the simulations modelled is defined as the EMBA. The Petroleum Activities Program worst-case credible spill scenario (CS-01) defines the EMBA and is the basis of the SMP approach presented in this section.

It should be noted that the resulting SMP receptor locations may differ from the Response Protection Areas (RPAs) discussed in **Section 3** of this document due to the applicability of different hydrocarbon threshold levels. The SMP would be informed by the data collected via the operational monitoring program (OMP) studies, however, it differs from the OMP in being a long-term program independent of, and not directing, the operational oil spill response or monitoring of impacts from response activities (refer to Section 5.1 Monitor and Evaluate) for the operational monitoring overview.

Key objectives of the Woodside oil spill scientific monitoring program are:

- Assess the extent, severity and persistence of the environmental impacts from the spill event;
  and
- Monitor subsequent recovery of impacted key species, habitats and ecosystems.

The SMP comprises ten targeted environmental monitoring programs to assess the condition of a range of physico-chemical (water and sediment) and biological (species and habitats) receptors including EPBC Act listed species, environmental values associated with protected areas and socio-economic values, such as fisheries. The ten SMPs are as follows:

- SM01 - Assessment of the presence, quantity and character of hydrocarbons in marine waters (linked to OM01 to OM03)
- SM02 - Assessment of the presence, quantity and character of hydrocarbons in marine sediments (linked to OM01 and OM05)
- SM03 – Assessment of impacts and recovery of subtidal and intertidal benthos
- SM04 - Assessment of impacts and recovery of mangroves/saltmarsh habitat
- SM05 - Assessment of impacts and recovery of seabird and shorebird populations
- SM06 - Assessment of impacts and recovery of nesting marine turtle populations
- SM07 - Assessment of impacts to pinniped colonies including haul-out site populations
- SM08 - Desktop assessment of impacts to other non-avian marine megafauna
- SM09 - Assessment of impacts and recovery of marine fish (linked to SM03)
- SM10 - Assessment of physiological impacts to important fish and shellfish species (fish health and seafood quality/safety) and recovery.

These SMPs have been designed to cover all key tropical and temperate habitats and species within Australian waters and broader, if required. A planning area for scientific monitoring is also identified to acknowledge potential hydrocarbon contact below the environmental threshold concentrations and beyond the EMBA. This planning area has been set with reference to the entrained low exposure value of 10 ppb detailed in the NOPSEMA Bulletin #1 Oil Spill Modelling (2019), and for this activity is shown in **Figure 5-1**.

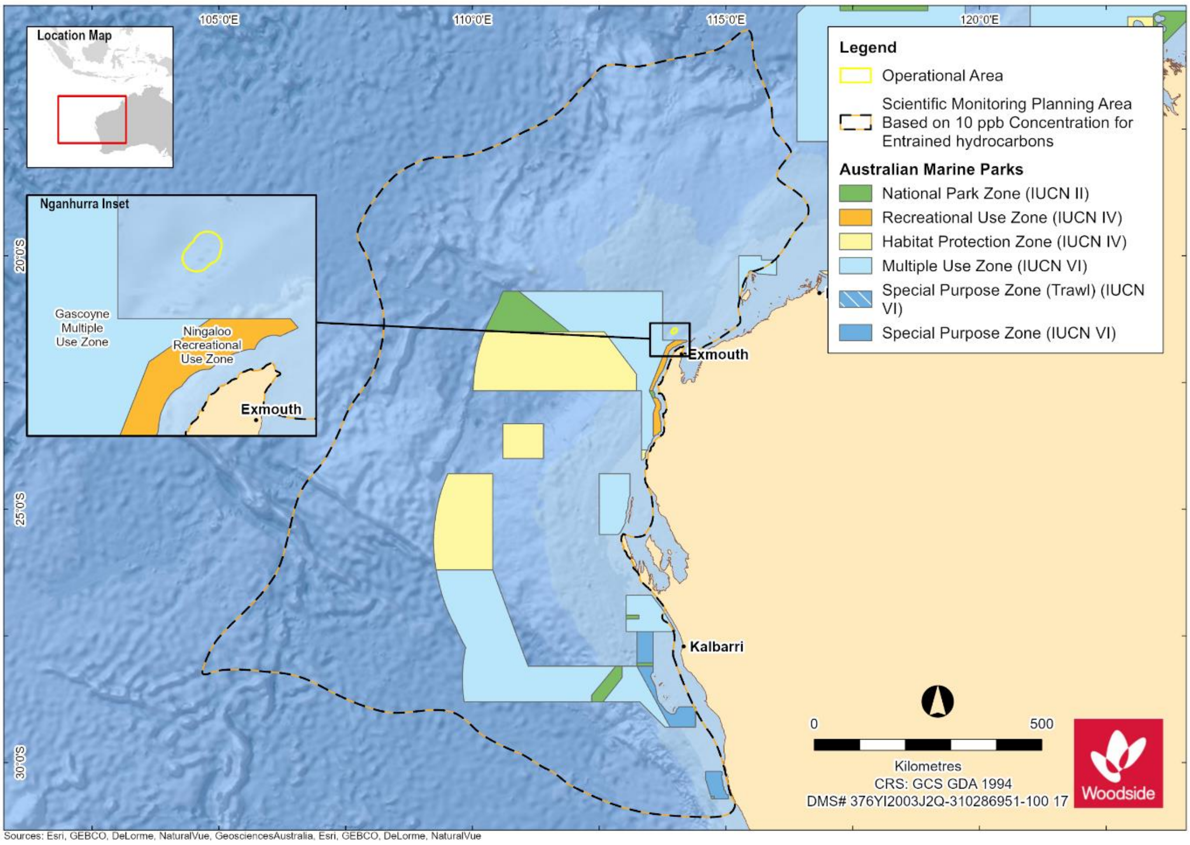

Figure 5-1: The planning area for scientific monitoring based on the area potentially contacted by the low (below ecological impact) entrained hydrocarbon threshold of 10 ppb in the event of the worst-case credible spill scenario CS-01).

Please note that **Figure 5-1** represents the overall combined extent of the oil spill model outputs based on a total of 200 replicate simulations over an annual period for CS-01 and therefore represents the largest spatial boundaries of 200 CS-01 hydrocarbon spill combinations, not the spatial extent of a single CS-01 hydrocarbon spill trajectory.

5.7.1 Scientific Monitoring Deployment Considerations

Scientific Monitoring Deployment Considerations	
Existing baseline studies for sensitive receptor locations predicted to be affected by a spill	Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) of the following two categories: • PBAs within the predicted <10-day hydrocarbon contact time prediction: As part of this assessment, a desktop review was conducted of available and appropriate baseline data for key receptors for locations (if any) that are potentially impacted within 10 days of a spill (based on the EMBA). Furthermore, the need to conduct baseline data collection to address data gaps and demonstrate spill response preparedness is assessed (refer to Annex D). In the scenario, that baseline data needs are identified, planning for baseline data acquisition is typically commenced pre-PAP and the execution of studies undertaken considers: receptor type, seasonality and temporal assessment requirements and location conditions. • PBAs predicted >10 days to hydrocarbon contact: As part of this assessment, a desktop review is conducted of available and appropriate baseline data for key receptors for locations (if any) that are potentially impacted >10 days' time of a hydrocarbon spill event and documented (refer to **Section 5.7.2**). In the event of a spill, the SMP activation (as per the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Oil Pollution First Strike Response Plan) directs the SMP team to follow the steps outlined in the SMP Operational Plan. The steps include: the review of availability and type of existing baseline data, with particular reference to any Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) identified as >10 days to hydrocarbon contact as predicted by forecast modelling trajectories. Such information is used to identify response phase PBAs and plan for the activation of SMPs for pre-emptive (i.e. pre-hydrocarbon contact) baseline assessment.
Pre-emptive Baseline in the event of a spill	Activation of SMPs in order to collect baseline data at sensitive receptor locations with predicted hydrocarbon contact time >10 days (refer to **Section 5.7.2**) and the process as documented in ANNEX C).
Survey platform suitability and availability	In the event of the SMP activation, suitable survey platforms are available and can support the range of equipment and data collection methodologies to be implemented in nearshore and offshore marine environments.
Trained personnel to implement SMPs suitable and available.	Access to trained personnel and the sampling equipment contracted for scientific monitoring via a dedicated scientific monitoring program standby contract.
Met-ocean conditions	The following met-ocean conditions are the identified limits for implementing SMPs: • Waves <1 m for nearshore systems • Waves <1.5 m for offshore systems • Winds <20 knots • Daylight operations only SMP implementation will be planned and managed according to HSE risk reviews and the met-ocean conditions on a day to day basis by SMP operations.

5.7.2 Response planning assumptions

Response Planning Assumptions	
Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs)	Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) identified through the application of defined hydrocarbon impact thresholds during the Quantitative Spill Risk Assessment process and a consideration of the minimum time to contact at receptor locations fall into two categories: • PBAs for which baseline data exist or are planned for and data collection may commence pre-PAP (≤ 10 days minimum time to contact). • PBAs (> 10 days minimum time to contact) for which baseline data may be collected in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release. In the event of a spill, response phase PBAs are prioritized based on vulnerability (i.e. time to contact and environmental sensitivity) to potential impacts from hydrocarbon contact and an identified need to acquire baseline data.

	Time to hydrocarbon contact of >10 days has been identified as a minimum timeframe within which it is feasible to plan and mobilise applicable SMPs and commence collection of baseline (pre-hydrocarbon contact) data, in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release from the activity. The PBAs for Nganhurra Operations Cessation are identified and listed in ANNEX D, Table D-1. The listed PBAs, together with the situational awareness (provided by the operational monitoring) are the basis for the response phase SMP planning and implementation.
Pre-Spill	Activity: Nganhurra Operations Cessation A review of existing baseline data for receptor locations (refer to Annex D, Table D-1) with potential to be contacted by surface, dissolved or entrained hydrocarbons at environmental thresholds ≤10 days, relating to the worse case credible scenario hydrocarbon release for the activity has identified the following: • Ningaloo Coast [5] • Muiron Islands [6] Refer to ANNEX D, Table D-2 – baseline data available. Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) potentially affected includes: • Gascoyne AMP • Ningaloo AMP • Carnarvon AMP All the Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) are located in offshore waters where hydrocarbon exposure is possible from floating hydrocarbons (on surface waters) and in the water column.
In the Event of a Spill	Receptor locations with >10 days to hydrocarbon contact, as well as the wider area, will be investigated and identified by the SMP team (in the Environment Unit of the ICC) as the spill event unfolds and as the situational awareness provided by the OMPs permits delineation of the spill affected area (for example, updates to the spill trajectory tracking). The full list of receptor locations is presented in Annex D, based on the PAP worse-case credible spill scenario (CS-01) (Table 2-1). To address the initial focus in a response phase SMP planning situation, receptor locations predicted to be contacted between >10 days have been identified as follows: • Shark Bay (AMP, WHA and State Marine Park) including the barrier islands of Bernier and Dorre. • Abrolhos AMP The unfolding spill affected area predictions and confirmation of appropriate baseline data will determine the selection of receptor locations and SMPs to be activated in order to gather pre-emptive (pre-hydrocarbon contact) data. Refer to ANNEX C for further details on the process for scientific monitoring plan implementation and delivery. The timing of SMP activation and mobilisation of the individual SMPs to undertake data collection will be decided and documented by the Woodside SMP team following the process outlined in the SMP Operational Plan. In the event key receptors within geographic locations potentially impacted after 10 days (following a spill event or commencement of the spill), a response phase SMP effort to collect baseline data would be addressed. SMP planning would assess where adequate and appropriate baseline data are not available and a response phase effort to collect baseline data for the following purposes: • Priority will be given to the collection of baseline data for receptors predicted to be within the spill affected area prior to hydrocarbon contact. The process is initiated with the investigation of available baseline and time to hydrocarbon contact (>10 days which is sufficient time to mobilise SMP teams and acquire data before hydrocarbon contact). With reference to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation, priority would be focused on the Ningaloo Coast, south of the predicted minimum time to contact locations. • Highly sensitive and/or valued habitats and communities in coastal waters will be prioritised for pre-emptive baseline surveys over open water areas of AMPs.

[5] Ningaloo Coast includes the WHA, State Marine Park
[6] Muiron Islands includes the WHA and State Marine Management Area

	• Collection of baseline data for receptors predicted to be outside the spill affected area so reference datasets for comparative analysis with impacted receptor types can be assessed post-spill.
Baseline Data	• A summary of the spill affected area and receptor locations as defined by the EMBA for the PAP (PAP) worse case credible spill scenario CS-01 is presented in Nganhurra Operations Cessation EP (Section 7). • The key receptors at risk by location and corresponding SMPs based on the EMBA for the PAP are presented in ANNEX D, Table D-1, as per the worst case credible spill event scenario 01. This matrix maps the receptors at risk with their location and the applicable SMPs that may be triggered in the event of a Level two or three hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors. Receptor locations and applicable SMPs are colour coded to highlight possible time to contact based on receptor types and locations. • The status of baseline studies relevant to the PAP are tracked by Woodside through the maintenance of a SMP Environmental Baseline Database (managed by the Woodside Environmental Science team), as well as accessing external databases such as the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA) Index of Marine Surveys for Assessment (IMSA)[1] (refer to ANNEX C).

5.7.3 Summary – scientific monitoring

The resulting scientific monitoring capability has been assessed against the PAP worst case credible spill scenario CS-01. The SMP assessment provides for a range of strategies and an ongoing approach to monitoring the response and operations to assess and evaluate the scale and extent of impacts. All known reasonably practicable control measures have been adopted with the cost and organisational complexity of these options determined to be moderate and the overall delivery effectiveness determined to be medium. The SMP's main objectives can be met, with no additional, alternative or improved control measures providing further benefit.

5.7.4 Response planning: need, capability and gap – scientific monitoring

The receptor locations identified in ANNEX D provide the basis of the SMPs likely to be selected and activated. Once the Woodside SMP Delivery team and Standby SMP contractor have been stood up and the exact nature and scale of the spill becomes known, the SMPs to be activated will be confirmed as per the process set out in the SMP Operational Plan.

Scope of SMP Operations in the event of a hydrocarbon spill:

Receptor locations of interest for the SMP during the response phase are:

- Ningaloo Coast
- Muiron Islands
- Ningaloo AMP
- Gascoyne AMP
- Carnarvon AMP

Documented baseline studies are available for certain sensitive receptor locations including the Ningaloo Coast and Muiron Islands (ANNEX D, Table D-2). The SMP approach in the response phase would still deploy SMP teams to maximise the opportunity to collect pre-emptive baseline data at sensitive receptor locations, i.e., the sections of the Ningaloo Coast not immediately contacted to hydrocarbons. As the exact locations where hydrocarbon contact occurs may be unpredictable, SM01 would be mobilised as a priority to be able to detect hydrocarbons and track the leading edge of the spill to verify where hydrocarbon contact occurs which will assist with where SMP resources are a priority need to obtain pre-emptive baseline data.

[1] https://biocollect.ala.org.au/imsa#max%3D20%26sort%3DdateCreatedSort

The option analysis in **Section 6.7** considers ways to reduce the gap by considering alternate, additional, and/or improved control measures on each selected response strategy.

5.7.5 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-14: Scientific monitoring

<table>
<tr><th colspan="2">Environmental Performance Outcome</th><th colspan="3">Woodside can demonstrate preparedness to stand up the SMP to quantitatively assess and report on the extent, severity, persistence and recovery of sensitive receptors impacted from the spill event</th></tr>
<tr><th colspan="2">Control measure</th><th colspan="2">Performance Standard</th><th>Measurement Criteria</th></tr>
<tr><td>18</td><td>Woodside has an established and dedicated SMP team comprising the Environmental Science Team and additional Environment Advisers within the HSE Function.</td><td>18.1</td><td>SMP team comprises a pool of competent Environment Advisers (stand up personnel) who receive training regarding the SMP, SMP activation and implementation of the SMP on an annual basis</td><td>Training materials
Training attendance registers
Process that maps minimum qualification and experience with key SMP role competency and a tracker to manage availability of competent people for the SMP team including redundancy and rostering</td></tr>
<tr><td>19</td><td>Woodside has a contracted SMP service provider to supply scientific personnel and equipment to implement the SMPs. The service will resource a base capability of one team per SMP (SM01-SM10), see Table C-2, ANNEX C and as detailed in Woodside's SMP standby contractor Implementation Plan. The availability of relevant personnel is reported to Woodside on a monthly basis via a simple report on the base-loading availability of suitable people for each of the SMPs comprising field work for data collection (SMP resourcing report register).
In the event of a spill and the SMP is activated, the base-loading availability of scientific personnel will be provided by the SMP standby contractor for the individual SMPs and where gaps in resources are identified, the SMP standby contractor and Woodside will seek additional personnel (if needed) from other sources including Woodside's Environmental Services Panel.</td><td>19.1</td><td>Woodside maintains the capability to mobilise personnel required to conduct scientific monitoring programs SM01 – SM10 (except desktop based SM08):
Personnel are sourced through the existing standby contract with SMP standby contractor, as detailed within the SMP Implementation Plan.
Scientific Monitoring Program Implementation Plan describes the process for standing up and implementing the scientific monitoring programs.
SMP team stand up personnel receive training regarding the stand up, activation and implementation of the SMP on an annual basis</td><td>Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness (HSP) Internal Control Environment tracks the quarterly review of the Oil Spill Contracts.
SMP resource report of personnel availability provided by SMP contractor on monthly basis (SMP resourcing report register).
Training materials
Training attendance registers
Competency criteria for SMP roles
SMP annual arrangement testing and reporting</td></tr>
<tr><td>20</td><td>Roles and responsibilities for SMP implementation are captured in Table C-1 (Annex C) and the SMP team (as per the organisational structure of the ICC) is outlined in SMP Operational Plan. Woodside has a defined Crisis and Incident Management structure including Source Control, Operations, Planning and Logistics functions to manage a response.
SMP Team structure, interface with SMP standby contractor (standby SMP contractor) and linkage to the ICC is presented in Figure C-1, ANNEX C
Woodside has a defined Command, Control and Coordination structure for Incident and Emergency Management that is based on the AIIMS framework utilised in Australia.
Woodside utilises an online Incident Management Information System (IMIS) to coordinate and track key incident management functions. This includes specialist modelling programs, geographic information systems (GIS), as well as communication flows within the Command, Control and Coordination structure.
SMP activated via the First Strike Plan (FSP)
Step by step process to activation of individual SMPs provided in the SMP Operational Plan
All decisions made regarding SMP logged in the online IMIS (SMP team members trained in using Woodside's online Incident Management System)
SMP component input to the ICC Incident Action Plan (IAP) as per the identified ICC timed sessions and the SMP IAP logged on the online IMIS
Woodside Environmental Science Team provide awareness training on the activation and stand-up of the Scientific Monitoring Programme (SMP) for the Environment Advisers in Woodside who are listed on the SMP team on an annual basis.
Woodside Environmental Science Team provide awareness training on the activation and stand-up of the Scientific Monitoring Programme (SMP) for the SMP standby contractor.
Woodside Environmental Science Team co-ordinates an annual SMP arrangement testing exercise which the SMP standby contractor.</td><td>20.1</td><td>Woodside has established an SMP organisational structure and processes to stand up and deliver the SMP.</td><td>SMP Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Operational Plan
SMP Implementation Plan
SMP annual arrangement testing and reporting</td></tr>
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21	• Chartered and mutual aid vessels. • Suitable vessels would be secured from the Woodside support vessels, regional fleet of vessels operated by Woodside and other operators and the regional charter market. • Vessel suitability will be guided by the need to be equipped to operate grab samplers, drop camera systems and water sampling equipment (the individual vessel requirements are outlined in the relevant SMP methodologies (refer to Table C-2, ANNEX C). • Nearshore mainland waters could use the same approach as for open water. Smaller vessels may be used where available and appropriate. Suitable vehicles and machinery for onshore access to nearshore SMP locations would be provided by Woodside's transport services contract and sourced from the wider market. • Dedicated survey equipment requirements for scientific monitoring range from remote towed video and drop camera systems to capture seabed images of benthic communities to intertidal/onshore surveying tools such as quadrats, theodolites and spades/trowels, cameras and binoculars (specific survey equipment requirements are outlined in the relevant SMP methodologies (refer to Table C-2, ANNEX C)). Equipment would be sourced through the existing SMP standby contract and if additional surge capacity is required this would be available through the other Woodside Environmental Services Panel Contractors and specialist contractors. SMP standby contractor can also address equipment redundancy through either individual or multiple suppliers. MoUs are in place with one marine sampling equipment company and one analytical laboratory (SMP resourcing report register). • Availability of SMP equipment for offshore/onshore scientific monitoring team mobilisation is within one week to ten days of the commencement of a hydrocarbon release. This meets the SMP mobilisation lead time that will support meeting the response objective of 'to acquire, where practicable, the environmental baseline data prior to hydrocarbon contact required to support the post-response SMP'.	21.1	Woodside maintains standby SMP capability to mobilise equipment required to conduct scientific monitoring programs SM01 – SM10 (except desktop based SM08): • Equipment is sourced through the existing standby contract with SMP standby contractor as detailed within the SMP Implementation Plan.	• HSP Internal Control Environment tracks the quarterly review of the Oil Spill Contracts • SMP standby monthly resource reports of equipment availability provided by SMP contractor (SMP resourcing report register). • SMP annual arrangement testing and reporting
22	Woodside's SMP approach addresses the pre-PAP acquisition of baseline data for Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) with ≤10 days if required following a baseline gap analysis process. Woodside maintains knowledge of Environmental Baseline data through: • Documentation annual reviews of the Woodside SMP Baseline Environmental Studies Database, and specific activity baseline gap analyses. • Accessing external databases such as the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA) Index of Marine Surveys for Assessment (IMSA) (refer to ANNEX C: Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Program).	22.1	• Annual reviews of environmental baseline data • PAP specific Pre-emptive Baseline Area baseline gap analysis	• Annual review/update of Woodside Baseline Environmental Studies Database • Desktop review to assess the environmental baseline study gaps completed prior to EP submission • Accessing baseline knowledge via the SMP annual arrangement testing

Environmental Performance Outcome		SMP plan to acquire response phase monitoring targeting pre-emptive baseline data achieved		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
23	Woodside's SMP approach addresses: • Scientific data acquisition for PBAs >10 days to hydrocarbon contact and activated in the response phase and • Transition into post-response SMP monitoring.	23.1	**Pre-emptive Baseline Area (PBA) baseline data acquisition in the response phase** If baseline data gaps are identified for PBAs predicted to have hydrocarbon contact in >10 days, there will be a response phase effort to collect baseline data. Priority in implementing SMPs will be given to receptors where pre-emptive baseline data can be acquired or improved. SMP team (within the Environment Unit of the ICC) contribute SMP component of the ICC Planning Function in development of the IAP.	• Response SMP plan • Woodside's online Incident Management System records • SMP component of the Incident Action Plan.
		23.2	**Post Spill contact** For the receptors contacted by the spill in where baseline data are available, SMPs programs to assess and monitor receptor condition will be implemented post spill (i.e. after the response phase).	• SMP planning document • SMP Decision Log • Incident Action Plans (IAPs)
Environmental Performance Outcome		Implementation of the SMP (response and post-response phases)		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
24	• Scientific monitoring will address quantitative assessment of environmental impacts of a level 2 or 3 spill or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors. The SMP comprises ten targeted environmental monitoring programs. • SMP supporting documentation: (1) Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Operational Plan; (2) SMP Implementation Plan and (3) SMP Process and Methodologies Guideline. • The Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Operational Plan details the process of SMP selection, input to the IAP to trigger operational logistic support	24.1	**Implementation of SM01** SM01 will be implemented to assess the presence, quantity and character of hydrocarbons in marine waters during the spill event in nearshore areas	Evidence SM01 has been triggered: • Documentation as per requirements of the SMP Operational Plan • Woodside's online Incident Management System Records. • SMP component of the IAP • SMP data records from field

	services. Methodology documents for each of the ten SMPs are accessible detailing equipment, data collection techniques and the specifications required for the survey platform support. • The SMP standby contractor holds a Woodside SMP implementation plan detailing activation processes, linkage with the Woodside SMP team and the general principles for the planning and mobilisation of SMPs to deliver the individual SMPs activated. Monthly resourcing report are issued by the SMP standby contractor (SMP resourcing report register). All SMP documents and their status are tracked via SMP document register.		**Implementation of SM02-SM10** SM02-SM10 will be implemented in accordance with the objectives and activation triggers as per Table C-2 of Annex C.	Evidence SMPs have been triggered: • Documentation as per requirements of the SMP Operational Plan • Woodside's online Incident Management System Records. • SMP component of the IAP • SMP Data records from field
		24.2	**Termination of SMP plans** The Scientific Monitoring Program will be terminated in accordance with termination triggers for the SMPs detailed in Table C-2 of Annex C, and the Termination Criteria Decision-tree for Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring (Figure C-3 of Annex C):	Evidence of Termination Criteria triggered: • Documentation and approval by relevant stakeholders to end SMPs for specific receptor types.

5.8 Incident Management System

The Incident Management System is both a control measure and a measurement criterion. As a control measure the IMS function is to prompt, facilitate and record the completion of three key response planning processes detailed below. As a measurement criterion the IMS records the evidence of the timeliness of all response actions included in the environmental performance standards and the plans used of the PAP.

As the IMS does not directly remove hydrocarbons spilt into the marine environment there is no direct relationship to the response planning need.

5.8.1 Incident action planning

The ICC will be required to collect and interpret information from the scene of the incident to determine support requirements to the site-based IMT, develop an incident action plan (IAP) and assist the IMT with the execution of that plan. The site-based incident controller (IC) may request the ICC to complete notifications internally within Woodside, to stakeholders and government agencies as required. Depending on the type and scale of the incident either the ICC Duty Manager (DM) or IC will be responsible for ensuring the development of the IAP. Incident Action Planning is an ongoing process that involves continual review to ensure techniques to control the incident are appropriate to the situation at the time.

5.8.2 Operational NEBA process

In the event of a response Woodside will confirm that the response techniques adopted at the time of Environment Plan/Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (EP/OPEP) acceptance remain appropriate to reduce the consequences of the spill. This process verifies that there is a continuing net environmental benefit associated with continuing the response technique through the operational NEBA process. This process manages the environmental risks and impacts of response techniques during the spill response, an operational NEBA will be undertaken throughout the response, for each operational period.

The operational NEBA will consider the risks and benefits of conducting and response activity. For example, if vessels are required for access to nearshore or onshore areas, anchoring locations will be selected to minimise disturbance to benthic habitats. Vessel cleanliness would be commensurate with the receiving environment. The operational NEBA will consider the risks and benefits of conducting other response techniques.

The operational NEBA process is also used to terminate a response. Using data from operational and scientific monitoring activities the response to a hydrocarbon spill will be terminated in accordance with the termination process outlined in the Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia). In effect the operational NEBA will determine whether there is net environmental benefit to continue response operations.

5.8.3 Stakeholder engagement process

Woodside will ensure stakeholders are engaged during the spill response in accordance with internal standards. This process requires that Woodside will:

- Undertake all required notifications (including government notifications) for stakeholders in the region (identified in the First-Strike Response Plan). This includes notification to mariners to communicate navigational hazards introduced through response equipment and personnel.
- In the event of a response, identify and engage with relevant stakeholders and continually assess and review.

5.8.4 Environmental performance based on need

Table 5-15: Environmental Performance – Incident Management System

Environmental Performance Outcome		To support the effectiveness of all other control measures and monitor/record the performance levels achieved.		
Control measure		**Performance Standard**		**Measurement Criteria**
25	Operational SIMA	25.1	Confirm that the response techniques adopted at the time of acceptance remain appropriate to reduce the consequences of the spill within the next 24 hours.	1, 3A
		25.2	Record the evidence and justification for any deviation from the planned response activities.	
		25.3	Record the information and data from operational and scientific monitoring activities used to inform the SIMA.	
26	Stakeholder engagement	26.1	Prompt and record all notifications (including government notifications) for stakeholders in the region are made	
		26.2	In the event of a response, identification of relevant stakeholders will be re-assessed throughout the response period.	
		26.3	Undertake communications in accordance with: • Woodside Crisis Management Functional Support Team Guideline – Reputation • External Communication and Continuous Disclosure Procedure • External Stakeholder Engagement Procedure	
27	Personnel required to support any response	27.1	Action planning is an ongoing process that involves continual review to ensure techniques to control the incident are appropriate to the situation at the time.	1, 3B
		27.2	A duty roster (Link) of trained and competent people will be maintained to ensure that minimum manning requirements are met all year round.	3C
		27.3	Immediately activate the IMT with personnel filling one or more of the following roles: • Operations Duty Manager • D&C Duty Manager • Operations Coordinator • Deputy Operations Coordinator • Planning Coordinator • Logistics (materials, aviation, marine and support positions) • Management Support • Health and Safety Advisor • Environment Duty Manager • People Coordinator • Public Information Coordinator • Intelligence Coordinator • Finance Coordinator.	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4
		27.4	Collect and interpret information from the scene of the incident to determine support requirements to the site-based IMT, develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and assist with the execution of that plan.	
		27.5	Security and emergency management (S&EM) advisors will be integrated into ICC to monitor performance of all functional roles.	
		27.6	Continually communicate the status of the spill and support Woodside to determine the most appropriate response by delivering on the responsibilities of their role.	
		27.7	Follow the OPEA, Operational Plans, FSPs, support plans and the IAPs developed.	1, 2, 3A, 4
		27.8	Contribute to Woodside's response in accordance with the aims and objectives set by the Duty Manager.	1, 2, 3B, 3C, 4

5.9 Measurement criteria for all response techniques

Woodside ensures compliance with environmental performance outcomes and standards through four primary mechanisms. The aforementioned performance tables identify which of these four mechanisms monitors the readiness and records the effectiveness and performance of the control measures adopted.

1. The Incident Management System

The Incident Management System (IMS) supports the implementation of the Emergency and Crisis Management Procedure. The IMS provides a near real-time, single source of information for monitoring and recording an incident and measuring the performance of those control measures.

The Emergency and Crisis Management Procedure defines the management framework, including roles and responsibilities, to be applied to any size incident (including hydrocarbon spills). The organisational structure required to manage an incident is developed in a modular fashion and is based on the specific requirements of each incident. The structure can be scaled up or down.

The Incident Action Plan (IAP) process formally documents and communicated the:

- Incident objectives
- Status of assets
- Operational period objectives
- Response techniques (defined during response planning)
- The effectiveness of response techniques.

The information captured in the IMS (including information from personal logs and assigned tasks/close outs) confirms the response techniques implemented remain appropriate to reduce the consequences of the spill. The system also records all information and data that can be used to support the site-based IMT, development and the execution of the IAP.

2. The S&EM Competency Dashboard

The S&EM competency dashboard records the number of trained and competent responders that are available across Woodside, and some external providers, to participate in a response.

This number varies dependent on expiry of competency certificates, staff attrition, internal rotations, leave and other absences. As such the Dashboard is designed to identify the minimum manning requirements and to identify sufficient redundancy to cater for the variances listed above.

Figure 5-2 shows the minimum manning numbers for the different hydrocarbon spill response roles and the number of qualified persons against those roles.

Woodside's pool of trained responders is composed of but not limited to personnel from the following organisations:

- Woodside internal
- Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC) core group
- AMOSC
- Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL)
- Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC)
- AMSA
- Woodside contracted workforce

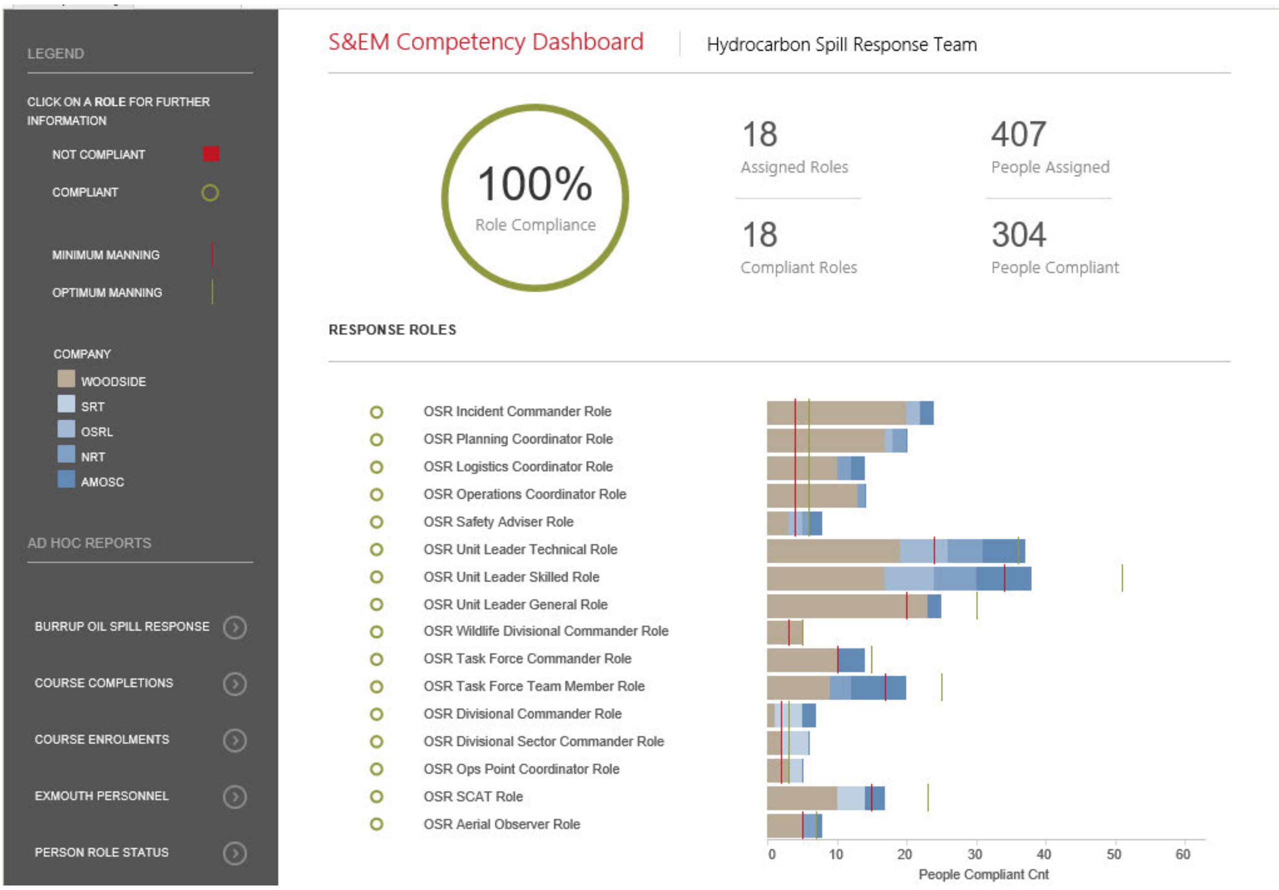
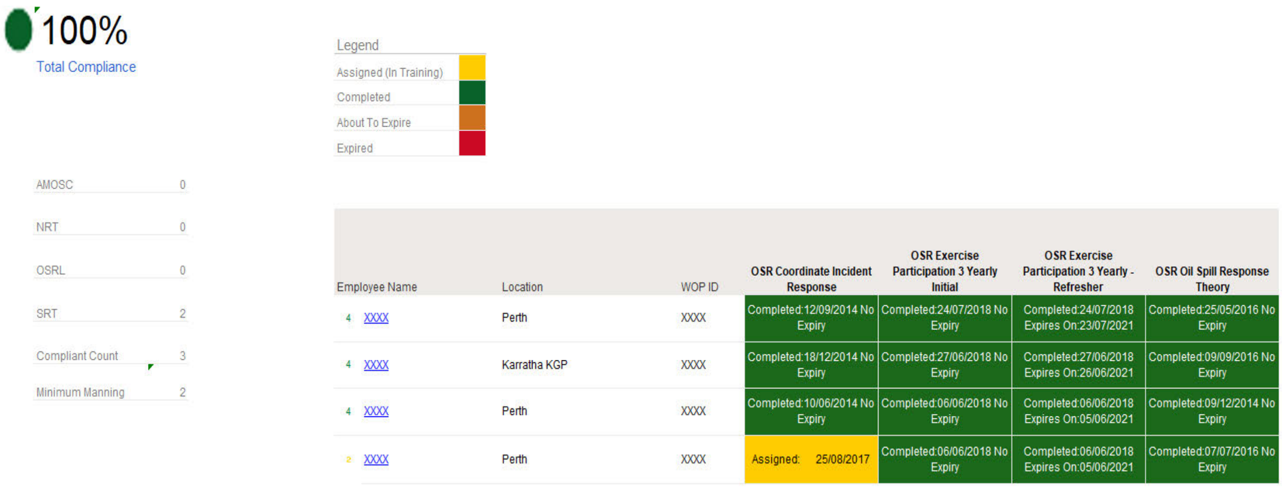


Figure 5-2: Example screen shot of the HSP competency dashboard

The Dashboard is one of Woodside's key means of monitoring its readiness to respond. It also and shows that Woodside can meet the requirements of the environmental performance standard that relate to filling certain response roles.

Figure 5-3 shows deeper dive into the Ops Point Coordinator role and the training modules required to show competence.



	Employee Name	Location	WOP ID	OSR Coordinate Incident Response	OSR Exercise Participation 3 Yearly Initial	OSR Exercise Participation 3 Yearly - Refresher	OSR Oil Spill Response Theory
4	XXXX	Perth	XXXX	Completed:12/09/2014 No Expiry	Completed:24/07/2018 No Expiry	Completed:24/07/2018 Expires On:23/07/2021	Completed:25/05/2016 No Expiry
4	XXXX	Karratha KGP	XXXX	Completed:18/12/2014 No Expiry	Completed:27/06/2018 No Expiry	Completed:27/06/2018 Expires On:26/06/2021	Completed:09/09/2016 No Expiry
4	XXXX	Perth	XXXX	Completed:10/06/2014 No Expiry	Completed:06/06/2018 No Expiry	Completed:06/06/2018 Expires On:05/06/2021	Completed:09/12/2014 No Expiry
2	XXXX	Perth	XXXX	Assigned: 25/08/2017	Completed:06/06/2018 No Expiry	Completed:06/06/2018 Expires On:05/06/2021	Completed:07/07/2016 No Expiry

Figure 5-3: Example screen shot for the Ops Point Coordinator role

3. The Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness ICE Assurance Process

The Hydrocarbon Spill Response Team has developed a Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness and Response Internal Control Environment (ICE) process to align and feed into the Woodside Management System Assurance process for hydrocarbon spill. The process tracks compliance over four key control areas:

a) **Plans** – Ensures all plans (including: Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements, first strike response plans, operational plans, support plans and tactical response plans in **Annex E**) are current and in line with regulatory and internal requirements.

b) **Competency** – Ensures the competency dashboard is up to date and there are the minimum competency numbers across ICC, Crisis Management Team (CMT) and hydrocarbon spill response roles. The hydrocarbon spill training plan and exercise schedule, including testing of arrangements is also tracked. The Testing of Arrangements (TOA) register tracks the testing of all hydrocarbon spill response arrangements, key contracts and agreements in place with internal and external parties to ensure compliance.

c) **Capability** – Tracks and monitors capability that could be required in a hydrocarbon incident, including but not limited to: integrated fleet[7] vessel schedule, dispersant availability, rig/vessels monitoring, equipment stockpiles, tracking buoy locations and the CICC duty roster.

d) **Compliance and Assurance** – Ensures all regulator inspection outcomes are actioned and closed out, the global legislation register is up to date and that the key assurance components are tracked and managed. Assurance activities (including Audits) conducted on memberships with key Oil Spill Response Organisations (OSROs) including AMOSC and OSRL are also tracked and recorded in the ICE.

The ICE assurance process records how each commitment listed in the performance tables above is managed to ensure ongoing compliance monitoring. The level of compliance can be reviewed in real time and is reported on a monthly basis through the S&EM Function.

The completion of the assurance checks (over and above the ICE process) is also applied via the Woodside Integrated Risk and Compliance System (WiRCs) and subject to the requirements of Woodside's Provide Assurance Procedure.

4. The Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness and Response Procedure

This procedure sets out how to plan and prepare for a liquid hydrocarbon spill to the marine environment. (Note, this procedure does not apply to scenarios relating to gas releases in the marine environment).

This procedure details the:

- Requirement for an OPEP to be developed, maintained, reviewed, and approved by appropriate regulators (where applicable) including:
    - defining how spill scenarios are developed on an activity specific basis
    - developing and maintaining all hydrocarbon spill related plans
    - ensuring the ongoing maintenance of training and competency for personnel
    - developing the testing of spill response arrangements
    - maintaining access to identified equipment and personnel.

[7] The Integrated fleet consists of vessels from multiple operators that have been contracted to Woodside to undertake a number of duties including hydrocarbon spill response

- planning for hydrocarbon spill response preparedness
- accountabilities for hydrocarbon spill response preparedness
- spill training requirements
- requirements for spill exercising/testing of spill response arrangements
- Spill equipment and services requirements.

The procedure also details the roles and responsibilities of the dedicated Woodside Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness team. This team is responsible for:

- assuring Woodside hydrocarbon spill responders meet competency requirements
- establishing the competency requirements, annual training schedule and a training register of trained personnel
- establishing and maintaining the total numbers of trained personnel required to provide an effective response to any hydrocarbon spill incident
- ensuring equipment and services contracts are maintained
- establishing OPEPs
- establishing OPEAs
- determining priority response receptors
- determining ALARP
- ensuring compliance and assurance is undertaken in accordance with external and internal requirements.

6 ALARP EVALUATION

This Section should be read in conjunction with **Section 5** which is the capability planned for this activity.

6.1 Monitor and Evaluate – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in **Section 5** with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.1.1 Monitor and Evaluate – Control Measure Options Analysis

6.1.1.1 Alternative Control Measures

Alternative Control Measures considered *Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Aerostat (or similar inflatable observation platform) for localised aerial surveillance.	Lead time to Aerostat surveillance is disproportionate to the environmental benefit. The system also provides a very limited field of visibility around the vessel it is deployed from.	Long lead time to access (>10 days). Each system would require an operator to interpret data and direct vessels accordingly. Requires multiple systems for shoreline use.	Purchase cost per system approx. A$300,000.	This option is not adopted as the minimal environmental benefit gained is disproportionate to the cost and complexity of its implementation.	No

6.1.1.2 Additional Control Measures

Additional Control Measures considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Additional personnel trained to use systems.	Current arrangement provides an environmental benefit in the availability of trained personnel facilitating access to monitoring data used to inform all other response techniques. No improvement required.	No improvement can be made, all personnel in technical roles e.g. intelligence unit are trained and competent on the software systems. Personnel are trained and exercised regularly. Use of the software and systems forms part of regular work assignments and projects.	Cost for training in-house staff would be approx. A$25,000.	This option is not adopted as the current capability meets the need.	No
Additional satellite tracking buoys to enable greater area coverage.	Increased capability does not provide an environmental benefit compared to the disproportionate cost in having an additional contract in place.	Tracking buoy on location at manned facility, additional needs are met from Woodside owned stocks in King Bay Support Base (KBSB) and Exmouth or can be provided by service provider.	Cost for an additional satellite tracking buoy would be A$200 per day or A$6000 to purchase.	This option is not adopted as the current capability meets the need, but additional units are available if required.	No
Additional trained aerial observers.	Woodside has access to a pool of trained, competent observers at strategic locations to ensure timely and sustainable response. Additional observers are available through current contracts with AMOSC and OSRL.	Aviation standards and guidelines ensure all aircraft crews are competent for their roles. Woodside maintains a pool of trained and competent aerial observers with various home base locations to be called upon at the time of an incident. Regular audits of oil spill response organisations ensure training and competency is maintained.	Cost for additional trained aerial observers would be A$2000 per person per day.	This option is not adopted as the current capability meets the need, but additional observers are available via response contractors if required.	No

6.1.1.3 Improved Control Measures

Additional Control Measures considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Faster turnaround time from modelling contractor.	Improved control measure does not provide an environmental benefit compared to the disproportionate cost in having an additional contract in place.	External contractor on ICC roster to be called as soon as required. However initial information needs to be gathered by ICC team to request an accurate model. External contractor has person on call to respond from their own location.	Modelling service with a faster activation time would be achieved via membership of an alternative modelling service at an annual cost of A$50,000 for 24hr access plus an initial A$5000 per modelling run.	This option is not adopted as the minimal environmental benefit gained is disproportionate to the cost and the challenge of collecting essential data/implementing reliable modelling in shorter timeframes.	No

Additional Control Measures considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Night time aerial surveillance.	The risk of undertaking the aerial observations at night is disproportionate to the limited environmental benefit. The images would be of low quality and as such the variable is not adopted.	Flights will only occur when deemed safe by the pilot. The risk of night operations is disproportionate to the benefit gained, as images from sensors (IR, UV, etc.) will be low quality. Flight time limitations will be adhered to.	No improvement can be made without risk to personnel health and safety and breaching Woodside's Golden Rules.	This option is not adopted as the safety considerations outweigh any environmental benefit gained.	No
Faster mobilisation time (for water quality monitoring).	Due to the restriction on accessing the spill location on Day one there is no environmental benefit in having vessels available from day one. The cost of having dedicated equipment and personnel is disproportionate to the environmental benefit. The availability of vessels and personnel meets the response need. Shortening the timeframes for vessel availability would require dedicated response vessels on standby in KBSB. The cost and organisational complexity of employing two dedicated response vessels (approximately $15M/year per vessel) is considered disproportionate to the potential environmental benefit to be realised by adopting this delivery options.	Operations are not feasible on day 1 as the hydrocarbon will take time to surface, and volatility has potential to cause health concerns within the first 24 hours of the response.	Cost for purchase of equipment approx. A$200,000. Ongoing costs per annum for cost of hire and pre-positioning for life of asset/activity would be larger than the purchase cost. Dedicated equipment and personnel, living locally and on short notice to mobilise. The cost would be approx. A$1 m per annum, which is disproportionate to the incremental benefit this would provide, assets are already available on day 1. 2 integrated fleet vessels are available from day 1, however these could be tasked with other operations.	This option is not adopted as the area could not be accessed earlier due to safety considerations. Additionally, the cost and complexity of implementation outweighs the benefits.	No

6.1.2 Selected Control Measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - None selected
- Improved
  - None selected

6.2 Source Control via Vessel SOPEP – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been assessed against the base capability described in Section 5 with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.2.1 Source Control via Vessel SOPEP – Control Measure Options Analysis

6.2.1.1 Alternative control measures

Alternative Control Measures considered *Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control*				
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Cost**	**Implemented**
No reasonably practical alternative control measures identified.				N/A

6.2.1.2 Additional Control Measures

Additional Control Measures considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*				
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Cost**	**Implemented**
No reasonably practical alternative control measures identified.				N/A

6.2.1.3 Improved Control Measures

Improved Control Measures considered *Improved control measures are evaluated for improvements they could bring to the effectiveness of adopted control measures in terms of functionality, availability, reliability, survivability, independence and compatibility*				
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Cost**	**Implemented**
No reasonably practical alternative control measures identified.				N/A

6.2.2 Selected control measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - None selected
- Improved
  - None selected

6.3 Shoreline Protection and Deflection - ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in **Section 5** with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.3.1 Existing Capability – Shoreline Protection and Deflection

Woodside's existing level of capability is based on internal and third-party resources that are available 24 hours, 7 days per week. The capability presented below is displayed as ranges to incorporate operational factors such as weather, crew/vessel/aircraft/vehicle location and duties, survey or classification society inspection requirements, overflight/port/quarantine permits and inspections, crew/pilot duty and fatigue hours, re-fueling/re-stocking provisions, and other similar logistic and operational limitation that are beyond Woodside's direct control.

6.3.2 Response Planning: Nganhurra Operations Cessation – Shoreline Protection and Deflection

Planning for shoreline protection is based upon identification of Response Protection Areas (RPAs) from spill modelling and the logistics associated with deploying protection at these locations. The response planning scenarios indicate that this would require effective mobilisation to priority shorelines and maintenance of protection until operational monitoring confirms that the locations were no longer at risk. Woodside has identified the RPAs from spill modelling results provided from specific scenarios.

The control measures selected provide capability to mobilise shoreline protection equipment within 24 hours.

Modelling for CS-01 indicates that floating oil concentrations greater than 10 g/m^2 and 50 g/m^2 may occur at Ningaloo Coast North after 20 hours and 22 hours respectively. The minimum time for shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2 is 2.5 days at Ningaloo Coast North (196 m^3), and 4-5 days at Ningaloo Coast Middle (3 m^3) and the Muiron Islands (38 m^3). The existing capability is considered sufficient to mobilise and deploy protection at all identified RPAs prior to hydrocarbon contact. In the event of a real spill, protection activities will be guided by predictive modelling, direct observation/surveillance and remote sensing methods (OM01, OM02 and OM03) which will be employed from the outset of a spill to track the oil and assess receptors at risk. This will then trigger the undertaking of pre-emptive assessments of sensitive receptors at risk (OM04). OM04 would only be undertaken in liaison with WA DoT. Due to potentially high levels of volatiles from a spill of marine diesel, shoreline protection and deflection operations would only be undertaken if safety of responders could be ensured.

TRPs exist for many of the RPAs identified. The plans identify values and sensitivities that would be protected at each location. Modelling does not predict that all priority protection shorelines will be at risk of contact at the same time. Therefore, to allow for the best use of available shoreline protection and deflection resources, operational monitoring (OM01, OM02 and OM03) will inform the response, targeting RPAs where contact is predicted. **Table 6-1** below outlines the capability required (number of RPAs predicted to be impacted) against the capability available (number of shoreline protection and deflection operations that can be mobilised and deployed). As can be seen from the table below. Woodside's capability exceeds the response planning need identified for shoreline protection and deflection operations at identified RPAs.

Table 6-1: Response planning – shoreline protection and deflection

	Shoreline Protection & Deflection (SPD)	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7		Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
	Oil on shoreline (from spill modelling) m^3															
A	Capability Required															
A1	Number of RPAs contacted (> 100g/m^2) – Marine diesel release (Credible Scenario-01)	0	0	1	1	1	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
B	Capability Available (operations per day)															
B1	SPD operations available – per day (lower)	0	1	1	2	2	4	6		70	70	70		330	330	330
B2	SPD operations available – per day (upper)	1	2	3	4	6	8	10		84	84	84		336	336	336
C	Capability Gap (operations per day)															
C1	SPD operations gap – per day (lower)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0
C2	SPD operations gap – per day (upper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0

A1 – the number of Response Protection Areas contacted by surface hydrocarbons above 100 g/m^2
B1 and B2 – the upper and lower number of shoreline protection and deflection operations available (based on response planning assumptions in ***Section 5.3****),*
C1 and C2 – the gap between the upper and lower number of shoreline protection and deflection operations required in A1 compared to the operations available in B1 and B2

Table 6-2: RPAs for Nganhurra Operations Cessation

Areas of coastline contacted	Conservation status	IUCN protection category	Credible Scenario-01	
			Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100 g/m^2) in days [8]	Maximum shoreline accumulation (above 100 g/m^2) in m^3 [5]
Ningaloo Coast North (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	2.5 days	196 m^3
Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	4 days	3 m^3
Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	State Marine Management Area World Heritage Area	IUCN IA – Strict Nature Reserve IUCN VI – Multiple Use Zone	4.8 days	38 m^3

[8] Results for Scenario-01 inferred from stochastic modelling results as deterministic modelling is not available for this scenario.

Table 6-3: Indicative Tactical response plan, objectives and methods for RPAs with predicted contact

Tactical Response Plan	Response aims and methods
Ningaloo coast – Mangrove Bay	**First Response Objective: Protection of Mangrove Bay Lagoon.** Methods: Prevent oil ingress to lagoons through use of shore sealing booms. Complete northern lagoon first, then southern if required – depending on beach topography and tidal cycle. **Second Response Objective: Pre-clean of the beach area.** Methods: Using rakes and shovels move any debris on the beach to above the high tide area, above the reach of any floating oil. **Third Response Objective: Recovery of oil at lagoon entrance.** Methods: Use skimmer to recover floating oil. **Fourth Response Objective: Clean-up of oiled shoreline.** Methods: Manual clean up techniques, predominantly rakes and shovels, with flushing and vacuum skimming if appropriate and required
Ningaloo coast – Turquoise Bay	**First Response Objective: Pre-clean of the beach area.** Method: Using rakes and shovels move any debris on the beach to above the high tide area, above the reach of any floating oil. **Second Response Objective: Clean-up of oiled shoreline.** Method: Manual clean up techniques, predominantly rakes and shovels, with flushing and vacuum skimming if appropriate and required.
Ningaloo coast – Yardie Creek	**First Response Objective: Protection of Yardie Creek entrance.** Methods: Prevent oil ingress to lagoon through use of shore sealing boom. **Second Response Objective: Pre-clean of the beach area.** Methods: Using rakes and shovels move any debris on the beach to above the high tide area, above the reach of any floating oil. **Third Response Objective: Recovery of oil at Yardie Creek entrance.** Methods: Use skimmer to recover floating oil into temporary storage. **Fourth Response Objective: Clean up of oiled shoreline.** Methods: Manual clean up techniques, predominantly rakes and shovels, with flushing and vacuum skimming if appropriate and required.
Ningaloo coast – Jurabi-Lighthouse Beaches	**First Response Objective: Pre-clean of the beach area.** Method: Using rakes and shovels move any debris on the beach to above the high tide area, above the reach of any floating oil. **Second Response Objective: Clean-up of oiled shoreline.** Method: Manual clean up techniques, predominantly rakes and shovels, with flushing and vacuum skimming if appropriate and required.
Muiron Islands	**First Response Objective:** Ongoing operational monitoring and evaluation of the hydrocarbon spill to adapt aims and response tactics to the evolving nature of the incident.

Tactical Response Plan	Response aims and methods
	Second Response Objective: Pre-clean of potential impact areas (if time allows) using rakes and shovels to move any debris above the high tide line and then segregate appropriately. **Third Response Objective**: Clean-up of the shoreline. Manual clean up techniques, use of mechanical recovery methods and techniques where appropriate. **Fourth Response Objective**: Collection and specialist cleaning/rehabilitation of oiled wildlife.

Pre-emptive mobilisation of equipment and personnel would commence as soon as practicable prior to oil contact. Additional resources would be mobilised depending on the scale of the event to increase the length or number of shorelines being protected.

A shoreline protection and deflection response would be launched and any additional TRPs drafted only when operational monitoring (OM02 and OM03) and modelling (OM01) indicate that contact could occur at RPA(s). The outputs from the monitoring will inform the need for and/or direct any additional response techniques and, additionally, if/when the spill enters State Waters and control of the incident passes to WA DoT.

6.3.3 Shoreline Protection and Deflection – Control Measure Options Analysis

6.3.3.1 Alternative control measures

Alternative Control Measures Considered
Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control

Option considered	Environmental consideration	Feasibility	Approximate cost	Assessment conclusions	Implemented
Pre-position equipment at Response Protection Areas (RPAs)	Additional environmental benefit of having equipment prepositioned is considered minor. Equipment is currently available to RPAs and additional shorelines, within estimated minimum times until shoreline contact at RPAs, enabling mobilisation of the selected delivery options.	The incremental environmental benefit associated with these delivery options is considered minor and unlikely to reduce the environmental consequence of a significant hydrocarbon release beyond the adopted delivery options. Considering the highly unlikely nature of a significant hydrocarbon release and the costs and organisational complexity associated with prepositioning and maintenance of equipment, the sacrifice is considered disproportionate to the limited environmental benefit that might be realised. Furthermore, these options would conflict with the mutual aid philosophy being adopted under the selected delivery options. The selected delivery options for shoreline protection and deflection meet the relevant objectives of this control measure and do not require prepositioned or additional equipment in Exmouth.	Total cost to preposition protection/ deflection packages at each site of potential impact would be approx. A$6100 per package per day.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.3.3.2 Additional control measures

Additional Control Measures Considered
Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures

Option considered	Environmental consideration	Feasibility	Approximate cost	Assessment conclusions	Implemented
Supplemented stockpiles of equipment in Exmouth to protect additional shorelines	Additional equipment would increase the number of receptor areas that could be protected from hydrocarbon contact. However, current availability of personnel and equipment is capable of protecting up to 30 km of shoreline, commensurate with the scale and progressive nature of shoreline impact. Additional stocks would be made available from international sources if long term up scaling were necessary. A reduction in environmental consequence from a 'B' rating (serious long-term impacts) is unlikely to be realised as a result of having more equipment available locally.	The incremental environmental benefit associated with these delivery options is considered minor and unlikely to reduce the environmental consequence of a significant hydrocarbon release beyond the adopted delivery options. Considering the highly unlikely nature of a significant hydrocarbon release and the costs and organisational complexity associated with prepositioning and maintenance of equipment, the sacrifice is considered disproportionate to the limited environmental benefit that might be realised. Furthermore, these options would conflict with the mutual aid philosophy being adopted under the selected delivery options. The selected delivery options for shoreline protection and deflection meet the relevant objectives of this control measure and do not require prepositioned or additional equipment in Exmouth.	Total cost for purchase supplemental protection and deflection equipment would be approx. A$455,000 per package.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No
Additional trained personnel	The level of training and competency of the response personnel ensures the shoreline protection and deflection operation is delivered with minimum secondary impact to the environment. Training additional personnel does not provide an increased environmental benefit.	Additional personnel required to sustain an extended response can be sourced through the Woodside *People & Global Capability Surge Labour Requirement Plan*. Additional personnel sourced from contracted OSRO's (OSRL/AMOSC) to manage other responders. Response personnel are trained and exercised regularly in shoreline response techniques and methods. All personnel involved in a response will receive a full operational/safety brief prior to commencing operations.	Additional Specialist Personnel would cost A$2000 per person per day.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.3.3.3 Improved control measures

Improved Control Measures considered *Improved control measures are evaluated for improvements they could bring to the effectiveness of adopted control measures in terms of functionality, availability, reliability, survivability, independence and compatibility*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Faster response/ mobilisation time	Hydrocarbons are predicted to strand after a period of approximately 2.5 days therefore allowing enough time to re-locate existing equipment, personnel and other resources to the most appropriate areas.	Response teams, trained personnel, contracted oil spill response service providers, government agencies and the associated mitigation equipment required to enact an initial protection and deflection response will be available for mobilisation within 24-48hrs of activation. Additional equipment from existing stockpiles and oil spill response service providers can be on scene within days. Given modelling does not predict shoreline accumulation until approx. 2.5 days, Woodside considers that there is sufficient time for deployment of protection and deflection operations prior to impact.	The cost of establishing a local stockpile of new mitigation equipment (including protection and deflection boom) closer to the expected hydrocarbon stranding areas is not commensurate with the need.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.3.4 Selected Control Measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - None selected
- Improved
  - None selected

6.4 Shoreline Clean-up – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in Section 5 with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.4.1 Existing Capability – Shoreline Clean-up

Woodside's exiting level of capability is based on internal and third-party resources that are available 24 hours, 7 days per week. The capability presented below is displayed as ranges to incorporate operational factors such as weather, crew/vessel/aircraft/vehicle location and duties, survey or classification society inspection requirements, overflight/port/quarantine permits and inspections, crew/pilot duty and fatigue hours, re-fueling/re-stocking provisions, and other similar logistic and operational limitation that are beyond Woodside's direct control.

6.4.2 Response planning: Nganhurra Operations Cessation – Shoreline Clean-up

Woodside has assessed existing capability against the WCCS and has identified that the range of techniques provide an ongoing approach to shoreline clean-up at identified RPAs.

Modelling for CS-01 indicates that the minimum time for shoreline accumulation >100 g/m^2 is 2.5 days at Ningaloo Coast North (196 m^3), and 4-5 days at Ningaloo Coast Middle (3 m^3) and the Muiron Islands (38 m^3). These volumes assume no treatment of floating surface oil by containment and recovery or surface dispersant application prior to contact so are considered very conservative.

The maximum shoreline accumulation volumes from CS-01 has been presented for any given day / week / month of the response to provide a single response planning scenario so that it provides a worst case scenario for planning purposes, as outlined below in **Table 6-4**. The existing shoreline clean-up capability would be sufficient by Day 5, but prior to this there is a deficit in the available capability to respond the shoreline hydrocarbons as personnel and equipment are not yet mobilised to site. From Day 5 onwards, the available response capability is predicted to be sufficient as the number of personnel and equipment mobilised to RPAs increases. While additional resources are predicted to be required for shoreline clean-up to remove 100% of oil on the same day that it accumulates between Day 3 and Day 5, it is noted that up-scaling of available resources is still adequate to clean-up residual oil by the end of Week 1. It is also emphasised that the gap in capability is based on a combination of the worst case volumes and minimum timeframes to shore from CS-01. Under most conditions, the available response capability is expected to be sufficient. The volumes of accumulated oil and the required scale of the response will also depend on the success of other offshore techniques preventing shoreline oiling occurring; other offshore response techniques and their associated reduction in oil volumes have not been taken into account when determining the shoreline clean-up requirements in **Table 6-4** and the approach is therefore conservative.

Due to the time of contact predicted shoreline clean-up and spill modelling predicting ongoing stranding after this peak, this response may not be as time critical compared to other response techniques and the scale will depend on the success of other techniques preventing oiling occurring. Further, the potential scale and remoteness of a response coupled with the uncertainty of which locations will be affected precludes the stockpiling or prepositioning of equipment specific to shorelines. The most significant constraint is accommodation and transport of personnel in the Exmouth region to undertake clean-up operations and to manage wastes generated during the response effort. From previous assessment of facilities in the Exmouth region, Woodside estimates that current accommodation can cater for a range of 500-700 personnel per day.

Woodside has identified several options which could be mobilised to achieve defined response objectives. Evaluation considers the benefit in terms of the time to respond and the scale of response made possible by each option. The evaluation of possible alternative, additional and improved control measures is summarised in **Section 6.4.3**.

Table 6-4: Response Planning – Shoreline Clean-up

	Shoreline clean-up (Phase 2)	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7		Week 2	Week 3	Week 4		Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
	Oil on shoreline (from spill modelling) m^3																
	Shoreline accumulation (above 100 g/m^2) – m^3	0	0	196	3	38	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0
	Oil remaining following response operations – m^3	0	0	0	78	33	28	11		0	0	0		0	0	0	0
A	Capability Required (number of operations)																
A1	Shoreline clean-up operations required (lower)	0	0	20	8	7	3	1		0	0	0		0	0	0	0
A2	Shoreline clean-up operations required (upper)	0	0	28	12	10	4	2		0	0	0		0	0	0	0
B	Capability Available (number of operations)																
B1	Shoreline clean-up operations available - Stage 2 - Manual (lower)	0	1	3	5	8	12	15		105	105	105		560	560	560	560
B2	Shoreline clean-up operations available - Stage 2 - Manual (upper)	0	2	5	8	10	15	20		140	140	140		560	560	560	560
C	Capability Gap																
C1	Shoreline clean-up operations gap (lower)	0	0	17	3	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0
C2	Shoreline clean-up operations gap (upper)	0	0	23	4	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	0

A1 and A2 – the number of Shoreline Clean-up operations required based on the hydrocarbon volumes ashore above 100 g/m^2
*B1 and B2 – the upper and lower number of shoreline clean-up operations available (based on response planning assumptions in **Section 5.4**),*
C1 and C2 – the gap between the upper and lower number of shoreline clean-up operations required in A1 and A2 compared to the operations available in B1 and B2

Table 6-5: RPAs for Nganhurra Operations Cessation

Areas of coastline contacted	Conservation status	IUCN protection category	Credible Scenario-01	
			Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100 g/m^2) in days [9]	Maximum shoreline accumulation (above 100 g/m^2) in m^3 [5]
Ningaloo Coast North (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	2.5 days	196 m^3
Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	State Marine Park Australian Marine Park World Heritage Area	IUCN IV – Recreational Use Zone (AMP) IUCN II – Marine National Park Zone	4 days	3 m^3
Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	State Marine Management Area World Heritage Area	IUCN IA – Strict Nature Reserve IUCN VI – Multiple Use Zone	4.8 days	38 m^3

[9] Results for Scenario-01 inferred from stochastic modelling results as deterministic modelling is not available for this scenario.

6.4.3 Shoreline Clean-up – Control measure options analysis

6.4.3.1 Alternative control measures

Alternative Control Measures Considered *Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
No reasonably practical alternative control measures identified.					

6.4.3.2 Additional control measures

Additional Control Measures Considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Additional trained personnel available	The level of training and competency of the response personnel ensures the shoreline clean-up operation is delivered with minimum secondary impact to the environment.	Additional personnel required to sustain an extended response can be sourced through the Woodside *People & Global Capability Surge Labour Requirement Plan*. Additional personnel could be sourced from contracted OSROs (OSRL/AMOSC) to manage other responders. Response personnel are trained and exercised regularly in shoreline response techniques and methods. All personnel involved in a response will receive a full operational/safety brief prior to commencing operations.	Additional Specialist Personnel would cost A$2000 per person per day.	This option would be adopted if real time operational monitoring determines that an impact is likely above the existing response capability.	Yes
Additional trained personnel deployed	Maintaining a span of control of 200 competent personnel is deemed manageable and appropriate for this activity. Additional personnel conducting clean-up activities may be able to complete the clean-up in a shorter timeframe, but modelling predicts ongoing stranding of hydrocarbons over a period of weeks. Managing a smaller, targeted response is expected to achieve an environmental benefit through ensuring the shoreline clean-up response is suitable and scalable for the shoreline substrate and sensitivity type. This will ensure there is no increased impact from the shoreline clean-up through the presence of unnecessary personnel and equipment.	The figure of 200 personnel is broken down to include on 1-2 x Trained Supervisors managing 8-10 personnel/labour hire responders. This allows for multiple operational teams to operate along the extended shoreline at different locations. Typically, an additional 30-50% of the tactical workforce is required to support ongoing operations including On-Scene control, logistics, safety/medical/welfare and transport. Personnel on site will include members with the appropriate specialties to ensure an efficient shoreline clean-up. Additional personnel are available through existing contracts with oil spill response organisations, labour hire organisations and environmental panel contractors	Additional Specialist Personnel would cost $2,000 per person per day.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.4.3.3 Improved control measures

Improved Control Measures considered *Improved control measures are evaluated for improvements they could bring to the effectiveness of adopted control measures in terms of functionality, availability, reliability, survivability, independence and compatibility*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Faster response/ mobilisation time	Hydrocarbons are predicted to strand after a period of approximately 2.5 days therefore allowing enough time to re-locate existing equipment, personnel and other resources to the most appropriate areas.	Response teams, trained personnel, contracted oil spill response service providers, government agencies and the associated mitigation equipment required to enact an initial protection and deflection response will be available for mobilisation within 48 hours of activation. Additional equipment from existing stockpiles and oil spill response service providers can be on scene within the first week. RPAs predicted to be contacted are based on modelling and may differ in a real spill event thus pre-	The cost of establishing a local stockpile of new shoreline clean-up equipment closer to the expected hydrocarbon stranding areas is not commensurate with the need.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

		positioning equipment and personnel may provide no additional benefit.			

6.4.4 Selected Control Measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - Additional trained personnel available (if need is determined by real-time operational monitoring during a spill event).
- Improved
  - None selected

6.5 Wildlife Response – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in **Section 5.5** with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.5.1 Existing capability – wildlife response

Woodside's existing level of capability is based on internal and third-party resources that are available 24 hours, 7 days per week. The capability presented below is displayed as ranges to incorporate operational factors such as weather, crew/vessel/aircraft/vehicle location and duties, survey or classification society inspection requirements, overflight/port/quarantine permits and inspections, crew/pilot duty and fatigue hours, refuelling/re-stocking provisions, and other similar logistic and operational limitation that are beyond Woodside's direct control.

6.5.2 Oiled wildlife response – control measure options analysis

6.5.2.1 Alternative control measures

Alternative Control Measures Considered *Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Direct contracts with service providers	This option duplicates the capability accessed through AMOSC and OSRL and would compete for the same resources. Does not provide a significant increase in environmental benefit.	These delivery options provide increased effectiveness through more direct communication and control of specialists. However, no significant net benefit is anticipated.	Duplication of capability – already subscribed to through contracts with AMOSC and OSRL	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.5.2.2 Additional control measures

Additional Control Measures Considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Additional wildlife treatment systems	The selected delivery options provide access to call-off contracts with selected specialist providers. The agreements ensure that these resources can be mobilised to meet the required response objectives, commensurate with the progressive nature of environmental impact and the time available to monitor hydrocarbon plume trajectories. Provides response equipment and personnel by Day 3. The additional cost in having a dedicated oiled wildlife response (equipment and personnel) in place is disproportionate to environmental benefit. These selected delivery options provide capacity to carry out an oiled wildlife response if contact is predicted; and to scale up the response if required to treat widespread contamination. Current capability meets the needs required and there is no additional environmental benefit in adopting the improvements.	Given the low likelihood of such an event occurring and the low environmental benefit of an offshore response, the cost of implementing measures to reduce the mobilisation time is considered disproportionate to the benefit. Numbers of oiled wildlife are expected to be low in the remote offshore setting of the oiled wildlife response, given the distance from known aggregation areas. Oiled wildlife response capacity would be addressed for open Commonwealth waters through the AMOSC arrangements, as informed by operational monitoring. The cost and organisational complexity of this approach is moderate, and the overall delivery effectiveness is high.	Additional wildlife response resources could total A$1700 per operational site per day.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No
Additional trained wildlife responders	Current numbers meet the needs required and additional personnel are available through existing contracts with oil spill response organisations and environmental panel contractors. Numbers of oiled wildlife are expected to be low in the remote offshore setting of the oiled wildlife response, given the distance from known aggregation areas. The potential environmental benefit of training additional personnel is expected to be low.	The capability provides the capacity to treat approximately 600 wildlife units (primarily avian wildlife) by Day 6, with additional capacity available from OSRL. Additional equipment and facilities would be required to support ongoing response, depending on the scale of the event and the impact to wildlife. Materials for holding facilities, portable pools, enclosures and rehabilitation areas would be sourced as required.	Additional wildlife response personnel cost A$2000 per person per day	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.5.2.3 Improved control measures

Improved Control Measures considered *Improved control measures are evaluated for improvements they could bring to the effectiveness of adopted control measures in terms of functionality, availability, reliability, survivability, independence and compatibility*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**

Faster mobilisation time for wildlife response	Response time is limited by specialist personnel mobilisation time. Current timing is sufficient for expected first shoreline contact. This control measure provides increased effectiveness through faster mobilisation of specialists. However, no significant net environmental benefit is expected due to shoreline stranding times.	Pre-positioning vessels or equipment would reduce mobilisation time for oiled wildlife response activities. However, RPAs predicted to be contacted are based on modelling data and may differ in a real spill event thus pre-positioning equipment and personnel may provide no additional benefit. The selected delivery options provide the capacity to mobilise an oiled wildlife response capable of treating up to 600 wildlife from at least Day 6 and exceeds the estimated Level 2-3 oiled wildlife response thought to be applicable. This delivery option provides the maximum expertise pooled across the participating operators, backed up by the international resources provided by OSRL. The availability of vessels and personnel meets the response need.	Wildlife response packages to preposition at vulnerable sites identified through the spill modelling cost A$700 per package per day. The cost of having dedicated equipment and personnel available to respond faster is, however, considered disproportionate to the environmental benefit.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.5.3 Selected control measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - None selected
- Improved
  - None selected

6.6 Waste Management – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in **Section 5** with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.6.1 Existing capability – waste management

Woodside's existing level of capability is based on internal and third-party resources that are available 24 hours, 7 days per week. The capability presented below is displayed as ranges to incorporate operational factors such as weather, crew/vessel/aircraft/vehicle location and duties, survey or classification society inspection requirements, overflight/port/quarantine permits and inspections, crew/pilot duty and fatigue hours, refuelling/re-stocking provisions, and other similar logistic and operational limitation that are beyond Woodside's direct control.

6.6.2 Waste management – control measure options analysis

6.6.2.1 Alternative control measures

Alternative Control Measures Considered *Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
No reasonably practical alternative control measures identified.					

6.6.2.2 Additional Control Measures

Additional Control Measures Considered *Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Increased waste storage capability	The procurement of waste storage equipment options on the day of the event will allow immediate response and storage of collected waste. The environmental benefit of immediate waste storage is to reduce ecological consequence by safely securing waste, allowing continuous response operations to occur.	Access to Veolia's storage options provides the resources required to store and transport sufficient waste to meet the need. Access to waste contractors existing facilities enables waste to be stockpiled and gradually processed within the regional waste handling facilities. Additional temporary storage equipment is available through existing contract and arrangements with OSRL. Existing arrangements meet identified need for the PAP.	Cost for increased waste disposal capability would be approx. A$1300 per m^3. Cost for increased onshore temporary waste storage capability would be approx. $40 per unit per day.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.6.2.3 Improved control measures

Improved Control Measures considered *Improved control measures are evaluated for improvements they could bring to the effectiveness of adopted control measures in terms of functionality, availability, reliability, survivability, independence and compatibility*					
Option considered	**Environmental consideration**	**Feasibility**	**Approximate cost**	**Assessment conclusions**	**Implemented**
Faster response time	The access to Veolia waste storage options provides the resources to store and transport waste, permitting the wastes to be stockpiled and gradually processed within the regional waste handling facilities. Bulk transport to Veolia's licensed waste management facilities would be undertaken via controlled-waste-licensed vehicles and in accordance with Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004. The environmental benefit from successful waste storage will reduce pressure on the treatment and disposal facilities reducing ecological consequences by safely securing waste. In addition, waste storage and transport will allow continuous response operations to occur. This delivery option would increase known available storage, eliminating the risk of additional resources not being available at the time of the event. However, the environmental benefit of Woodside procuring additional waste storage is considered minor as the risk of additional storage not being available at the time of the event is considered low and existing arrangements provide adequate storage to support the response.	Woodside already maintains an equipment stockpile in Exmouth to enable shorter response times to incidents. This stockpile includes temporary waste storage equipment. Woodside has access to stockpiles of waste storage and equipment in Dampier and Exmouth through existing contracts and arrangements.	The incremental benefit of having a dedicated local Woodside owned stockpile of waste equipment and transport is considered minor and cost is considered disproportionate to the benefit gained given predicted shoreline contact times.	This option is not adopted as the existing capability meets the need.	No

6.6.3 Selected control measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - None selected
- Improved
  - None selected

6.7 Scientific Monitoring – ALARP Assessment

Alternative, Additional and Improved options have been identified and assessed against the base capability described in **Section 5.7** with those that have been selected for implementation highlighted in green. Items highlighted in red have been considered and rejected on the basis that they are not feasible, the costs are clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit, and/or the option is not reasonably practical. Control measures where there is not a clear justification for their inclusion or exclusion may be subject to a detailed ALARP assessment.

6.7.1 Existing Capability – Scientific Monitoring

Woodside's existing level of capability is based on internal and third-party resources that are available 24 hours, 7 days per week. The capability presented below is displayed as ranges to incorporate operational factors such as weather, crew/vessel/aircraft/vehicle location and duties, survey or classification society inspection requirements, overflight/port/quarantine permits and inspections, crew/pilot duty and fatigue hours, re-fuelling/re-stocking provisions, and other similar logistic and operational limitation that are beyond Woodside's direct control.

6.7.2 Scientific Monitoring – Control Measure Options Analysis

6.7.2.1 Alternative Control Measures

Evaluate Alternative Control Measures

Alternative Control Measures considered
Alternative, including potentially more effective and/or novel control measures are evaluated as replacements for an adopted control

Ref	Control Measure Category	Option considered	Implemented	Environmental Consideration	Feasibility / Cost
SM01	System	Analytical laboratory facilities closer to the likely spill affected area	No	SM01 water quality monitoring requires water samples to be transported to National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) rated laboratories in Perth or over to the East coast. Consider the benefit of laboratory access and transportation times to deliver water samples and complete lab analysis. There is a time lag from collection of water samples to being in receipt of results and confirming hydrocarbon contact to sensitive receptors). The environmental consideration of having access to suitable laboratory facilities in Karratha or Exmouth to carry out the hydrocarbon analysis would provide faster turnaround in reporting of results only by a matter days (as per the time to transport samples to laboratories).	Laboratory facilities and staff available at locations closer to the spill affected area can reduce reporting times only to a moderate degree (days) with associated high costs of maintaining capability do not improve the environmental benefit.
SM01	System	Dedicated contracted SMP vessel (exclusive to Woodside)	No	Would provide faster mobilisation time of scientific monitoring resources, environmental benefit associated with faster mobilisation time would be minor compared to selected options.	Chartering and equipping additional vessels on standby for scientific monitoring has been considered. The option is reasonably practicable but the sacrifice (charter costs and organisational complexity) is significant, particularly when compared with the anticipated availability of vessels and resources within in the required timeframes. The selected delivery provides capability to meet the scientific monitoring objectives, including collection of pre-emptive data where baseline knowledge gaps are identified for receptor locations where spill predictions of time to contact are >10 days. The effectiveness of this alternative control (weather dependency, availability and survivability) is rated as very low The cost and organisational complexity of employing a dedicated response vessel is considered disproportionate to the potential environmental benefit by adopting these delivery options.

6.7.2.2 Additional Control Measures

Additional Control Measures considered
Additional control measures are evaluated in terms of them reducing an environmental impact or an environmental risk when added to the existing suite of control measures

Ref	Control Measure Category	Option considered	Implemented	Environmental Consideration	Feasibility / Cost
SM01	System	Determine baseline data needs and provide implementation plan in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release	Yes	Address resourcing needs to collect post spill (pre-contact) baseline data as spill expands in the event of a loss of marine diesel due to vessel collision from the PAP activities.	As part of Woodside's Scientific Monitoring Program the following are considered and incorporated in the SMP Standby Service contract. i. Woodside rely on existing environmental baseline for receptors which have predicted hydrocarbon contact (above environment threshold) <10 days and acquiring pre-emptive data in the event of a loss of marine diesel due to vessel collision from the PAP activities based on receptors predicted to have hydrocarbon contact >10 days. ii. Ensure there is appropriate baseline for key receptors for all geographic locations that are potentially impacted <10 days of spill event. iii. Address resourcing needs to collect pre-emptive baseline as the spill expands in the event of a loss of marine diesel due to vessel collision from the PAP activities.

6.7.2.3 Improved Control Measures

No reasonably practicable improved Control Measures identified.

6.7.3 Selected Control Measures

Following review of alternative, additional and improved control measures as outlined above, the following controls were selected for implementation for the PAP.

- Alternative
  - None selected
- Additional
  - Determine baseline data needs and activate SMPs for any identified PBAs in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release
- Improved
  - None selected

6.7.4 Operational Plan

Key actions from the Scientific Monitoring Program Operational Plan for implementing the response are outlined in **Table 6-6**.

Table 6-6: Scientific monitoring program operational plan actions

Responsibility	Action
Activation	
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit)	Mobilises SMP Lead/Manager and SMP Coordinator to the ICC Planning function.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lead/Manager and SMP Coordinator)	Constantly assesses all outputs from OM01, OM02 and OM03 (**Annex B**) to determine receptor locations and receptors at risk. Confirm sensitive receptors likely to be exposed to hydrocarbons, timeframes to specific receptor locations and which SMPs are triggered. Review baseline data for receptors at risk.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lean/Manager and SMP Coordinator)	SMP co-ordinator stands up SMP Standby contractor. Stands up subject matter experts, if required.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lead/Manager, SMP Coordinator, SMP Standby contractor)	Establish if, and where, pre-contact baseline data acquisition is required. Determines practicable baseline acquisition program based on predicted timescales to contact and anticipated SMP mobilisation times. Determines scope for preliminary post-contact surveys during the Response Phase. Determines which SMP activities are required at each location based on the identified receptor sensitivities.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lead/Manager, SMP Coordinator, SMP Standby contractor)	If response phase data acquisition is required, stand up the contractor SMP teams for data acquisition and instruct them to standby awaiting further details for mobilisation from the IMT.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit)	SMP standby contractor, to prepare the Field Implementation Plan. Prepare and obtain sign-off of the Response Phase SMP work plan and Field Implementation Plan. Update the IAP.

Responsibility	Action
(SMP Lead/Manager, SMP Coordinator, SMP Standby contractor)	
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lead/Manager, SMP Coordinator, SMP Standby contractor)	Liaise with ICC Logistics, and determine the status and availability of aircraft, vessels and road transportation available to transport survey personnel and equipment to point of departure. Engage with SMP standby contractor, SMP Manager and ICC Logistics to establish mobilisation plan, secure logistics resources and establish ongoing logistical support operations, including: • Vessels, vehicles and other logistics resources • Vessel fit-out specifications (as • Detailed in the Scientific Monitoring Program Operational Plan • Equipment storage and pick-up locations • Personnel pick-up/airport departure locations • Ports of departure • Land based operational centres and forward operations bases, Accommodation and food requirements.
Perth ICC Planning (ICC Planning – Environment Unit) (SMP Lead/Manager, SMP Coordinator, SMP Standby contractor)	Confirm communications procedures between Woodside SMP team, SMP standby contractor, SMP Team Leads and Operations Point Coordinator.
Mobilisation	
Perth ICC Logistics	Engage vessels and vehicles and arrange fitting out as specified by the mobilisation Plan Confirm vessel departure windows and communicate with the Jacob's SMP Manager. Agree SMP mobilisation timeline and induction procedures with the Division and Sector Command Point(s).
Perth ICC Logistics	Coordinate with SMP standby contractor to mobilise teams and equipment according to the logistics plan and Sector induction procedures.
SMP Survey Team Leads	SMP Survey Team Leader(s) coordinate on-ground/on-vessel mobilisations and support services with the Sector Command point(s).

6.7.5 ALARP and Acceptability Summary

ALARP and Acceptability Summary		
Scientific Monitoring		
ALARP Summary		All known reasonably practicable control measures have been adopted
	X	Determine baseline data needs and activate SMPs for any identified PBAs in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release
		No reasonably practical additional, alternative, and/or improved control measure exists
	The resulting scientific monitoring capability has been assessed against the worse case credible spill scenario (CS-01). The range of SMP strategies provide an ongoing approach to monitoring operations to assess and evaluate the scale and extent of impacts. All known reasonably practicable control measures have been adopted with the cost and organisational complexity of these options determined to be Moderate and the overall delivery effectiveness considered Medium. The SMP's main objectives can be met.	
Acceptability Summary	• The control measures selected for implementation manage the potential impacts and risks to ALARP. • In the event of a hydrocarbon spill for the PAP, the control measures selected, meet or exceed the requirements of Woodside Management System and industry best-practice. • Throughout the PAP, relevant Australian standards and codes of practice will be followed to evaluate the impacts from a loss of marine diesel due to vessel collision. • The level of impact and risk to the environment has been considered with regards to the principles of ESD; and risks and impacts from a range of identified scenarios were assessed in detail. The control measures described consider the conservation of biological and ecological diversity, through both the selection of control measures and the management of their performance. The control measures have been developed to account for the worse case credible case scenario, and uncertainty has not been used as a reason for postponing control measures.	
On the basis of the impact assessment above and in Section 7 of the EP, Woodside considers the adopted controls discussed manage the impacts and risks associated with implementing scientific monitoring activities to a level that is ALARP and acceptable.		

7 ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT OF SELECTED RESPONSE TECHNIQUES

The implementation of response techniques may modify the impacts and risks identified in the EP and response activities can introduce additional impacts and risks from response operations themselves. Therefore, it is necessary to complete an assessment to ensure these impacts and risks have been considered and specific measures are put in place to continually review and manage these further impacts and risks to ALARP and Acceptable levels. A simplified assessment process has been used to complete this task which covers the identification, analysis, evaluation and treatment of impacts and risks introduced by responding to the event.

7.1.1 Identification of impacts and risks from implementing response techniques

Each of the control measures can modify the impacts and risks identified in the EP. These impacts and risks have been previously assessed within the scope of the EP. Refer to the EP for details regarding how these risks are being managed. They are not discussed further in this document.

- Atmospheric emissions
- Routine and non-routine discharges
- Physical presence, proximity to other vessels (shipping and fisheries)
- Routine acoustic emissions vessels
- Lighting for night work/navigational safety
- Invasive marine species
- Collision with marine fauna
- Disturbance to Seabed

Additional impacts and risks associated with the control measures not included within the scope of the EP include:

- Vessel operations and anchoring
- Presence of personnel on the shoreline
- Human presence (manual cleaning)
- Vegetation cutting
- Additional stress or injury caused to wildlife
- Secondary contamination from the management of waste

7.1.2 Analysis of impacts and risks from implementing response techniques

The table below compares the adopted control measures for this activity against the environmental values that can be affected when they are implemented.

Table 7-1: Analysis of risks and impacts

	Environmental Value						
	Soil & Groundwater	Marine Sediment Quality	Water Quality	Air Quality	Ecosystems/ Habitat	Species	Socio-Economic
Monitor and evaluate		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Shoreline Protection & Deflection	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Shoreline Clean-up	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Oiled Wildlife					✓	✓	
Scientific Monitoring	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Waste Management	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓

7.1.3 Evaluation of impacts and risks from implementing response techniques

Vessel operations and anchoring

Typical booms used in containment and recovery operations are designed to float, meaning that fauna capable of diving, such as cetaceans, marine turtles and sea snakes can readily avoid contact with the boom. Impacts to species that inhabit the water column such as sharks, rays and fish are not expected. Additionally, some fauna, such as cetaceans, are likely to detect and avoid the spill area, and are not expected to be present in the proximity of containment and recovery operations.

During the implementation of response techniques, where water depths allow, it is possible that response vessels will be required to anchor (e.g. during shoreline surveys). The use of vessel anchoring will be minimal and likely to occur when the impacted shoreline is inaccessible via road. Anchoring in the nearshore environment of sensitive receptor locations will have the potential to impact coral reef, seagrass beds and other benthic communities in these areas. Recovery of benthic communities from anchor damage depends on the size of anchor and frequency of anchoring. Impacts would be highly localised (restricted to the footprint of the vessel anchor and chain) and temporary, with full recovery expected.

Presence of personnel on the shoreline

Presence of personnel on the shoreline during shoreline operations could potentially result in disturbance to wildlife and habitats. During the implementation of response techniques, it is possible that personnel may have minimal, localised impacts on habitats, wildlife and coastlines. The impacts associated with human presence on shorelines during shoreline surveys may include:

- Damage to vegetation/habitat to gain access to areas of shoreline oiling;
- Damage or disturbance to wildlife during shoreline surveys;
- Removal of surface layers of intertidal sediments (potential habitat depletion); and
- Excessive removal of substrate causing erosion and instability of localised areas of the shoreline.

Human presence

Human presence for manual clean-up operations may lead to the compaction of sediments and damage to the existing environment especially in sensitive locations such as mangroves and turtle nesting beaches. However, any impacts are expected to be localised with full recovery expected.

Waste generation

Implementing the selected response techniques will result in the generation of the following waste streams that will require management and disposal:

- Liquids (recovered oil/water mixture), recovered from containment and recovery and shoreline clean-up operations
- Semi-solids/solids (oily solids), collected during containment and recovery and shoreline clean-up operations
- Debris (e.g. seaweed, sand, woods, plastics), collected during containment and recovery and shoreline clean-up operations and oiled wildlife response.

If not managed and disposed of correctly, wastes generated during the response have the potential for secondary contamination similar to that described above, impacts to wildlife through contact with or ingestion of waste materials and contamination risks if not disposed of correctly onshore.

Cutting back vegetation could allow additional oil to penetrate the substrate and may also lead to localised habitat loss. However, any loss is expected to be localised in nature and lead to an overall net environmental benefit associated with the response by reducing exposure of wildlife to oiling.

Additional stress or injury caused to wildlife

Additional stress or injury to wildlife could be caused through the following phases of a response:

- Capturing wildlife
- Transporting wildlife
- Stabilisation of wildlife
- Cleaning and rinsing of oiled wildlife
- Rehabilitation (e.g. diet, cage size, housing density)
- Release of treated wildlife

Inefficient capture techniques have the potential to cause undue stress, exhaustion or injury to wildlife, additionally pre-emptive capture could cause undue stress and impacts to wildlife when there are uncertainties in the forecast trajectory of the spill. During the transportation and stabilisation phases there is the potential for additional thermoregulation stress on captured wildlife. Additionally, during the cleaning process, it is important personnel undertaking the tasks are familiar with the relevant techniques to ensure that further injury and the removal of water proofing feathers are managed and mitigated. Finally, during the release phase it’s important that wildlife is not released back into a contaminated environment.

7.1.4 Treatment of impacts and risks from implementing response techniques

In respect of the impacts and risks assessed the following treatment measures have been adopted. It must be recognised that this environmental assessment is seeking to identify how to maintain the level of impact and risks at levels that are ALARP and of an acceptable level rather than exploring further impact and risk reduction. It is for this reason that the treatment measures identified in this assessment will be captured in Operational Plans, Tactical Response Plans, and/or First Strike Response Plans.

Vessel operations and access in the nearshore environment

- If vessels are required for access, anchoring locations will be selected to minimise disturbance to benthic primary producer habitats. Where existing fixed anchoring points are not available, locations will be selected to minimise impact to nearshore benthic environments with a preference for areas of sandy seabed where they can be identified (PS 10.1, 13.1).
- Shallow draft vessels will be used to access remote shorelines to minimise the impacts associated with seabed disturbance on approach to the shorelines (PS 10.2, 13.2).

Presence of personnel on the shoreline

- Oversight by trained personnel who are aware of the risks (PS 13.6)
- Trained unit leader's brief personnel of the risks prior to operations (PS 13.7)

Human Presence

- Shoreline access routes with the least environmental impact identified will be selected by a specialist in shoreline contamination assessment techniques (SCAT) operations (PS 13.5)
- Vehicular access will be restricted on dunes, turtle nesting beaches and in mangroves (PS 13.3)

Waste generation

- All shoreline clean-up sites will be zoned and marked before clean-up operations commence. (PS 11.5)
- Limiting vegetation removal to only that vegetation that has been moderately or heavily oiled (PS 13.4)

Additional stress or injury caused to wildlife

- Operations conducted with advice from the DBCA Oiled Wildlife Advisor and in accordance with the processes and methodologies described in the WA OWRP and the relevant regional plan (PS 15.3)

8 ALARP CONCLUSION

An analysis of alternative, additional and improved control measures has been undertaken to determine their reasonableness and practicability. The tables in **Section 6** document the considerations made in this evaluation. Where the costs of an alternative, additional, or improved control measure have been determined to be clearly disproportionate to the environmental benefit gained from its adoption it has been rejected. Where this is not considered to be the case the control measure has been adopted.

The risks from a hydrocarbon spill have been reduced to ALARP because:

- Woodside has a significant hydrocarbon spill response capability to respond to the WCCS through the control measures identified.
- New and modified impacts and risks associated with implementing response techniques have been considered and will not increase the risks associated with the activity.
- A consideration of alternative, additional, and improved control measures identified any other control measures that delivered proportionate environmental benefit compared to the cost of adoption for this activity ensuring that:
  - All known, reasonably practicable control measures have been adopted.
  - No additional, reasonably practicable alternative and/or improved control measures would provide further environmental benefit.
  - No reasonably practical additional, alternative, and/or improved control measure exists.
- A structured process for considering alternative, additional, and improved control measures was completed for each control measure.
- The evaluation was undertaken based on the outputs of the WCCS so that the capability in place is sufficient for all other scenario from this activity.
- The likelihood of the WCCS spill has been ignored in evaluating what was reasonably practicable.

9 ACCEPTABILITY CONCLUSION

Following the ALARP evaluation process, Woodside deems the hydrocarbon spill risks and impacts have been reduced to an acceptable level by meeting all of the following criteria:

- Techniques are consistent with Woodside's processes and relevant internal requirements including policies, culture, processes, standards, structures and systems.
- Levels of risk/ impact are deemed acceptable by relevant persons (external stakeholders) and are aligned with the uniqueness of, and/or the level of protection assigned to the environment, its sensitivity to pressures introduced by the activity, and the proximity of activities to sensitive receptors, and have been aligned with Part 3 of the EPBC Act.
- Selected control measures meet requirements of legislation and conventions to which Australia is a signatory (e.g. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), the World Heritage Convention, the Ramsar Convention, and the Biodiversity Convention etc.). In addition to these, other non-legislative requirements met include:
    - Australian IUCN reserve management principles for Commonwealth marine protected areas and bioregional marine plans.
    - National Water Quality Management Strategy and supporting guidelines for marine water quality).
    - Conditions of approval set under other legislation.
    - National and international requirements for managing pollution from ships.
    - National biosecurity requirements.
- Industry standards, best practices and widely adopted standards and other published materials have been used and referenced when defining acceptable levels. Where these are inconsistent with mandatory/ legislative regulations, explanation has been provided for the proposed deviation. Any deviation produces the same or a better level of environmental performance (or outcome).

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11 GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

11.1 Glossary

Term	Description / Definition
ALARP	Demonstration through reasoned and supported arguments that there are no other practicable options that could reasonably be adopted to reduce risks further.
Availability	The availability of a control measure is the percentage of time that it is capable of performing its function (operating time plus standby time) divided by the total period (whether in service or not). In other words, it is the probability that the control has not failed or is undergoing a maintenance or repair function when it needs to be used.
Control	The means by which risk from events is eliminated or minimised.
Control effectiveness	A measure of how well the control measures perform their required function.
Control measure (risk control measure)	The features that eliminate, prevent, reduce or mitigate the risk to environment associated with PAP.
Credible spill scenario	A spill considered by Woodside as representative of maximum volume and characteristics of a spill that could occur as part of the PAP.
Dependency	The degree of reliance on other systems in order for the control measure to be able to perform its intended function.
Environment that may be affected	The summary of quantitative modelling where the marine environment could be exposed to hydrocarbons levels exceeding hydrocarbon threshold concentrations.
Incident	An event where a release of energy resulted in or had (with) the potential to cause injury, ill health, damage to the environment, damage to equipment or assets or company reputation.
Major Environment Event	The events with potential environment, reputation, social or cultural consequences of category C or higher (as per Woodside's operational risk matrix) which are evaluated against credible worst case scenarios which may occur when all controls are absent or have failed.
Performance outcome	A statement of the overall goal or outcome to be achieved by a control measure
Performance standard	The parameters against which [risk] controls are assessed to ensure they reduce risk to ALARP. A statement of the key requirements (indicators) that the control measure has to achieve in order to perform as intended in relation to its functionality, availability, reliability, survivability and dependencies.
Preparedness	Measures taken before an incident in order to improve the effectiveness of a response
Reasonably practicable	... a computation ... made by the owner, in which the quantum of risk is placed on one scale and the sacrifice involved in the measures necessary for averting the risk (whether in money, time or trouble) [showing whether or not] that there is a gross disproportion between them ... made by the owner at a point of time anterior to the accident. (Judgement: Edwards v National Coal Board [1949])

Term	Description / Definition
Receptors at risk	Physical, biological and social resources identified as at risk from hydrocarbon contact using oil spill modelling predictions.
Receptor areas	Geographically referenced areas such as bays, islands, coastlines and/or protected area (World Heritage Area, WHA, Commonwealth or State marine reserve or park) containing one or more receptor type.
Receptor Sensitivities	This is a classification scheme to categorise receptor sensitivity to an oil spill. The Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) is a numerical classification of the relative sensitivity of a particular environment (particularly different shoreline types) to an oil spill. Refer to the Woodside Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements (Australia) for more details.
Regulator	NOPSEMA are the Environment Regulator under the Environment Regulations.
Reliability	The probability that at any point in time a control measure will operate correctly for a further specified length of time.
Response technique	The key priorities and objectives to be achieved by the response plan Measures taken in response to an event to reduce or prevent adverse consequences.
Survivability	Whether or not a control measure is able to survive a potentially damaging event is relevant for all control measures that are required to function after an incident has occurred.
Threshold	Hydrocarbon threshold concentrations applied to the risk assessment to evaluate hydrocarbon spills. These are defined as: surface hydrocarbon concentration – ≥10 g/m^2, dissolved – ≥50 ppb and entrained hydrocarbon concentrations – ≥100 ppb.
Zone of Application (ZoA)	The zone in which Woodside may elect to apply dispersant. The zone is determined based on a range of considerations, such as hydrocarbon characteristics, weathering and metocean conditions. The zone is a key consideration in the Net Environmental Benefit Analysis for dispersant use.

11.2 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
AHV	Anchor Handler Vessel
AIIMS	Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System
ALARP	As low as reasonably practicable
AMOSC	Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre
AMP	Australian Marine Park
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
API	American Petroleum Institute
APPEA	Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association
AUV	Autonomous Underwater Vehicle
BAOAC	Bonn Agreement Oil Appearance Code
BOP	Blowout Preventer
BOPE	Blowout Preventer Equipment
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CF	Condition Factor
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamic
CICC	Corporate Incident Coordination Centre
CMT	Crisis Management Team
COP	Common Operating Picture
CS	Credible Scenario
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (former Department of Parks and Wildlife)
DM	Duty Manager
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
DoT	Department of Transport
DP	Dynamically Positioned
EMBA	Environment that May Be Affected
EMSA	European Maritime Safety Agency
EP	Environment Plan
EPBC	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
EROD	ethoxyresorufin-O-deethylase
ESI	Environmental Sensitivity Index
ESD	Environmentally Sustainable Development
ESP	Environmental Services Panel
FSP	First Strike Plan
FST	Functional Support Team
GIS	Geographic Information System
GSI	Gonadosomatic Index

Abbreviation	Meaning
HSE	Health Safety and Environment
HSEQ	Health Safety Environment and Quality
HSP	Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IC	Incident Controller
ICC	Incident Coordination Centre
ICE	Internal Control Environment
ID	Identification
IGEM	Industry-Government Environmental Meta-database
IMIS	Incident Management Information System
IMS	Incident Management System
IMO	International Maritime Organisation
IMT	Incident Management Team
IPIECA	International Petroleum Industry Environment Conservation Association
IR	Infrared
ISV	Infield Support Vessels
ITOPF	International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KBSB	King Bay Support Base
KGP	Karratha Gas Plant
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit
LSI	Liver Somatic Index
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSRC	Marine Spill Response Corporation
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities
NEBA	Net Environmental Benefit Analysis
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
NRDA	Natural Resource Damage Assessment
NWBM	Non-Water Based Muds
OIE	Offset Installation Equipment
OILMAP	Oil Spill Model and Response System
OM	Operational Monitoring
OMP	Operational Monitoring Program
OPEA	Oil Pollution Emergency Arrangements
OPEP	Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
OPGGS	Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage

Abbreviation	Meaning
OSPRMA	Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment
OSRL	Oil Spill Response Limited
OSRO	Oil Spill Response Organisation
OSTM	Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling
OWR	Oiled Wildlife Response
OWRP	Oiled Wildlife Response Plan
OWROP	Oiled Wildlife Response Operational Plan
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
PAH	Polyaromatic Hydrocarbon
PAP	Petroleum Activities Program
PBA	Pre-emptive Baseline Areas
PPB	Parts per billion
PS	Performance Standard
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle(s)
RPA	Response Protection Area
S&EM	Security and Emergency Management
SCAT	Shoreline Contamination Assessment Techniques
SCERP	Source Control Emergency Response Plan
SDA	Surface Dispersant Application
SDH	Sorbitol Dehydrogenase
SFRT	Subsea First Response Toolkit
SIMAP	Spill Impact Mapping and Analysis Program
SIMOPS	Simultaneous Operations
SM	Scientific Monitoring
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SMP	Scientific Monitoring Program
SOPEP	Ship Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
SQGV	Sediment Quality Guideline Values
SSDI	Subsea Dispersant Injection
TOA	Testing of Arrangements
TRP	Tactical Response Plan
TRSV	Tubing Retrievable Safety Valve
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
UV	Ultraviolet
WA DoT	Western Australia Department of Transport
WBM	Water Based Muds
WCCS	Worst Case Credible Scenario
WHA	World Heritage Area

Abbreviation	Meaning
WMS	Woodside Management System
WiRCs	Woodside Integrated Risk & Compliance System
Woodside	Woodside Energy Limited
WWCI	Wild Well Control Inc
ZoA	Zone of Application

ANNEX A: NET ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT ANALYSIS DETAILED OUTCOMES

A NEBA has been conducted to assess the net environmental benefit of different response techniques to selected receptors in the event of an oil spill from the PAP for a surface hydrocarbon release due to a support vessel tank rupture of marine diesel (CS-01). The complete list of potential receptor locations within the EMBA within the PAP is included in **Section 6 of the EP**.

The locations utilised for the NEBA include RPAs of the PAP identified from stochastic modelling (see **Section 3** for outline of selection).

These include receptors which have potential for the following impact thresholds and are shown in the tables below:

- Surface contact (>50 g/m^2)
- Shoreline accumulation (>100g/m^2) at any time
- Entrained contact prior to day 14 (>100 ppb)

The full NEBA assessment outcomes are available via this Link

Table A-1: NEBA assessment technique recommendations for surface hydrocarbon release due to a support vessel tank rupture of marine diesel (Credible Scenario-01)

Receptor	Monitor and Evaluate	Containment and Recovery	Dispersant application: sub-sea	Dispersant application: > 20 m water depth and > 10 km from shore/reefs	Shoreline protection	Shoreline clean-up (manual)	Shoreline clean-up (mechanical)	Shoreline clean-up (chemical)	Oiled Wildlife Response	In situ burning	Mechanical dispersion	Source Control
Open Ocean - Commonwealth Waters (Operational Area)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Gascoyne AMP	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ningaloo Coast North	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ningaloo Coast North WHA	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Ningaloo AMP (RUZ)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Carnarvon Canyon AMP	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Potentially	No	No	No

Overall assessment

Receptor	Monitor and Evaluate	Containment and Recovery	Dispersant application: sub-sea	Dispersant application: > 20 m water depth and > 10 km from shore/reefs	Shoreline protection	Shoreline clean-up (manual)	Shoreline clean-up (mechanical)	Shoreline clean-up (chemical)	Oiled Wildlife Response	In situ burning	Mechanical dispersion	Source Control
Is this response Practicable?	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
NEBA identifies Response potentially of Net Environmental Benefit?	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Potentially	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes

NEBA Impact Ranking Classification Guidance

To reduce variability between assessments, the following ranking descriptions have been devised to guide the workshop process:

			Degree of impact[10]	Potential duration of impact	Equivalent Woodside Corporate Risk Matrix Consequence Level
Positive	3P	Major	Likely to prevent: • behavioural impact to biological receptors • behavioural impact to socio-economic receptors e.g. changes to day-today business operations, public opinion/behaviours (e.g. avoidance of amenities such as beaches) or regulatory designations.	Decrease in duration of impact by > 5 years	N/A
	2P	Moderate	Likely to prevent: • significant impact to a single phase of reproductive cycle of biological receptors • detectable financial impact, either directly (e.g. loss of income) or indirectly (e.g. via public perception), for socio-economic receptors.	Decrease in duration of impact by 1–5 years	N/A

	1P	Minor	Likely to prevent impacts on:
			• significant proportion of population or breeding stages of biological receptors
			• socio-economic receptors such as:
			  ○ significant impact to the sensitivity of protective designation; or
			  ○ significant and long-term impact to business/industry.
				Decrease in duration of impact by several seasons (< 1 year)	N/A

	0	Non-mitigated spill impact	**No detectable difference to unmitigated spill scenario.**		
Negative	1N	Minor	Likely to result in: • behavioural impact to biological receptors • behavioural impact to socio-economic receptors e.g. changes to day-to-day business operations, public opinion/behaviours (e.g. avoidance of amenities such as beaches), or regulatory designations.	Increase in duration of impact by several seasons (< 1 year)	Increase in risk by one sub-category, without changing category (e.g. Minor (E) to Minor (D))
	2N	Moderate	Likely to result in: • significant impact to a single phase of reproductive cycle for biological receptors; or • detectable financial impact, either directly (e.g. loss of income) or indirectly (e.g. via public perception), for socio-economic receptors. This level of negative impact is recoverable and unlikely to result in closure of business/industry in the region.	Increase in duration of impact by 1–5 years	Increase in risk by one category (e.g. Minor (D) to Moderate (C or B))

	3N	Major	Likely to result in impacts on:
			• significant proportion of population or breeding stages of biological receptors
			• socio-economic receptors resulting in either:
			  ○ significant impact to the sensitivity of protective designation; or
			  ○ significant and long-term impact to business/industry.
				Increase in duration of impact by > 5 years or unrecoverable	Increase in risk by two categories (e.g. Minor (E) to Major (A))

[10] The maximum likely impact should be considered; for example, if a spill were to directly impact the behaviour that results in an impact to reproduction and/or the breeding population (such as fish failing to aggregate to spawn), then the score should be a 2 or 3 rather than a 1. Similarly, if a change in behaviour resulted in an increased risk of mortality of a population, then it should be scored as a 2 or 3.

ANNEX B: OPERATIONAL MONITORING ACTIVATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA

Table B-1: Operational monitoring objectives, triggers and termination criteria

Operational Monitoring Operational Plan	Objectives	Activation triggers	Termination criteria
Operational Monitoring Operational Plan 1 (OM01) Predictive Modelling of Hydrocarbons to Assess Resources at Risk	OM01 focuses on the conditions that have prevailed since a spill commenced, as well as those that are forecasted in the short term (1–3 days ahead) and longer term. OM01 utilises computer-based forecasting methods to predict hydrocarbon spill movement and guide the management and execution of spill response operations to maximise the protection of environmental resources at risk. The objectives of OM01 are to: • Provide forecasting of the movement and weathering of spilled hydrocarbons • Identify resources that are potentially at risk of contamination • Provide simulations showing the outcome of alternative response options (booming patterns etc.) to inform on-going Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) and continually assess the efficacy of available response options in order to reduce risks to ALARP	OM01 will be triggered immediately following a level 2/3 hydrocarbon spill.	The criteria for the termination of OM01 are: • The hydrocarbon discharge has ceased • Response activities have ceased • Hydrocarbon spill modelling (as verified by OM02 surveillance observations) predicts no additional natural resources will be impacted

Operational Monitoring Operational Plan	Objectives	Activation triggers	Termination criteria
Operational Monitoring Operational Plan 2 (OM02) Surveillance and reconnaissance to detect hydrocarbons and resources at risk	OM02 aims to provide regular, on-going hydrocarbon spill surveillance throughout a broad region, in the event of a spill. The objectives of OM02 are: • Verify spill modelling results and recalibrate spill trajectory models (OM01) • Understand the behaviour, weathering and fate of surface hydrocarbons • Identify environmental receptors and locations at risk or contaminated by hydrocarbons • Inform ongoing Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA) and continually assess the efficacy of available response options in order to reduce risks to ALARP • To aid in the subsequent assessment of the short- to long-term impacts and/or recovery of natural resources (assessed in SMPs) by ensuring that the visible cause and effect relationships between the hydrocarbon spill and its impacts to natural resources have been observed and recorded during the operational phase.	OM02 will be triggered immediately following a level 2/3 hydrocarbon spill.	The termination triggers for the OM02 are: • 72 hours has elapsed since the last confirmed observation of surface hydrocarbons • Latest hydrocarbon spill modelling results (OM01) do not predict surface exposures at visible levels

Operational Monitoring Operational Plan	Objectives	Activation triggers	Termination criteria
Operational Monitoring Operational Plan 3 (OM03) Monitoring of hydrocarbon presence, properties, behaviour and weathering in water	OM03 will measure surface, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons in the water column to inform decision-making for spill response activities. The specific objectives of OM03 are as follows: • Detect and monitor for the presence, quantity, properties, behaviour and weathering of surface, entrained and dissolved hydrocarbons • Verify predictions made by OM01 and observations made by OM02 about the presence and extent of hydrocarbon contamination Data collected in OM03 will also be used for the purpose of longer-term water quality monitoring during SM01.	OM03 will be triggered immediately following a level 2/3 hydrocarbon spill.	The criteria for the termination of OM03 are as follows: • The hydrocarbon release has ceased • Response activities have ceased • Concentrations of hydrocarbons in the water are below available ANZECC/ ARMCANZ (2000) trigger values for 99% species protection.

Operational Monitoring Operational Plan	Objectives	Activation triggers	Termination criteria
Operational Monitoring Operational Plan 4 (OM04) Pre-emptive assessment of sensitive receptors at risk	OM04 aims to undertake a rapid assessment of the presence, extent and current status of shoreline sensitive receptors prior to contact from the hydrocarbon spill, by providing categorical or semi-quantitative information on the characteristics of resources at risk. The primary objective of OM04 is to confirm understanding of the status and characteristics of environmental resources predicted by OM01 and OM02 to be at risk, to further assist in making decisions on the selection of appropriate response actions and prioritisation of resources. Indirectly, qualitative/semi-quantitative pre-contact information collected by OM04 on the status of environmental resources may also aid in the verification of environmental baseline data and provide context for the assessment of environmental impacts, as determined through subsequent SMPs.	Triggers for commencing OM04 include: • Contact of a sensitive habitat or shoreline is predicted by OM01, OM02 and/or OM03 • The pre-emptive assessment methods can be implemented before contact from hydrocarbons (once a receptor has been contacted by hydrocarbons it will be assessed under OM05)	The criteria for the termination of OM04 at any given location are: • Locations predicted to be contacted by hydrocarbons have been contacted • The location has not been contacted by hydrocarbons and is no longer predicted to be contacted by hydrocarbons (resources should be reallocated as appropriate)

Operational Monitoring <u>Operational Plan</u>	Objectives	Activation triggers	Termination criteria
<u>Operational monitoring operational plan 5 (OM05)</u> Monitoring of contaminated resources	OM05 aims to implement surveys to assess the condition of fauna and habitats contacted by hydrocarbons at sensitive habitat and shoreline locations. The primary objectives of OM05 are: • Record evidence of oiled fauna (mortalities, sub-lethal impacts, number, extent, location) and habitats (mortalities, sub-lethal impacts, type, extent of cover, area, hydrocarbon character, thickness, mass and content) throughout the response and clean-up at locations contacted by hydrocarbons to inform and prioritise clean-up efforts and resources, while minimising the potential impacts of these activities. Indirectly, the information collected by OM05 may also support the assessment of environmental impacts, as determined through subsequent SMPs.	OM05 will be triggered when a sensitive habitat or shoreline is predicted to be contacted by hydrocarbons by OM01, OM02 and/or OM03.	The criteria for the termination of OM05 at any given location are: • No additional response or clean-up of fauna or habitats is predicted • Spill response and clean-up activities have ceased OM05 survey sites established at sensitive habitat and shoreline locations will continue to be monitored during SM02. The formal transition from OM05 to SM02 will begin on cessation of spill response and clean-up activities.

ANNEX C: OIL SPILL SCIENTIFIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring

The following provides some further detail on Woodside's oil spill scientific monitoring Program and includes the following:

- The organisation, roles and responsibilities of the Woodside oil spill scientific monitoring team and external resourcing.
- A summary table of the ten scientific monitoring programs as per the specific focus receptor, objectives, activation triggers and termination criteria.
- Details on the oil spill environmental monitoring activation and termination decision-making processes.
- Baseline knowledge and environmental studies knowledge access via geo-spatial metadata databases.
- An outline of the reporting requirements for oil spill scientific monitoring programs.

Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring – Delivery Team Roles and Responsibilities

Woodside Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Delivery Team

The Woodside science team are responsible for the delivery of the oil spill scientific monitoring. The roles and responsibilities of the Woodside scientific monitoring delivery team are presented in Table C-1 and the organisational structure and Incident Control Centre (ICC) linkage provided in Figure C-1.

Woodside Oil Spill Scientific monitoring program – External Resourcing

In the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors, scientific monitoring personnel and scientific equipment to implement the appropriate SMPs will be provided by SMP Standby contractor who hold a standby contract for SMP via the Woodside Environmental Services Panel (ESP). In the event that additional resources are required other consultancy capacity within the Woodside ESP will be utilised (as needed and may extend to specialist contractors such as research agencies engaged in long-term marine monitoring programs). In consultation with the SMP Standby Contractor and/or specialist contractors, the selection, field sampling and approach of the SMPs will be determined by the nature and scale of the spill.

Table C-1: Woodside and Environmental Service Provider – Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Program Delivery Team Key Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Location	Responsibility
Woodside Roles		
SMP Lead/Manager	Onshore (Perth)	• Approves activated the SMPs based on operational monitoring data provided by the Planning Function • Provides advice to the ICC in relation to scientific monitoring • Provides technical advice regarding the implementation of scientific monitoring • Approves detailed sampling plans prepared for SMPs • Directs liaison between statutory authorities, advisors and government agencies in relation to SMPs.
SMP Co-Ordinator	Onshore (Perth)	• Activates the SMPs based on operational monitoring data provided by the Planning Function • Sits in the Planning function of the ICC. • Liaises with other ICC functions to deliver required logistics, resources and operational support from Woodside to support the Environmental Service Provider in delivering on the SMPs. Acts as the conduit for advice from the SMP Lead/Manager to the Environmental Service Provider • Manages the Environmental Service Provider's implementation of the SMPs • Liaises with the Environmental Service Provider on delivery of the SMPs • Arranges all contractual matters, on behalf of Woodside, associated with the Environmental Service Provider's delivery of the SMPs.

Role	Location	Responsibility
Environmental Service Provider Roles		
SMP standby contractor: SMP Duty Manager/Project Manager	Onshore (Perth)	• Coordinates the delivery of the SMPs • Provides costings, schedule and progress updates for delivery of SMPs • Determines the structure of the Environmental Service Provider's team to necessitate delivery of the SMPs • Verifies that HSE Plans, detailed sampling plans and other relevant deliverables are developed and implemented for delivery of the SMPs • Directs field teams to deliver SMPs • Arranges all contractual matters, on behalf of Environmental Service Provider, associated with the delivery of the SMPs to Woodside • Manages sub-consultant delivery to Woodside • Provides required personnel and equipment to deliver the SMPs
SMP Field Teams	Offshore – Monitoring Locations	• Delivers the SMPs in the field consistent with the detailed sampling plans and HSE requirements, within time and budget. • Early communication of time, budget, HSE risks associated with delivery of the SMPs to the Environmental Service Provider – Project Manager • Provides start up, progress and termination updates to the Environmental Service Provider – Project Manager (will be led in-field by a party chief).

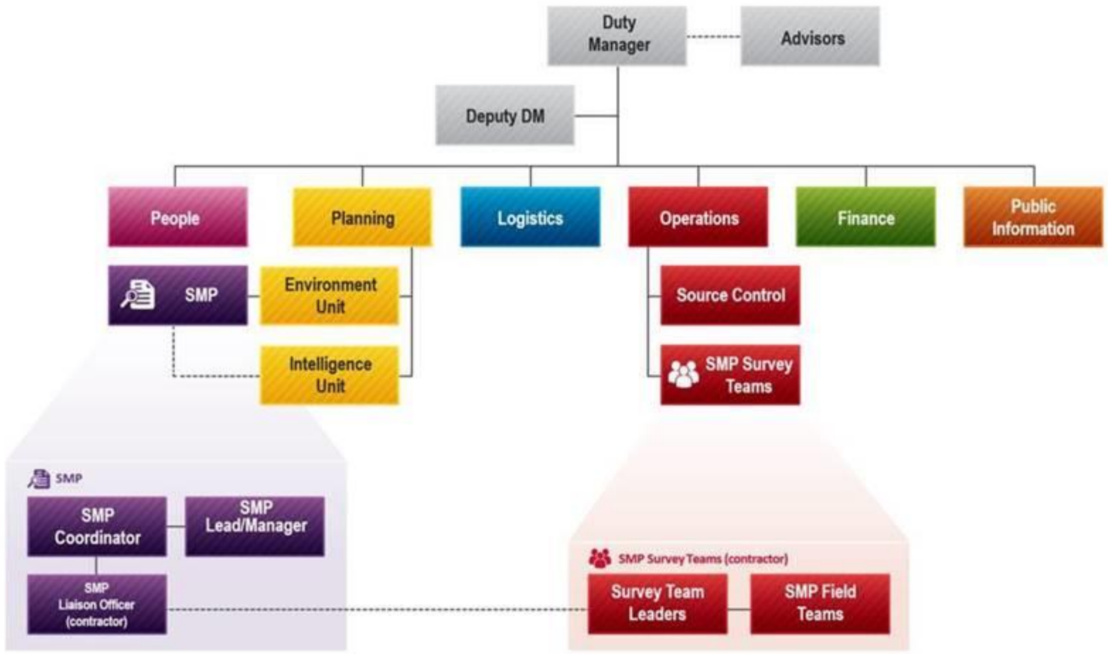

Figure C-1: Woodside Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Program Delivery Team and Linkage to Incident Control Centre (ICC) organisational structure.

Table C-2: Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring: Scientific Monitoring Program - Objectives, Activation Triggers and Termination Criteria

Scientific monitoring Program (SMP)	Objectives	Activation Triggers	Termination Criteria
Scientific monitoring program 1 (SM01) **Assessment of Hydrocarbons in Marine Waters**	SM01 will detect and monitor the presence, extent, persistence and properties of hydrocarbons in marine waters following the spill and the response. The specific objectives of SM01 are as follows: • Assess and document the extent, severity and persistence of hydrocarbon contamination with reference to observations made during surveillance activities and / or in-water measurements made during operational monitoring; and • Provide information that may be used to interpret potential cause and effect drivers for environmental impacts recorded for sensitive receptors monitored under other SMPs.	SM01 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors	SM01 will be terminated when: • Operational monitoring data relating to observations and / or measurements of hydrocarbons on and in water have been compiled, analysed and reported; and • The report provides details of the extent, severity and persistence of hydrocarbons which can be used for analysis of impacts recorded for sensitive receptors monitored under other SMPs. SMP monitoring of sensitive receptor sites: • Concentrations of hydrocarbons in water samples are below NOPSEMA guidance note (2019[11]) concentrations of 1 g/m^2 for floating, 10 ppb for entrained and dissolved; and • Details of the extent, severity and persistence of hydrocarbons from concentrations recorded in water have been documented at sensitive receptor sites monitored under other SMPs.
Scientific monitoring program 2 (SM02) **Assessment of the Presence, Quantity and Character of Hydrocarbons in Marine Sediments**	SM02 will detect and monitor the presence, extent, persistence and properties of hydrocarbons in marine sediments following the spill and the response. The specific objectives of SM02 are as follows: • Determine the extent, severity and persistence of hydrocarbons in marine sediments across selected sites where hydrocarbons were observed or recorded during operational monitoring; and • Provide information that may be used to interpret potential cause and effect drivers for environmental impacts recorded for sensitive receptors monitored under other SMPs.	SM02 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented as follows: • Response activities have ceased; and • Operational monitoring results made during the response phase indicate that shoreline, intertidal or sub-tidal sediments have been exposed to surface, entrained or dissolved hydrocarbons (at or above 0.5 g/m^2 surface, 5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m^2 for shoreline accumulation).	SM02 will be terminated once pre-spill condition is reached and agreed upon as per the SMP termination criteria process and include consideration of: • Concentrations of hydrocarbons in sediment samples are below ANZECC/ ARMCANZ (2013[12]) sediment quality guideline values (SQGVs) for biological disturbance; and • Details of the extent, severity and persistence of hydrocarbons from concentrations recorded in sediments have been documented.
Scientific monitoring program 3 (SM03) **Assessment of Impacts and Recovery of Subtidal and Intertidal Benthos**	The objectives of SM03 are: • Characterize the status of intertidal and subtidal benthic habitats and quantify any impacts to functional groups, abundance and density that may be a result of the spill; and • Determine the impact of the hydrocarbon spill and subsequent recovery (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options). Categories of intertidal and subtidal habitats that may be monitored include: • Coral reefs • Seagrass • Macro-algae • Filter-feeders SM03 will be supported by sediment contamination records (SM02) and characteristics of the spill derived from OMPs.	SM03 will be activated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented as follows: • As part of a pre-emptive assessment of PBAs of receptor locations identified by time to hydrocarbon contact >10 days, to target receptors and sites where it is possible to acquire pre-hydrocarbon contact baseline; and • Operational monitoring identified shoreline potential contact of hydrocarbons (at or above 0.5 g/m^2 surface, 5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m^2 for shoreline accumulation) for subtidal and intertidal benthic habitat.	SM03 will be terminated once pre-spill condition is reached and agreed upon as per the SMP termination criteria process and include consideration of: • Overall impacts to benthic habitats from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified. • Recovery of impacted benthic habitats has been evaluated. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 4 (SM04) **Assessment of Impacts and Recovery of Mangroves / Saltmarsh**	The objectives of SM04 are: • Characterize the status of mangroves (and associated salt marsh habitat) at shorelines exposed/contacted by spilled hydrocarbons; • Quantify any impacts to species (abundance and density) and mangrove/saltmarsh community structure; and	SM04 will be activated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented as follows:	SM04 will be terminated once pre-spill condition is reached and agreed upon as per the SMP termination criteria process and include consideration of: • Impacts to mangrove and saltmarsh habitat from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified.

[11] NOPSEMA (2019) Bulletin #1 – Oil spill modelling – April 2019, https://www.nopsema.gov.au/assets/Bulletins/A652993.pdf
[12] Simpson SL, Batley GB and Chariton AA (2013). Revision of the ANZECC/ARMCANZ Sediment Quality Guidelines. CSIRO and Water Science Report 08/07. Land and Water, pp. 132.

Scientific monitoring Program (SMP)	Objectives	Activation Triggers	Termination Criteria
	• Determine and monitor the impact of the hydrocarbon spill and potential subsequent recovery (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options). SM03 will be supported by sediment sampling undertaken in SM02 and characteristics of the spill derived from OMPs.	• As part of a pre-emptive assessment of receptor locations identified by time to hydrocarbon contact >10 days; and • Operational monitoring identified shoreline potential contact of hydrocarbons (at or above 0.5 g/m² surface, 5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m² for shoreline accumulation) for mangrove/saltmarsh habitat.	• Recovery of impacted mangrove/saltmarsh habitat has been evaluated. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 5 (SM05) **Assessment of Impacts and Recovery of Seabird and Shorebird Populations**	The Objectives of SM05 are to: • Collate and quantify impacts to avian wildlife from results recorded during OM02 and OM05 (such as mortalities, oiling, rescue and release counts) and undertake a desk-based assessment to infer potential impacts at species population level; and • Undertake monitoring to quantify and assess impacts of hydrocarbon exposure to seabirds and shorebird populations at targeted breeding colonies / staging sites / important coastal wetlands where hydrocarbon contact was recorded.	SM05 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented as follows: • As part of a pre-emptive assessment of receptor locations identified by time to hydrocarbon contact >10 days; • Operational monitoring predicts shoreline contact of hydrocarbons (at or above 0.5 g/m² surface, 5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m² for shoreline accumulation) at important bird colonies / staging sites / important coastal wetland locations; or • Records of dead, oiled or injured bird species made during the hydrocarbon spill or response.	SM05 will be terminated once it is agreed that the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition. The SMP termination criteria process will be followed and include consideration of: • Impacts to seabird and shorebird populations from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified. • Recovery of impacted seabird and shorebird populations has been evaluated. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 6 (SM06) **Assessment of Impacts and Recovery of Nesting Marine Turtle Populations**	The objectives of SM06 are to: • To quantify impacts of hydrocarbon exposure or contact on marine turtle nesting populations (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options); • Collate and quantify impacts to adult and hatchling marine turtles from results recorded during OM02 and OM05 (such as mortalities, oiling, rescue and release counts) and undertake a desk-based assessment to infer potential impacts at species population levels (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options); and • Undertake monitoring to quantify and assess impacts of hydrocarbon exposure to nesting marine turtle populations at known rookeries (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options).	SM06 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented if operational monitoring has: • As part of a pre-emptive assessment of receptor locations identified by time to hydrocarbon contact >10 days; • Predicted shoreline contact of hydrocarbons (at or above 0.5 g/m² surface, 5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m² for shoreline accumulation) at known marine turtle rookery locations; or • Records of dead, oiled or injured marine turtle species made during the hydrocarbon spill or response.	SM06 will be terminated once it is agreed that the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition. The SMP termination criteria process will be followed and include consideration of: • Impacts to nesting marine turtle populations from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified. • Recovery of impacted nesting marine turtle populations has been evaluated. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 7 (SM07) **Assessment of Impacts to Pinniped Colonies including Haul-out Site Populations**	The objectives of SM07 are to: • Quantify impacts on pinniped colonies and haul-out sites as a result of hydrocarbon exposure/contact. • Collate and quantify impacts to pinniped populations from results recorded during OM02 and OM05 (such as mortalities, oiling, rescue and release counts) and undertake a desk-based assessment to infer potential impacts at species population levels.	SM07 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented if operational monitoring has: • As part of a pre-emptive assessment of receptor locations identified by time to hydrocarbon contact >10 days; • Identified shoreline contact of hydrocarbons ((at or above 0.5 g/m² surface, ≥5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons and ≥1 g/m² for shoreline accumulation) at known pinniped colony or haul-out site(s) (i.e. most northern site is the Houtman Abrolhos Islands); or • Records of dead, oiled or injured pinniped species made during the hydrocarbon spill or response.	SM07 will be terminated once it is agreed that the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition. The SMP termination criteria process will be followed and include consideration of: • Impacts to pinniped populations from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified. • Recovery of pinniped populations has been evaluated. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 8 (SM08) **Desk-Based Assessment of Impacts to Other Non-Avian Marine Megafauna**	The objective of SM08 is to provide a desk-based assessment which collates the results of OM02 and OM05 where observations relate to the mortality, stranding or oiling of mobile marine megafauna species not addressed in SM06 or SM07, including: • Cetaceans; • Dugongs;	SM08 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented if operational monitoring reports records of dead, oiled or injured non-avian marine megafauna during the spill/ response phase.	SM08 will be terminated when the results of the post-spill monitoring have quantified impacts to non-avian megafauna.

Scientific monitoring Program (SMP)	Objectives	Activation Triggers	Termination Criteria
	• Whale sharks and other shark and ray populations; • Sea snakes; and • Crocodiles. The desk-based assessment will include population analysis to infer potential impacts to marine megafauna species populations.		• Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 9 (SM09) **Assessment of Impacts and Recovery of Marine Fish associated with SM03 habitats**	The objectives of SM09 are: • Characterise the status of resident fish populations associated with habitats monitored in SM03 exposed/contacted by spilled hydrocarbons; • Quantify any impacts to species (abundance, richness and density) and resident fish population structure (representative functional trophic groups); and • Determine and monitor the impact of the hydrocarbon spill and potential subsequent recovery (including impacts associated with the implementation of response options).	SM09 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented with SMO3.	SM09 will be undertaken and terminated concurrent with monitoring undertaken for SM03, as per the SMP termination criteria process • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.
Scientific monitoring program 10 (SM10) **SM10 - Assessment of physiological impacts important fish and shellfish species (fish health and seafood quality/safety) and recovery**	SM10 aims to assess any physiological impacts to important commercial fish and shellfish species (assessment of fish health) and if applicable, seafood quality/safety. Monitoring will be designed to sample key commercial fish and shellfish species and analyse tissues to identify fish health indicators and biomarkers, for example: • Liver Detoxification Enzymes (ethoxyresorufin-O-deethylase (EROD) activity) • Polyaromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Biliary Metabolites • Oxidative DNA Damage • Serum Sorbitol Dehydrogenase (SDH) • Other physiological parameters, such as condition factor (CF), liver somatic index (LSI), gonado-somatic index (GSI) and gonad histology, total weight, length, condition, parasites, egg development, testes development, abnormalities. • Seafood tainting may be included (where appropriate) using applicable sensory tests to objectively assess targeted finfish and shellfish species for hydrocarbon contamination. Results will be used to make inferences on the health of commercial fisheries and the potential magnitude of impacts to fishing industries.	SM10 will be initiated in the event of a Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors and implemented if operational monitoring (OM01, OM02 and OM05) indicates the following: • The hydrocarbon spill will or has intersected with active commercial fisheries or aquaculture activities. • Commercially targeted finfish and/or shellfish mortality has been observed/recorded. • Commercial fishing or aquaculture areas have been exposed to hydrocarbons (≥0.5 g/m² surface and ≥5 ppb for entrained/dissolved hydrocarbons); and • Taste, odour or appearance of seafood presenting a potential human health risk is observed.	SM10 will be terminated once it is agreed that the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition. The SMP termination criteria process will be followed and include consideration of: • Physiological impacts to important commercial fish and shellfish species from hydrocarbon exposure have been quantified. • Recovery of important commercial fish and shellfish species from hydrocarbon exposure has been evaluated. • Impacts to seafood quality/safety (if applicable) have been assessed and information provided to the relevant stakeholders and regulators for the management of any impacted fisheries. • Agreement with relevant stakeholders and regulators based on the nature and scale of the hydrocarbon spill impacts and/or that observed impacts can no longer be attributed to the spill.

Activation Triggers and Termination Criteria

Scientific monitoring program Activation

The Woodside oil spill scientific monitoring team will be stood up immediately with the occurrence of a hydrocarbon spill (actual or suspected) Level 2 or 3 hydrocarbon release, or any release event with the potential to contact sensitive environmental receptors via the FSRP for the PAP. The presence of any level of hydrocarbons in the marine environment triggers the activation of the oil spill scientific monitoring program (SMP). This is to ensure the full range of eventualities relating to the environmental, socio-economic and health consequences of the spill are considered in the planning and execution of the SMP. The activation process also takes into consideration the management objectives, species recovery plans, conservation advices and conservations plans for any World Heritage Area (WHA), CMRs, State Marine Parks, other protected area designations (e.g., State nature reserves) and Matters of National Environmental Significance (including listed species under part 3 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act) potentially exposed to hydrocarbons. With the first 24-48 hours of a spill event, such information will be sourced and evaluated as part of the SMP planning process guided by Appendix D (identified receptors vulnerable to hydrocarbon contact), the information presented in the Existing Environment section of the EP as well as other information sources such as the Woodside Baseline Environmental Studies Database.

The starting point for decision-making on what SMPs are activated and spatial extent of monitoring activities will be based on the predictive modelling results (OM01) in the first 24-48 hours until more information is made available from other operational monitoring activities such as aerial surveillance and shoreline surveys. Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (WHA, CMRs and State Marine Parks encompassing key ecological and socio-economic values) are a key focus of the SMP activation decision-making process, particularly, in the early spill event/response phase. As the operational monitoring progresses and further situational awareness information becomes available, it will be possible to understand the nature and scale of the spill. The SMP activation and implementation decision-making will be revisited on a daily basis to account for the updates on spill information. One of the priority focus areas in the early phase of the incident will be to identify and execute pre-emptive SMP assessments at key receptor locations, as required. The SMP activation and implementation decision tree is presented in Figure C-2.

Scientific monitoring Program Termination

The basis of the termination process for the active SMPs (SMPs 1-10) will include quantification of impacts, evaluation of recovery for the receptor at risk and consultation with relevant authorities, persons and organisations. Termination of each SMP will not be considered until the results (as presented in annual SMP reports for the duration of each program) indicate that the target receptor has returned to pre-spill condition.

Once the SMP results indicate impacted receptor(s) have returned to pre-spill condition (as identified by Woodside) a termination decision-making process will be triggered and a number of steps will be undertaken as follows:

- Woodside will engage expert opinion on whether the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition (based on monitoring data). Subject Matter Expert (SMEs) will be engaged (via the Woodside SME scientific monitoring terms of reference) to review program outcomes, provide expert advice and recommendations for the duration of each SMP.
- Where expert opinion agrees that the receptor has returned to pre-spill condition, findings will then be presented to the relevant authorities, persons and organisations (as defined by the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulation 11A). Stakeholder identification, planning and engagement will be managed by Woodside's Reputation Functional Support Team (FST) and follow the stakeholder management FST. These guidelines outline the FST roles and responsibilities, competencies, stakeholder communications and planning

processes. An assessment of the merits of any objection to termination will be documented in the SMP final report.

- Woodside will decide on termination of SMP based on expert opinion and merits of any stakeholder objections. The final report following termination will include: monitoring results, expert opinion and stakeholder consultation including merits of any objections.
- Termination of SMPs will also consider applicable management objectives, species recovery plans, conservation advices and conservations plans for any World Heritage Area (WHA), CMRs, State Marine Parks, other protected area designations (e.g., State nature reserves) and Matters of National Environmental Significance (including listed species under part 3 of the EPBC Act).

The SMP termination decision-making process will be applied to each active SMP and an iterative process of decision steps continued until each SMP has been terminated (refer to decision-tree diagram for SMP termination criteria, Figure C-3).

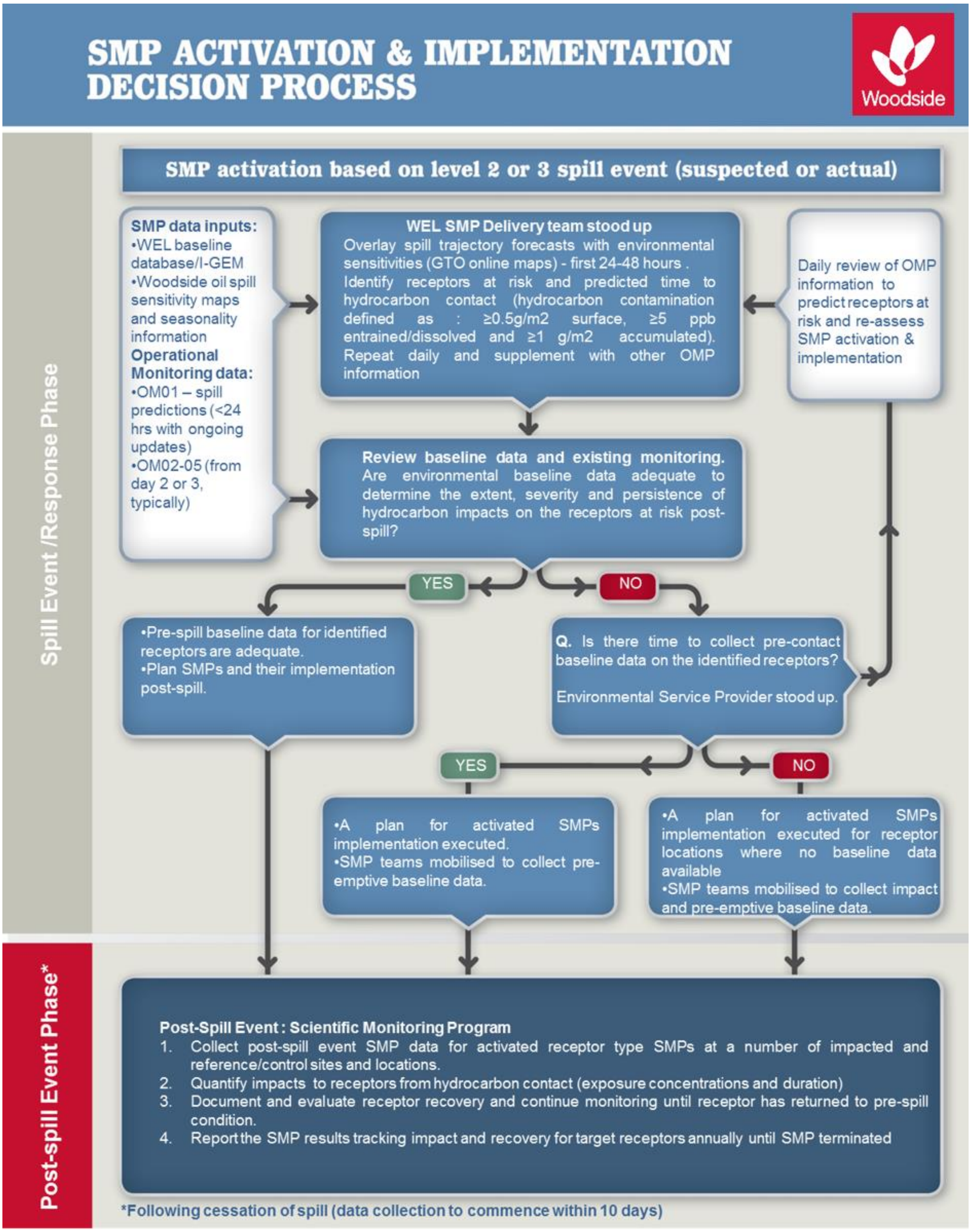

Figure C-2: Activation and Implementation Decision-tree for Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring

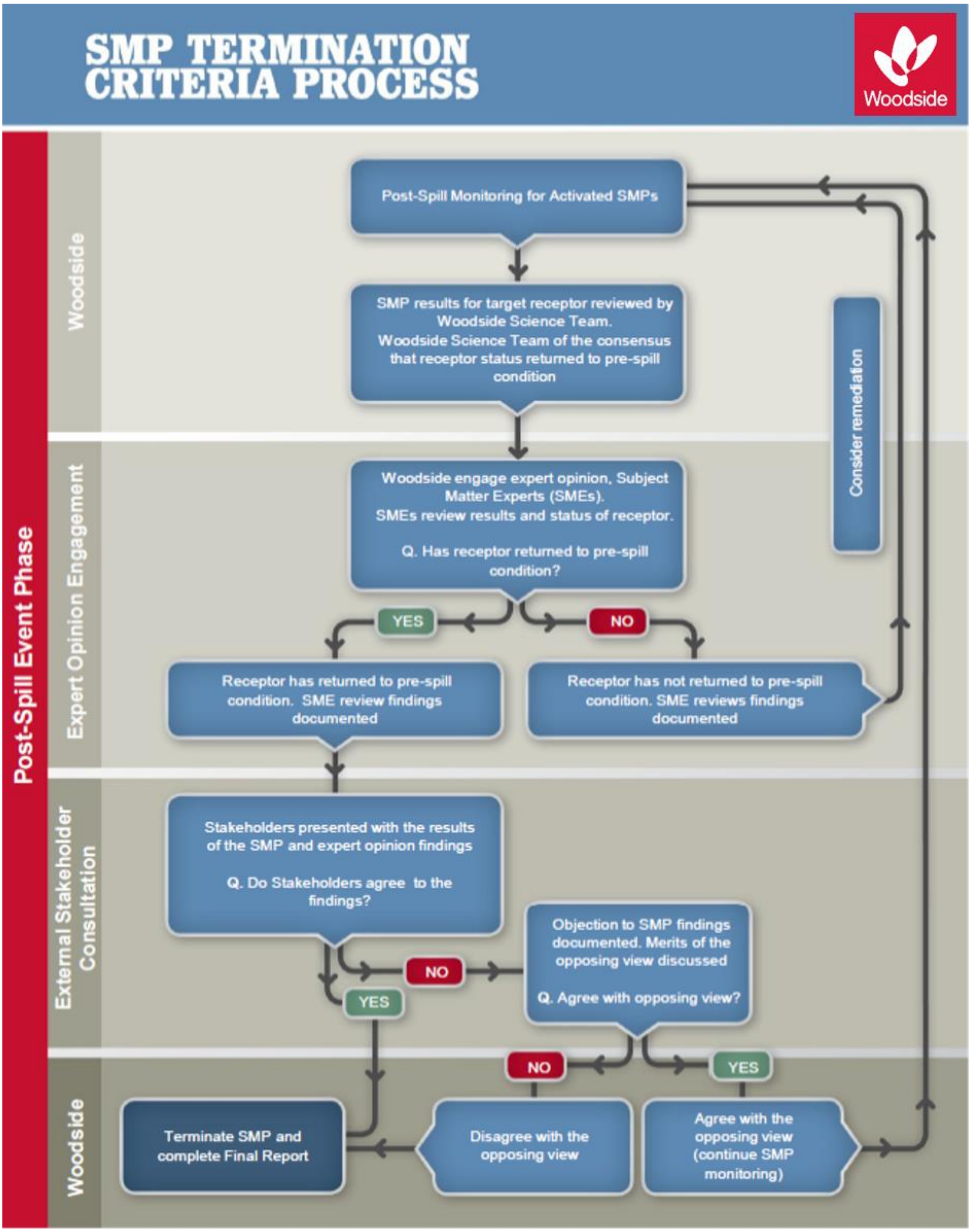

Figure C-3: Termination Criteria Decision-tree for Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring

Receptors at Risk and Baseline Knowledge

In order to assess the baseline studies available and suitability for oil spill scientific monitoring, Woodside maintains knowledge of environmental baseline studies through the upkeep and use of its Environmental Knowledge Management System.

Woodside's Environmental Knowledge Management System is a centralised platform for scientific information on the existing environment, marine biodiversity, Woodside environmental studies, key environmental impact topics, key literature and web-based resources. The system comprises a number of data directories and an environmental baseline database, as well as folders within the 'Corporate Environment' server space. The environmental baseline database was set up to support Woodside's SMP preparedness and as a SMP resource in the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon spill. The environmental baseline database is subject to updates including annual reviews completed as part of SMP standby contract. This database is accessed pre-PAP to identify Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs) where hydrocarbon contact is predicted to occur <10 days.

In addition to Woodside's Environmental Knowledge Management System, it is acknowledged that many relevant baseline datasets are held by other organisations (e.g. other oil and gas operators, government agencies, state and federal research institutions and non-governmental organisations). In order to understand the present status of environmental baseline studies a spatial environmental metadata database for Western Australia (Industry-Government Environmental Metadata, I-GEM) was established. IGEM is a collaboration comprising oil and gas operators (including Woodside), government and research agencies and other organisations. IGEM held data were integrated into the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA) Index of Marine Surveys for Assessment (IMSA)[13] in 2020. The Index of Marine Surveys for Assessments (IMSA) is an online portal for information about marine-based environmental surveys in Western Australia. IMSA is a project of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) for the systematic capture and sharing of marine data created as part of an environmental impact assessment (EIA).

In the event of an unplanned hydrocarbon release, Woodside intends to interrogate the information on baseline studies status as held by the various databases (e.g. Woodside Environmental Knowledge Management System, IMSA and other sources of existing baseline data) to identify Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (PBAs), i.e., receptors at risk where hydrocarbon contact is predicted to be >10 days, and baseline data can be collected before hydrocarbon contact.

Reporting

For the scientific monitoring program relevant regulators will be provided with:

- Annual reports summarising the SMPs deployed and active, data collection activities and available findings; and
- Final reports for each SMP summarising the quantitative assessment of environmental impacts and recovery of the receptor once returned to pre-spill condition and termination of the monitoring program.

The reporting requirements of the scientific monitoring program will be specific to the individual SMPs deployed and terms of responsibilities, report templates, schedule, Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) and peer-review will be agreed with the contractors engaged to conduct the SMPs. Compliance and auditing mechanisms will be incorporated into the reporting terms.

[13] https://biocollect.ala.org.au/imsa#max%3D20%26sort%3DdateCreatedSort

ANNEX D: SCIENTIFIC MONITORING PROGRAM AND BASELINE STUDIES FOR THE PETROLEUM ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Table D-1: Oil Spill Environmental Monitoring – scientific monitoring program scope for the Petroleum Activities Program based on Spill EMBA for the Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L)

Receptors to be Monitored	Applicable SMP	Receptor Areas - Potential Impact and Reference Scientific Monitoring Sites (marked X)																																					
		Kimberley AMP	Agro-Rowley Terrace AMP	Montebello AMP	Dampier AMP	Carnarvon AMP	Ningaloo AMP	Gascoyne AMP	Shark Bay Open Ocean (including AMP)	Abrolhos AMP	Jurien AMP	Two Rocks AMP	Perth Canyon AMP	Geographe AMP	South-west Corner AMP	Ashmore Reef and AMP	Seringapatam Reef	Scott Reef (North and South)	Mermaid Reef and AMP	Clerke Reef and State Marine Park	Imperieuse Reef and State Marine Park	Rankin Bank	Glomar Shoals	Rowley Shoals (including Sate Maine Park)	Fantome Shoal	Adele Island	Lacepede Islands	Montebello Islands (including State Marine Park)	Lowendal Islands (including State Nature Reserves)	Barrow Island (including State Nature Reserves, State Marine Park and Marine Management Area)	Muiron Islands (WHA, Marine Management Area)	Pilbara Islands - Southern Island Group (Serrurier, Thevenard and Bessieres Islands - State Nature Reserves)	Pilbara Islands - Northern Island Group (Sandy Island Passage Islands - State nature reserves)	Abrolhos Islands	Kimberley Coast	Dampier Peninsula	Northern Pilbara Shoreline	Ningaloo Coast (North/North West Cape, Middle and South) (WHA, and State Marine Park)	Shark Bay - Open Ocean Coast	Shark Bay (WHA, State Marine Park)	Ngari Capes State Marine Park
Habitat																																									
Water Quality	SM01	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marine Sediment Quality	SM02	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Coral Reef	SM03	X		X												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Seagrass / Macro-Algae	SM03	X									X					X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Deeper Water Filter Feeders	SM03	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X							X			
Mangroves and Saltmarsh	SM04																											X						X	X	X	X	X		X	
Species																																									
Sea Birds and Migratory Shorebirds (significant colonies / staging sites / coastal wetlands)	SM05	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marine Turtles (significant nesting beaches)	SM06	X	X	X	X		X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pinnipeds (significant colonies / haul-out sites)	SM07									X	X	X			X																										X
Cetaceans - Migratory Whales	SM08	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X									X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X		X	X
Oceanic and Coastal Cetaceans	SM08	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dugongs	SM08	X							X							X												X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Sea Snakes	SM08	X		X	X			X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Whale Sharks	SM08			X			X	X										X										X	X	X	X							X			
Other Shark and Ray Populations	SM08, SM09	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fish Assemblages	SM09	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Socio-economic																																									
Fisheries - Commercial	SM10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X	X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fisheries - Traditional	SM10															X	X	X									X													X	
Tourism (incl. recreational fishing)	SM10	X		X			X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Dark red	Receptor areas identified as Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (based on criteria of surface contact and/or entrained hydrocarbon contact ≤10 days (Offshore Australian Marine Parks contacted by hydrocarbons in this timeframe also noted)
Light red	Receptor areas identified as Pre-Emptive Basline Areas in the response phase >10 days (based on criteria of surface contact and/or entrained hydrocarbon contact >10 days)
White	Receptor areas that may be identified as impact or reference sites in the event of major hydrocarbon release and would be identified as part of the SMP planning process

Table D-2: Baseline Studies for the SMPs applicable to identified Pre-emptive Baseline Areas (<10 days to predicted hydrocarbon contact) for the Petroleum Activities Program: Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L)

Major Baseline	Proposed Scientific monitoring operational plan and Methodology	Ningaloo Coast and the Muiron Islands
Benthic Habitat (Coral Reef)	**SM03** Quantitative assessment using image capture using either diver held camera or towed video. Post analysis into broad groups based on taxonomy and morphology.	**Studies:** 1. DBCA LTM Ningaloo Reef program: 1991-ongoing. 2. AIMS/DBCA 2014 Baseline Ningaloo and Muiron Islands Survey – repeat and expansion on the LTM (Co-funded survey: Woodside and AIMS). 3. Pilbara Marine Conservation Partnership. 4. WAMSI LTM Study: Ningaloo Research node: 2009 -10 over the length of Ningaloo reef system (with a focus on coral and fish recruitment). 5. Ningaloo Outlook (CSIRO) - Shallow and Deep Reefs Program (2015-ongoing). 6. Ningaloo Collaboration Cluster: Habitats of the Ningaloo Reef and adjacent coastal areas determined through hyperspectral imagery. **Methods:** 1. LTM transects, diver based (video) photo quadrats, specimen collection. 2. LTM sites, transects, diver-based video quadrat. 3. Diver video transects, still photography, video and in situ visual estimates from transects, quadrats, manta-tows, towed video and ROV. 4. Video point intercept transects recorded by towed video or diver hand-held video camera. 5. Video transects. 6. LTM transects, diver based (video) photo quadrat. 7. LTM transects, diver based (video) photo quadrat. **References and Data:** 1. DBCA unpublished data. DATAHOLDER: DBCA 2. AIMS 2015. DATAHOLDER: AIMS. 3. Pilbara Marine Conservation Partnership DATAHOLDER: CSIRO 4. Depczynski et al. 2011 DATAHOLDER: AIMS, DBCA and WAMSI. 5. CSIRO 2019 – Ningaloo Outlook Program 6. Murdoch University - Kobryn et al 2011 and Keulen & Langdon 2011
Benthic Habitat (Seagrass and Macro-algae)	**SM03** Quantitative assessment using image capture using either diver held camera or towed video. Post analysis into broad groups based on taxonomy and morphology.	**Studies:** 1. Quantitative descriptions of Ningaloo sanctuary zones habitats types including lagoon and offshore areas – Cassata and Collins (2008). 2. CSIRO/BHP Ningaloo Outlook Program. 3. Ningaloo Collaboration Cluster: Habitats of the Ningaloo Reef and adjacent coastal areas determined through hyperspectral imagery. 4. Australian Institute of Marine Science – CReefs: Ningaloo Reef Biodiversity Expeditions (2008-2010). **Methods:** 1. Video transects to ground truth aerial photographs and satellite imagery. 2. Diver video transects. 3. LTM transects, diver based (video) photo quadrat. 4. LTM transects, diver based (video) photo quadrats, specimen collection. **References and Data:** 1. Cassata and Collins 2008. DATAHOLDER: Curtin University – Applied Geology. 2. CSIRO – Ningaloo Outlook Program 3. Murdoch University - Kobryn et al 2011 and Keulen and Langdon 2011. 4. AIMS (2010) - http://www.aims.gov.au/creefs
	SM03	**Studies:**

Major Baseline	Proposed Scientific monitoring operational plan and Methodology	Ningaloo Coast and the Muiron Islands
Benthic Habitat (Deeper Water Filter Feeders)	Quantitative assessment using image capture using towed video. Post analysis into broad groups based on taxonomy and morphology.	1. WAMSI 2007 deep-water Ningaloo benthic communities' study, Colquhoun and Heyward (2008). 2. CSIRO/BHP Ningaloo Outlook Program - Deep reef themes 2020
		Methods:
		1. Towed video and benthic sled (specimen sampling). 2. Side-scan sonar and AUV transects.
		References and Data:
		1. Colquhoun and Heyward (eds) 2008. DATAHOLDER: WAMSI, AIMS. 2. CSIRO – Ningaloo Outlook 2020
Mangroves and Saltmarsh	**SM04** Aerial photography and satellite imagery will be used in conjunction with field surveys to map the range and distribution of mangrove communities.	**Studies:**
		1. Atmospheric corrected land cover classification, NW Cape. 2. Woodside hold Rapid Eye imagery of the Ningaloo Reef and coastal area. 3. Hyperspectral survey (2006) of Ningaloo Reef and coastal area (not yet analysed for Mangroves). 4. North West Cape sensitivity mapping 2012 included Mangrove Bay. 5. Global mangrove distribution as mapped by the USGS and located on UNEP's Ocean Data viewer.
		Methods:
		1. Modular Inversion Program. May 2017 2. Rapid Eye imagery – High resolution satellite imagery from October/November/December 2011 and 2017. 3. Remote sensing – acquisition of HyMap airborne hyperspectral imagery and ground truthing data collection. 4. Reconnaissance surveys of the shorelines of the North West Cape and Muiron Islands. 5. Remote sensing study of global mangrove coverage.
		References and Data:
		1. EOMAP 2017 DATAHOLDER: Woodside. 2. AAM 2014. Dataholder: Woodside 3. Kobryn et al. 2013. DATAHOLDER: Murdoch University, AIMS; Woodside. 4. Joint Carnarvon Basin Operators, 2012. DATAHOLDER: Woodside and Apache Energy Ltd. 5. http://data.unep-wcmc.org/
Seabirds	**SM05** Visual counts of breeding seabirds, nest counts, intertidal bird counts at high tide.	**Studies:**
		1. LTM Study of marine and shoreline birds: 1970-2011. 2. LTM of shorebirds within the Ningaloo coastline (Shorebirds 2020). 3. Exmouth Sub-basin Marine Avifauna Monitoring Program (Quadrant Energy/Santos). 4. Seabird and Shorebird baseline studies, Ningaloo Region – Report on January 2018 bird surveys. 5.Wedge-tailed shearwater foraging behaviour in the Exmouth Region – Final Report
		Methods:

Major Baseline	Proposed Scientific monitoring operational plan and Methodology	Ningaloo Coast and the Muiron Islands
		1. Counts of nesting areas, counts of intertidal zone during high tide. 2. The Shorebirds 2020 database comprises the most complete shorebird count data available in Australia. The data have been collected by volunteer counters and BirdLife Australia staff for approximately 150 roosting and feeding sites, mainly in coastal Australia. The data go back as far as 1981 for key areas. 3. The Exmouth Sub-basin Marine Avifauna Monitoring Program undertook a detailed assessment of seabird and shorebird use in the Exmouth Sub-basin. Four aerial surveys and four island surveys were conducted between February 2013 and January 2015 for this Program, inclusive of the mainland coasts, of shore islands and a 2,500 km^2 area of ocean adjacent to the Exmouth Sub-basin. 4.Shorebird counts, Shearwater Burrow Density. 5. Telemetry (GPS & Satellite).
		References and Data:
		1. Johnstone et al. 2013. DATAHOLDER: WA MUSEUM. AMOSC/DBCA (DPaW) 2014. 2. BirdLife Australia DATAHOLDER: Woodside and BirdlLife Australia 3. Surman & Nicholson 2015. 4. BirdLife Australia: DATAHOLDER: Woodside 5. Cannel et al. 2019 DATAHOLDER: UWA and BirdLife Australia
Turtles	**SM06** Beach surveys (recording species, nests, and false crawls).	**Studies:**
		1. Exmouth Islands Turtle Monitoring Program. 2. Ningaloo Turtle Program 3. Turtle activity and nesting on the Muiron Islands and Ningaloo Coast (2018). 4. Spatial and temporal use of inter-nesting habitat by sea turtles along the Murion Islands and Ningaloo Coast – 2018-2019
		Methods:
		1. Astron (on behalf of Santos) to address a gap in the knowledge of turtle numbers at key locations (offshore islands within the region) that are not currently part of an existing monitoring programs (e.g. the NTP). Field surveys were conducted in October 2013 and January 2014. Surveys were conducted on 12 islands, with each island surveyed once (with the exception of Beach 8 at North Muiron Island) and all tracks counted. 2. Long term trends in marine turtle populations, beach surveys, track counts, best location, mortality counts. 3. On-beach monitoring and aerial surveys. 4. Tagging (satellite transmitter), analysis of internesting, migration and foraging grounds movements and behaviour.
		References/Data:
		1.Santos – Report. 2. NTP Annual Reports DATAHOLDERS: DBCA. Reports available at http://www.ningalooturtles.org.au/media_reports.html 3.Rob et al. 2019 DATAHOLDER: DBCA 4.Tucker et al. 2019 DATAHOLDER: DBCA
Fish	**SM09**	**Studies:**

Major Baseline	Proposed Scientific monitoring operational plan and Methodology	Ningaloo Coast and the Muiron Islands
	Baited Remote Underwater Video Stations (BRUVS), Visual Underwater Counts (VUC), Diver Operated Video (DOV).	1. AIMS/DBCA 2014 Baseline Ningaloo Survey – repeat and expansion on the LTM (Co-funded survey: Woodside and AIMS). 2. Demersal fish populations – baseline assessment (AIMS/WAMSI). 3. DBCA study measured Species Richness, Community Composition, and Target Biomass, through UVC. BRUVS studies determining max N, Species Richness, and Biomass. 4. Pilbara Marine Conservation Partnership Stereo BRUVS in shallow water (~10m) in 2014 in northern region of the Ningaloo Marine Park, in shallow water (~10m) inside the lagoonal reef of the Ningaloo Marine Park in 2016, in deep water (~40m) across the length of the Ningaloo Marine Park in 2015, in shallow water outside of Ningaloo Reef from Waroora to Jurabi in 2015 and offshore of the Muiron Islands in 2015. 5. Elasmobranch faunal composition of Ningaloo Marine Park. 6. Juvenile fish recruitment surveys at Ningaloo reef. 7. Demersal fish assemblage sampling method comparison 8. Ningaloo Outlook (CSIRO) - Shallow and Deep Reefs Program
		Methods:
		1. UVC surveys. 2. BRUVS Study with 304 video samples at three specific depth ranges (1-10 m, 10-30 m and 30-110m). 3. UVC surveys. 4. Stereo BRUVS 5. Snorkel and Scuba surveys. 5. Underwater visual census. 6. Diver operated video. 7. Diver UVC. 8. Diver UVC, stereo BRUVs
		References/Data:
		1. AIMS 2014. DATAHOLDER: AIMS/Woodside. 2. Fitzpatrick et al. 2012. DATAHOLDERS: WAMSI, AIMS. 3. DBCA unpublished data. DATAHOLDER: DBCA/AIMS. 4. CSIRO Data DATAHOLDER: CSIRO Data Centre ([redacted]). 5. Stevens, J.D., P.R., White, W.T., McAuley, R.B., Meekan, M.G. 2009. 6. WAMSI unpublished data DATAHOLDER: AIMS ([redacted]). 7. DATAHOLDER: WAMSI 8. CSIRO – Ningaloo Outlook 2020.

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ANNEX E: TACTICAL RESPONSE PLANS

TACTICAL RESPONSE PLANS
Exmouth
Mangrove Bay
Turquoise Bay
Yardie Creek
Muiron Islands
Jurabi to Lighthouse Beaches Exmouth
Ningaloo Reef - Refer to Mangrove/Turquoise bay and Yardie Creek
Exmouth Gulf
Shark Bay Area 1 : Carnarvon to Wooramel
Shark Bay Area 2 : Wooramel to Petite Point
Shark Bay Area 3: Petite Point to Dubaut Point
Shark Bay Area 4: Dubaut Point to Herald Bight
Shark Bay Area 5: Herald Bight to Eagle Bluff
Shark Bay Area 6: Eagle Bluff to Useless Loop
Shark Bay Area 7: Useless Loop to Cape Bellefin
Shark Bay Area 8: Cape Bellefin to Steep Point
Shark Bay Area 9: Western Shores of Edel Land
Shark Bay Area 10: Dirk Hartog Island
Shark Bay Area 11: Bernier and Dorre Islands
Abrohlos Islands: Pelseart Group
Abrohlos Islands: Wallabi Group
Abrohlos Islands: Easter Group
Dampier
Rankin Bank and Glomar Shoals
Barrow and Lowendal Islands
Pilbara Islands - Southern Island Group
Montebello Is - Stephenson Channel Nth
Montebello Is Champagne Bay and Chippendale channel
Montebello Is - Claret Bay
Montebello Is - Hermite/Delta Is Channel
Montebello Is - Hock Bay
Montebello Is - North and Kelvin Channel
Montebello Is - Sherry Lagoon Entrance
Withnell Bay
Holden Bay
King Bay
No Name Bay / No Name Beach
Enderby Island - Dampier
Rosemary Island - Dampier
Legendre Island - Dampier

Karratha Gas Plant
KGP to Whitnell Creek
KGP to Northern Shore
KGP Fire Pond and Estuary
KGP to No Name Creek
Broome
Sahul Shelf Submerged Banks and Shoals
Clerke Reef (Rowley Shoals)
Imperieuse Island (Rowley Shoals)
Mermaid Reef (Rowley Shoals)
Scott Reef
Oiled Wildlife Response
Exmouth
Dampier region
Shark Bay

APPENDIX E NOPSEMA REPORTING FORMS

NOPSEMA Recordable Environmental Incident Monthly Reporting Form:
https://www.nopsema.gov.au/assets/Forms/A198750.doc

Report of an accident, dangerous occurrence or environmental incident:
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APPENDIX F STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Revision

Date: November 2021

Revision: X

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- *Recfishwest*
- *Marine Tourism WA*
- *Exmouth Charter Boat, Tourism and Dive Operators*
- *APPEA*
- *WA Game Fishing Association*

Dear Stakeholder

Further to the below consultation regarding the proposed re-purposing of the Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) as an integrated artificial reef (IAR) under the Nganhurra Cessations of Operation Environment Plan (EP) Revision, please be advised that the proposal is no longer being pursued. We are now progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area.

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We look forward to your ongoing engagement.

Kind regards,

Senior Corporate Affairs Adviser | Operations

1.2 Email sent to the Australian Fishing Management Authority (23 September 2021)

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1.3 Email sent to the Australian Hydrographic Service (23 September 2021)

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1.4 Email sent to the Australian Maritime Shipping Authority – Marine Shipping (23 September 2021)

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1.5 Email sent to the Australian Maritime Shipping Authority – Marine Pollution (23 September 2021)

Dear [redacted]

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1.6 Email sent to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (23 September 2021)

Dear DAWE

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1.10 Email sent to Pilbara Line Fishery, North-West Slope Trawl Fishery, Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery, Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery and Western Skipjack Fishery (23 September 2021)

Dear Fishery Licence Holder

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1.22 Email sent to Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation, via their nominated representative the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) (24 September 2021)

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2. Consultation – EP Revision

2.1 Email sent to the following relevant stakeholders (5 October 2021)

- ABF
- DISER
- DBCA
- DMIRS
- DoT
- APPEA
- Recfishwest
- Marine Tourism WA
- WA Game Fishing Association
- Exmouth-based charter boat, tourism and dive operators
- Protect Ningaloo

Dear Stakeholder

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A Consultation Information Sheet is attached, which provides background on the proposed activity, including a summary of potential key risks and associated management measures. The Information Sheet is also available on our website.

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2.2 Email sent to the Australian Fishing Management Authority, Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry association and Tuna Australia (5 October 2021)

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We have identified potential impacts to active commercial fishers and the environment, which are summarised below. We have endeavoured to reduce these risks to an as low as reasonably practicable level.

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Relevant Fisheries:	**State:** Pilbara Line Fishery **Commonwealth:** Nil
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Commercial fishing implications:

Woodside has assessed potential impacts for commercial fisheries based on Fishcube, ABARES/AFMA data, fishing methods and water depth. We note there are five overlapping Commonwealth managed fisheries, listed below, none of which have been active in the Operational Area in recent years.

- North-West Slope Trawl Fishery
- Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery
- Western Skipjack Fishery
- Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery
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Woodside has provided information to the fishery's representative organisation on AFMA advice that it expects all Commonwealth fishers who have entitlements to fish within the proposed area to be consulted, which can be through the relevant fishing industry associations.

Potential risks to commercial fishing and proposed mitigation measures:

Potential Risk	Risk Description	Mitigation And / Or Management Measures
Planned		
Physical presence of infrastructure	Physical presence of infrastructure on the seafloor causing temporary interference / displacement	RTM location marked on marine charts until removal from title area completed. RTM proposed to be removed by end 2024.
Marine discharges	Discharges from the operation of project vessels may include sewage, grey water, drain and bilge water, cooling water and brine. These discharges may result in a localised short-term reduction in water quality however they will be rapidly diluted and dispersed in the water column	All routine marine discharges will be managed according to legislative and regulatory requirements and Woodside's Environmental Performance Standards where applicable.
Seabed disturbance	Disturbance to the seabed from removal activities	Attempted retrieval of dropped objects No anchoring of vessels.
Vessel interaction	The presence of vessels may preclude other marine users from access to the area	Navigation aids and practices will be used as required by Maritime Regulations to minimise potential impact on other marine users. Notification to relevant fishery stakeholders and Government maritime safety agencies of specific start and end dates, specific vessel-on-location dates and any exclusion zones prior to commencement of the activity. A 4000 m radius Operational Area already exists around each well in WA-28-L, which encompasses the RTM. A 500 m radius petroleum safety zone will remain in place around the RTM until it is disconnected from its mooring chains. A temporary 500 m exclusion zone will apply during any vessel activities. Commercial fishers and other marine users are permitted to use but should take care when entering the Operational Area and remain clear of the Exclusion zone.
Unplanned Risks		

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Biosecurity:
With respect to the biosecurity matters, please note the following information below:

Environment description:	
The Operational Area is located in water depths of approximately 400 m on the middle continental shelf and the seabed is relatively flat and featureless, comprised of soft sediments. However, the western portion of the Operational Area overlaps the Enfield Escarpment which is approximately 50 m in height, with a relatively steep slope in comparison to the surrounding seabed. The Enfield canyon lies in the southern portion of the Operational Area and comprises the North and South Enfield Canyons.	
Potential IMS risk	***IMS mitigation management***
Accidental introduction and establishment of invasive marine species	Vessels are required to comply with the Australian Biosecurity Act 2015, specifically the Australian Ballast Water Management Requirements (as defined under the Biosecurity Act 2015) (aligned with the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) to prevent introducing IMS. Vessels will be assessed and managed to prevent the introduction of invasive marine species in accordance with Woodside's Invasive Marine Species Management Plan. Woodside's Invasive Marine Species Management Plan includes a risk assessment process that is applied to vessels undertaking Activities. Based on the outcomes of each IMS risk assessment, Management measures commensurate with the risk (such as the treatment of internal systems, IMS inspections or cleaning) will be implemented to minimise the likelihood of IMS being introduced.

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Kind regards

2.5 Email sent to the Department of Defence (5 October 2021)

Dear Department of Defence

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2.6 Email sent to the Director of National Parks (5 October 2021)

Dear Director of National Parks

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We note Australian Government Guidance on consultation activities and confirm that:

- The proposed activities are outside the boundaries of a proclaimed Australian Marine Parks, with the RTM located approximately 15 km north west of the Commonwealth boundary of the Ningaloo Marine Park, approximately 15 km north of the Gascoyne Commonwealth Marine Reserve and approximately 30 km north west of the Muiron Islands Marine Management and Conservation Area.
- We have assessed potential risks to Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) in the development of the proposed Environment Plan revision and believe that there are no credible risks as part of planned activities that have potential to impact the values of the Marine Parks.
- The worst-case credible spill scenario assessed in this EP is the remote likelihood event of a vessel collision resulting a spill of marine diesel to the marine environment. Through review of hydrocarbon spill modelling, and with consideration of a 10 ppb dissolved and entrained hydrocarbon threshold, the following AMPs may be contacted in the event of a spill:
    - Ningaloo
    - Gascoyne
    - Shark Bay
    - Abrolhos Islands
    - Carnarvon Canyon
- A Commonwealth Government-approved oil spill response plan will be in place for the duration of the activities, which will include notification to relevant agencies and organisations as to the nature and scale of the event, as soon as practicable following an occurrence. The Director of National Parks will be advised if an environmental incident occurs that may impact on the values of the Marine Park

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2.7 Email sent to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (5 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

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Kind regards

2.8 Email sent to the Pilbara Line Fishery Licence Holders (5 October 2021)

Dear Pilbara Line Fishery

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2.9 Email sent to BHP, Santos and INPEX (5 October 2021)

Dear Titleholder

As operator of adjacent titles, we are sending this information to you.

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2.10 Email sent to Pearl Producers Australia (5 October 2021)

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2.11 Email sent to Cape Conservation Group (5 October 2021)

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2.12 Email sent to Exmouth Community Reference Group (5 October 2021)

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Please provide your views by **19 October 2021**.

Kind regards

2.13 Email sent to Exmouth Game Fishing Club (5 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

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Removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a future environmental approval, which will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, anticipated in 2022.

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A Consultation Information Sheet is attached, which provides background on the proposed activity, including a summary of potential key risks and associated management measures. The Information Sheet is also available on our website.

Woodside is consulting the Exmouth Game Fishing Club individually and as a member of the Exmouth Community Reference Group.

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2.14 Email sent to Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry (5 October 2021)

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Woodside is consulting the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry individually and as a member of the Exmouth Community Reference Group.

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2.15 Email sent to Shire of Exmouth (5 October 2021)

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Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Revision

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2.16 Email sent to Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Advisory Committee (5 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

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Kind regards

2.17 Email sent to Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corp (via the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation) (5 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

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Kind regards

2.18 Email sent to the AMSA – Marine Pollution (22 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

As part of Woodside's ongoing consultation for its current and planned activities, I would like to advise the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) that Woodside is preparing a revision to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan for the ongoing management of the Nganhurra Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) while it remains on station in Production Licence WA-28-L, and would like to offer AMSA the opportunity to review or provide comment on the activity.

Information is presented as follows:

- A Consultation Information Sheet is available on our website here, providing information on the proposed activities.
- The revised *Nganhurra Operations Cessation First Strike Plan* is attached. This will form part of the approval submission in accordance with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* (Cth).

Whilst Woodside propose to submit an EP on 8th November 2021 to support these activities we appreciate that this timeframe is shorter than is typically allowed for review so it has been agreed with NOPSEMA that any feedback received from AMSA will be incorporated into the EP whilst it is under assessment.

Should you require additional information or have a comment to make about the proposed activity, please contact me by close of business 26th November to allow incorporation of any amendments prior to the assessment period closing.

Comments can be made by email, letter or by phone.

Please be aware that your feedback will be communicated to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), as is required under legislation.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Abby

2.19 Email sent to DoT (22 October 2021)

Dear [redacted]

As part of Woodside's ongoing consultation for its current and planned activities, I would like to advise WA Department of Transport (DoT) that Woodside is preparing a revision to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan for the ongoing management of the Nganhurra Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) while it remains on station in Production Licence WA-28-L, and would like to offer DoT the opportunity to review or provide comment on the activity.

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- In the table below, as requested in the *Offshore Petroleum Industry Guidance Note* (July 2020) and from recent engagement activities between DoT and Woodside, responses to the information requirements in a succinct summary and source of information.

Whilst Woodside propose to submit an EP on 8th November 2021 to support these activities we appreciate that this timeframe is shorter than is typically required for DoT's review so it has been agreed with NOPSEMA that any feedback received from DoT will be incorporated into the EP whilst it is under assessment.

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[redacted]

Information Requested in the Offshore Petroleum Industry Guidance Note (July 2020)	Information Provided & Reference
Description of activity, including the intended schedule, location (including coordinates), distance to nearest landfall and map.	Included in the consultation information sheet
Worst case spill volumes.	Included in Appendix A of the First Strike Plan
Known or indicative oil type/properties.	Included in Appendix A of the First Strike Plan
Amenability of oil to dispersants and window of opportunity for dispersant efficacy.	Dispersant is not deemed to be suitable for marine diesel spill.
Description of existing environment and protection priorities.	Included in section 4 of the First Strike Plan
Details of the environmental risk assessment related to marine oil pollution - describe the process and key outcomes around risk identification, risk analysis, risk evaluation and risk treatment. For further information see the Oil Pollution Risk Management Information Paper (NOPSEMA 2017).	Unplanned loss of containment events from the Petroleum Activities Program have been identified during the risk assessment process (presented in Section 7 of the EP). Further descriptions of risk, impacts and mitigation measures (which are not related to hydrocarbon preparedness and response) are provided in Section 7 of the EP. One unplanned events or credible spill scenarios for the Petroleum Activities Program has been selected as representative across types, sources and incident/response levels, up to and including the WCCS. Table 2-1 of the OSPRMA presents the credible scenarios for the Petroleum Activities Program. One worst-case credible scenario (CS-01) has been used for response planning purposes for the activity as all other scenarios are of a lesser scale and extent. By demonstrating capability to meet and manage an event of this size and timescale, Woodside assumes relevant scenarios that are smaller in nature and scale can also be managed by the same capability. Response performance outcomes have been defined based on a response to the WCCS.
Outcomes of oil spill trajectory modelling, including predicted times to enter State waters and contact shorelines.	Credible Scenario-01 – surface release of marine diesel after a vessel collision 500 m^3 marine diesel – residue of 25 m^3 (5%)

		Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100g/m^2) in days
	Ningaloo Coast North (incl WHA)	2.5 days (196 m^3)
	Ningaloo Coast Middle (Incl. WHA)	4 days (3 m^3)
	Muiron Islands (Incl. MMA-WHA)	4.8 days (38 m^3)
Details on initial response actions and key activation timeframes.	Included in Section 2 and 3 of the First Strike Plan	
Potential Incident Control Centre arrangements.	Included in Appendix E and F of the First Strike Plan	
Potential staging areas / Forward Operating Base.	A Forward Operating Base can be established at Exmouth and/ or Dampier.	
Details on response strategies.	Included in Section 2 and 3 of the First Strike Plan	
Use of DoT equipment resources	Woodside has access to its own and contracted stockpiles of response equipment and acknowledges that potential use of DoT resources cannot be assumed and is at the discretion of DoT.	
Details and diagrams on proposed IMT structure including integration of DoT arrangements as per this IGN.	Included in Appendix E and F of the First Strike Plan	
Details on testing of arrangements of OPEP/OSCP.	• Level 1 Response – one Level 1 'First Strike' drill conducted within two weeks of activity commencement. • Level 2 Response – a minimum of one Emergency Management exercise per MODU per campaign. • Level 3 Response – the number of CMT exercises conducted each year is determined by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Vice President of Security and Emergency Management. **Testing of Oil Spill Response Arrangements** There are a number of arrangements which in the event of a spill will underpin Woodside's ability to implement a response across its petroleum activities. In order to ensure each of these arrangements is adequately tested, the Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness Capability and Competency Coordinator ensures tests are conducted in alignment with the Hydrocarbon Spill Arrangements Testing Schedule (Woodside Doc No. 10058092). Woodside's Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness & Response Testing Schedule aligns with international good practice for spill preparedness & response management; the testing is compatible with the IPIECA	

	Good Practice Guide and the Australian Emergency Management Institute Handbook. The Hydrocarbon Spill Arrangements Testing Schedule (Woodside Doc No. 10058092) identifies the type of test which will be conducted annually for each arrangement, and how this type will vary over a five year rolling schedule. Testing methods may include (but are not limited to): audits, drills, field exercises, functional workshops, assurance reporting, assurance monitoring and reviews of key external dependencies. Activity specific Oil Spill Pollution First Strike Plans are developed to meet the response needs of that particular activity's Worst Credible Spill Scenario (WCCS). The ability to implement these plans may rely on specific arrangements or those common to other Woodside activities. Regardless of their commonality each arrangement will be tested in at least one of the methods annually. This ensures that personnel are familiar with spill response procedures, reporting requirements, and roles/ responsibilities. At the completion of testing a report is produced to demonstrate the outcomes achieved against the tested objectives. The report will include the lessons learned, any improvement actions and a list of the participants. Alternatively, an assurance report, assurance records, or audit report may be produced. These reports record findings and include any recommendations for improvement. Improvement actions and their close-out are actively recorded and managed. This is over and above the emergency management exercises conducted.
Additional comments	Please note some of the links in the document are still being finalised, and as such may show a reference error in the attached version.

2.20 Woodside Consultation Information Sheet (sent to all relevant stakeholders)

Woodside

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

INFORMATION SHEET

October 2021

NGANHURRA OPERATIONS CESSATION ENVIRONMENT PLAN REVISION

EXMOUTH PLATEAU SUB-BASIN, NORTH-WEST AUSTRALIA

Woodside is submitting a revision to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan for the ongoing management of the Nganhurra Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) while it remains on station in Production Licence WA-28-L, approximately 38 km north off the North West Cape, Western Australia, while Woodside assesses options to remove the RTM from the title area.

Under the previous revision of the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan accepted in February 2021, Woodside planned to repurpose the RTM as a deep-water integrated artificial reef (IAR) in 150 m water depth, around 16 km off the North West Cape.

Woodside advised relevant stakeholders on 23 September 2021 that the IAR proposal was no longer being pursued, and that it was progressing alternate planning on options for removal of the RTM from the title area.

This EP revision addresses the ongoing management of the RTM remaining on station, including inspection, monitoring and repair (IMR) vessel-based activities, while Woodside assesses options to remove the RTM from the title area through contractor engagement. This will consider environmental impacts, health and safety risks and commercial viability.

The RTM removal activities will be subject to future environmental approvals, which will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, anticipated in 2022.

A number of activities have already been undertaken at WA-28-L, including shutting-in and depressurising the former production wells following the end of production in Q4 2018. Woodside also plans to commence permanent plugging and abandoning these wells in Q1 2022, with completion anticipated by 30 June 2024. This activity will be managed under the Enfield Plug and Abandonment (P&A) Environment Plan (EP).

Removal of remaining subsea equipment will be managed under the Enfield Subsea Infrastructure Decommissioning EP and will involve the removal of remaining infrastructure above the mudline associated with the Enfield Project, including manifolds, manifold foundations, flowlines and umbilicals, by end of 2024.

The RTM is owned by Woodside Energy Ltd (Operator and 60% interest) and Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd (40% interest).

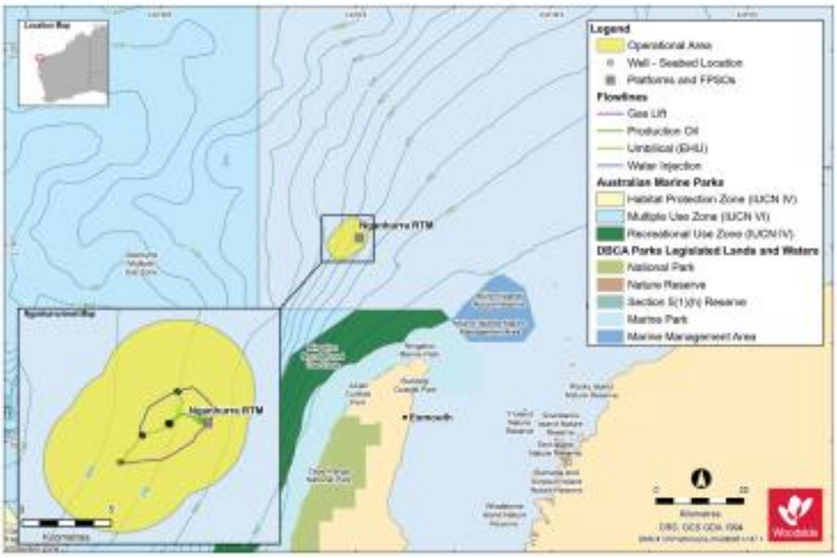

Figure 1 Petroleum Activity Program Operational Area

Table 1

Riser Turret Mooring (RTM) ongoing management activities	
Commencement date	• Ongoing
Estimated duration	• Ongoing until RTM removed from title area (by end 2024).
Water depth	• ~400 m
Approximate location	• Latitude: 21° 28' 53.268" S • Longitude: 114° 00' 29.249" E
Project vessels	• Offshore support vessels to undertake IMR activities. • General support vessels are planned to be used for transporting equipment and materials to and from the Operational Area, and for general re-supply and support.
Distance to neatest town	• ~38 km north-west of Exmouth
Distance to nearest marine park	• ~15 km north west of the Commonwealth boundary of the Ningaloo Marine Park. • ~15 km north of the Gascoyne Commonwealth Marine Reserve. • ~30 km north west of the Muiron Islands Marine Management and Conservation Area.
Exclusion zones	• The RTM has an existing 500m exclusion zone which will continue to be in place until it's disconnected from its moorings. • A temporary 500 m operational exclusion zone will apply during IMR activities.

Background

In December 2017, NOPSEMA accepted an EP for the cessation of Enfield operations in preparation for future decommissioning. The majority of activities planned under the EP has been completed, including disconnection of the Nganhurra Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) and sail away in December 2018 from the Operational Area, isolation of the production wells, preservation of the subsea production infrastructure, and laying of an umbilical and risers on the seabed. The removal of the RTM was not able to be completed.

An assessment of options to remove the RTM was completed in 2019. This assessment found that preparing and placing the RTM on the seafloor as part of an integrated artificial reef (IAR) provided social, economic, and environmental benefits, such as a recreational fishing amenity and accessibility, increased fish productivity and environmental resilience, and an economic stimulus to the region. It also reduced safety risks, removed extended tow risks, and was identified as being technically viable.

The EP revision for the IAR was accepted in February 2021, which also set out a proposal for an Artificial Reef Permit to be obtained by Recfishwest from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE).

Following a lengthy approval process, Woodside provided relevant stakeholders with an update on 23 September 2021, stating that Recfishwest had advised DAWE of its decision not to progress its Artificial Reef Permit application further for several reasons, including this being a complex project that had some challenges that would be difficult to resolve in a timely manner.

Proposed Activity – Ongoing Management

The RTM is approximately 83 m in length and between 4.5 m and 8.5 m in diameter below the sea surface and 12.5 m above the sea surface. The RTM is buoyant and approximately 6.5 m of the RTM protrudes above the water line.

The RTM houses the risers which connected subsea infrastructure to the FPSO facility. Oil was transferred from the wells and subsea infrastructure via flowlines to the flexible risers within the RTM and on to the FPSO facility. The RTM is at its original location.

As the IAR is no longer being pursued, this EP revision addresses the ongoing management of the RTM remaining on station, including inspection, monitoring and repair (IMR) vessel-based activities, while Woodside identifies and assesses options to remove the RTM from the title area through contractor engagement.

IMR activities will include the inspection and preservation of the subsea systems and RTM to minimise risk of the RTM sinking and ensure the RTM can be removed. IMR activities will be undertaken until the RTM is removed from the field.

Further decommissioning activities will be subject to a further environmental approval, which will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, anticipated in Q2 2022.

Project vessels

Several offshore support and general support vessels will be required to complete the activities. Offshore support vessels will be used to undertake any IMR activities, and general support vessels for transporting equipment and materials to and from the Operational Area, and for general re-supply and support.

Communications with mariners

A 4000 m radius Operational Area already exists around each well in WA-28-L, which encompasses the RTM. A 500 m radius petroleum safety zone will remain in place around the RTM until it is disconnected from its mooring chains. A temporary 500 m exclusion zone will apply during any vessel activities. Commercial fishers and other marine users are permitted to use but should take care when entering the Operational Area and remain clear of the Exclusion zone.

Implications for Stakeholders

Woodside is consulting relevant stakeholders whose interests, functions, and activities may be affected by the proposed activities. We will also keep other stakeholders who have identified an interest in the activities informed about our planned activities.

Woodside has undertaken an assessment to identify potential risks to the marine environment and relevant stakeholders, considering timing, duration, location and potential impacts arising from the planned activities.

A number of mitigation and management measures will be implemented and are summarised in Table 2. Further details will be provided in the revised EP.

Table 2. Summary of key risks and/or impacts and management measures for the RTM remaining on station

Potential Risk and / or Impact	Mitigation and/or Management Measure
Planned	
Physical presence of infrastructure on seafloor causing interference or displacement	• RTM location marked on marine charts until removal from title area completed. • RTM proposed to be removed by end 2024.
Chemical use	• Chemical use will be managed in accordance with Woodside and contractor chemical selection and approval procedures.
Interests of relevant stakeholders including: • Defence activities • Petroleum activities • Commercial and recreational fishing activities • Shipping activities	• Consultation with relevant petroleum titleholders, commercial fishers and their representative organisations, and Government departments and agencies to inform decision making for the proposed activity and development of the revised Environment Plan. • Advice to relevant stakeholders prior to the commencement of activities.
Marine Fauna Interactions	• Vessel masters will implement interaction management actions in accordance with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000 (Cth).
Light emissions	• Implement relevant controls in the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife Including Marine Turtles, Seabirds and Migratory Shorebirds (2020).
Marine discharges	• All routine marine discharges will be managed according to legislative and regulatory requirements and Woodside's Environmental Performance Standards where applicable.
Seabed disturbance	• No anchoring of vessels. • Attempted retrieval of dropped objects.
Vessel interactions	• Woodside will notify relevant fishery stakeholders and Government maritime safety agencies of specific start and end dates, specific vessel-on-location dates and any exclusion zones prior to commencement of any IMR activities. • A 500 m radius petroleum safety zone will remain in place around the RTM until it is disconnected from its mooring chains. • A temporary 500 m exclusion zone will apply during any vessel activities. • Commercial fishers and other marine users are permitted to use but should take care when entering the Operational Area and remain clear of the Exclusion zone.
Waste generation	• Waste generated on the vessels will be managed in accordance with legislative requirements and a Waste Management Plan. • Wastes will be managed and disposed of in a safe and environmentally responsible manner that prevents accidental loss to the environment. • Wastes transported onshore will be sent to appropriate recycling or disposal facilities by a licensed waste contractor.
Emissions to atmosphere	• Standard vessel operations.
Unplanned	
Hydrocarbon release	• Appropriate spill response plans, equipment and materials will be in place and maintained. • Appropriate refuelling procedures and equipment will be used to prevent spills to the marine environment.
Introduction of invasive marine species	• All vessels will be assessed and managed as appropriate to prevent the introduction of invasive marine species. • Compliance with Australian biosecurity requirements and guidance.
Cumulative planned impacts and unplanned risks associated with activities within WA-28L	• The EP will consider potential cumulative impacts from concurrent operations within the title and adopt additional mitigation and/or management measures where required.

Providing Feedback

Our intent is to minimise environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed activities, and we are seeking any interest or comments you may have to inform our decision making.

If you would like to comment on the proposed activities outlined in this information sheet, or would like additional information, please contact Woodside before **19 October 2021**.

Please note that your feedback and our response will be included in our Environment Plan for the proposed activity, which will be submitted to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for acceptance in accordance with the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 (Cth).

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Please let us know if your feedback for this activity is sensitive and we will make this known to NOPSEMA upon submission of the Environment Plan in order for this information to remain confidential to NOPSEMA.

Shannen Wilkinson, Senior Corporate Affairs Adviser
Woodside Energy Ltd
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Please note that stakeholder feedback will be communicated to NOPSEMA as required under legislation. Woodside will communicate any material changes to the proposed activity to affected stakeholders as they arise.

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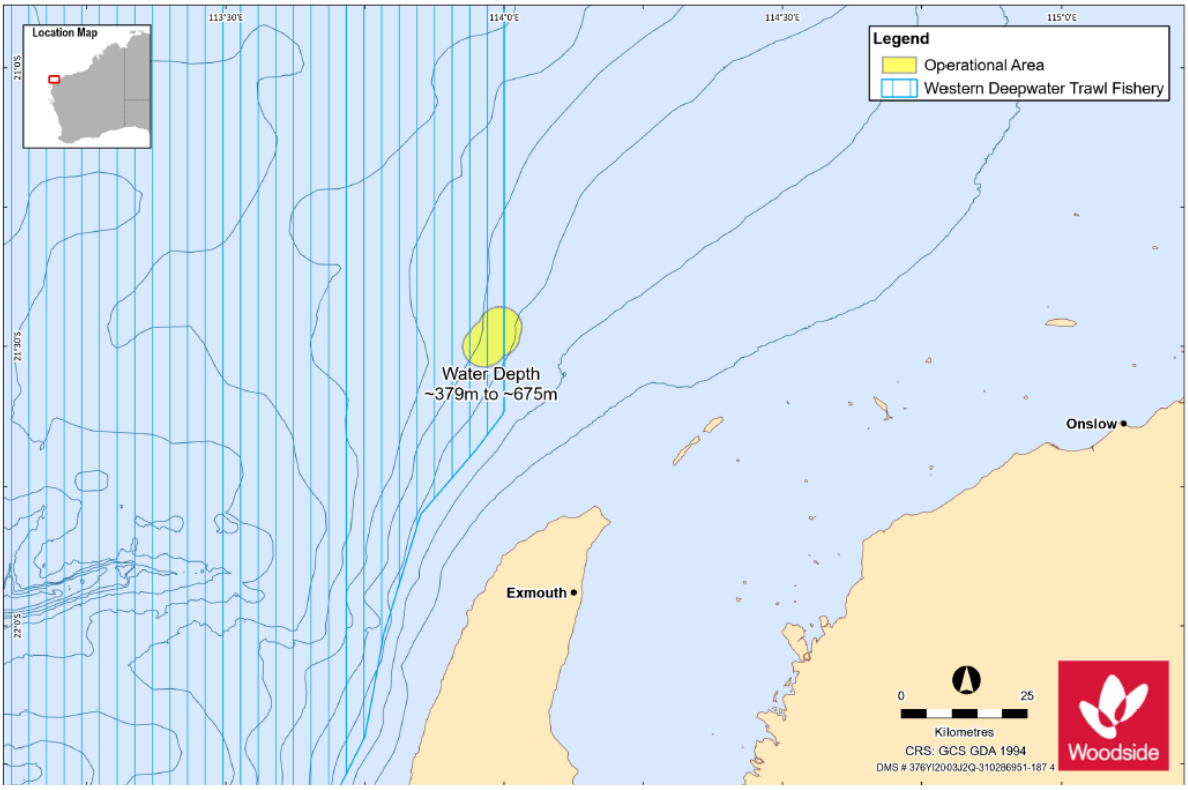
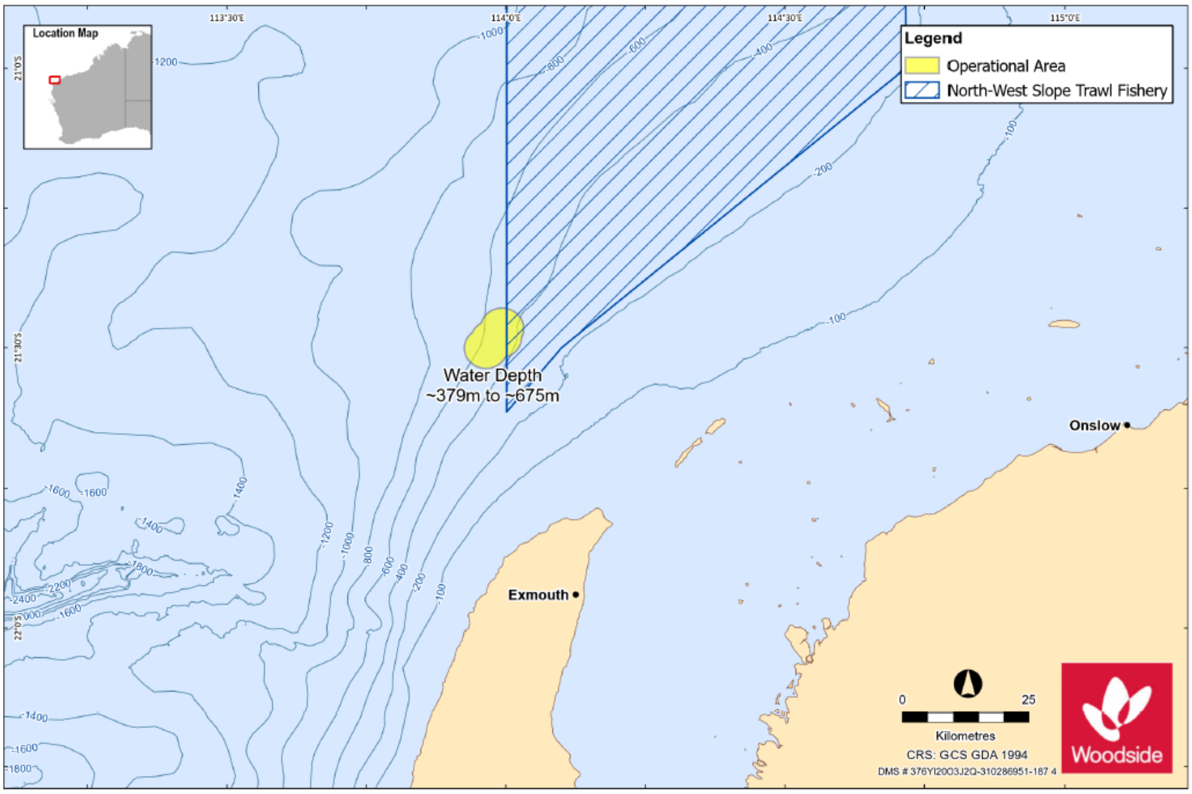
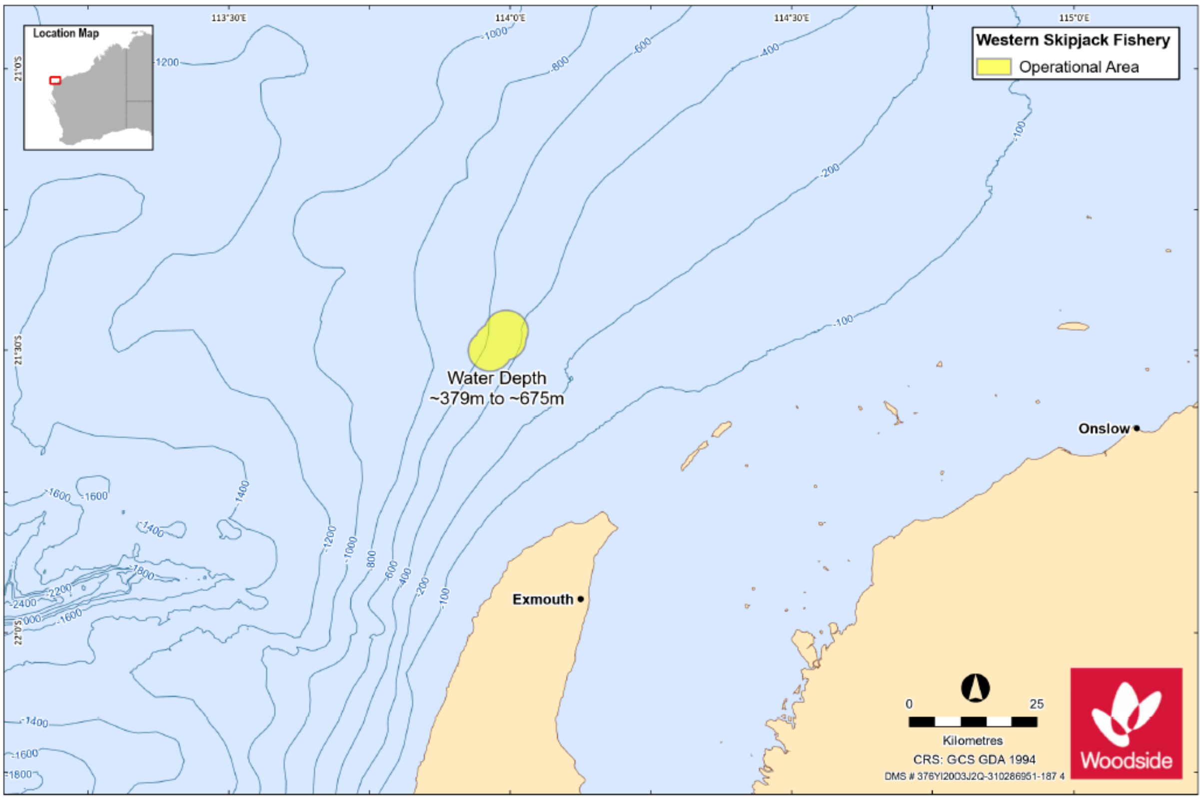
2.21 Fisheries map sent to AFMA, DAWE, DPIRD, WAFIC, SBTIA, Tuna Australia, PPA (5 October 2021) and CFA and Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery (19 October 2021)







Western Skipjack Fishery
Operational Area
Location Map
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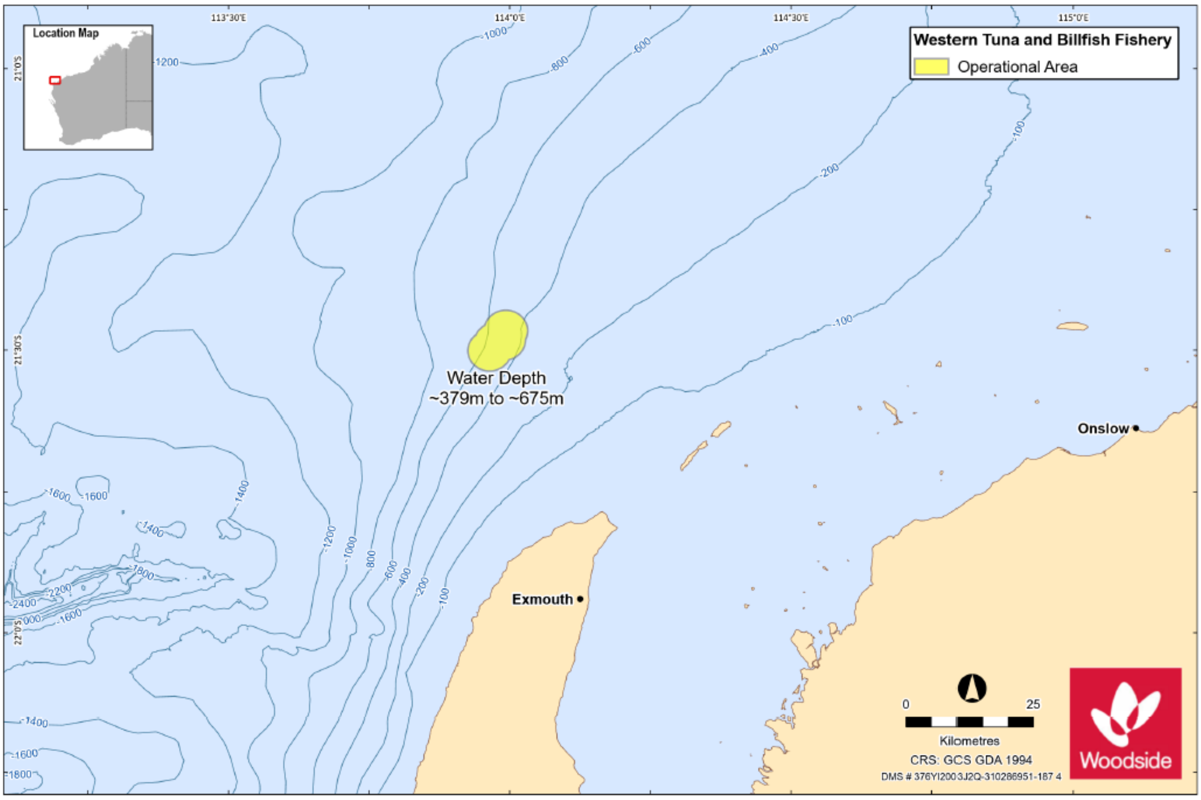

Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery
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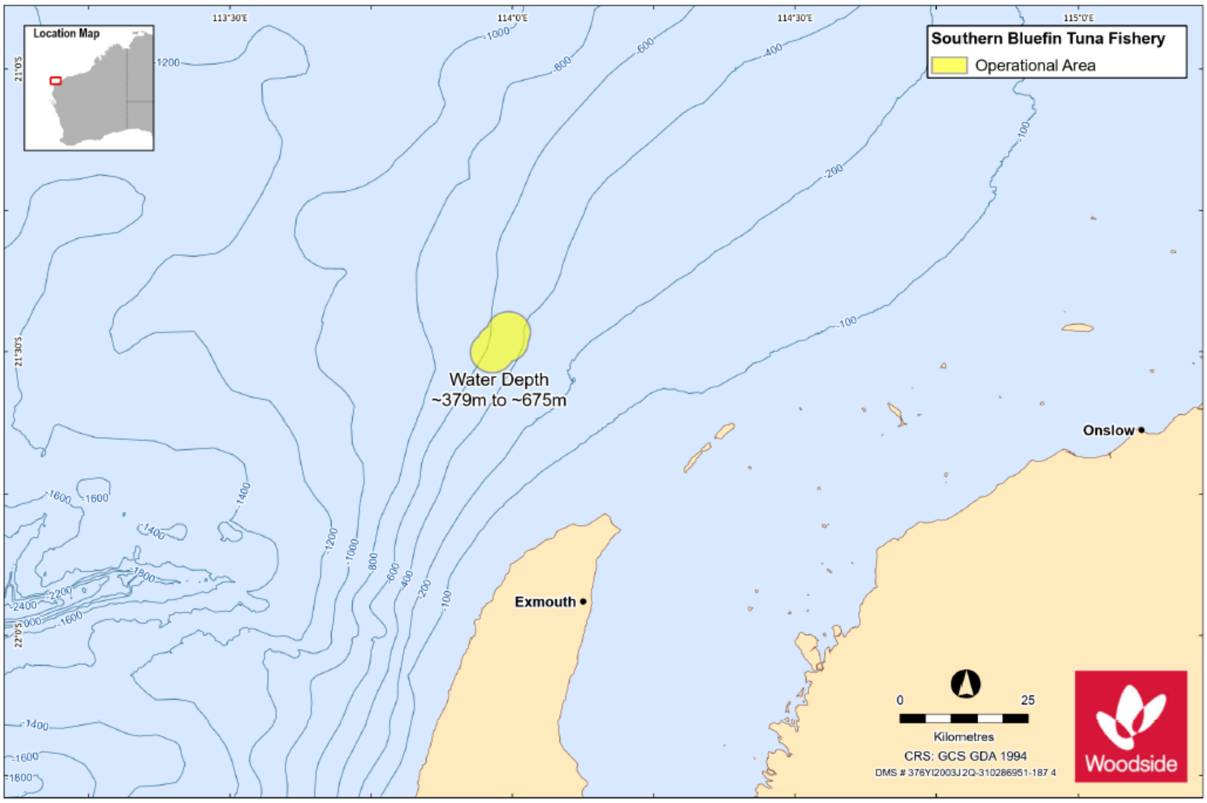
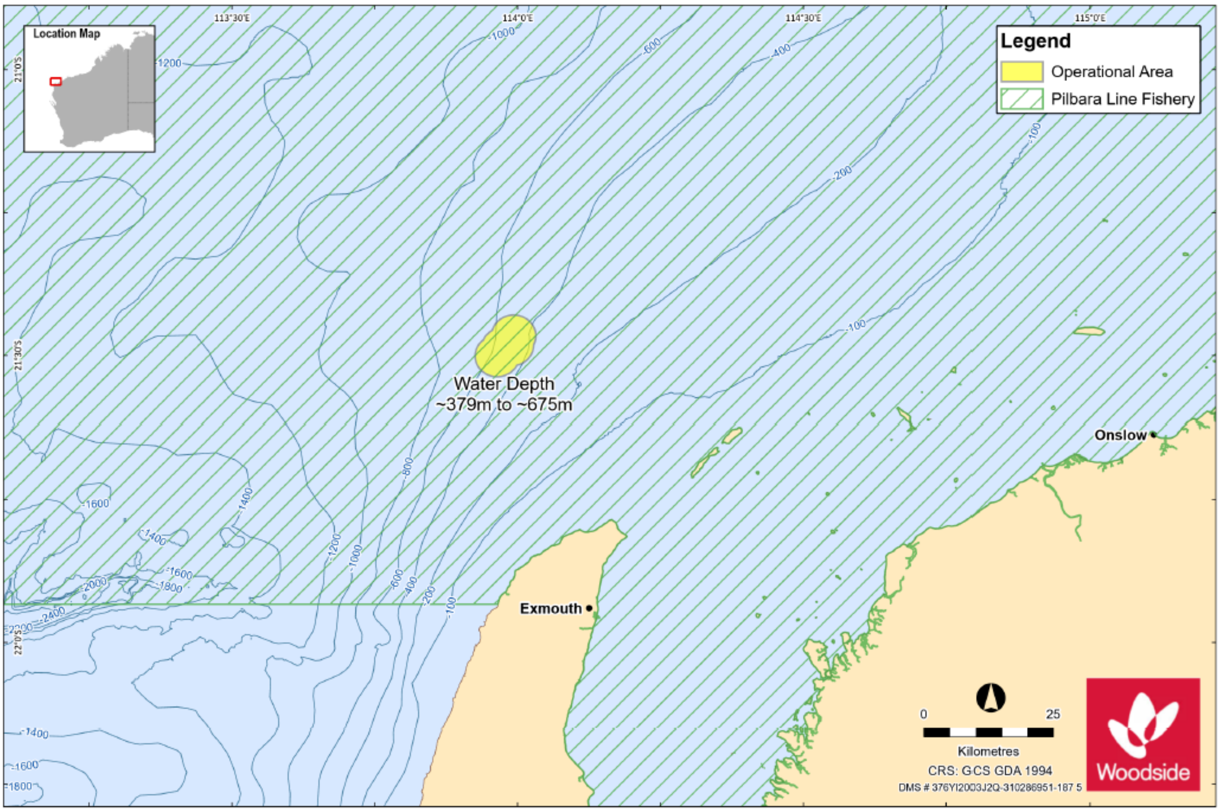
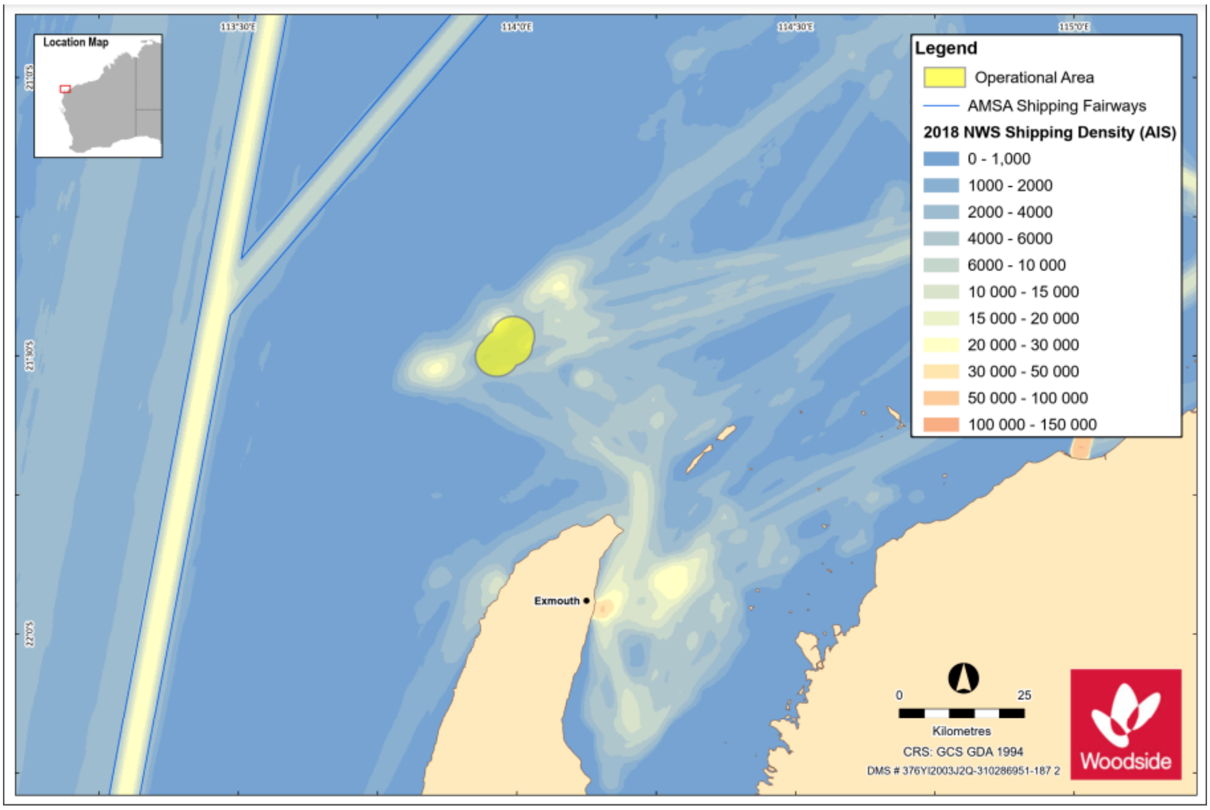


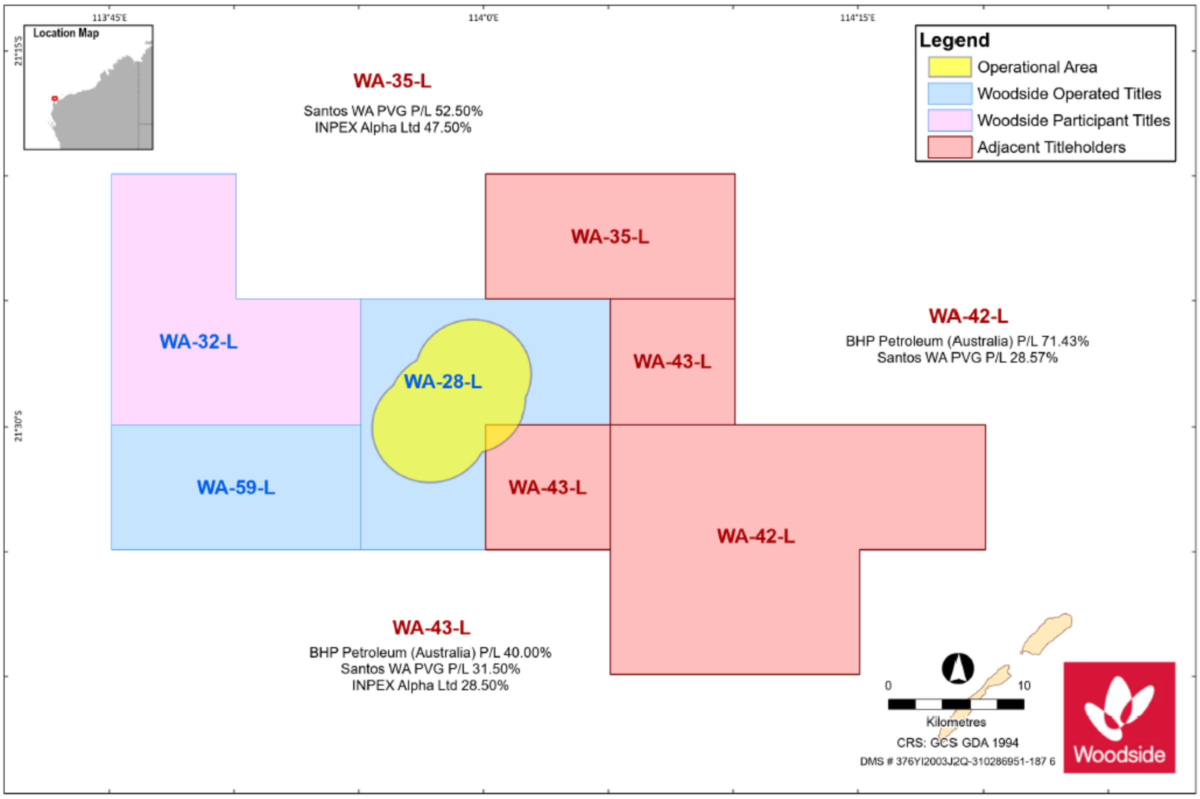
2.22 Fisheries map sent to WAFIC, DPIRD, PPA and Pilbara Line Fishery (5 October 2021)



2.23 Shipping lane map sent to AHS and AMSA (5 October 2021)



2.24 Titleholder map sent to BHP, Santos, INPEX (5 October 2021)



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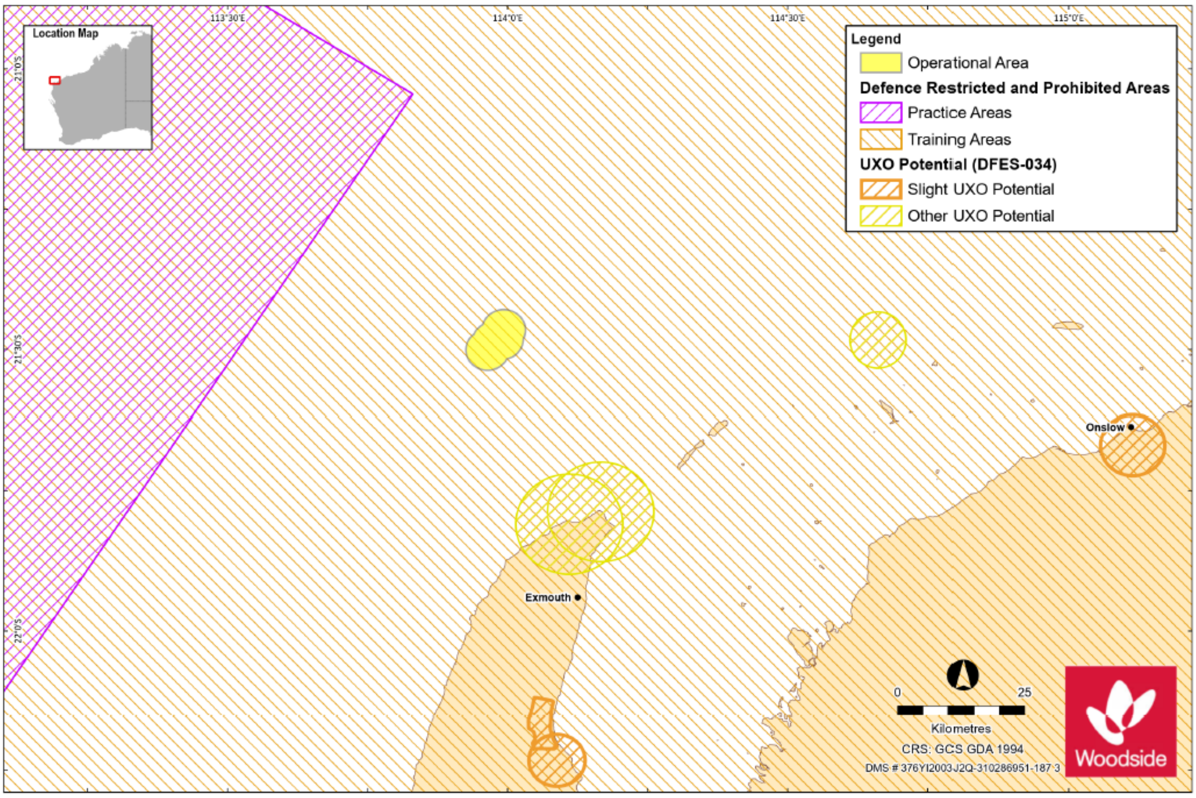

3. Additional Consultation

3.1 Email sent to AFMA (19 October 2021)

Dear AFMA

Please be advised that following review of the Fishery Status Report 2021, released by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) on 13 October 2021, Woodside has identified that there has been active fishing in the Operational Area by the Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery.

Woodside will provide consultation information to Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery licence holders.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact should you have any feedback or require any further information.

King regards,
[redacted]

3.2 Email sent to DAWE (19 October 2021)

Dear DAWE

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3.3 Email sent to PPA (19 October 2021)

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3.4 Email sent to WAFIC (19 October 2021)

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3.5 Email sent to Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery (19 October 2021)

Dear Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery

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Removal of the RTM from the title area will be subject to a future environmental approval, which will include consultation with relevant stakeholders, anticipated in 2022.

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Management activities will be ongoing between 2022-2024 until the RTM is removed from the title area. **A 4000 m radius Operational Area already exists around each well in WA-28-L, which encompasses the RTM. A 500 m radius petroleum safety zone will remain in place around the RTM. A temporary 500 m operational exclusion zone will apply during IMR activities.**

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Fisheries have been identified as being relevant based on fishing licence overlap with the activity area, assessment of government fishing effort data (including Fishcube and AFMA) from recent years, fishing methods and water depth.

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Schedule:	Ongoing management activities between 2022-2024 until RTM removed from the title area
Duration:	Ongoing until RTM removed from the title area (by end 2024)
Relevant Fisheries:	**State:** Pilbara Line Fishery **Commonwealth:** Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery
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Vessels:	Offshore support vessels to undertake IMR activities General support vessels are planned to be used for transporting equipment and materials to and from the Operational Area, and for general re-supply and support

Commercial fishing implications:

Woodside has assessed potential impacts for commercial fisheries based on Fishcube, ABARES/AFMA data, fishing methods and water depth. We note there are five overlapping Commonwealth managed fisheries, four of which, listed below, have not been active in the Operational Area in recent years.

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Potential risks to commercial fishing and proposed mitigation measures:

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Planned		
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Vessel interaction	The presence of vessels may preclude other marine users from access to the area	Navigation aids and practices will be used as required by Maritime Regulations to minimise potential impact on other marine users. Notification to relevant fishery stakeholders and Government maritime safety agencies of specific start and end dates, specific vessel-on-location dates and any exclusion zones prior to commencement of the activity. A 4000 m radius Operational Area already exists around each well in WA-28-L, which encompasses the RTM. A 500 m radius petroleum safety zone will remain in place around the riser turret mooring until it is disconnected from its mooring chains. A temporary 500 m exclusion zone will apply during any vessel activities. Commercial fishers and other marine users are permitted to use but should take care when entering the Operational Area and remain clear of the Exclusion zone.

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APPENDIX G DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING LAND, HERITAGE AND ABORIGINAL ENQUIRY SYSTEM RESULTS

Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System

List of Registered Aboriginal Sites

Search Criteria

28 Registered Aboriginal Sites in Custom search area - Polygon - 114.231608839077°E, 21.6489832048215°S (GDA94) : 113.989909620328°E, 21.8734580147025°S (GDA94) : 113.638347120328°E, 22.6461861535417°S (GDA94) : 113.814128370328°E, 22.7880626444227°S (GDA94) : 113.858073682828°E, 23.0814798259198°S (GDA94) : 113.770183057828°E, 23.1623103198823°S (GDA94) : 113.770183057828°E, 23.4246720252781°S (GDA94) : 113.418620557828°E, 23.8574358248291°S (GDA94) : 113.462565870328°E, 23.9277499036514°S (GDA94) : 113.396647901578°E, 24.2587137059488°S (GDA94) : 112.407878370328°E, 22.9297916951272°S (GDA94) : 114.231608839077°E, 21.6489832048215°S (GDA94)

Disclaimer

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* preserves all Aboriginal sites in Western Australia whether or not they are registered. Aboriginal sites exist that are not recorded on the Register of Aboriginal Sites, and some registered sites may no longer exist.

The information provided is made available in good faith and is predominately based on the information provided to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage by third parties. The information is provided solely on the basis that readers will be responsible for making their own assessment as to the accuracy of the information. If you find any errors or omissions in our records, including our maps, it would be appreciated if you email the details to the Department at AboriginalHeritage@dplh.wa.gov.au and we will make every effort to rectify it as soon as possible.

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Coordinate Accuracy

Coordinates (Easting/Northing metres) are based on the GDA 94 Datum. Accuracy is shown as a code in brackets following the coordinates.

Terminology (NB that some terminology has varied over the life of the legislation)

Place ID/Site ID: This a unique ID assigned by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to the place.
Status:

- **Registered Site**: The place has been assessed as meeting Section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.*
- **Other Heritage Place which includes:**
  - **Stored Data / Not a Site:** The place has been assessed as not meeting Section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.*
  - **Lodged:** Information has been received in relation to the place, but an assessment has not been completed at this *stage* to determine if it meets Section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.*

Access and Restrictions:

- **File Restricted = No:** Availability of information that the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage holds in relation to the place is not restricted in any way.
- **File Restricted = Yes:** Some of the information that the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage holds in relation to the place is restricted if it is considered culturally sensitive. This information will only be made available if the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage receives written approval from the informants who provided the information. To request access please contact AboriginalHeritage@dplh.wa.gov.au.
- **Boundary Restricted = No:** Place location is shown as accurately as the information lodged with the Registrar allows.
- **Boundary Restricted = Yes:** To preserve confidentiality the exact location and extent of the place is not displayed on the map. However, the shaded region (generally with an area of at least 4km²) provides a general indication of where the place is located. If you are a landowner and wish to find out more about the exact location of the place, please contact the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.
- **Restrictions:**
  - **No Restrictions:** *Anyone* can view the information.
  - **Male Access Only:** Only *males* can view restricted information.
  - **Female Access Only:** *Only* females can view restricted information.

Legacy ID: This is the former unique number that the former Department of Aboriginal Sites assigned to the place. This has been replaced by the Place ID / Site ID.

ID	Name	File Restricted	Boundary Restricted	Restrictions	Status	Type	Knowledge Holders	Coordinate	Legacy ID
159	CORAL BAY 02	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	785242mE 7438548mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P07594
628	CAMP THIRTEEN BURIAL	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Skeletal Material / Burial	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	800392mE 7559449mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P07434
6060	CAPE CUVIER	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	743392mE 7318648mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P07053
6596	POINT ANDERSON.	Yes	Yes	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter, Camp, Hunting Place, Shell, Water Source	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	Not available when location is restricted	P06341
6616	CORAL BAY ACCESS 2	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	784342mE 7438148mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P06361
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6724	MULANDA 3	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	784842mE 7441248mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P06258
6725	MULANDA 4	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	785541mE 7441198mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P06259
6761	LOW POINT MIDDEN	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	802992mE 7566299mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P06172
6762	MILYERING MIDDEN	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	801342mE 7561449mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P06173
6764	CAMP 17 SOUTH MIDDENS	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	799042mE 7555649mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P06175
6765	CAMP 17 NORTH MIDDENS	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	799042mE 7555849mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P06176

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6769	MULANDA 1	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	784550mE 7441050mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P06180
6792	MULANDA BLUFF MIDDEN.	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter, BP Dating: 7,140	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	786642mE 7439948mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P06150
6801	NORTH T-BONE BAY	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	801666mE 7562059mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P06159
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7126	MESA CAMP	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	798442mE 7554749mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P05792
7203	BAUBOODJOO POINT (Bruboodjoo Midden Site)	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter, Camp, Hunting Place	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	789242mE 7456149mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P05707
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7211	MAUD LANDING.	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Skeletal Material / Burial, Camp, Meeting Place, Water Source	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	784292mE 7441048mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	P05715
7265	LAKE SIDE VIEW	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	800942mE 7560549mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P05664
7303	TULKI WELL MIDDEN	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	798642mE 7554249mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P05649
7305	MANGROVE BAY.	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter, Skeletal Material / Burial, Hunting Place	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	804142mE 7568149mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	P05651

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16594	Cardabia Station	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Midden / Scatter, Shell	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	790319mE 7453138mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	
16597	Baler Bluff	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Artefacts / Scatter, Midden / Scatter, Shell	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	788977mE 7464149mN Zone 49 [Reliable]	
17193	Ningaloo Station	No	No	No Gender Restrictions	Registered Site	Skeletal Material / Burial	*Registered Knowledge Holder names available from DAA	775891mE 7489149mN Zone 49 [Unreliable]	

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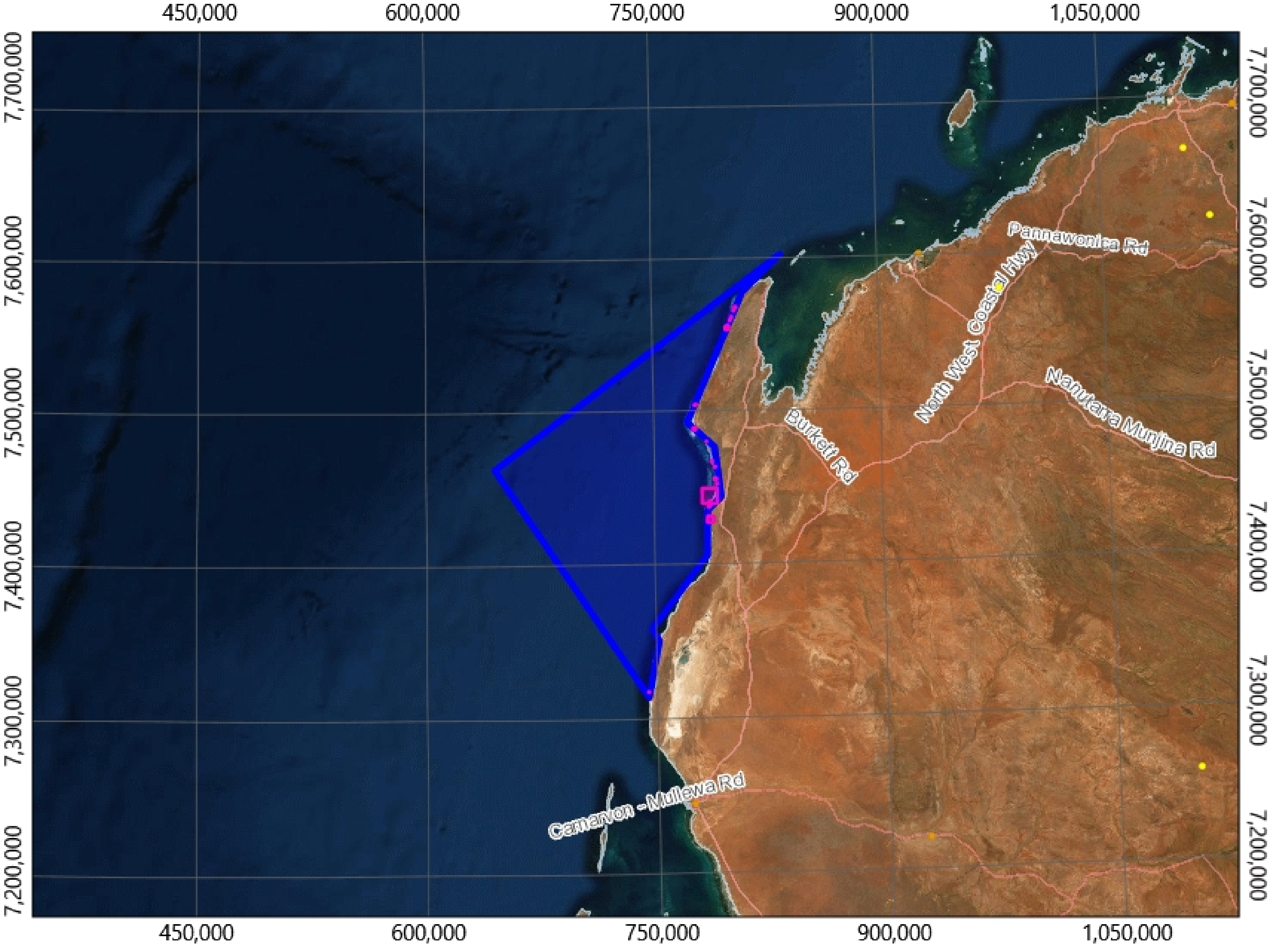

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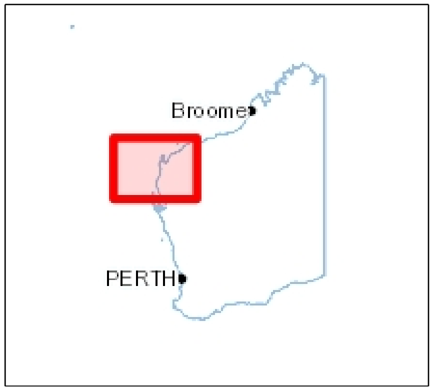

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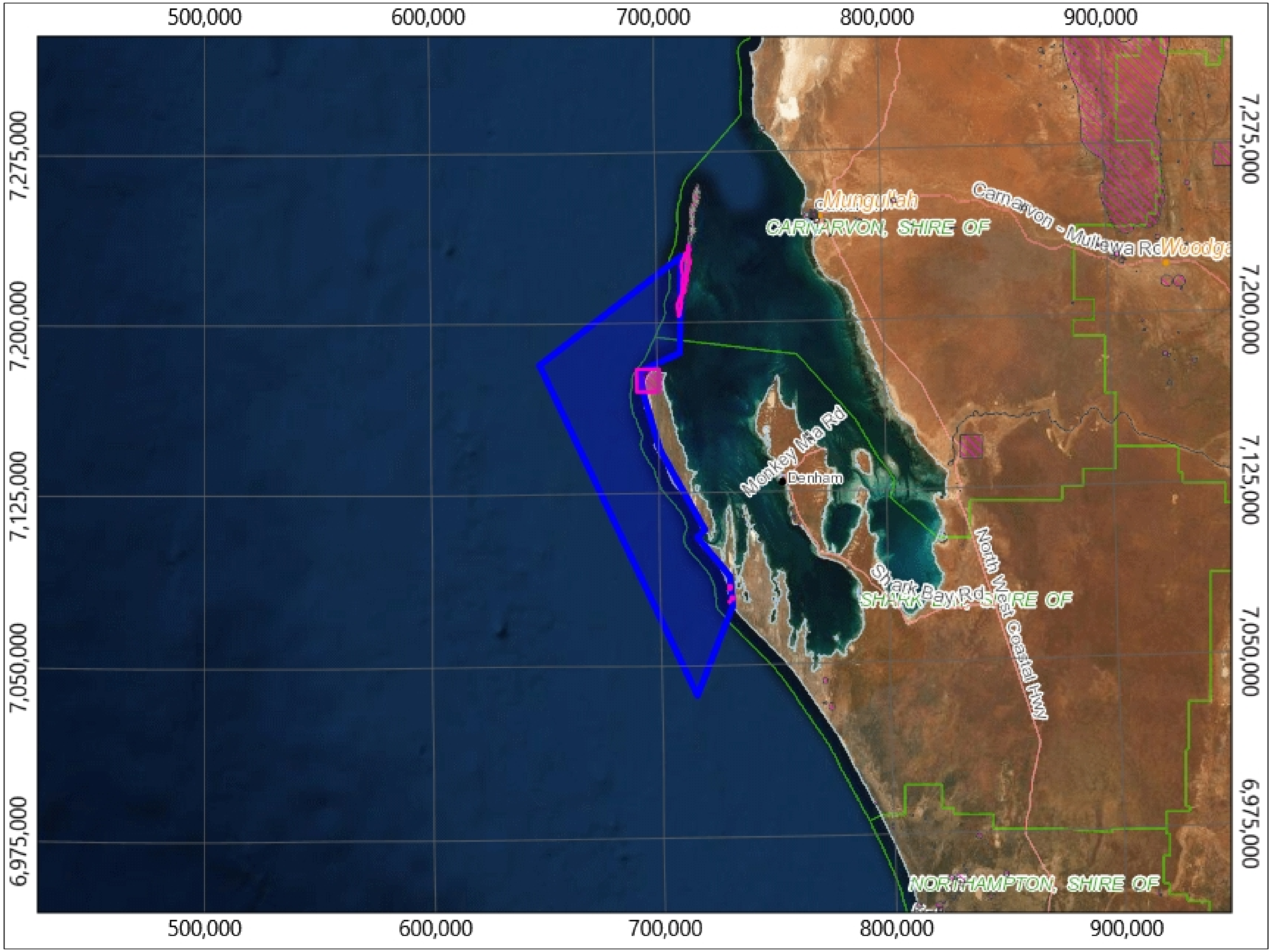

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APPENDIX H MASTER WOODSIDE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

Description of the Existing Environment

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document applies, where indicated in the relevant Environment Plan, to Woodside Energy Ltd. (Woodside) activities and operations.

1.2 Scope

This document describes the existing environment within the Woodside areas of activity located in Commonwealth waters off north-western Western Australia (WA), with a focus on the North-west Marine Region (NWMR) (**Figure 1-1**). This document includes details of the particular and relevant values and sensitivities of the environment as required by the Commonwealth Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009 in order to inform the impact and risk evaluation of Woodside's activities within the NWMR. Furthermore, the key values of the South-west Marine Region (SWMR) and the North Marine Region (NMR) are summarised to encompass areas outside the NWMR. This is with reference to the environment that may be affected (EMBA), as defined and described in individual EPs, for unplanned hydrocarbon spill risks. Additional information appropriate to the nature and scale of the impacts and risks of activities that may interact with the environment will be used to further inform impact and risk assessments and included in the Description of the Existing Environment of individual EPs.

This document is informed by a variety of resources that includes: a search of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) for the marine bioregions (NWMR, SWMR and NMR) and the three PMST reports provided in **Appendix A**; State (WA)/Commonwealth Marine Park Management Plans, the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Species Profile and Threats Database (SPRAT), Part 13 statutory instruments (recovery plans, conservation advices and wildlife conservation plans for listed threatened and migratory species); and peer reviewed scientific publications, as well as Woodside and Joint Venture (JV) funded studies and other titleholder funded study findings available in the public domain.

1.3 Review and Revision

The information presented in this document is reviewed and updated, where relevant, on at least an annual basis to address any relevant changes, which includes but is not limited to the status of EPBC Act listed species, Part 13 Instruments, policies and guidelines and recently published scientific literature.

1.4 Regional Context

Where relevant, the physical, biological and social environments within the areas of interest are discussed with reference to the three marine bioregions of Australia—NWMR, SWMR and NMR (**Table 1-1)**. The NWMR is the focal marine bioregion for the Description of the Existing Environment as this is currently the location of most of Woodside's activities.

Table 1-1. Description of the Marine Bioregions

Marine Bioregion	Description
North-west	The NWMR includes all Commonwealth waters (from 3 nautical mile [nm] from the Territorial Sea Baseline [TSB] to the 200 nm Exclusive Economic Zone [EEZ] boundary) extending from the WA/Northern Territory (NT) border to Kalbarri, south of Shark Bay in WA, covering an area of approximately 1.07 million square kilometres and includes extensive areas of shallower waters on the continental shelf, as well as deep areas of abyssal plain where water depths are 5000 m or greater.
South-west	The SWMR comprises Commonwealth waters from the eastern end of Kangaroo Island in SA to Shark Bay in WA. The region spans approximately 1.3 million square kilometres of temperate and subtropical waters and abuts the coastal waters of SA and WA.
North	The NMR comprises Commonwealth waters from west Cape York Peninsula to the NT/WA border). The region covers approximately 625,689 square kilometres of tropical waters in the Gulf of Carpentaria and Arafura and Timor seas, and abuts the coastal waters of Queensland and the NT.

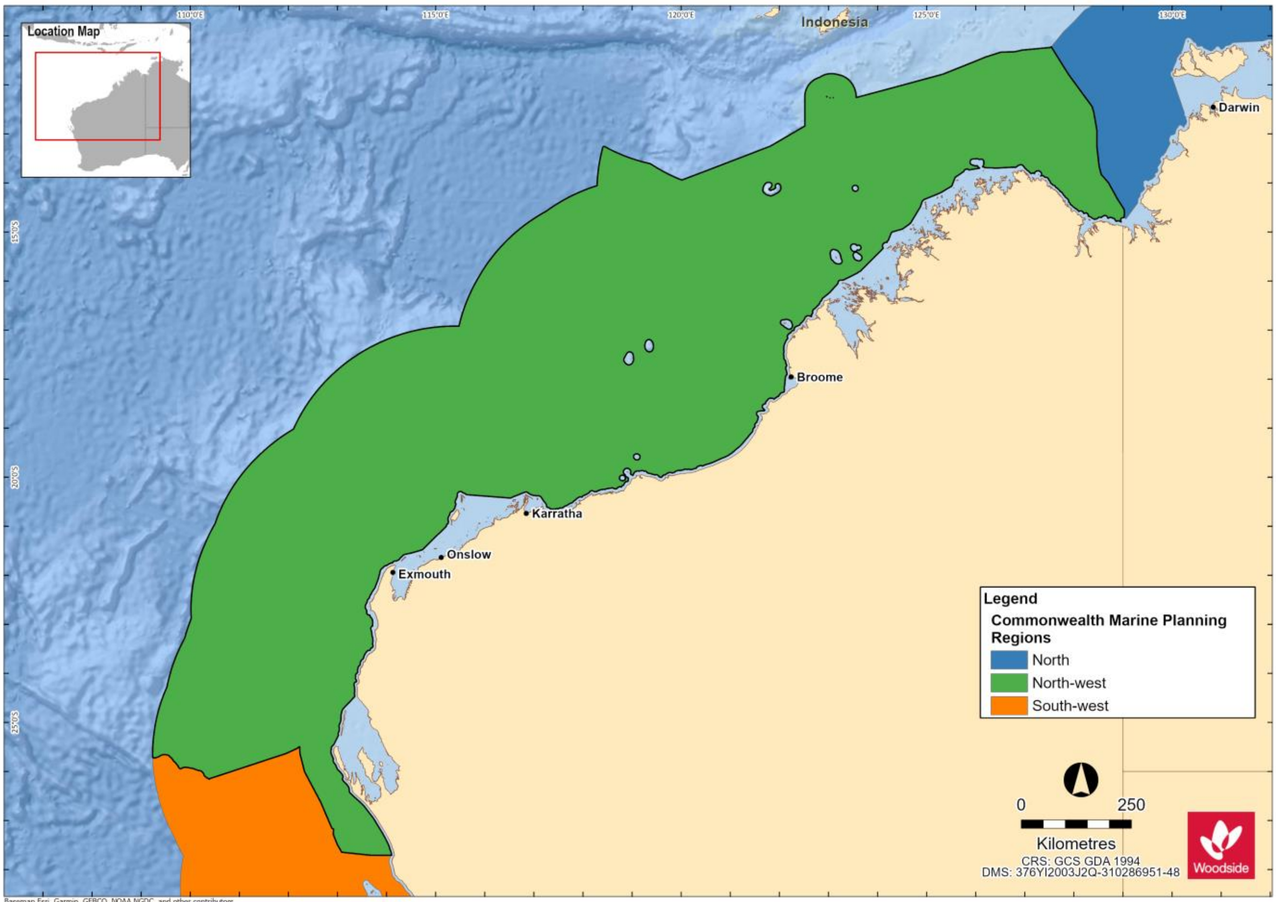

Figure 1-1. Marine Bioregions: North-west (NWMR), South-west (SWMR) and North (NMR)

2. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Regional Context

The key physical characteristics of the NWMR, SWMR and NMR are presented in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1 Key physical characteristics of the NWMR, SWMR and NMR

Bioregion	Key Characteristics
North-west Marine Region	The NWMR experiences a tropical monsoonal climate towards the northern extent of the region, transitioning to tropical arid and subtropical arid within the central and southern areas of the region (DSEWPAC, 2012a).
	The NWMR is part of the Indo-Australian Basin, the ocean region between the north-west coast of Australia and the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra. Dominant currents in the Region include: the South Equatorial Current, the Indonesian Throughflow; the Eastern Gyral Current, and the Leeuwin Current (DEWHA, 2007a).
	The seafloor of the NWMR consists of four general feature types: continental shelf; continental slope; continental rise; and abyssal plain and is distinguished by a range of topographic features including canyons, plateaus, terraces, ridges, reefs, and banks and shoals.
South-west Marine Region	The SWMR contains both subtropical and temperate climates, with overall light climatic cycles.
	The SWMR experiences complex and unusual oceanographic patterns, driven largely by the Leeuwin Current and its associated currents that have a significant influence on biodiversity distribution and abundance.
	The major seafloor features of the SWMR include a narrow continental shelf on the west coast to the waters off south-west WA, and a wide continental shelf dominated by sandy carbonate sediments of marine origin in the Great Australian Bight, the region also contains a steep, muddy continental slope, many canyons and large tracts of abyssal plains (DSEWPAC, 2012b).
North Marine Region	The NMR experiences a tropical monsoonal climate with complex weather cycles, including high temperatures and heavy seasonal yet variable rainfall and cyclones, which can be both destructive (loss of seagrass and mangroves) and constructive (mobilisation of sediment into coastal habitats).
	The NMR comprises Commonwealth waters from west Cape York Peninsula to the NT–WA border, covering tropical waters in the Gulf of Carpentaria and Arafura and Timor seas. Currents in the NMR are driven largely by strong winds and tides, with only minor influences from oceanographic currents such as the Indonesian Throughflow and the South Equatorial Current (DSEWPAC, 2012c).
	The seafloor of the NMR consists mainly of a wide continental shelf, as well as other geomorphological features such as shoals, banks, terraces, valleys, shallow canyons and limestone pinnacles.

2.2 Marine Systems of the North-west Marine Region.

The NWMR can be divided into three large scale ecological marine systems on the basis of the influence of major ocean currents, seafloor features and eco-physical processes (e.g. climate, tides, freshwater inflow) upon the Region (DSEWPAC, 2012a). The three large scale marine systems approximate the Woodside activity areas within the NWMR (**Figure 2-1**). The key characteristics of each marine system are outlined below in **Table 2-2**.

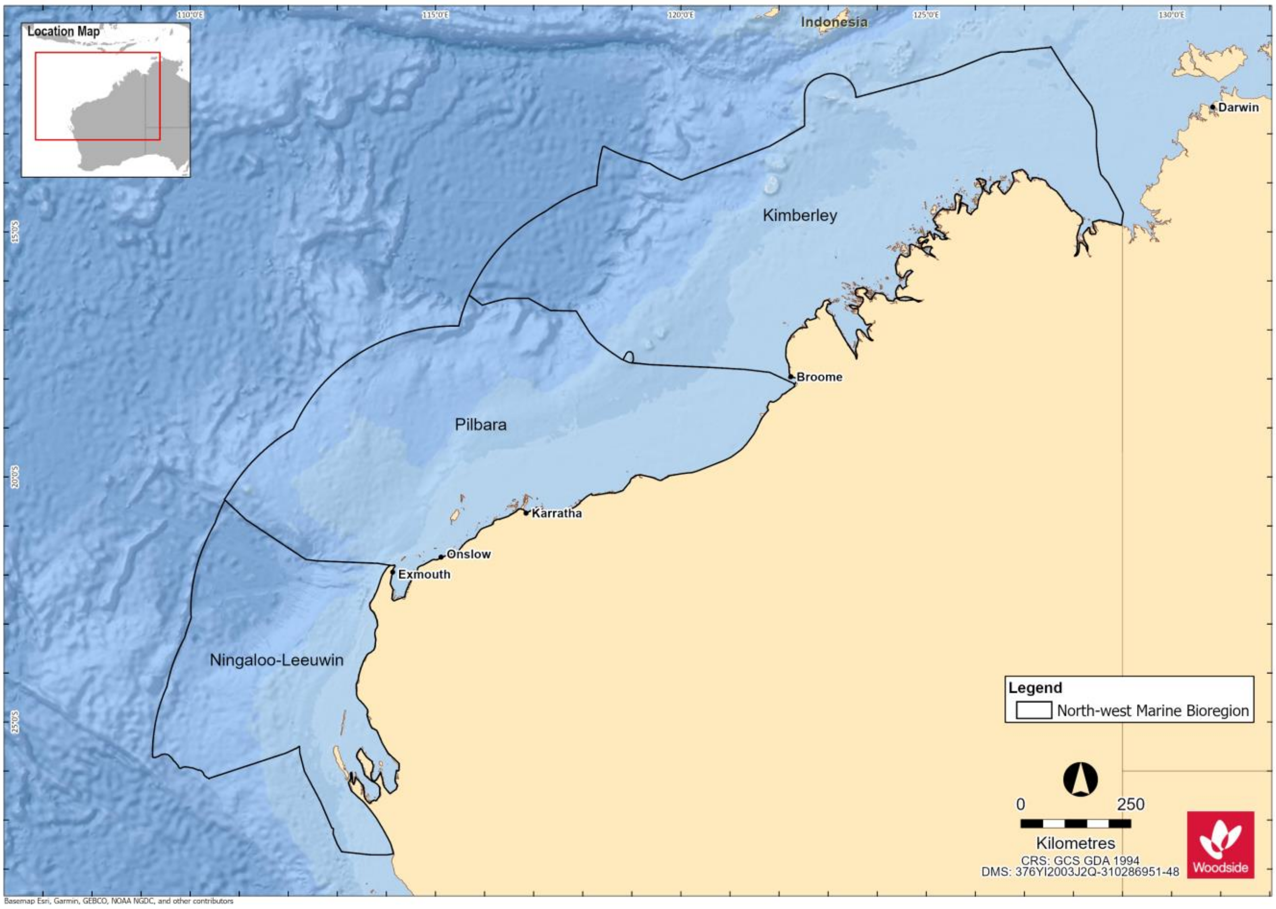

Figure 2-1. The marine systems of the North-west Marine Region (NWMR)

Table 2-2. Key characteristics of the Marine Systems of the NWMR

Note: Woodside areas align with the marine systems as described in DEWHA (2007a)

Marine System	Woodside Activity Area	Key Characteristics
Kimberley	Browse	Tropical monsoonal climate Strong influence from Indonesian Throughflow Predominantly tropical Indo-Pacific species Subject to episodic offshore cyclonic activity, rarely crossing the coast Large tidal regimes Freshwater input from terrestrial monsoonal run-off Turbid coastal waters (i.e. light limited systems) Dominated by shelf environments Predominantly hard substrates in inner to mid-shelf environments Includes a number of shelf-edge atolls (i.e. Scott Reef, Rowley Shoals)
Pilbara	North-west Shelf (NWS) / Scarborough	Tropical arid climate Transition between Indonesian Throughflow and Leeuwin Current dominated areas Predominantly tropical species High cyclone activity with frequent crossing of the coast Transitional tidal zone Internal tide activity Large areas of shelf and slope Dry coast with ephemeral freshwater inputs
Ningaloo-Leeuwin	North-west Cape	Subtropical arid climate Leeuwin Current consolidates Transitional tropical/temperate faunal area Higher water clarity in near-shore and offshore environments Narrow shelf and slope Marginal tidal range Seasonal wind forcing more dominant influence on marine environment

2.3 Meteorology and Oceanography

This section describes the general meteorological conditions and oceanography for the NWMR and provides further detail for the three Woodside activity areas. The NWMR is influenced by a complex system of ocean currents that change between seasons and between years, which generally result in its surface waters being warm and nutrient-poor, and of low salinity (DEWHA, 2007a). The mix of bathymetric features, complex topography and oceanography across the whole north-west marine environment has created and supports a globally important marine biodiversity hotspot (Wilson, 2013).

Table 2-3 NWMR climate and oceanography summary

Receptor	Description
Meteorology	
Seasonal patterns	The NWMR associated land mass of the Australian continent is characterised as a hot and humid summer climate zone. The broader NWMR experiences variations of a tropical or monsoon climate. In the far north-west (Kimberley), there is a hot summer season from December to March and a milder winter season between April and November. The Pilbara area is described as having a tropical arid climate with high cyclone activity (DEWHA, 2007a). The Pilbara and North-west Cape has a hot summer season from October to April and a milder winter season between May and September with transition periods between the summer and winter regimes.
Air temperature and rainfall	In summer (between September and March), maximum daily temperatures range from 31ºC to 33ºC. During winter (May to July), mean daily temperatures range from 18ºC to 31ºC (BOM[1]), refer to **Figure 2-2a** and **b**. Rainfall in the region typically occurs during the summer, with highest falls observed late in the season. This is often associated with the passage of tropical low-pressure systems and cyclones.
Wind	Wind patterns in north-west WA are dictated by the seasonal movement of atmospheric pressure systems. During summer, high-pressure cells produce prevailing winds from the north-west and south-west, which vary between 10 and 13 ms^{-1}. During winter, high-pressure cells over central Australia produce north-easterly to south-easterly winds with average speeds of between 6 and 8 ms^{-1}. Refer to **Figure 2-3a** and **b**.
Tropical cyclones	The NWS and Pilbara coast (within the NWMR) experiences more cyclonic activity than any other region of the Australian mainland coast (BOM, 2021a). Tropical cyclone activity typically occurs between November and April and is most frequent in the region during December to March (i.e. considered the peak period), with an average of about one cyclone per month (BOM, 2021a). Refer to **Figure 2-4**.
Oceanography	
Ocean temperature	Waters in NWMR are tropical year-round, with sea surface temperature in open shelf waters reaching ~26°C in summer and dropping to ~22°C in winter. Nearshore temperatures (as recorded for the NWS area) fluctuate more widely on an annual basis from ~17°C in winter to ~31°C in summer (Chevron Australia, 2010). Refer to **Figure 2-5a** and **b**.
Currents	The major surface currents influencing north-west WA flow towards the poles and include the Indonesian Throughflow, the Leeuwin Current, the South Equatorial Current, and the Eastern Gyral Current. The Ningaloo Current, the Holloway Current, the Shark Bay Outflow, and the Capes Current are seasonal surface currents in the region. Below these surface currents are several subsurface currents, the most important of which are the Leeuwin Undercurrent and the West Australian Current. These subsurface currents flow towards the equator in the opposite direction to surface currents (DEWHA, 2007a). Refer to **Figure 2-6**. The offshore waters of the NWMR are characterised by surface and subsurface boundary currents that flow along the continental shelf/slope and are enhanced through inflows from the ocean basins and are an important conduit for the poleward heat and mass transport along the west coast (Wijeratne *et al.*, 2018). Local physical oceanography is strongly influenced by the large-scale water movements of the Indonesian Throughflow (Liu *et al*. 2015; Sutton *et al*. 2019). Typically, a warm and well-mixed oligotrophic surface layer and a cooler and more nutrient rich, deeper water layer (Menezes *et al*. 2013).
Waves	Sea surface waves within the NWMR, generally reflect the direction of the synoptic winds and flow predominately from the south-west in the summer and east in winter (Pearce *et al.*, 2003). The NWS within the NWMR is a known area of internal wave generation. Both internal tides and internal waves are thought to be more prevalent during summer months due to the increased stratification of the water column (DEWHA, 2007a). Along the continental slope of the NWMR, strong internal waves and interaction between semi-diurnal tidal currents and seabed topographic features facilitates upwelling events and localised productivity events (Holloway, 2001).
Tides	Tides on the NWS (NWMR) increase as the water moves from deep towards the shallower coast. The highest offshore tides are experienced at the border of the Browse and Canning basins. The smallest tides are experienced at the Exmouth Plateau, near the coast. Tides of NWS (NWMR) are predominantly semi-diurnal (two highs and two lows each day), but with increasing importance of the diurnal (once per day) inequality at the southern and northern extremities of the NWS.

[1] http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/climate_averages/temperature/index.jsp, accessed 21 January 2021.

Receptor	Description
	The tide range—represented by the Mean Spring Range (MSR)—increases northwards along the coast from 1.4 m at North-west Cape (Point Murat) to 7.7 m at Broome, before decreasing again (apart from local amplification in King Sound and Collier Bay) to about 5 m off Cape Londonderry. The MSR then increases again through Joseph Bonaparte Gulf and on up 5.5 m at Darwin (RPS, 2016).

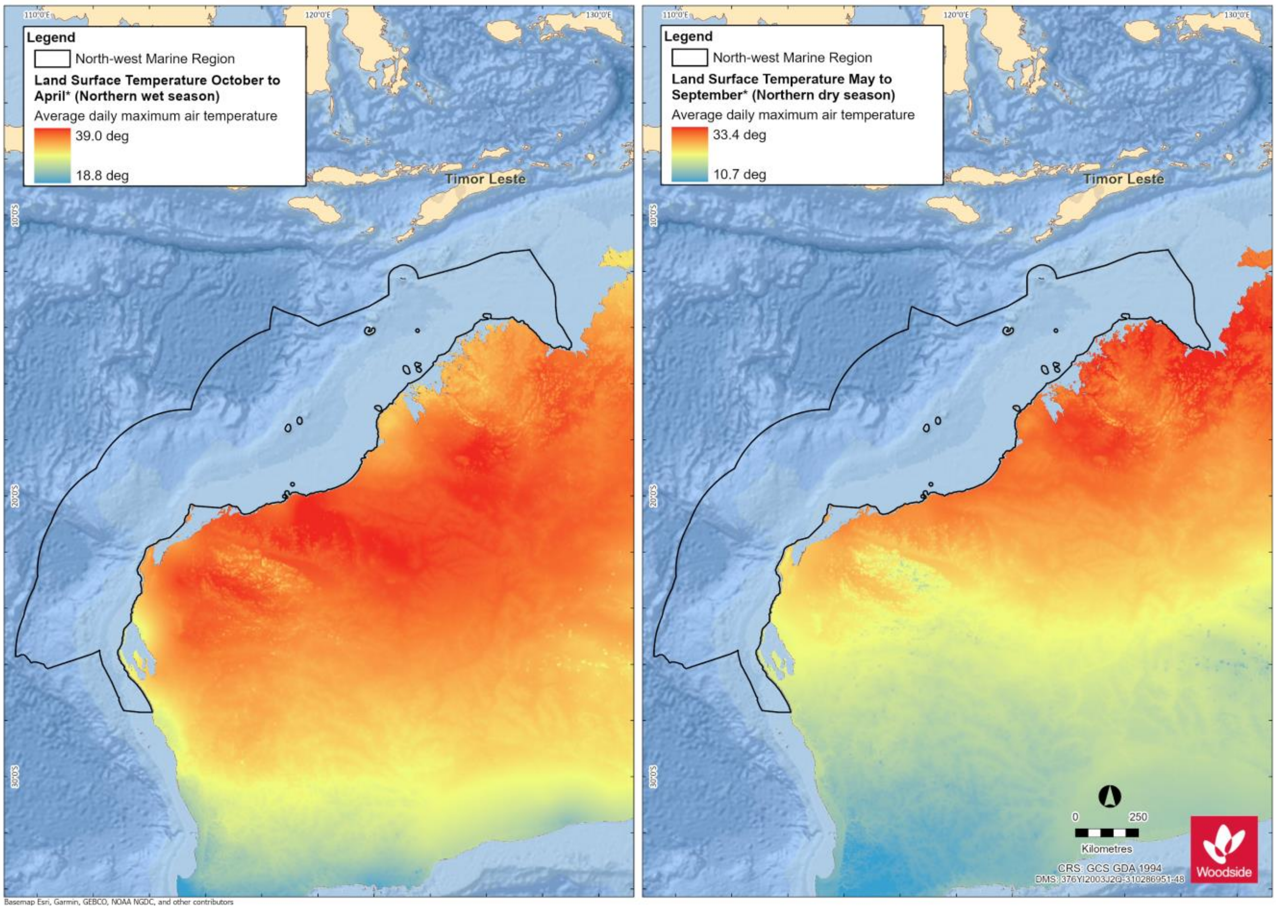

Figure 2-2. Average daily maximum air temperature for land surface adjacent to NWMR: (a) summer (northern wet season) and (b) winter (northern dry season)

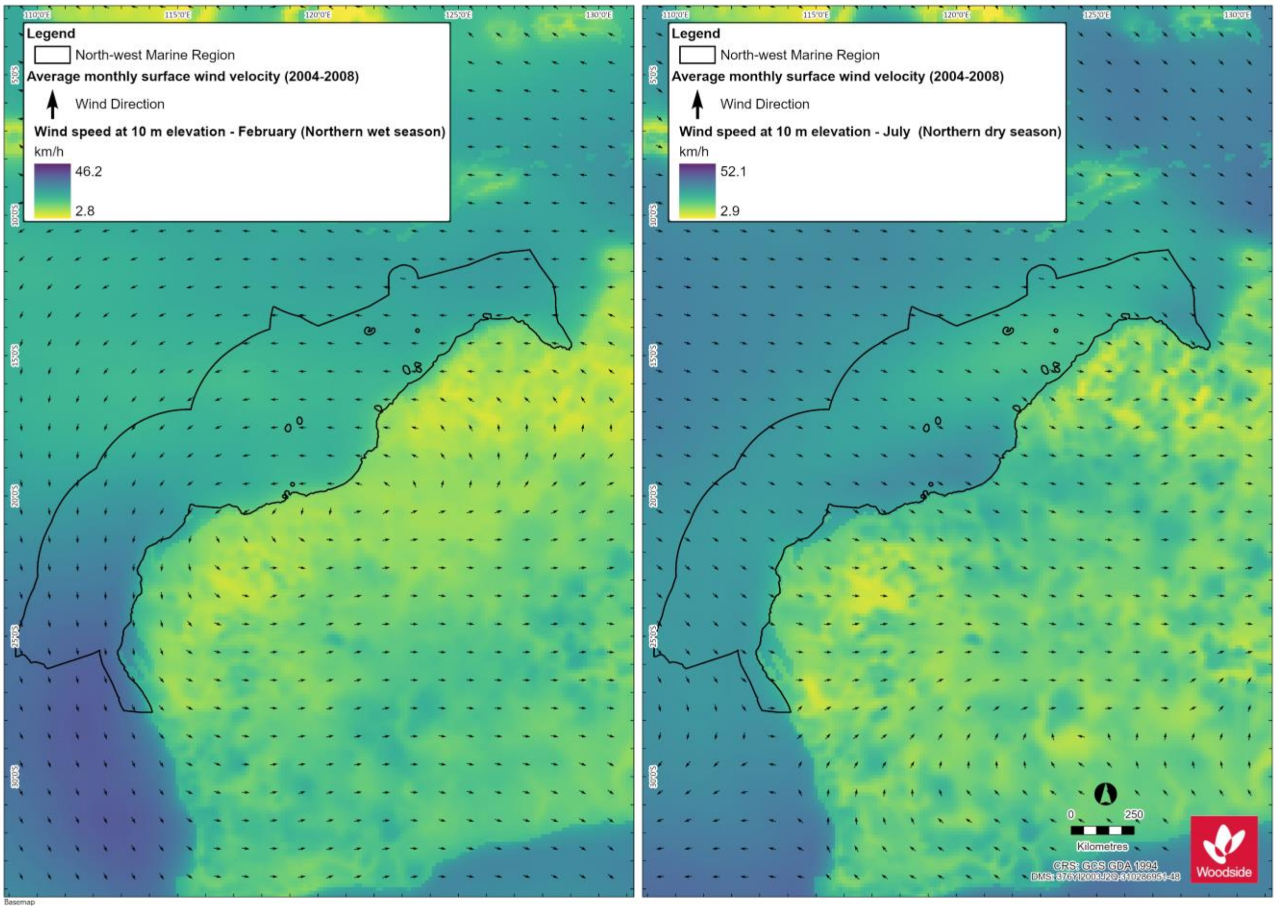

Figure 2-3. Average monthly surface wind direction and velocity for NWMR: (a) summer (February, northern wet season) and (b) winter (July, northern dry season)

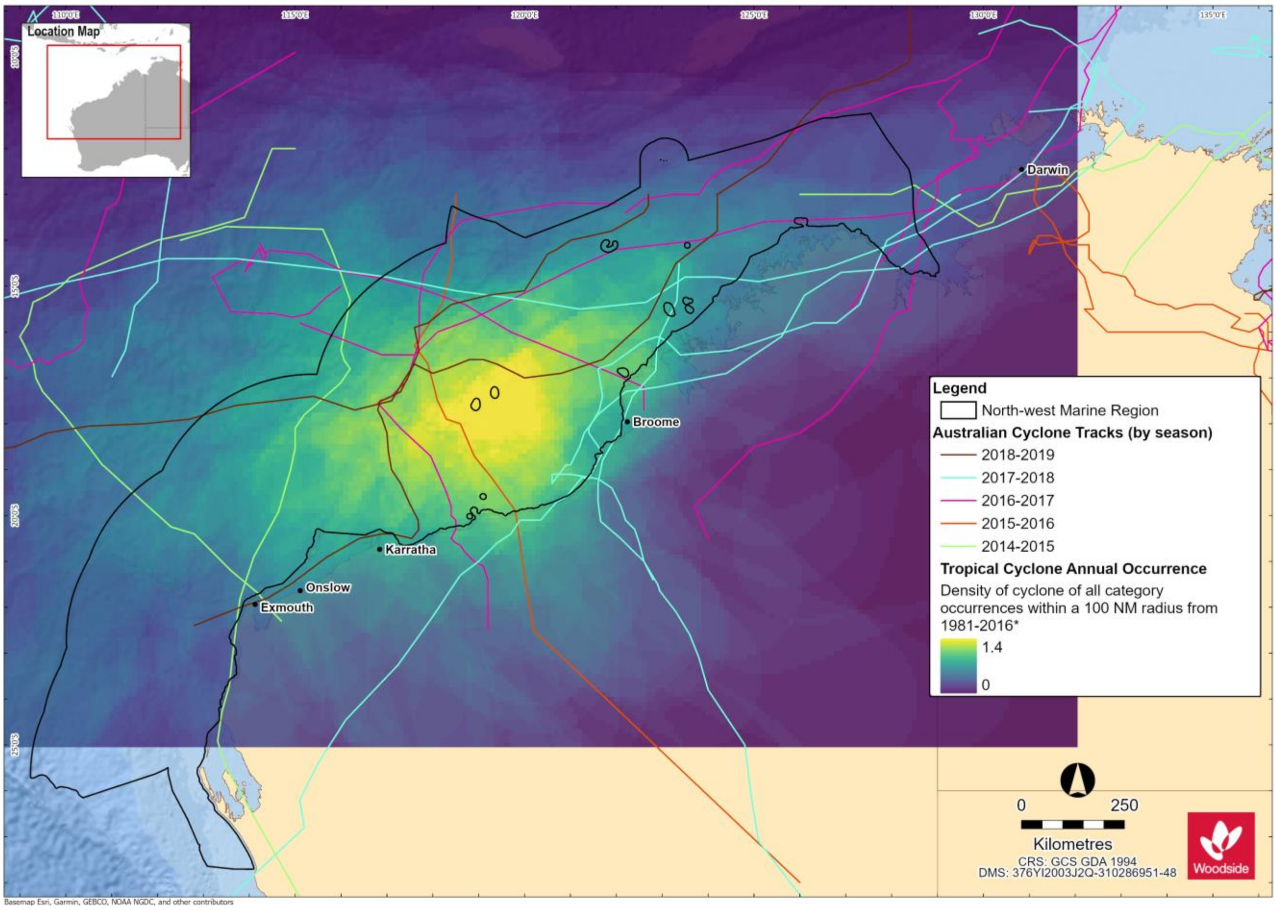

Figure 2-4. Tropical cyclone annual occurrence and cyclone tracks for NWMR

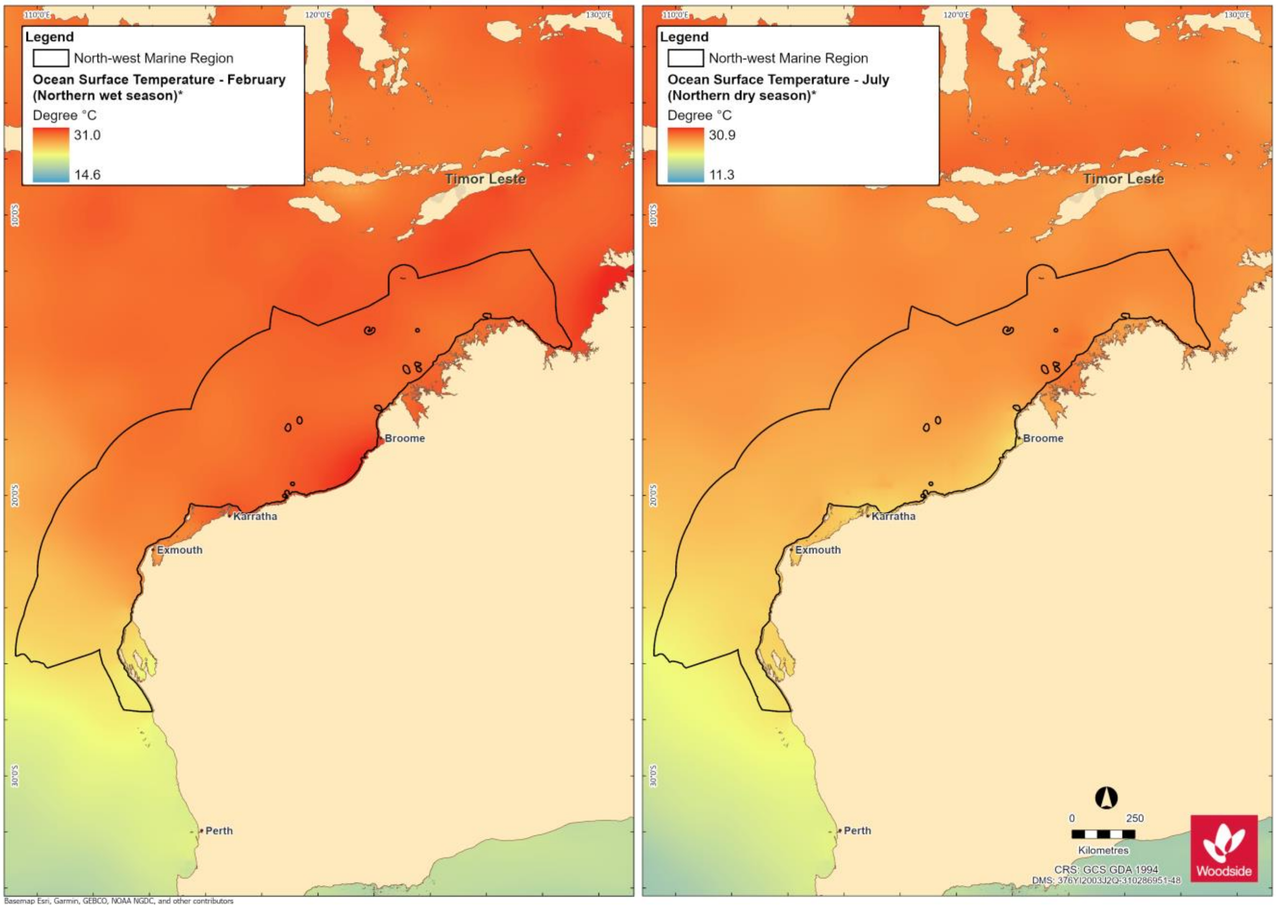

Figure 2-5. Ocean surface temperature for NWMR: (a) summer (February, northern wet season) and (b) winter (July, northern dry season)

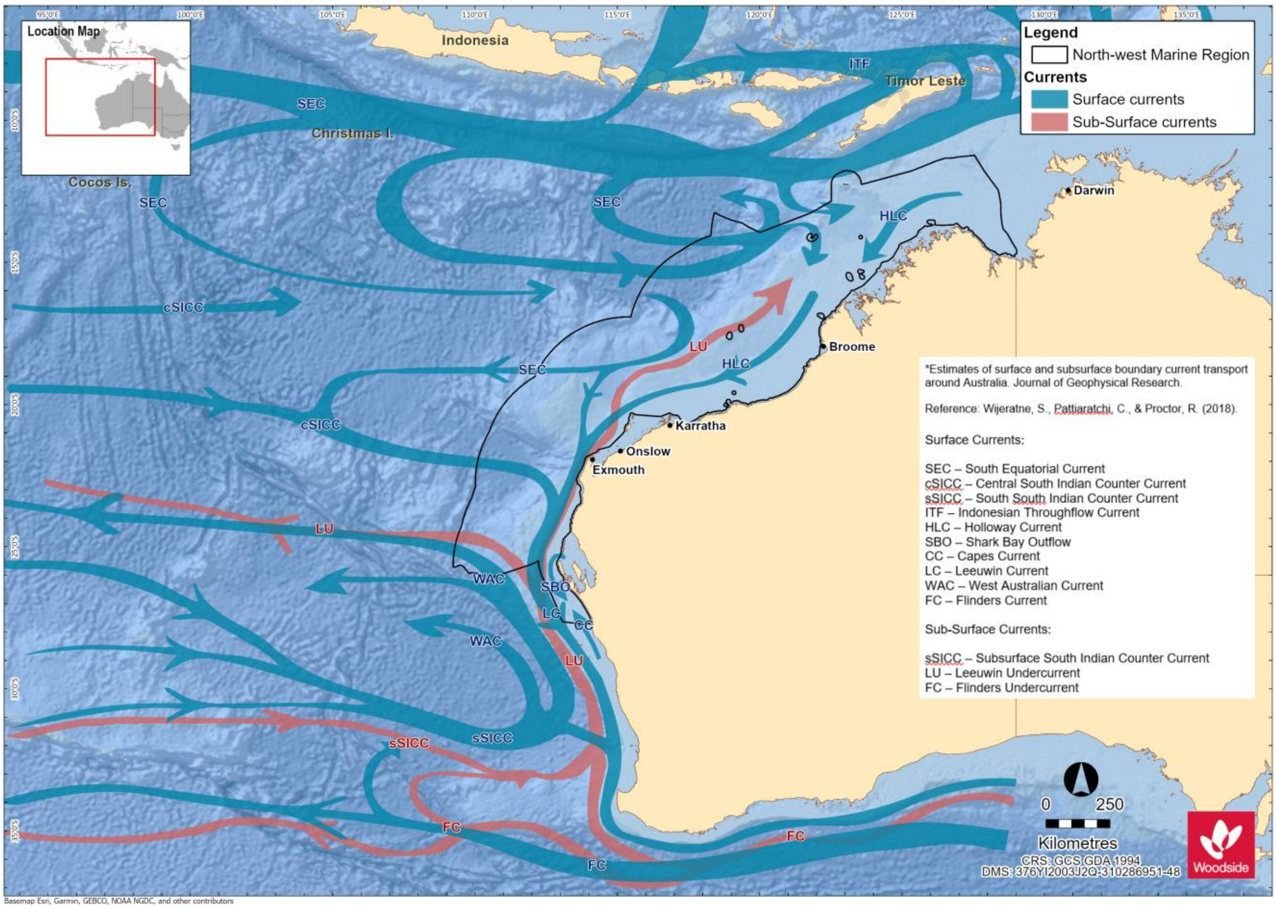

Figure 2-6. Ocean surface and sub-surface currents of the NWMR and wider region

2.3.1 Browse

Table 2-4 Summary meteorology and oceanography for Browse (refer to Appendix B for supporting metocean figures)

Receptor	Description
Meteorology	
Seasonal patterns	The Browse area overlapping the Kimberley marine system experiences tropical monsoon climate with two distinct seasons: the wet season from December to March and dry season from April to November.
Air temperature	The mean annual air temperature recorded at Troughton Island between 2010 and 2020 ranged from 30.1ºC in 2011 to 32.6ºC in 2016 and highest mean monthly air temperatures were recorded for the months of November and December (BOM, 2021b).
Rainfall	Rainfall recorded from Troughton Island in the Browse basin ranged from barely detectable (<1 mm) mean monthly level to >100 mm in December to March, with the highest rainfall recorded for January. Reflecting the wet monsoon season of the Kimberley marine system (BOM, 2021c).
Wind	The dry season experiences high pressure systems that bring east to south-easterly winds with average wind speeds during the season of approximately 16.6 km/hr and maximum wind gusts of 65 km/hr. In contrast the wet season brings predominately westerly winds with average wind speeds approximately 17 km/hr and maximum gusts exceeding 100 km/hr (generally associated with tropical cyclones (MetOcean Engineers, 2005).
Oceanography	
Currents	Surface currents exhibit seasonal directionality, with flow to the south-west during March to June and more variable outside this period (Woodside, 2019). This is consistent with the stronger Leeuwin Current flow during winter months, with more variable currents driven by local wind stress during periods of weaker Leeuwin Current flow.

2.3.2 North West Shelf / Scarborough

Table 2-5 Summary meteorology and oceanography for the North West Shelf and Scarborough (refer to Appendix B for supporting metocean figures)

Receptor	Description
Meteorology	
Seasonal patterns	The NWS and Scarborough areas experience the monsoonal climate of the wider NWMR with a distinct wet and dry seasonal regime and transitions periods between seasons.
Air temperature	Air temperatures as measured at the North Rankin A platform on NWS ranged from a maximum average of 39.5ºC in summer to a minimum average temperature of 15.6ºC in winter (Woodside, 2012).
Rainfall	Rainfall patterns annually reveal the wet season with highest rainfalls during the late summer, often associated with the passage of tropical low-pressure systems and cyclones. Rainfall in the dry season is typically extremely low. (Pearce *et al.* 2003).
Wind	Winds are typically from the southwest during the wet season (summer) and tending from the south-east during the dry season (winter). The summer south-westerly winds are driven by high pressure cells that pass from west to east over the Australian continent. During the winter period, the relative position of the high-pressure cells shifts further north, leading to prevailing south-easterly winds from the mainland (Pearce *et al.* 2003).
Oceanography	
Currents	The large-scale ocean currents of the NWMR, primarily the Indonesian Throughflow and Leeuwin Current (and Holloway Current), are the primary influence on the NWS and Scarborough areas. The ITF and Leeuwin Current are strongest during the late summer and winter and flow reversals to the north-east, typically short-lived and weak, when there are strong south-westerly winds can generate localised upwelling on the shelf edge (Holloway and Nye, 1985; James *et al.* 2004 and Condie *et al.* 2006).

2.3.3 North-west Cape

Table 2-6 Summary meteorology and oceanography for the North-west Cape (refer to Appendix B for supporting metocean figures)

Receptor	Description
Meteorology	
Seasonal patterns	The climate of the NWMR is dry tropical exhibiting a hot summer season and a mild winter season. There are often distinct transition periods between the summer and winter regimes, characterised by periods of relatively low winds.
Air temperature	Air temperatures in the North-west Cape area range from high summer temperatures (maximum average of 37.5ºC) and mild winter temperatures (minimum average of 12.2ºC).
Rainfall	Rainfall typically occurs during the summer, with highest rainfall during later summer and autumn, often associated with the passage of tropical low-pressure systems and cyclones. Rainfall is typically low in winter.
Wind	Winds vary seasonally, generally from the south-west quadrant during summer months and the south, south-east quadrant during the autumn and winter months. The summer south-westerly winds are driven by high pressure cells that pass from west to east over the Australian continent. Winds typically weaken and are more variable during the transitional period between the summer and winter seasons, generally between April to August.
Oceanography	
Currents	Surface currents exhibit seasonal directionality, with flow to the south-west during March to June and more variable outside this period (Woodside, 2016). This is consistent with the stronger Leeuwin Current flow during winter months, with more variable currents driven by local wind stress during periods of weaker Leeuwin Current flow.

2.4 Physical Environment of NWMR

Based on the Integrated Marine and Coastal Regionalisation of Australia (IMCRA) Version 4.0, there are eight provincial bioregions that occur within the NWMR, which are based on patterns of demersal fish diversity, benthic habitat and oceanographic data (Commonwealth of Australia, 2006), **Figure 2-7**. Of the eight provincial bioregions that occur within the NWMR, these include four offshore (~65% of total NWMR area) and four shelf (~35% of total NWMR area) bioregions (Baker *et al.,* 2008).

The NWMR is a tropical carbonate margin that comprises an extensive area of shelf, slope and abyssal plain/deep ocean floor, as well as complex areas of bathymetry such as plateau, terraces and major canyons (Harris *et al.*, 2005). A series of reefs are located on the outer shelf/slope of the NWMR, including Ashmore, Cartier, Scott and Seringapatam reefs (Baker *et al*., 2008). The distribution of seafloor geomorphic features has been systematically mapped over much of the Australian margin and adjacent seafloor. The mapped area can be divided into 10 geomorphic regions, of which the NWMR overlays two; the Western Margin and Northern Margin (Harris *et al.*, 2005). Most of the region consists of either continental slope (61%) or continental shelf (28%) (DEWHA, 2007a) with more than 40% of the NWMR having a water depth less than 200 m. The shallow shelf is contrasted by features such as the Cuvier and Argo abyssal plains, which reach depths more than five kilometres. A unique feature of the region is the significant narrowing of the continental shelf around North-west Cape (approximately 7 km wide) from the broad continental shelf in the north of the region (approximately 400 km wide at Joseph Bonaparte Gulf) (DEWHA, 2007a), **Figure 2-8.**

The geological history of the region, as well as its geomorphology and oceanography, has influenced the composition and distribution of sediments (DEWHA, 2007a). The sedimentology of the NWMR is dominated by marine carbonates, which show a broad zoning and fining with water depth. Main trends of the NWMR sediments include a tropical carbonate shelf that is dominated by sand and gravel, an outer shelf/slope zone that is dominated by mud and a relatively homogenous rise and abyssal plain/deep ocean floor that is dominated by non-carbonate mud (Baker *et al.,* 2008), **Figure 2-9**.

The distribution and resuspension of sediments on the inner shelf is strongly influenced by the strength of tides across the continental shelf as well as episodic events such as cyclones. Further offshore, on the mid to outer shelf and on the slope itself, sediment movement is primarily influenced by ocean currents and internal tides (DEWHA, 2007a).

This variation in bathymetry and interactions with oceanographic processes provides a diversity of habitats to marine fauna and flora within the NWMR.

2.5 Air quality

The ambient air quality of all three marine regions is largely unpolluted due to the extent of the open ocean area, the activities currently carried out in each and the relative remoteness of each region.

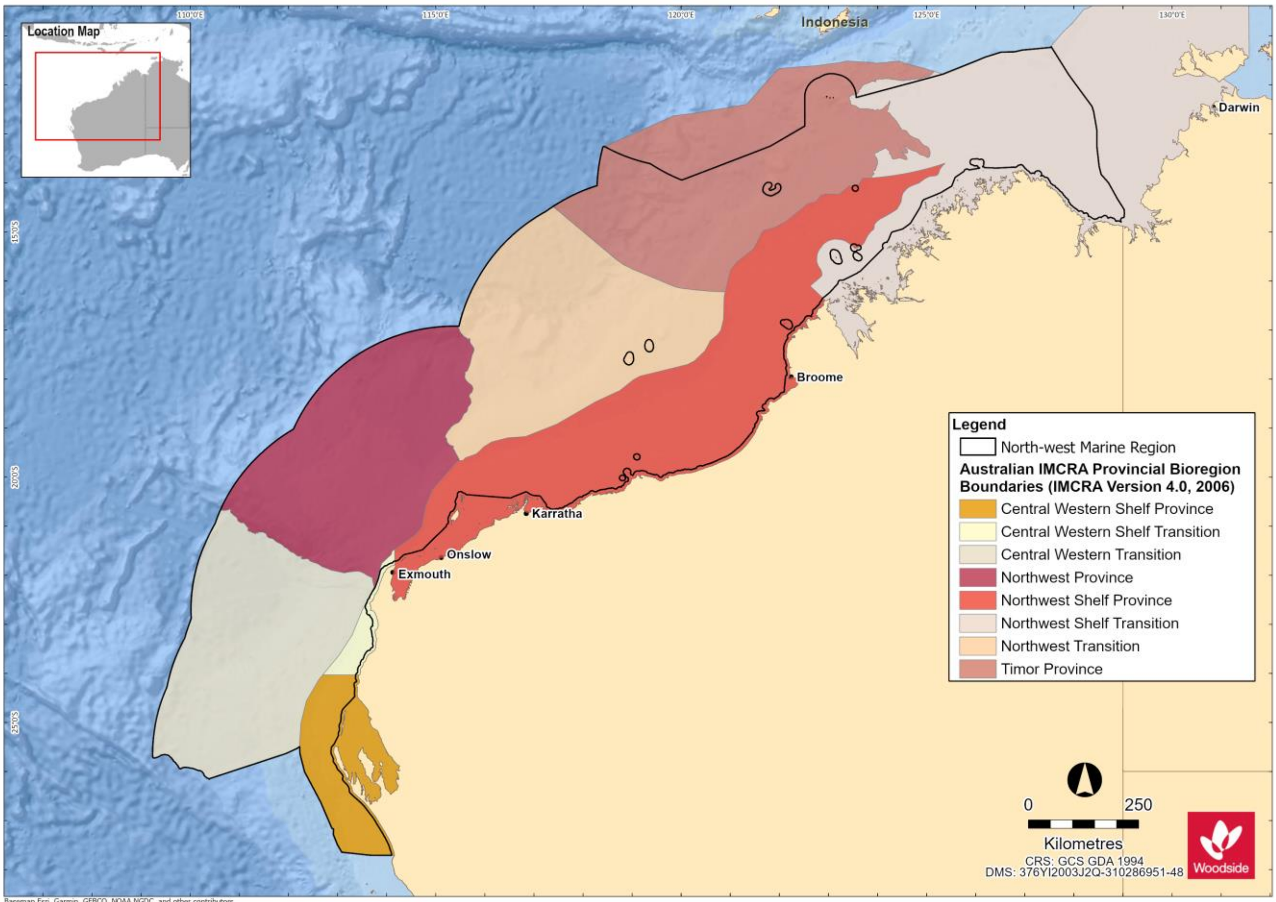

Figure 2-7. The eight provincial bioregions of the NWMR (Commonwealth of Australia, 2006)

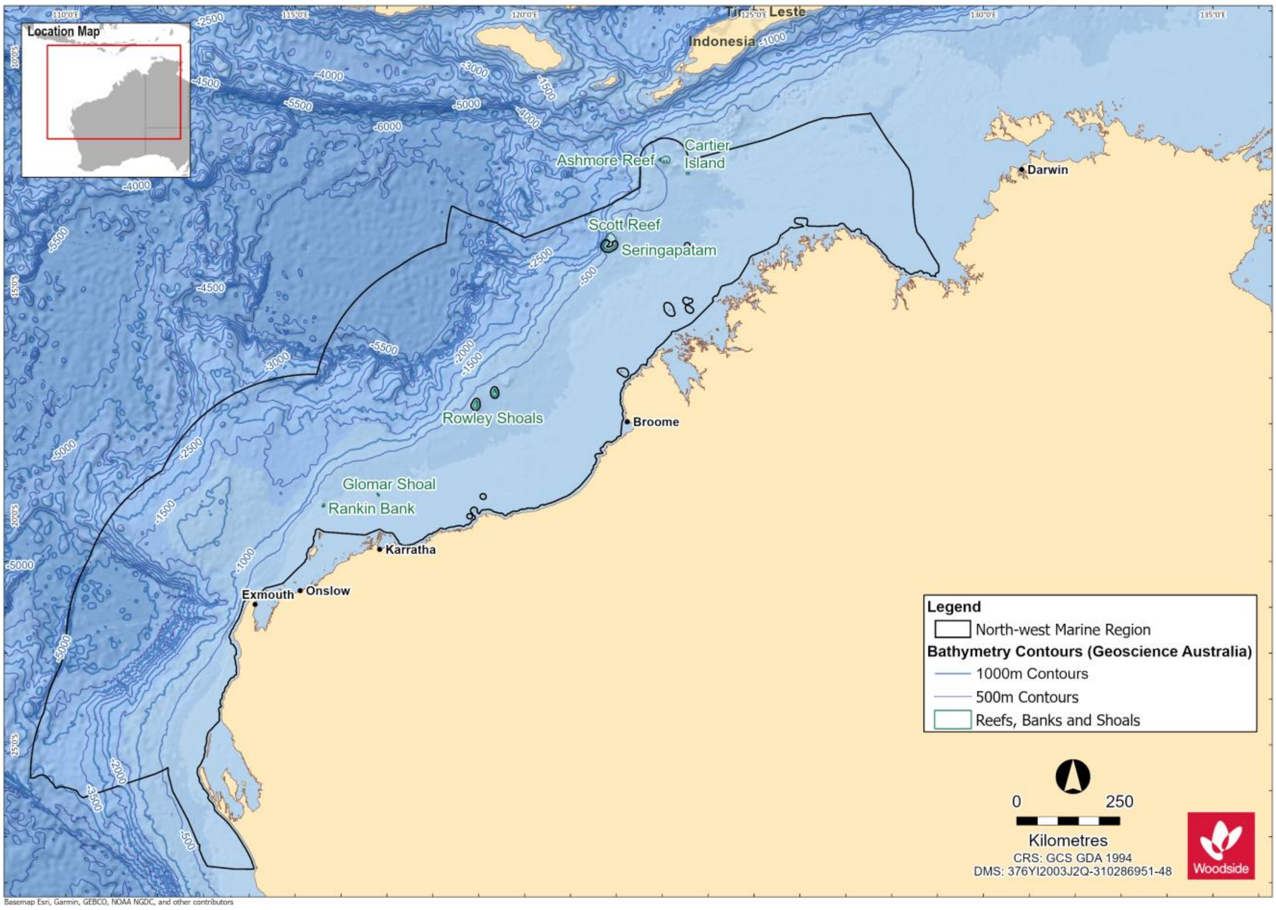

Figure 2-8. Bathymetry of the NWMR

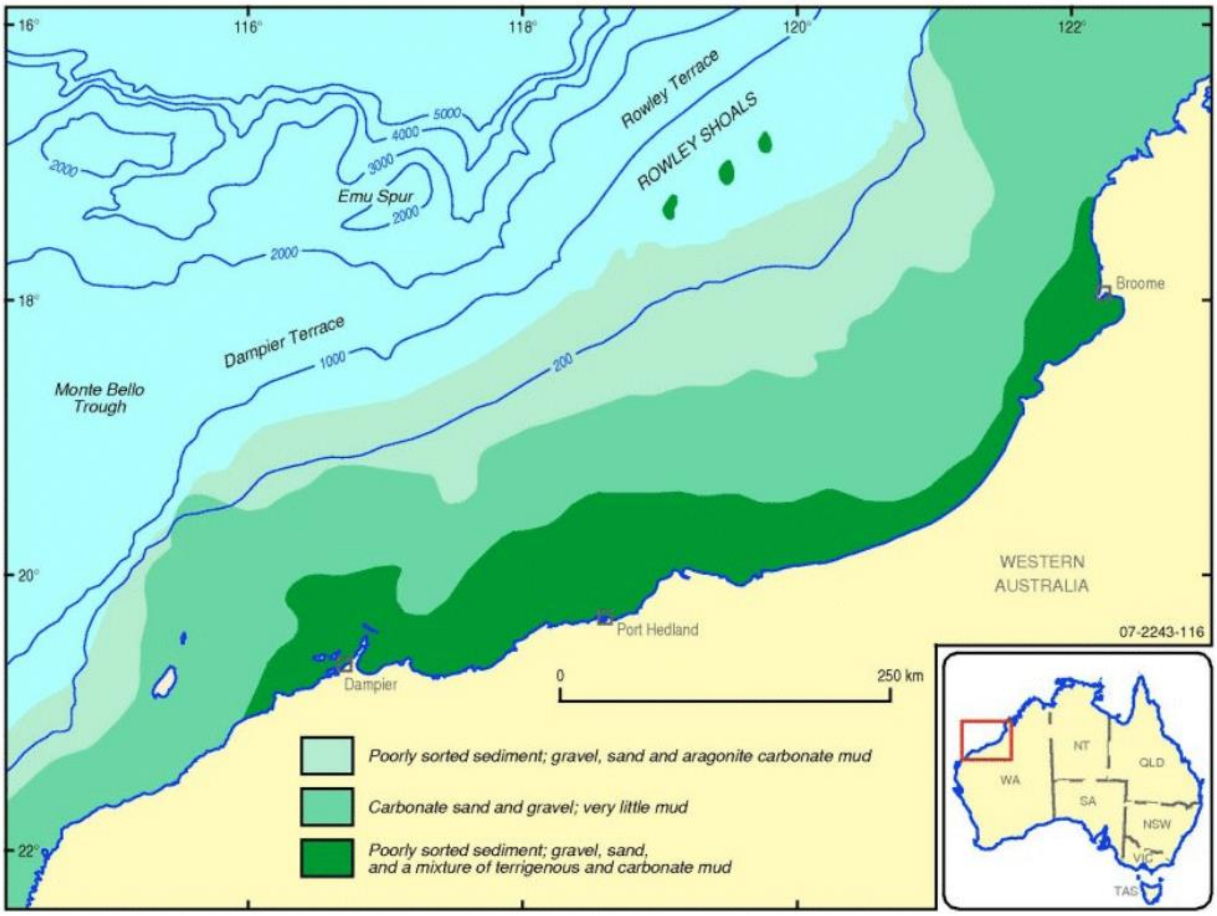

Figure 2-9. Overview of the seabed sediments of the NWMR (Baker *et al*., 2008)

3. MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE (EPBC ACT)

3.1 Summary of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)

This section summarises the matters of national environmental significance (MNES) reported for the three bioregions; NWMR **(Table 3-1**), SWMR (**Table 3-2**) and NMR (**Table 3-3**), based on the Protected Matters search reports (**Appendix A**).

Additional information on these MNES are provided in subsequent sections (referenced below).

Table 3-1 Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) as potentially occurring within the NWMR

MNES	Number	Description	Section of this Document
World Heritage Properties	2	Shark Bay The Ningaloo Coast	**Section 10**
National Heritage Places	5	Shark Bay The Ningaloo Coast The West Kimberley The Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula) Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616	**Section 10**
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	3	Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve Eighty Mile Beach Roebuck Bay[1]	**Section 10**
Commonwealth Marine Area	2	EEZ and Territorial Sea Key Ecological Features (KEFs) Australian Marine Parks (AMPs) Australian Whale Sanctuary Extended Continental Shelf	**Section 9** **Section 10**
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	1	Monsoon vine thickets on the coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula	Terrestrial community and not considered further
Listed Threatened Species	70	Refer NWMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	**Section 5 – Section 8**
Listed Migratory Species	84	Refer NWMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	**Section 5 – Section 8**

*[1] Roebuck Bay is a designated Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar site), which was not included in the PMST Report (**Appendix A**).*

Table 3-2 Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) as potentially occurring within the SWMR

MNES	Number	Description	Section of this Document
World Heritage Properties	0	N/A	N/A
National Heritage Places	3	Cheetup Rock Shelter Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 – Houtman Abrolhos HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites	**Section 10**
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	4	Becher Point Wetlands Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes Peel-Yalgorup System Vasse-Wonnerup System	**Section 10**
Commonwealth Marine Area	2	EEZ and Territorial Sea KEFs AMPs Australian Whale Sanctuary Extended Continental Shelf	**Section 9** **Section 10**
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	3	Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community Proteaceae Dominated Kwongkan Shrublands of the Southeast Coastal Floristic Province of Western Australia Tuart (*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) Woodlands and Forests of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Terrestrial communities and not considered further
Listed Threatened Species	65	Refer SWMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	N/A
Listed Migratory Species	67	Refer SWMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	N/A

Table 3-3 Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) as potentially occurring within the NMR

MNES	Number	Description	Section of this Document
World Heritage Properties	0	N/A	N/A
National Heritage Places	0	N/A	N/A
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)	0	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Marine Area	2	EEZ and Territorial Sea KEFs AMPs Australian Whale Sanctuary Extended Continental Shelf	**Section 9** **Section 10**
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities	0	N/A	N/A
Listed Threatened Species	33	Refer NMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	N/A
Listed Migratory Species	70	Refer NMR PMST report (**Appendix A**)	N/A

3.2 Part 13 Statutory Instruments for EPBC Act Listed Threatened and Migratory Species in the NWMR, SWMR and NMR

A screening process was conducted to identify which EPBC Act listed threatened and migratory species, and associated Part 13 statutory instruments, are relevant in the context of the assessment of impacts and risks associated with petroleum activities in each of the Woodside activity areas, using the following criteria:

- overlap between the Woodside activity areas with habitat critical for the survival of marine turtles, and with BIAs (overlapping the marine environment) for any listed threatened species as reported in the PMST searches;
- published literature, unpublished reports and/or credible anecdotal information (e.g. feedback from stakeholders) indicating species presence/occurrence within the Woodside activity areas;
- temporal overlap between the likely timing of petroleum activities and peak periods for key behaviours (e.g. breeding, nesting, calving, resting, foraging, migration); and
- environmental aspects associated with petroleum activities have been identified as a key threat to a species in a Part 13 statutory instrument (e.g. anthropogenic noise, light emissions, marine debris).

Relevant EPBC Act threatened and migratory species and their Part 13 statutory instruments are listed in **Table 3-4**. For the full list of EPBCA Act listed species for each marine bioregion refer to the PMST reports (**Appendix A**).

Table 3-4 Summary of MNES identified by the EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) to be considered for impact or risk evaluation for Woodside operations

Species	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
All vertebrate marine fauna	Threat Abatement Plan for the impacts of marine debris on vertebrate marine life (Commonwealth of Australia, 2018)
Marine Mammals	
Blue whale	Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale: A Recovery Plan under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* 2015–2025 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a)
Southern right whale	Conservation Management Plan for the Southern Right Whale: A Recovery Plan under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* 2011–2021 (DSEWPAC, 2012d)
Sei whale	Conservation Advice *Balaenoptera borealis* sei whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015a)
Humpback whale	Conservation Advice *Megaptera novaeangliae* humpback whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b)
Fin whale	Conservation Advice *Balaenoptera physalus* fin whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015c)
Australian sea lion	Recovery Plan for the Australian Sea Lion (*Neophoca cinerea*) 2013 (DSEWPAC, 2013a) (due to expire in October 2023) Conservation Advice *Neophoca cinerea* Australian Sea Lion (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020a) (in effect under the EPBC Act from 23-Dec-2020)
Marine Reptiles	
All marine turtle species (loggerhead, green, leatherback, hawksbill, flatback, olive ridley)	Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017-2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017)
Short-nosed sea snake	Approved Conservation Advice for *Aipysurus apraefrontalis* (Short-nosed Sea Snake) (DSEWPAC, 2011a)
Leaf-scaled sea snake	Approved Conservation Advice for *Aipysurus foliosquama* (Leaf-scaled Sea Snake) (DSEWPAC, 2011b)
Fishes, Sharks, Rays and Sawfishes	
Grey nurse shark (west coast population)	Recovery Plan for the Grey Nurse Shark (*Carcharias taurus*) 2014 (DOE, 2014)
White shark	Recovery Plan for the White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) 2013 (DSEWPAC, 2013b)
Whale shark	Conservation Advice *Rhincodon typus* whale shark (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015d)
All sawfishes (largetooth, green, dwarf, speartooth, narrow)	Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015b)

Species	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
Seabirds	
Migratory seabird species	Draft Wildlife Conservation Plan for Migratory Seabirds (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019)
Southern giant petrel	National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels 2011–2016 (DSEWPAC, 2011c)
Indian yellow-nosed albatross	National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels 2011–2016 (DSEWPAC, 2011c)
Abbott's booby	Conservation Advice for the Abbott's booby - *Papasula abbotti* (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020b)
Australian fairy tern	Approved Conservation Advice for *Sterna nereis nereis* (Fairy Tern) (DSEWPAC, 2011d)
Australian lesser noddy	Conservation Advice *Anous tenuirostris melanops* Australian lesser noddy (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015e)
Soft-plumaged petrel	Conservation Advice *Pterodroma mollis* soft-plumaged petrel (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015f)
Shorebirds	
Migratory shorebird species	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Migratory Shorebirds (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015c)
Eastern curlew, far eastern curlew	Conservation Advice *Numenius madagascariensis* eastern curlew (DOE, 2015a)
Curlew sandpiper	Conservation Advice *Calidris ferruginea* curlew sandpiper (DOE, 2015b)
Great knot	Conservation Advice *Calidris tenuirostris* Great knot (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016a)
Red knot, knot	Conservation Advice *Calidris canutus* Red knot (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016b)
Bar-tailed godwit (*menzbieri*)	Conservation Advice *Limosa lapponica menzbieri* Bar-tailed godwit (northern Siberia) (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016c)
Greater sand plover	Conservation Advice *Charadrius leschenaultii* Greater sand plover (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016d)
Lesser sand plover	Conservation Advice *Charadrius mongolus* Lesser sand plover (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016e)

4. HABITAT AND BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

4.1 Regional context

The NWMR habitats range from nearshore benthic primary producer habitats such as seagrass beds, coral communities and mangrove forests, to offshore soft sediment seabed habitats and submerged and emergent reef systems. These habitats support biological communities that range from low density sessile and mobile benthos, such as sponges, molluscs and echinoids (with noted areas of sponge hotspot diversity) in offshore soft sediment habitat (DSEWPAC, 2012a) to complex, diverse, remote coral reef systems.

Benthic primary producer habitats, such as seagrass beds, coral communities and mangrove forests within the SWMR, are described as a mixture of tropical and temperate species, due to the seasonal influences of the tropical waters carried south by the Leeuwin Current and the temperate waters carried north by the Capes Current (DSEWPAC, 2012b).

The NMR shares similar habitat types to the NWMR. The predominant habitat of the region includes soft muddy sediments on relatively flat terrain. Other habitat types include seagrasses, reefs, shoals and coastal habitats such as mangroves and coastal wetlands (Rochester *et al.*, 2007).

The summary of key habitats and biological communities provided in the following sub-sections is focused on the primary features of relevance to the activity areas within the NWMR – primarily the offshore habitats of the continental shelf and slope, submerged shoals and banks, and remote oceanic reef systems of recognised conservation value.

4.2 Biological Productivity of NWMR

Primary productivity of the NWMR is generally low and appears to be largely driven by offshore influences (Brewer *et al.*, 2007), with periodic upwelling events and cyclonic influences driving coastal productivity with nutrient recycling and advection. Seasonal weather patterns also influence the delivery of nutrients from deep-water to shallow water. Cyclones and north-westerly winds during the North-west monsoon (approximately November–March) and the strong offshore winds of the South-east monsoon (approximately April–September) facilitate the upwelling and mixing of nutrients from deep-water to shallow water environments (Brewer *et al.*, 2007).

The Indonesian Throughflow (ITF) has an important effect on productivity in the northern areas of the Region. Generally, its deep, warm and low nutrient waters suppress upwelling of deeper comparatively nutrient-rich waters, thereby forcing the highest rates of primary productivity to occur at depths associated with the thermocline. When the ITF is weaker, the thermocline lifts bringing deeper, more nutrient-rich waters into the photic zone and hence resulting in conditions favourable to increased productivity (DEWHA, 2007a). Similarly, the Leeuwin Current has a significant role in determining primary productivity in the southern areas of the NWMR. As with the ITF, the overlying warm oligotrophic waters of the Leeuwin Current suppress upwelling. A subsurface chlorophyll maximum is therefore formed at a depth in the water column where nutrients and light are sufficient for photosynthesis to proceed. Seasonal changes in the strength of the Leeuwin Current influence primary productivity levels and seasonal interactions between the Leeuwin and Ningaloo currents in the south of the NWMR are believed to be particularly important (DEWHA, 2007a).

Internal tides (defined as internal waves generated by the barotropic tide) are a striking characteristic of many parts of the NWMR and are associated with highly stratified water columns. Internal waves (solitons), which can raise cooler, generally more nutrient rich water higher in the water column, are generated between water depths of 400 m and 1000 m where bottom topography results in a significant change in water depth over a relatively short distance. Cyclones are episodic events in the NWMR that contribute to spikes in productivity through enrichment of surface water layers due to enhanced vertical mixing of the water column. Temporary increases in primary productivity as a result of cyclones generally last between one and two weeks, and it is believed that the impacts of cyclones are generally limited to waters less than 100 m deep and affect benthic communities more substantially than pelagic systems (DEWHA, 2007a).

Water depth also has a significant overriding influence over productivity in the marine environment, due to its influence on light availability. This is reflected by distinct onshore and offshore assemblages of major pelagic groups of phytoplankton, microzooplankton, mesoplankton and ichthyoplankton. Productivity booms are thought to be triggered by seasonal changes to physical drivers or episodic events, as detailed above, which result in rapid increases in primary production over short periods, followed by extended periods of lower primary production. The trophic systems in the NWMR are able to take advantage of blooms in primary production, enabling nutrients generated to be used by different groups of consumers over long periods (DEWHA, 2007a).

Little detailed information is available about the trophic systems in the NWMR. The utilisation of available nutrients is thought to differ between pelagic and benthic environments, influenced by water depth and vertical migration of some species groups in the water column. In the pelagic system, it is thought that approximately half of the nutrients available are utilised by microzooplankton (e.g. protozoa) with the remainder going to macro/meso-zooplankton (e.g. copepods). As primary and secondary consumers, gelatinous zooplankton (e.g. salps, coelenterates) and jellyfish are thought to play an important role in the food web, contributing a significant proportion of biomass in the marine system during and for periods after booms in primary productivity. Salps are semi-transparent, barrel-shaped marine animals that can reproduce quickly in response to bursts in primary productivity and provide a food source for many pelagic fish species (DEWHA, 2007a).

4.3 Planktonic Communities in the NWMR

The NWMR has two distinct phytoplankton assemblages; a tropical oceanic community in offshore waters and a tropical shelf community confined to the NWS (Hallegraeff, 1995). MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer) satellite datasets from the NWMR indicates that chlorophyll (and thus phytoplankton) levels are low in summer months (December to March) and higher in the winter months (Schroeder *et al.*, 2009). Low chlorophyll levels during summer months may be a result of lower plankton productivity during the wet season or lower nutrient inputs from warm surface waters dominant during summer. However, it is likely that much of the primary production is taking place below the surface, where the MODIS imagery does not penetrate (Schroeder *et al.*, 2009). The winter months are relatively cloud free and surface chlorophyll is high throughout most of the region.

Zooplankton and may include organisms that complete their lifecycle as plankton (e.g. copepods, euphausiids) as well as larval stages of other taxa such as fishes, corals and molluscs. Peaks in zooplankton such as mass coral spawning events (typically in March and April) (Rosser and Gilmour, 2008) and fish larvae abundance (CALM, 2005a) can occur throughout the year. Spatial and temporal patterns in the distribution and abundance of macro-zooplankton on the North-west Shelf are influenced by sporadic climatic and oceanographic events, with large inter-annual changes in assemblages (Wilson *et al.*, 2003). Amphipods, euphausiids, copepods, mysids and cumaceans are among the most common components of the zooplankton in the region (Wilson *et al.*, 2003).

4.3.1 Browse

Phytoplankton within the Browse activity area is expected to reflect the conditions of the NWMR. There is a tendency for offshore phytoplankton communities in the NWMR to be characterised by smaller taxa (e.g. bacteria), whereas shelf waters are dominated by larger taxa such as diatoms (Hanson *et al.*, 2007).

Zooplankton within the activity area may include organisms that complete their lifecycle as plankton (e.g. copepods, euphausiids) as well as larval stages of other taxa such as fishes, corals and molluscs. Peaks in zooplankton such as mass coral spawning events (typically in March and April) (Rosser and Gilmour, 2008; Simpson *et al.*, 1993) and fish larvae abundance (CALM, 2005a) can occur throughout the year.

The influence of the Indonesian Throughflow restricts upwelling across the Kimberley System (approximately equates to the Browse activity area). However, small-scale topographically associated current movements and upwellings are thought to occur, which inject nutrients into specific locations within the system and result in 'productivity hot-spots'. Similarly, internal waves, generated at the shelf break (e.g. west of Browse Island and around submerged cliffs) play a role in making nutrients available in the photic zone. Productivity within shallow nearshore waters is driven primarily by tidal movement and terrestrial runoff whereby nutrients are mixed by tidal action and new inputs of organic matter come from the land.

4.3.2 North-west Shelf / Scarborough

Plankton communities within the NWS / Scarborough activity area are expected to reflect conditions of the NWMR. Within the Pilbara system of the NWMR (approximately equates to the NWS / Scarborough activity area). Internal tides along the NWS and Exmouth Plateau result in the drawing of deeper cooler waters into the photic zone, stirring up nutrients and triggering primary productivity. Broadly the greatest productivity within this sub-system is found around the 200 m isobath associated with the shelf break.

4.3.3 North-west Cape

Waters of the North-west Cape experience a relatively high diversity of phytoplankton groups including diatoms, coccolithophorids and dinoflagellates. During the warmer months blooms of *Trichodesmium* occur in the region, these have been observed particularly on the frontal systems around Point Murat (Heyward *et al*., 2000).

Average Leeuwin Current phytoplankton biomass is characteristic of low productivity oceanic waters like the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans (Hanson *et al.*, 2005). However, the Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and Cape Range Peninsula KEF are connected to the Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef, and may also have connections to Exmouth Plateau. The canyons are thought to interact with the Leeuwin Current to produce eddies inside the heads of the canyons, resulting in waters from the Antarctic intermediate water mass being drawn into shallower depths and onto the shelf (Brewer *et al.* 2007). These waters are cooler and richer in nutrients and strong internal tides may also aid upwelling at the canyon heads (Brewer *et al.* 2007). The narrow shelf width (about 10 kilometres) near the canyons facilitates nutrient upwelling and relatively high productivity. This high primary productivity leads to high densities of primary consumers, such as micro and macro-zooplankton, such as amphipods, copepods, mysids, cumaceans, euphausiids (Brewer *et al.*, 2007).

4.4 Habitats and Biological Communities in the NWMR

4.4.1 Offshore Habitats and Biological communities

The NWMR has a large area of continental shelf and continental slope, with a range of bathymetric features such as canyons, plateaus, terraces, ridges, reefs, banks and shoals. The marine environment in this region is typified by tropical to sub-tropical marine ecosystems with diverse habitats from soft sediments, canyons, remote coral reefs and limestone pavement.

The key habitats and biological communities representative of the broader NWMR are summarised in **Table 4-1**.

The key habitats and biological communities representative of the broader SWMR and NMR are summarised in **Table 4-2** and **Table 4-3**.

4.4.2 Shoreline habitats and biological communities

The NWMR encompasses offshore and coastal waters, islands and mainland shoreline habitats typified by mangroves, tidal flats, saltmarshes, sandy beaches, and smaller areas of rocky shores. Each of these shoreline types has the potential to support different flora and fauna assemblages due to the different physical factors (e.g. waves, tides, light, etc.) influencing the habitat.

The key shoreline habitats representative of the broader NWMR are summarised in **Table 4-1**.

The key shoreline habitats representative of the broader SWMR and NMR are summarised in **Table 4-2** and **Table 4-3**.

Table 4-1 Habitats and biological communities within the NWMR

Habitat/Community	Browse	NWS / Scarborough	North-west Cape	Reference
	Offshore habitats and biological communities			
Soft sediment with infauna	The offshore environment of the NWMR comprises predominately of seabed habitats dominated by soft sediments (sandy and muddy substrata with occasional patches of coarser sediments) and sparse benthic biota. The benthic communities inhabiting the predominantly soft, fine sediments of the offshore habitats are characterised by infauna such as polychaetes, and sessile and mobile epifauna such as crustacea (shrimp, crabs and squat lobsters) and echinoderms (starfish, cucumbers).The density of benthic fauna is typically lower in deep-sea sediment habitats (greater than 200 m) than in shallower coastal sediment habitats, but the diversity of communities may be similar.			
Soft sediment with hard substrate outcropping	A unique seafloor feature combining both soft sediment and hard substrates, including outcrops, terraces, continental slope, and escarpments. This habitat is found in offshore areas of the NWMR, often associated with key ecological features such as the Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour KEF.			**Section 9**
	Ancient Coastline at 125 m Depth Contour KEF Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF	Ancient Coastline at 125 m Depth Contour KEF Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF	Ancient Coastline at 125 m Depth Contour KEF Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities KEF	**Section 9**
Coral Reef	Coral reef habitats within the NWMR have a high species diversity that includes corals, and associated reef species such as fishes, crustaceans, invertebrates, and algae. Coral reef habitats of the offshore environment of the NWMR include remote oceanic reef systems, large platform reefs, submerged banks and shoals.			
	Browse Island Scott Reef Seringapatam Reef Ashmore Reef Cartier Island Hibernia Reef	Rowley Shoals (including Mermaid Reef, Clerke Reef, Imperieuse Reef) Glomar Shoal Rankin Bank	-	**Section 10**
Seagrass and Macroalgae communities	Seagrass beds and benthic macroalgae reefs are a main food source for many marine species and also provide key habitats and nursery grounds (Heck Jr. *et al.*, 2003; Wilson *et al.*, 2010). In the northern half of Western Australia, these habitats are restricted to sheltered and shallow waters, including around offshore reef systems, due to large tidal movement, high turbidity, large seasonal freshwater run-off and cyclones.			
	Scott Reef Seringapatam Reef Ashmore Reef	Rowley Shoals (including; Mermaid Reef, Clerke Reef, Imperieuse Reef)		**Section 10**
Filter Feeders/ heterotrophic	Filter feeder epifauna such as sponges, ascidians, soft corals and gorgonians are animals that feed by actively filtering suspended matter and food particles from water, by passing the water over specialised filtration structures (DEWHA, 2008). Filter feeders generally live in areas that have strong currents and hard substratum, often associated with deeper environments of the shoals and banks in the offshore NWMR.			
	Lower outer reef slopes of the oceanic reef	Glomar Shoal Rankin Bank	Cape Range canyon system	**Section 10**

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<tr><td>Browse Island
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Cartier Island</td><td>Montebello Islands
Lowendal Islands
Barrow Island</td><td>Muiron Islands</td><td>Section 10</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">Nearshore/coastal habitats and biological communities</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Coral Reef</td><td colspan="3">Coral reef habitats typically found in nearshore regions of the NWMR include the fringing reefs around coastal islands and the mainland shore.</td><td></td></tr>
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East Holothuria and Long reefs
Bonaparte and Buccaneer Archipelagos
Montgomery Reef
Adele complex (Beagle, Mavis, Albert, Churchill reefs, Adele Island)</td><td>Dampier Archipelago
Montebello, Lowendal and Barrow Island Groups</td><td>Ningaloo Reef
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Habitat/Community	Browse	NWS / Scarborough	North-west Cape	Reference
Mangroves	Mangroves grow in intertidal mud and sand, with specially adapted aerial roots (pneumatophores) that provide for gas exchange during low tide (McClatchie *et al.*, 2006). Mangrove forests can help stabilise coastal sediments, provide a nursery ground for many species of fish and crustacean, and provide shelter or nesting areas for seabirds (McClatchie *et al.*, 2006). Mangroves are confined to shoreline habitats, in nearshore areas of the NWMR.			
	Dampier Peninsula (including Carnot Bay, Beagle Bay and Pender Bay)	Pilbara Coastline (including; Ashburton River Delta, Coolgra Point, Robe River Delta, Yardie Landing, Yammadery Island and the Mangrove Islands) Montebello, Lowendal and Barrow Island Groups Roebuck Bay	Shark Bay Mangrove Bay, Cape Range Peninsula Exmouth Gulf	
Saltmarshes	Saltmarshes communities are confined to shoreline habitats and are typically dominated by dense stands of halophytic plants such as herbs, grasses, and low shrubs. The diversity of saltmarsh plant species increases with increasing latitude (in contrast to mangroves). The vegetation in these environments is essential to the stability of the saltmarsh, as they trap and bind sediments. The sediments are generally sandy silts and clays and can often have high organic material content.			
	-	Eighty Mile Beach Roebuck Bay	Shark Bay	
Sandy Beaches	Sandy beaches are dynamic environments, naturally fluctuating in response to external forcing factors (e.g. waves, currents, etc). Sandy beaches vary in length, width and gradient, and in sediment type, composition, and grain size throughout the NWMR. Sandy beaches are important for both resident and migratory seabirds and shorebirds and can also provide an important habitat for turtle nesting and breeding. They are located along many coastlines of the nearshore environments of the NWMR.			
	Cape Domett Lacrosse Island	Eighty Mile Beach Eco Beach Dampier Archipelago Inshore Pilbara Islands (Northern, Middle, and Southern)	Ningaloo coast Muiron Islands Exmouth Gulf	

Table 4-2 Habitats within the SWMR

Habitat/Community	Location
Offshore	
Soft sediment with infauna	Most of the SWMR seafloor is composed of soft unconsolidated sediments, but due to large variations in bathymetry there are marked differences in sedimentary composition and benthic assemblage structure across the region. Despite the prevalence of these habitats in the SWMR, very little is known about the composition or distribution of the region's sedimentary infauna (DEWHA, 2008b)
Soft sediment with hard substrate outcropping	A unique seafloor feature combining both soft sediment and hard substrates, including outcrops, terraces, continental slope, and escarpments.
	Perth Canyon Marine Park Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth contour KEF Diamantina Fracture Zone Naturaliste Plateau
Coral Reef	To date, studies and understanding of the corals within the SWMR have concentrated on the shallow water areas in State Waters. Within the deeper Commonwealth waters of the SWMR little is known of the distribution of corals.
Filter Feeders/ heterotrophic	Filter feeder epifauna such as sponges, ascidians, soft corals and gorgonians are animals that feed by actively filtering suspended matter and food particles from water, by passing the water over specialised filtration structures (DEWR, 2007). Filter feeders generally inhabit deeper habitat (below the photic zone) that have strong currents and hard substratum
	Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth Diamantina Fracture Zone Naturaliste Plateau Perth Canyon Marine Park South-west Corner Marine Park
Nearshore	
Coral Reef	The northern extent of the SWMR coincides loosely with the disappearance of abundant and diverse coral from coastal habitats. To the south of Shark Bay, abundant corals occur predominantly around offshore islands, with corals at inshore sites occurring in very isolated patches of non-reef coral communities, usually of reduced species richness.
	Houtman Abrolhos Islands Rottnest Island
Seagrass and Macroalgae communities	Within the SWMR, macroalgae and seagrass communities are noted for their extent, species richness and endemism. The clear waters of the region allow light to reach greater depths, with some species found at much greater depths than usual (down to 120 m) (DEWR, 2007). Of the known species there are more than 1000 species of macro-algae and 22 species of seagrass consisting of tropical and temperate species. Seagrass and macro-algae occur in areas with sheltered bays and in the inter-reef lagoons along exposed sections of the coast.
	Houtman Abrolhos Islands Jurien Marine Park Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Geographe Marine Park Cockburn Sound Rottnest Island

Habitat/Community	Location
	Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west-coast inshore lagoons KEF Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to Geographe Bay KEF Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Recherche Archipelago KEF
Filter Feeders/ heterotrophic	Filter feeder epifauna such as sponges, ascidians, soft corals and gorgonians are animals that feed by actively filtering suspended matter and food particles from water, by passing the water over specialised filtration structures (DEWR, 2007). Filter feeders generally live in areas that have strong currents and hard substratum.
	Houtman Abrolhos Islands Recherche Archipelago
Mangroves	Mangroves grow in intertidal mud and sand, with specially adapted aerial roots (pneumatophores) that provide for gas exchange during low tide (McClatchie *et al.*, 2006). Mangrove forests can help stabilise coastal sediments, provide a nursery ground for many species of fish and crustacean, and provide shelter or nesting areas for seabirds (McClatchie *et al.*, 2006). Mangroves are confined to shoreline habitats, in nearshore areas of the SWMR.
	Houtman Abrolhos Islands
Sandy Beaches	Sandy beaches within the SWMR are important for both resident and migratory seabirds and shorebirds and can also host breeding populations of the Australian sea lion. They are found along many coastlines of the nearshore environments of the SWMR. In addition to this, beaches in the SWMR provide a variety of socio-economic values including tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and support other recreational activities.
	Houtman Abrolhos Islands Marmion Marine Park Ngari Capes Marine Park Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park

Table 4-3 Habitats and Biological Communities within the NMR

Habitat/Community	Location
Offshore habitats and biological communities	
Soft sediment with infauna	Most of the offshore environment of the NMR is characterised by relatively flat expanses of soft sediment seabed. The soft sediments of the region are characterised by moderately abundant and diverse communities of infauna and mobile epifauna dominated by polychaetes, crustaceans, molluscs, and echinoderms.
Soft sediment with hard substrate outcropping	A unique seafloor feature combining both soft sediment and hard substrates, including outcrops, terraces, continental slope, and escarpments. The variability in substrate composition may contribute to the presence of unique ecosystems. Species present include sponges, soft corals and other sessile filter feeders associated with hard substrate sediments.
	Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise KEF Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin KEF
Coral Reef	Offshore coral reefs within the NMR is generally associated with a series of submerged shoals and banks. The shoals/banks in the region support tropical marine biota consistent with that found on emergent reef systems of the Indo West Pacific region such as Ashmore Reef, Cartier Island, Seringapatam Reef and Scott Reef (Heyward *et al.,* 1997)
	Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin KEF Evans Shoal Tassie Shoal Blackwood Shoal
Filter Feeders/ heterotrophic	Filter feeder epifauna such as sponges, ascidians, soft corals and gorgonians are animals that feed by actively filtering suspended matter and food particles from water, by passing the water over specialised filtration structures (DEWHA, 2007b). Filter feeders generally live in areas that have strong currents and hard substratum and typically associated with the deeper habitats of the submerged shoals and banks, and canyon features.
	Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise KEF Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin KEF Tributary Canyons of the Arafura Depression KEF Evans Shoal Tassie Shoal Goodrich Bank
Nearshore	
Coral Reef	Within the NMR corals occur both as reefs and in non-reef coral communities. Nearshore reefs include patch reefs and fringing reefs sparsely distributed within the region. Coral reefs within the NMR provides breeding and aggregation areas for many fish species including mackerel and snapper and offer refuges for sea snakes and apex predators such as sharks.
	Submerged coral reefs of the Gulf of Carpentaria KEF Darwin Harbour
Seagrass and Macroalgae communities	Seagrasses provide key habitats in the NMR. They stabilise coastal sediments and trap and recycle nutrients. They provide nursery grounds for commercially harvested fish and prawns and provide feeding grounds for dugongs and green turtles. Seagrass distribution in the region is largely associated with sheltered small bays and inlets including shallow waters surrounding inshore islands.
	Field Island The mainland coastline adjacent to Kakadu National Park

Habitat/Community	Location
Filter Feeders/ heterotrophic	Filter feeder epifauna such as sponges, ascidians, soft corals, and gorgonians are animals that feed by actively filtering suspended matter and food particles from water, by passing the water over specialised filtration structures (DEWHA, 2007b). Filter feeders generally live in areas that have strong currents and hard substratum.
	Cape Helveticus
Mangroves	Mangroves grow in intertidal mud and sand, with specially adapted aerial roots (pneumatophores) that provide for gas exchange during low tide (McClatchie *et al.*, 2006). Mangroves provide habitat for waterbirds and support many commercially and recreationally important fish and crustacean species for parts of their life cycles. They buffer the coast from large tidal movements, storm surges and flooding.
	Tiwi Islands Darwin Harbour The mainland coastline adjacent to the Daly River
Sandy Beaches	Sandy beaches vary in length, width and gradient, and in sediment type, composition, and grain size throughout the NMR and are important for both resident and migratory seabirds and shorebirds. Sandy beaches can also provide an important habitat for turtle nesting. They are located along many coastlines of the nearshore environments of the islands and mainland shores of the NMR.
	Tiwi Islands Cobourg Peninsula Joseph Bonaparte Gulf

5. FISHES, SHARKS AND RAYS

5.1 Regional Context

Western Australian waters provide important habitat for listed fishes, sharks, and rays including areas that support key life stages such as breeding, foraging, and migration routes for fish species. Pelagic and demersal fishes occupy a range of habitats throughout each of the regions, from coral reefs to open offshore waters, and are an extremely important component of ecosystems, providing a link between primary production and higher predators, with many species being of conservation value and important for commercial and recreational fishing.

The fish fauna in the NWMR is diverse. Of the approximately 500 shark species found worldwide, 94 are found in the region (DEWHA, 2008). Approximately 54 species of syngnathids (seahorses, seadragons, pipehorses and pipefishes) and one species of solenostomids (ghostpipefishes) are also known to occur in the NWMR or adjacent State waters (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

The fish fauna of the SWMR includes more than 900 species occupying a large variety of habitats. However, only three species of bony fishes known to occur in the region are listed under the EPBC Act as threatened or marine species, and seven listed species of shark (DSEWPAC, 2012b).

The NMR is considered an important area for the sawfish and river shark species group, with five species of sawfishes and river sharks listed under the EPBC Act known to occur in the region (DSEWPAC, 2012c). Approximately 28 species of syngnathids and two species of solenostomids are listed marine and known to occur in the NMR, however there is a paucity of knowledge on the distribution, relative abundance and habitats of these species in the region (DEWHA, 2008).

The following sections focus on the fish species (including sharks and rays) listed as threatened or migratory that are known to occur within the NWMR. In addition, listed, conservation dependent fish and shark species for the NWMR are described. A detailed account of commercial and recreational fisheries that operate in the region is provided in **Section 11**.

Table 5-1 outlines the threatened and migratory fish species that may occur within the NWMR, with their conservation status and relevant recovery plans and/or conservation advice. **Table 5-2** provides information for species of fish that are listed as conservation dependent that may occur within the NWMR, NMR and SWMR. Note that currently there are no approved Conservation Advices in place for any of these five species.

Table 5-1 Fish species (including sharks and rays) identified by the EPBC Act PMST for the NWMR

Species Name	Common Name	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*			WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
		Threatened Status	Migratory Status	Listed	Conservation Status	
Rhincodon typus	Whale shark	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Other specially protected fauna	Conservation Advice *Rhincodon typus* whale shark. (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015d)
Carcharias taurus	Grey nurse shark (west coast population)	Vulnerable	N/A	Marine	Vulnerable	Recovery Plan for the Grey Nurse Shark (*Carcharias taurus*) (DOE, 2014a)
Carcharodon carcharias	White shark	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	Recovery Plan for the White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) (DSEWPAC, 2013b)
Isurus oxyrinchus	Shortfin mako	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Isurus paucus	Longfin mako	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Lamna nasus	Porbeagle shark Mackerel shark	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Carcharhinus longimanus	Oceanic whitetip shark	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Anoxypristis cuspidata	Narrow sawfish	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Pristis clavata	Dwarf sawfish	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Priority	Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015b)
Pristis pristis	Largetooth (Freshwater) sawfish	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Priority	
Pristis zijsron	Green sawfish	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Glyphis garricki	Northern river shark	Endangered	N/A	Marine	Priority	
Manta alfredi	Reef manta ray	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A
Manta birostris	Giant manta ray	N/A	Migratory	Marine	N/A	N/A

Table 5-2 EPBC Act listed Conservation Dependent species of fishes and sharks that may occur in the NWMR, NMR and SWMR

Species Name	Common Name	Likely Occurrence / Distribution	Listing Advice
Hoplostethus atlanticus	Orange roughy, Deep-sea perch, Red roughy	SWMR	No conservation listing advice for this species. Refer to the Marine bioregional plan for the SWMR (DSEWPAC, 2012b) for further information
Thunnus maccoyii	Southern bluefin tuna	NWMR and SWMR	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2010)
Sphyrna lewini	Scalloped hammerhead	NWMR, NMR and SWMR	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2018)
Centrophorus zeehaani	Southern dogfish, Endeavour dogfish, Little gulper shark	SWMR	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2013)
Galeorhinus galeus	School shark, Eastern school shark, Snapper shark, Tope, Soupfin shark	SWMR	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2009)

5.2 Protected Sharks, Sawfishes and Rays in the NWMR

The EPBC Act Protected Matters search (**Appendix A**) identified seven species of shark and five species of river shark or sawfish listed as threatened and/or migratory within the NWMR. In addition, two species of ray (the reef manta ray and giant manta ray) are listed as migratory within the region (refer **Table 5-2**).

5.2.1 Sharks and Sawfishes

The shark species known to occur within the NWMR include: the whale shark, grey nurse shark, white shark, shortfin mako, and longfin mako (**Table 5-2**).

Five species of river shark or sawfish known to occur in the NWMR and include: the narrow sawfish, northern river shark, freshwater sawfish, green sawfish and dwarf sawfish (**Table 5-2**).

There are identified BIAs within the NWMR for the whale shark, freshwater sawfish, green sawfish, and dwarf sawfish (refer **Section 5.3.2**).

Table 5-2 Information on the threatened shark and sawfish species within the NWMR

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
Whale shark	Preferred habitat: They have a widespread distribution in tropical and warm temperate seas, both oceanic and coastal (Last and Stevens, 2009). The species is widely distributed in Australian waters. Diet: Whale sharks are planktivorous sharks and feed on a variety of planktonic organisms including krill, jellyfish, and crab larvae (Last and Stevens, 2009).	Ningaloo Reef is the main known aggregation site for whale sharks in Australian waters and has the largest density of whale sharks per kilometre in the world (Martin, 2007). Refer **Table 5-3** for the BIA summary for the whale shark.
Grey nurse shark (west coast population)	Preferred habitat: Most commonly found in temperate waters on, or close to, the bottom of the continental shelf, from close inshore to depths of about 200 m (McAuley, 2004). Diet: A variety of teleost and elasmobranch fishes and some cephalopods (Gelsleichter *et al.*, 1999; Smale, 2005).	Details of movement patterns of the western sub-population are unclear (McAuley, 2004) and key aggregation sites have not been formally identified within the NWMR (Chidlow *et al.*, 2006). The NWMR represents the northern limit of the west coast population.

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
White shark	Preferred habitat: The species typically occurs in temperate coastal waters between the shore and the 100 m depth contour; however, adults and juveniles have been recorded diving to depths of 1000 m (Bruce *et al.*, 2006; Bruce, 2008). Diet: Smaller white sharks (less than 3 m in length) feed primarily on teleost and elasmobranch fishes, broadening their diet as larger sharks to include marine mammals (Last and Stevens, 2009).	There are no known aggregation sites for white sharks in the NWMR, and this species is most often found south of North-west Cape, in low densities (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Given the migratory nature of the species, most likely has a broad distribution within the NWMR. No BIAs identified for NWMR.
Shortfin mako	Preferred habitat: The shortfin mako shark is a pelagic species with a circumglobal, wide-ranging oceanic distribution in tropical and temperate seas (Mollet *et al.*, 2000). Tagging studies indicate shortfin makos spend most of their time in water less than 50 m deep but with occasional dives up to 880 m (Abascal *et al.*, 2011; Stevens *et al.*, 2010). Diet: Feeds on a variety of prey, such as teleost fishes, other sharks, marine mammals, and marine turtles (Campana *et al.*, 2005).	Given the migratory nature of the species, most likely has a broad distribution within the NWMR. No BIAs identified for NWMR.
Longfin mako	Preferred habitat: A pelagic species with a wide-ranging oceanic distribution in tropical and temperate seas (Mollet *et al.*, 2000). Diet: Primarily teleost fishes and cephalopods (primarily squid) (Last and Stevens, 2009).	Records on longfin mako sharks are sporadic and their complete geographic range is not well known (Reardon *et al.*, 2006). Given the migratory nature of the species, most likely has a broad distribution within the NWMR. No BIAs identified for NWMR.
Mackerel/Porbeagle shark	Preferred habitat: The porbeagle shark primarily inhabits offshore waters around the edge of the continental shelf. They occasionally move into coastal waters, but these movements are temporary (Campana and Joyce, 2004; Francis *et al.*, 2002). The porbeagle shark is known to dive to depths exceeding 1300 m (Campana *et al.*, 2010; Saunders *et al.*, 2011). Diet: Primarily teleost fish, elasmobranchs, and cephalopods (primarily squid) (Joyce *et al.*, 2002; Last and Stevens, 2009).	In Australia, the species occurs in waters from southern Queensland to south-west Australia (Last and Stevens, 2009). Distribution within the NWMR is unknown, but there are several records for this species on the NWS in the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA).
Oceanic whitetip shark	Preferred habitat: The oceanic whitetip shark is globally distributed in warm-temperate and tropical oceans (Andrzejaczek *et al.*, 2018). The species may occur in tropical and sub-tropical offshore and coastal waters around Australia. They primarily occupy pelagic waters in the upper 200 m of the water column; however, they have been observed diving to depths of around 1000 m, potentially associated with foraging behaviour (Howey-Jordan *et al.*, 2013; D'Alberto *et al.*, 2017). The species is highly migratory, travelling large distances between shallow reef habitats in coastal waters and oceanic waters (Howey-Jordan *et al.*, 2013). The species does exhibit a strong preference for warm and shallow waters above 120 m. Diet: Opportunistic feeders and generally target a variety of finfishes and pelagic squid, depending on habitat. Target pelagics such as tuna in open ocean as noted by the large bycatch numbers in the long line fisheries.	Given the migratory nature of the species, most likely has a broad distribution within the NWMR. No BIAs identified for NWMR.

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
Narrow sawfish	Preferred habitat[1]: Shallow coastal, estuarine, and riverine habitats, however it may occur in waters up to 40 m deep (D'Anastasi *et al.*, 2013). Diet: Shoaling fishes, such as mullet, as well as molluscs and small crustaceans (Cliff and Wilson, 1994).	Shallow coastal waters of the Pilbara and Kimberly coasts (Last and Stevens, 2009).
Northern river shark	Preferred habitat[1]: Rivers, tidal sections of large tropical estuarine systems and macrotidal embayments, as well as inshore and offshore marine habitats (Pillans *et al.*, 2009; Thorburn and Morgan, 2004). Adults have been recorded only in marine environments. Juveniles and sub-adults have been recorded in freshwater, estuarine and marine environments (Pillans *et al.*, 2009). Diet: Variety of fish and crustaceans (Stevens *et al.*, 2005)	Within the NWMR records have come from both the west and east Kimberley, including King Sound, the Ord and King rivers, West Arm of Cambridge Gulf and also from Joseph Bonaparte Gulf (Thorburn and Morgan, 2004; Stevens *et al.*, 2005; Thorburn, 2006; Field *et al.*, 2008; Pillans *et al.*, 2008, Whitty *et al.*, 2008; Wynen *et al.*, 2008).
Largetooth (Freshwater) sawfish	Preferred habitat: Sandy or muddy bottoms of shallow coastal waters, estuaries, river mouths and freshwater rivers, and isolated water holes. Diet: Shoaling fishes, such as mullet, as well as molluscs and small crustaceans (Cliff and Wilson, 1994).	Refer **Table 5-3** for the BIA summary for the freshwater sawfish.
Green sawfish	Preferred habitat[1]: Inshore coastal environments including estuaries, river mouths, embayments, and along sandy and muddy beaches, as well as offshore marine habitat (Stevens *et al.*, 2005; Thorburn *et al.*, 2003). Diet: Schools of baitfish and prawns (Poganoski *et al.*, 2002), molluscs and small crustaceans (Cliff and Wilson, 1994).	Refer **Table 5-3** for the BIA summary for the green sawfish.
Dwarf sawfish	Preferred habitat[1]: Shallow (2 to 3 m) silty coastal waters and estuarine habitats, occupying relatively restricted areas and moving only small distances (Stevens *et al.*, 2008) Diet: Shoaling fish such as mullet, molluscs, and small crustaceans (Cliff and Wilson, 1994).	Refer **Table 5-3** for the BIA summary for the dwarf sawfish.

1 Preferred habitat as described within the Sawfish and River Sharks Multispecies Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015b).

5.2.2 Rays

Rays are commonly found in the NWMR. Two listed and migratory species of ray known to occur within the NWMR: the reef manta ray and giant manta ray.

No BIAs for either the reef or giant manta ray species have been identified in the NWMR.

Table 5-3 Information on migratory ray species within the NWMR

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
Reef manta ray	Preferred habitat: The reef manta ray is commonly sighted within productive nearshore environments, such as island groups, atolls or continental coastlines. However, the species has also been recorded at offshore coral reefs, rocky reefs, and seamounts (Marshall *et al.*, 2009). Diet: Feed on planktonic organisms including krill and crab larvae.	A resident population of reef manta rays has been recorded at Ningaloo Reef. No BIAs identified for NWMR.
Giant manta ray	Preferred habitat: The species primarily inhabits near-shore environments along productive coastlines with regular upwelling, but they appear	The Ningaloo Coast is an important area for giant manta rays from March to August (Preen *et al.*, 1997).

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
	to be seasonal visitors to coastal or offshore sites including offshore island groups, offshore pinnacles and seamounts (Marshall *et al.*, 2011). Diet: Feed on planktonic organisms including krill and crab larvae.	No BIAs identified for NWMR.

5.3 Fish, Shark and Sawfish Biological Important Areas in the NWMR

A review of the National Conservation Values Atlas identified Biologically Important Areas (BIAs) for four species of shark and sawfish (whale shark, freshwater sawfish, green sawfish and dwarf sawfish) within the NWMR. The BIAs for the whale shark and the sawfish species include foraging, nursing and pupping areas. These are described in **Table 5-4**.

Table 5-4 Fish, whale shark and sawfish BIAs within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs		
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Pupping	Nursing	Foraging
Whale shark	✓	✓	✓	No pupping BIA identified within the NWMR	No nursing BIA identified within the NWMR	Foraging (high density) in Ningaloo Marine Park and adjacent Commonwealth waters (March–July) Foraging northward from Ningaloo along the 200 m isobath (July – Nov).
Green sawfish	✓	✓	-	Pupping in Cape Keraudren (pupping occurs in summer in a narrow area adjacent to shoreline) Pupping in Willie Creek Pupping in Roebuck Bay Pupping in Cape Leveque Pupping in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach Pupping (likely) in Camden Sound.	Nursing in Cape Keraudren Nursing in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach	Foraging in Cape Keraudren Foraging in Roebuck Bay Foraging in Cape Leveque Foraging in Camden Sound
Largetooth (freshwater) sawfish	✓	✓	-	Pupping in the mouth of the Fitzroy River (January to May) Roebuck Bay (Jan – May) Pupping likely in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach	Nursing (likely) in King Sound Roebuck Bay (Jan – May)	Foraging in the mouth of the Fitzroy River (January to May) Foraging in King Sound Roebuck Bay (Jan – May) Foraging in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach
Dwarf sawfish	✓	✓	-	Pupping in King Sound Pupping in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach	Nursing in King Sound Nursing waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach	Foraging in King Sound Foraging in Camden Sound Foraging in waters adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach

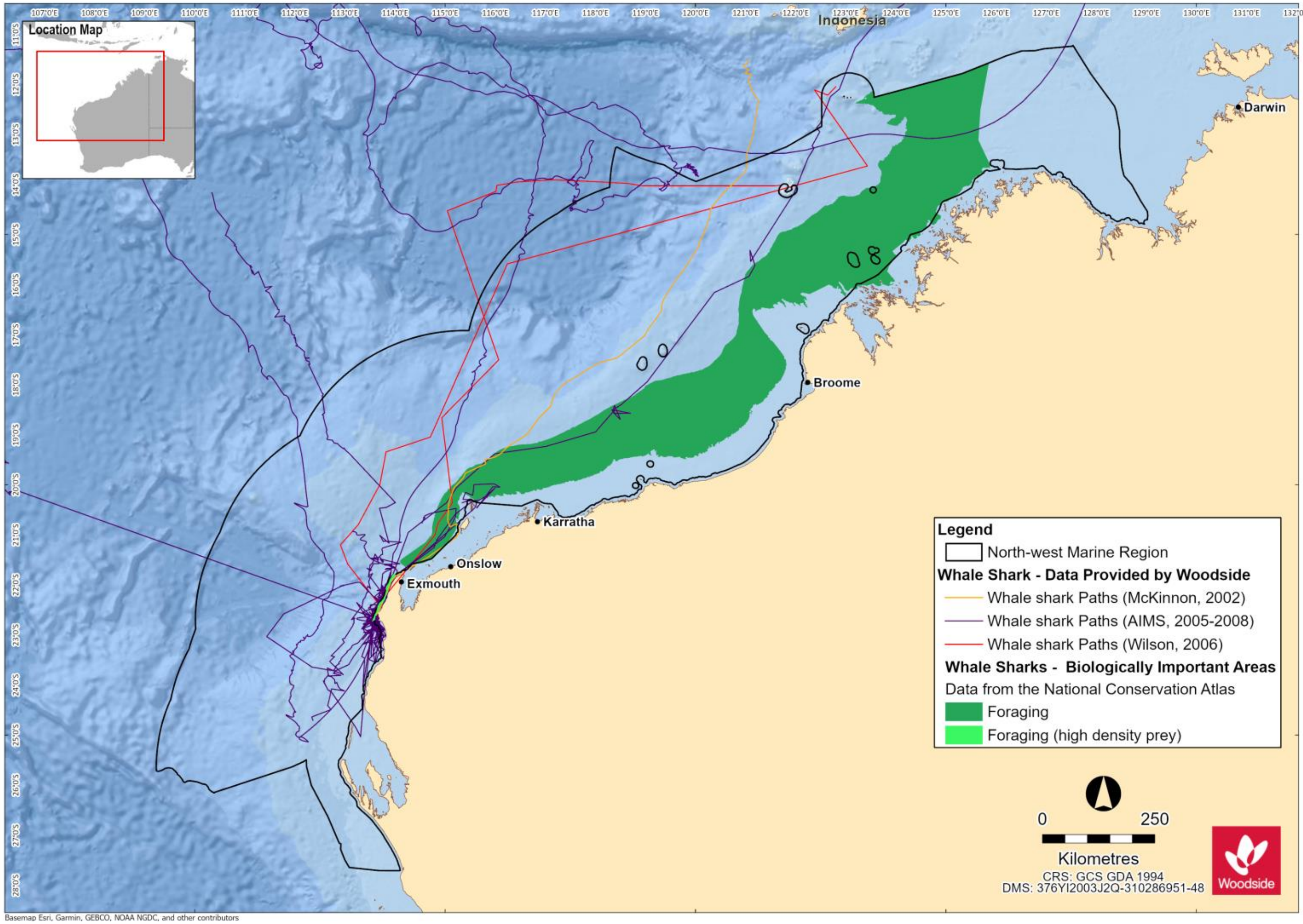

Figure 5-1 Whale shark BIAs for the NWMR and tagged whale shark tracks

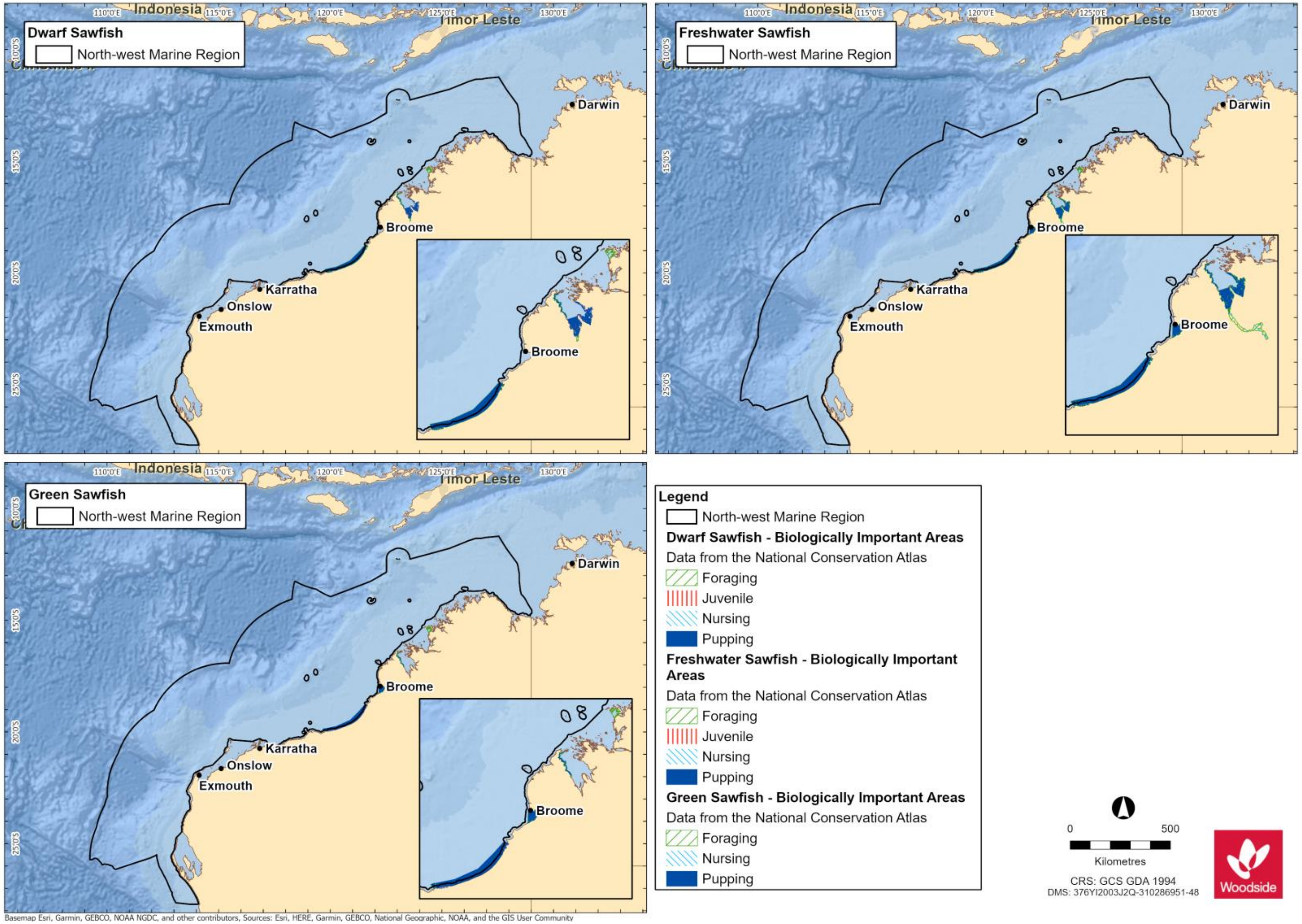

Figure 5-2 Sawfish BIAs for the NWMR

5.4 Fish Assemblages of the NWMR

5.4.1 Regional Context for Fish Assemblages of NWMR

The NWMR contains a diverse range of fishes of tropical Indo-west Pacific affinity (Allen *et al.*, 1988). The region is characterised by the highest level of endemism and species diversity compared with other areas of the Australian continental slope. Last *et al.* (2005) recorded 1431 species from the three bioregions encompassing the continental slope, whilst also acknowledging some information gaps.

The NWMR is known for its demersal slope fish assemblages; the continental slope of the Timor Province and the North-west Transition supports more than 418 and 505 species of demersal fishes respectively, of which 64 are considered to be endemic. This is the second richest area for demersal fish species across the entire Australian continental slope. Conversely, the broad Southern Province, which covers most of southern Australia, supports 463 species, only 26 possibly being endemic. The continental slope demersal fish assemblages of the NWMR have been identified as a KEF (DEWHA, 2008), as described in **Section 9**.

The NWMR also features a diversity of pelagic fishes (those living in the pelagic zone) and bentho-pelagic fishes, including tuna, billfish, bramids, lutjanids, serranids and some sharks (DEWHA, 2007a). These species feed on salps and jellyfish, and more often on secondary consumers such as squid and bait fish. Water depth provides an indication of the level of interaction between pelagic and benthic communities within the NWMR; in waters deeper than 1000 m, for instance, the trophic system is pelagically-driven and benthic communities rely on particulates that fall to the seafloor (DEWHA, 2007a).

Pelagic fishes play an important ecological role within the NWMR; small pelagic fishes, such as lantern fish, inhabit a range of marine environments, including inshore and continental shelf waters and form a vital link in and between many of the region's trophic systems, feeding on pelagic phytoplankton and zooplankton and providing a food source for a wide variety of predators including large pelagic fishes, sharks, seabirds and marine mammals (Bulman, 2006; Mackie *et al.*, 2007). Large pelagic fishes, such as tuna, mackerel, swordfish, sailfish and marlin, are found mainly in oceanic waters and occasionally on the continental shelf (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Both juvenile and adult phases of the large pelagic species are highly mobile and have a wide geographic distribution, although the juveniles more frequently inhabit warmer or coastal waters (DEWHA, 2008).

5.4.2 Listed Fish Species in the NWMR

The family Syngnathidae is a group of bony fishes that includes seahorses, pipefishes, pipehorses and seadragons. Along with syngnathids, members of the related Solenostomidae family (ghost pipefishes) are also found in the NWMR (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

There are 44 solenostomid and syngnathid species that are listed marine species that may occur within the NWMR, although no species is currently listed as threatened or migratory, according to the PMST report (**Appendix A**).

Syngnathids live in nearshore and inner shelf habitats, usually in shallow coastal waters, among seagrasses, mangroves, coral reefs, macroalgae dominated reefs, and sand or rubble habitats (Dawson, 1985; Lourie *et al.*, 1999, Lourie *et al.*, 2004; Vincent, 1996). Two species, the winged seahorse (*Hippocampus alatus*) and western pipehorse (*Solegnathus sp. 2*) have been identified in deeper waters of the NWMR (up to 200 m) (DSEWPAC, 2012a), however, these species were not identified by the Protected Matters search of the NWMR.

Knowledge about the distribution, abundance and ecology of both syngnathids and solenostomids in the NWMR is limited. No BIAs for syngnathids and solenostomids have been identified in the NWMR.

5.4.3 Browse

The proposed Browse activity area includes biologically important habitat for the whale shark and three sawfish species:

- whale shark (foraging northward from Ningaloo along the 200 m isobath (July – Nov),
- freshwater sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas),
- green sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas); and
- dwarf sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas).

BIAs for the shark and sawfish species are outlined in **Table 5-4** and **Figure 5-1**.

The proposed Browse activity area has partial overlap with the Continental slope demersal fish communities KEF.

5.4.4 NWS / Scarborough

The NWS / Scarborough activity area includes biologically important habitat for the whale shark and three sawfish species:

- whale shark (foraging northward from Ningaloo along the 200 m isobath (July – Nov),
- freshwater sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas),
- green sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas); and
- dwarf sawfish (pupping, nursing and foraging areas).

BIAs for the whale shark and sawfish species are outlined in **Table 5-4** and **Figure 5-1**.

The NWS / Scarborough activity area has partial overlap with the Continental slope demersal fish communities KEF. The continental slope between North-west Cape and the Montebello Trough has more than 500 fish species, 76 of which are endemic, which makes it the most diverse slope bioregion in Australia (Last *et al.*, 2005).

5.4.5 North-west Cape

The North-west Cape activity area includes biologically important foraging habitat for the whale shark:

- whale shark, including:
  - Foraging (high density) in Ningaloo Marine Park and adjacent Commonwealth waters (March–July); and
  - Foraging northward from Ningaloo along the 200 m isobath (July – Nov).

BIAs for the whale shark are outlined in **Table 5-4** and **Figure 5-1**.

The North-west Cape activity area coincides with part of the Continental slope demersal fish communities KEF.

6. MARINE REPTILES

6.1 Regional Context for Marine Reptiles

The NWMR contains important habitat for listed marine reptiles, including areas that support key life stages such as nesting, internesting, migration and foraging for marine turtle species, and habitats supporting resident sea snake and crocodile populations.

Six of the seven marine turtle species occur in Australian waters, and all six (the green turtle, hawksbill turtle, loggerhead turtle, flatback turtle, leatherback turtle and olive ridley turtle) occur in the NWMR and NMR.

There are 25 listed species of sea snake reported within or adjacent to the NWMR (Guinea, 2007a; Udyawer *et al*., 2016), of which four are endemic to reef habitats in the remote parts of the region. Nineteen (19) listed sea snake species are known to occur in the NMR, as reported in the Protected Matters search (**Appendix A**).

There are significantly fewer marine reptile species that frequently occur within the SWMR and presently include three species of listed marine turtle and one sea snake species. Other species of sea snake may occur because of the southward-flowing Leeuwin Current, as vagrants in the region (DSEWPAC, 2012b).

The following sections focus on the listed marine reptile species known to occur within the NWMR.

Table 6-1 outlines the threatened and migratory marine reptile species that occur within the NWMR, with their conservation status and relevant recovery plans and/or conservation advice.

Table 6-1 Marine reptile species identified by the EPBC Act PMST as potentially occurring within or utilising habitats in the NWMR for key life cycle stages

Species Name	Common Name	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*			WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
		Threatened Status	Migratory Status	Listed	Conservation Status	
Caretta caretta	Loggerhead turtle	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Endangered	Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles in Australia 2017-2027 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017)
Chelonia mydas	Green turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Dermochelys coriacea	Leatherback turtle	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Eretmochelys imbricata	Hawksbill turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Natator depressus	Flatback turtle	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Lepidochelys olivacea	Olive ridley turtle	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Aipysurus apraefrontalis	Short-nosed sea snake	Critically endangered	N/A	Marine	Critically endangered	Approved Conservation Advice for *Aipysurus apraefrontalis* (Short-nosed Sea Snake) (DSEWPAC, 2011a)
Aipysurus foliosquama	Leaf-scaled sea snake	Critically endangered	N/A	Marine	Critically endangered	Approved Conservation Advice for *Aipysurus foliosquama* (Leaf-scaled Sea Snake) (DSEWPAC, 2011b)
Crocodylus porosus	Salt-water crocodile	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Other protected fauna	N/A

6.2 Marine Turtles in the NWMR

According to the Protected Matters search (**Appendix A**) six species of marine turtle known to occur within the NWMR are listed as threatened and migratory (three Vulnerable and three Endangered) under the EPBC Act—the green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), flatback (*Natator depressus*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) turtle (DSEWPAC, 2012a) (refer **Table 6-1**).

The NWMR supports globally significant breeding populations of four marine turtle species: the green, hawksbill, flatback and loggerhead turtle. Olive ridley turtles are known to forage within the NWMR, but there are only occasional records of the species nesting in the region. Leatherback turtles regularly forage over Australian continental shelf waters within the NWMR but there are also no records of the species nesting in the region (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

The six marine turtle species reported for the NWMR also occur within the NMR.

Three marine turtle species; the green, loggerhead, and leatherback turtle, have presumed feeding areas within the SWMR; however, no known nesting areas exist within the region (DSEWPAC, 2012b).

Discrete genetic stocks have evolved within each marine turtle species. This is the result of marine turtles returning to the location where they hatched. These genetically distinct stocks are defined by the presence of regional breeding aggregations. Stocks are composed of multiple rookeries in a region and are delineated by where there is little or no migration of individuals between nesting areas. Turtles from different stocks typically overlap at feeding grounds (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). There are 17 genetic stocks across both the NWMR and NMR (nine in the NWMR, six in the NMR, and two overlapping both regions). Of these 17 genetic stocks, nine are known to occur within Woodside's three areas of activity (**Table 6-2**).

6.2.1 Life Cycle Stages

Marine turtles are highly migratory during non-reproductive life phases and have high site fidelity during breeding and nesting life phases. Majority of their lives are spent in the ocean, but the adult female marine turtles will come ashore to lay eggs in the sand above the high water mark on natal beaches (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). **Figure 6-1** summarises the generalised life cycle of marine turtles. Species-specific life cycle information is outlined within the Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles of Australia (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).

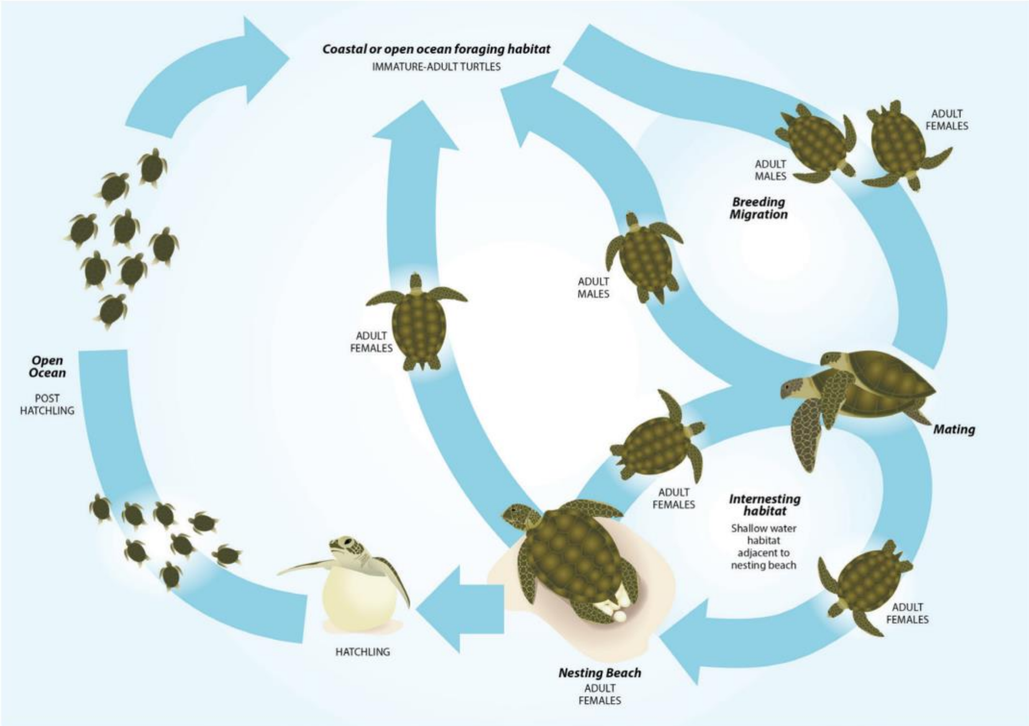

Figure 6-1 Generalised life cycle of marine turtles (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017)

6.2.2 Habitat Critical to Survival for Marine Turtles in the NWMR

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles of Australia (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) identifies habitat critical to the survival of a species for marine turtle stocks under the EPBC Act. Habitat critical to survival is defined by the EPBC Act *Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 – Matters of National Environmental Significance* as areas necessary:

- for activities such as foraging, breeding or dispersal;
- for the long-term maintenance of the species (including the maintenance of species essential to the survival of the species);
- to maintain genetic diversity and long term evolutionary development; and
- for the reintroduction of populations or recovery of the species.

The Recovery Plan for Marine Turtles of Australia (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) has identified nesting locations and associated internesting areas as habitat critical to survival for four marine turtle species within the NWMR and these are identified, described and mapped in **Table 6-2** and **Figure 6-2**. No habitat critical to survival has been identified within the NWMR for olive ridley or leatherback turtles.

Table 6-2 outlines the relevant genetic stock, habitat critical to survival and key life cycle stage seasonality of the four species of marine turtles within the NWMR.

Table 6-2 Genetic stock, habitat critical to survival and key life cycle stage seasonality of the four species of marine turtles within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			Habitat Critical to Survival			
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Nesting (* Major Rookery[1])	Internesting Buffer	Seasonality-Nesting	Preferred Habitat[2]
Green Turtle							
NWS Stock (G-NWS)	✓	✓	✓	Adele Island Maret Island Cassini Island Lacepede Islands* Barrow Island* Montebello Islands (all with sandy beaches)* Serrurier Island Dampier Archipelago Thevenard Island Northwest Cape* Ningaloo coast	20 km radius	Nov-Mar	Nearshore reef habitats in the photic zone.
Ashmore Reef Stock (G-AR)	✓	-	-	Ashmore Reef* Cartier Reef*		All year (peak: Dec-Jan)	
Scott Reef-Browse Island Stock (G-ScBr)	✓	-	-	Scott Reef (Sandy Islet)* Browse Island*		Nov-Mar	
Hawksbill Turtle							
Western Australia Stock (H-WA)	-	✓	-	Dampier Archipelago (including Rosemary Island and Delambre Island)* Montebello Islands (including Ah Chong Island, South East Island and Trimouille Island)* Lowendal Islands (including Varanus Island, Beacon Island and Bridled Island) Sholl Island	20 km radius	Oct-Feb	Nearshore and offshore reef habitats.

Species	Woodside Activity Area			Habitat Critical to Survival			
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Nesting (* Major Rookery[1])	Internesting Buffer	Seasonality-Nesting	Preferred Habitat[2]
Flatback Turtle							
Cape Domett Stock (F-CD)	✓	-	-	Cape Domett* Lacrosse Island	60 km radius	All year (peak: Jul-Sep)	Nearshore and offshore sub-tidal and soft bottomed habitats of offshore islands.
South-west Kimberley Stock (F-swKim)	-	✓	-	Eighty Mile Beach* Eco Beach* Lacepede Islands		Oct-Mar	
Pilbara Stock (F-Pil)	-	✓	-	Montebello Islands Mundabullangana Beach* Barrow Island* Cemetery Beach Dampier Archipelago (including Delambre Island* and Huay Island) Coastal islands from Cape Preston to Locker Island		Oct-Mar	
Unknown genetic stock Kimberley, Western Australia	✓	✓	-	Maret Islands Montilivet Islands Cassini Island Coronation Islands (includes Lamarck Island) Napier-Broome Bay Islands (West Governor Island, Sir Graham Moore Island – near Kalumbaru) Champagny, Darcy and Augustus Islands (Camden Sound)		May-July	

Species	Woodside Activity Area			Habitat Critical to Survival			
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Nesting (* Major Rookery[1])	Internesting Buffer	Seasonality-Nesting	Preferred Habitat[2]
Loggerhead Turtle							
Western Australia Stock (LH-WA)	-	-	✓	Dirk Hartog Island* Muiron Islands* Gnaraloo Bay* Ningaloo coast	20 km radius	Nov-May	Nearshore and island coral reefs, bays and estuaries in tropical and warm temperate latitudes.

[1] Major rookeries as outlined in the Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017)

[2] Preferred habitat as outlined in the Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017)

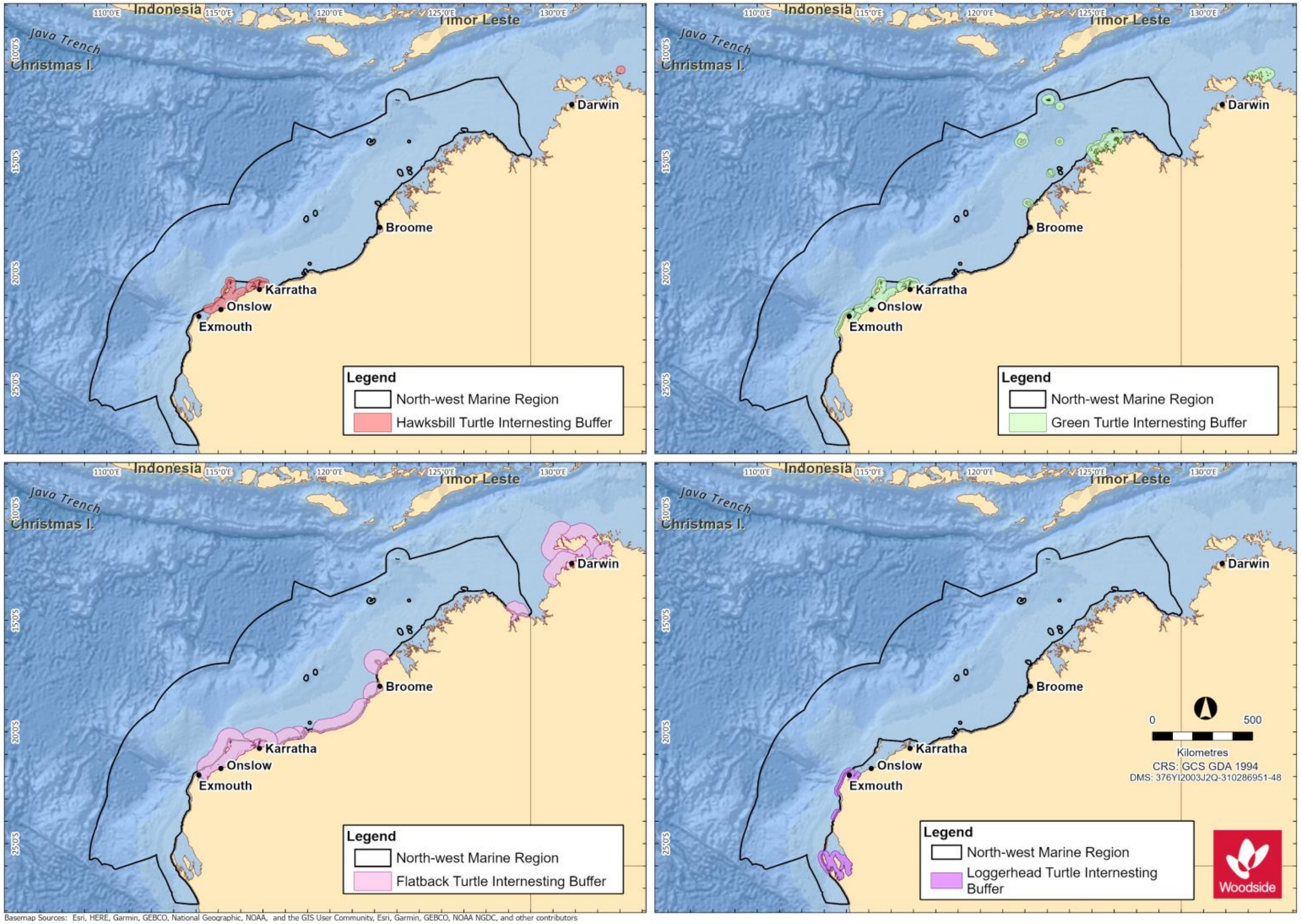

Figure 6-2 Marine turtle species habitat critical to survival (nesting beaches and internesting buffers) for the NWMR

6.3 Marine Turtle Biological Important Areas in the NWMR

A review of the National Conservation Values Atlas (DAWE, 2020[2]) identified BIAs for the four marine turtle species that occur within the NWMR. These are described in **Table 6-3**. Note that nesting and internesting BIAs are not listed in **Table 6-3** as they are defined as in the Recovery Plan as habitat critical to survival for marine turtles nesting beaches and internesting areas (refer **Table 6-2**).

[2] http://www.environment.gov.au/webgis-framework/apps/ncva/ncva.jsf

Table 6-3 Marine turtle BIAs within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs		
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Mating	Foraging	Migration[3]
Green turtle	✓	✓	✓	No mating BIA identified within the NWMR.	Foraging inshore areas of Barrow Island Foraging at Montgomery Reef Foraging at Montebello Islands Foraging at Dixon Island Foraging around Ashmore Reef Foraging at Seringapatam Reef and Scott Reef Foraging in the De Grey River area to Bedout Island Foraging around the Islands between Cape Preston and Onslow and inshore of Barrow Island Foraging around Dampier Archipelago (islands to the west of the Burrup Peninsula) Foraging at Legendre Island and Huay Island Foraging around Delambre Island Foraging in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Foraging in waters adjacent to James Price Point	Green turtles can migrate more than 2600 km between their feeding and nesting grounds. Individual turtles foraging in the same area do not necessarily take the same migration route (Limpus *et al.*, 1992). Ferreira et al. (2021) broadly identified two migratory corridors, one used by the NWS stock-Pilbara and another used by the NWS stock-Kimberley and the Scott-Browse stock with some overlap at the northern and southern extents respectively. This study showed that the foraging distribution of green turtles from two stocks in WA expands throughout north-west and northern Australian coastal waters, including the NT and Queensland.
Hawksbill turtle	✓	✓	✓	No mating BIA identified within the NWMR.	Foraging around the Lowendal Island group Foraging at Delambre Island Foraging around Dixon Island Foraging in the De Grey River area to Bedout Island Foraging around the islands between Cape Preston and	Individuals may migrate up to 2400 km between their nesting and foraging grounds (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

[3] Migration BIA does not exist for Marine Turtles – general information provided.

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs		
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Mating	Foraging	Migration[3]
					Onslow and inshore of Barrow Island Foraging around the islands of the Dampier Archipelago (to the west of the Burrup Peninsula) Foraging at Ashmore Reef	
Flatback turtle	✓	✓	-	Lacepede Islands Mating at Montebello Islands Mating at Dampier Archipelago (islands to the west of the Burrup Peninsula) Mating at Barrow Island A year-round internesting buffer biologically important area (BIA) of 80 km is located north and north-west of the Montebello Islands, extending 20 km further than the habitat critical to survival. However, use level for this BIA has been defined as very low (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) and the habitat critical to survival internesting buffer is the legally recognised area of protection under the EPBC Act *Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 – Matters of National Environmental Significance* Refer to the Marine Bioregional Plan for the North-west Marine Region (DSEWPAC, 2012a) for locations of seasonal 80 km internesting buffer BIAs for flatback turtles	Foraging at the islands between Cape Preston and Onslow and inshore of Barrow Island. Foraging at Montebello Islands Foraging at Dampier Archipelago (islands to the west of the Burrup Peninsula) Foraging at Legendre Island and Huay Island Foraging at Delambre Island Foraging in the Joseph Bonaparte Depression Foraging in waters adjacent to James Price Point	There is evidence that some flatback turtles undertake long-distance migrations between breeding and feeding grounds (Limpus *et al.*, 1983). However, flatback turtles generally do not have a pelagic phase to their lifecycle. Instead, hatchlings grow to maturity in shallow coastal waters thought to be close to their natal beaches (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs		
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Mating	Foraging	Migration[3]
Loggerhead turtle	✓	✓	-	No mating BIA identified within the NWMR	Foraging in the De Grey River area to Bedout Island Foraging on the Western Joseph Bonaparte Depression Foraging in the waters adjacent to James Price Point	Adult loggerhead turtles dispersing from Dirk Hartog Island beaches (near Shark Bay) have remained within WA waters from southern WA to the Kimberley. Turtles dispersing from the North-west Cape–Muiron Islands nesting area have ranged north as far as the Java Sea and the north-western Gulf of Carpentaria, and to south-west WA (DSEWPAC, 2012).
Olive ridley turtle	✓	✓	-	No mating BIA identified within the NWMR	Foraging in the Western Joseph Bonaparte Depression and Gulf Foraging in the Dampier Archipelago (islands to the west of the Burrup Peninsula)	Migration routes and distances between nesting beaches and foraging areas are not known for Australian olive ridley turtles.

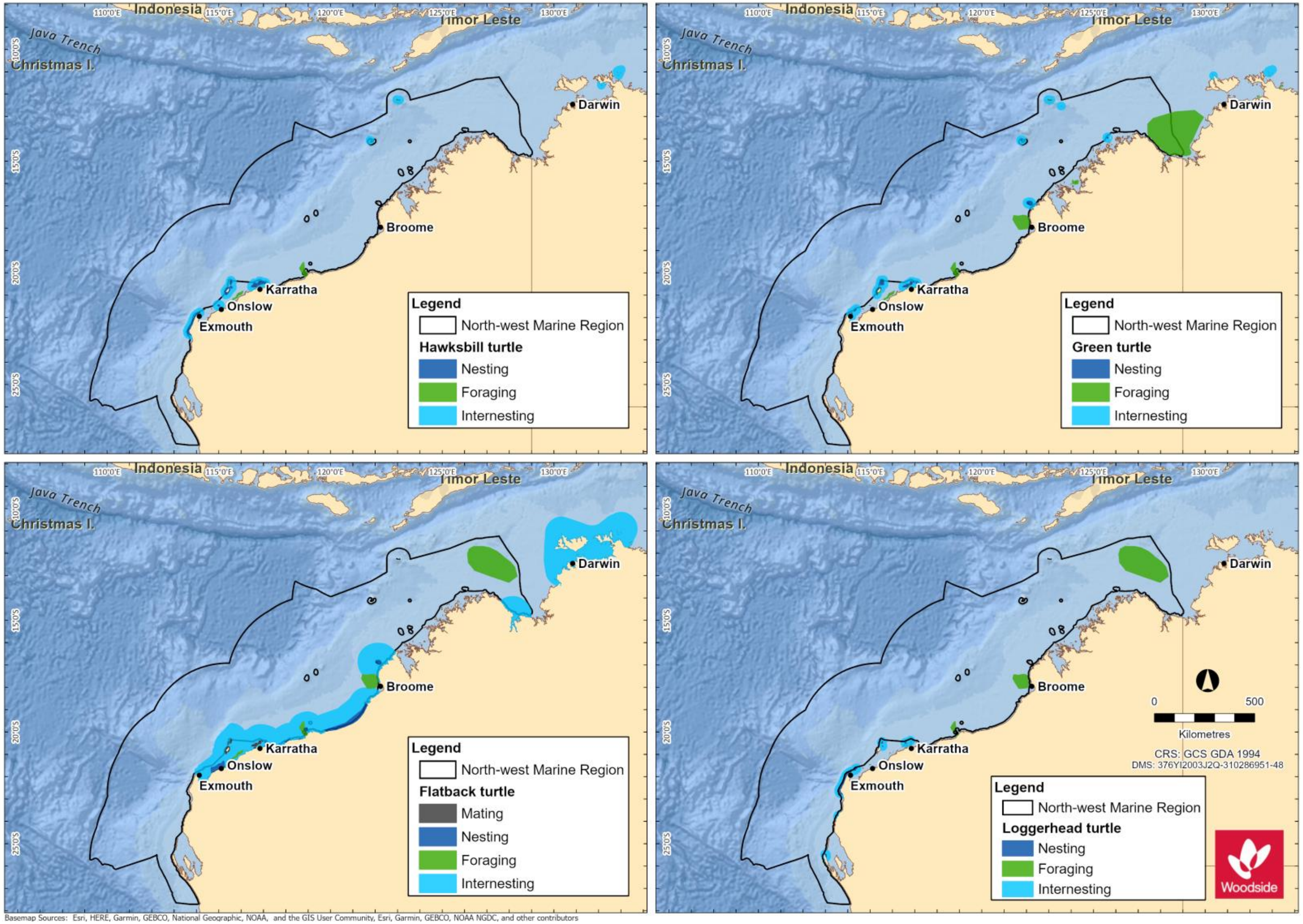

Figure 6-3 Marine turtle species BIAs within the NWMR

6.4 Marine Turtle Summary for NWMR

Six of the seven marine turtle species occur within the Woodside activity areas. Across all three areas, globally significant breeding populations of four marine turtle species; the green, hawksbill, flatback and loggerhead turtle, have been recorded.

However, offshore waters do not represent biologically important habitat for marine turtles in any of the three Woodside activity areas. Isolated records of transient individuals (on post-nesting migration) are expected, but there is no evidence of important habitat or behaviours for marine turtles in offshore, open water environment of the NWS, in general.

6.4.1 Browse

The proposed Browse activity area includes major nesting areas that support globally significant breeding populations of two marine turtle species:

- the green turtle, including two distinct genetic stocks (Ashmore Reef and Scott Reef-Browse Island); and
- the flatback turtle, Cape Domett genetic stock.

Locations of habitat critical for each of the two species are outlined in **Table 6-2** and **Figure 6-2**.

BIAs for the green and flatback turtle are outlined in **Table 6-3** and **Figure 6-3**.

Table 6-4 Marine turtle key information for Browse activity area

Species / Genetic Stock	Key Information
Green Turtle	
Ashmore Reef Stock (G-AR)	The G-AR stock nests in a localised area of the Indian Ocean in the Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island AMP areas. Population estimates are not available for Ashmore Reef, although annual breeding numbers are thought to be in the low hundreds (Whiting, 2000). Designated habitat critical for the G-AR stock are the nesting locations of Ashmore Reef and Cartier Reef, and an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around these rookeries, year-round with peak internesting activity occurring December to January (refer Table 6 of the Recovery Plan). Juvenile and adult turtles forage within the tidal/sub-tidal habitats of offshore islands and coastal waters with coral reef, mangrove, sand, rocky reefs, and mudflats where there are algal turfs or seagrass meadows present (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).
Scott Reef-Browse Island Stock (G-ScBr)	The G-ScBr stock is a discrete unit known to nest at only two locations within the north-east Indian Ocean—Sandy Islet and Browse Island. There is currently very limited data available for the G-ScBr stock, therefore population numbers are not known. Designated habitat critical for the G-ScBr stock are the nesting locations of Sandy Islet and Browse Island, and an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around these rookeries, for the period November to March (refer Table 6 of the Recovery Plan). Surveys conducted at Scott Reef in 2006, 2008 and 2009 indicate that the summer months from late November to February are the preferred breeding season for green turtles at Sandy Islet (Guinea, 2009). Satellite tagging studies (Pendoley, 2005; Guinea, 2011) have provided an indication of the behaviour and migratory routes of adult green turtles leaving Scott Reef. Most animals appear to swim through South Reef lagoon and disperse toward the Western Australian mainland via two distinct post-nesting migration pathways; travelling east and north toward the Bonaparte Archipelago and then north along the coast to foraging areas in NT waters, or travelling south to Cape Leveque and then south along the coast to the Turtle Islands off the mouth of the De Grey River in the Pilbara region (Ferreira *et al*., 2021).

Species / Genetic Stock	Key Information
Flatback Turtle	
Cape Domett Stock (F-CD)	Cape Domett is an important high density nesting area. Combined with a smaller site at Lacrosse Island, the F-CD stock is one of the largest flatback turtle stocks in Australia. Average nesting abundance at Cape Domett is estimated at 3250 females per year (Whiting *et al.*, 2008). Designated habitat critical for the F-CD stock are the nesting locations of Cape Domett and Lacrosse Island, and an internesting buffer of 60 km radius around these rookeries, year-round with peak internesting activity occurring July to September. Extending further than the habitat critical internesting buffer, an internesting buffer BIA of 80 km is located at Cape Domett and Lacrosse Island.

6.4.2 North-west Shelf / Scarborough

The NWS / Scarborough activity area includes major nesting areas that support globally significant breeding populations of three marine turtle species, representing four discreet genetic stocks:

- the green turtle, NWS genetic stock;
- the hawksbill turtle, WA genetic stock; and
- the flatback turtle, South-west Kimberley stock and Pilbara genetic stocks.

Locations of habitat critical for each of the four species are outlined in **Table 6-2** and **Figure 6-2**.

BIAs for the green, hawksbill, and flatback are outlined in **Table 6-3** and **Figure 6-3**.

Table 6-5 Marine turtle key information for NWS / Scarborough activity area

Species / Genetic Stock	Key Information
Green Turtle	
NWS Stock (G-NWS)	The G-NWS stock is one of the largest green turtle stocks in the world and the largest in the Indian Ocean. The G-NWS stock is estimated at approximately 20,000 individuals (DSEWPAC, 2012a) and the trend for the stock is reported as stable (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). Major rookeries of the G-NWS stock within the NWS / Scarborough activity area are located at Barrow Island and the Montebello Islands. These areas are designated habitat critical for the stock and include an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around these rookeries, November to March.
Hawksbill Turtle	
Western Australia Stock (H-WA)	The H-WA stock is the largest in the Indian Ocean. The majority of the nesting for this stock is located in the Pilbara. The Dampier Archipelago has the largest nesting aggregation recorded. In particular, Rosemary Island supports the most significant hawksbill turtle rookery in the WA region and one of the largest in the Indian Ocean; approximately 500-1000 females nest on the island annually, more than at any other WA rookery (Pendoley, 2005; Pendoley *et al*., 2016). Major rookeries of the H-WA stock within the NWS / Scarborough activity area are located at Rosemary Island, Delambre Island and the Montebello Islands. These areas are designated habitat critical for the stock and include an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around these rookeries, October to February.
Flatback Turtle	
South-west Kimberley Stock (F-swKim)	The genetic relationship between this nesting aggregation and the Cape Domett and Pilbara stocks is currently under review. Population numbers of the F-swKim stock are unknown. Major rookeries of the F-swKim stock are located at Eighty Mile Beach and Eco Beach. These areas are designated habitat critical for the stock and include an internesting buffer of 60 km radius around these rookeries, October to March.

Species / Genetic Stock	Key Information
Pilbara Stock (F-Pil)	The extent of genetic relatedness of flatback turtles along the WA coast is currently under review. Population numbers of the F-Pil stock are unknown. This stock nests on many islands in the Pilbara and southern Kimberley, with major rookeries at Mundabullangana Beach, Delambre Island and Barrow Island. These areas are designated habitat critical for the F-Pil stock and include an internesting buffer of 60 km radius around these rookeries, October to March. Extending further than the habitat critical internesting buffer, a year-round internesting buffer BIA of 80 km is located north and north-west of the Montebello Islands. However, use level for this BIA has been defined as very low (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017) and the habitat critical internesting buffer is the legally recognised area of protection under the EPBC Act *Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1 – Matters of National Environmental Significance*. Post-nesting satellite tracking indicates foraging occurs along the WA coast in water shallower than 130 m and within 315 km of shore (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).

6.4.3 North-west Cape

The North-west Cape activity area includes major nesting areas that support globally significant breeding populations of two marine turtle species, representing two discreet genetic stocks:

- the green turtle, NWS genetic stock; and
- the loggerhead turtle, Western Australia genetic stock.

Locations of habitat critical for each of the two species are outlined in **Table 6-2** and **Figure 6-2**.

BIAs for the green and loggerhead turtles are outlined in **Table 6-3** and **Figure 6-3**.

A 2018 survey, including on-beach monitoring of the Muiron Islands and Ningaloo Coast from North-west Cape to Bungelup (Rob *et al.*, 2019), supports the concept that North-west Cape and the Muiron Islands are major important nesting areas for green and loggerhead turtles, as identified in the Recovery Plan (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017).

Table 6-6 Marine turtle key information for North-west Cape activity area

Species / Genetic Stock	Key Information
Green Turtle	
NWS Stock (G-NWS)	The G-NWS stock is one of the largest green turtle stocks in the world and the largest in the Indian Ocean. The G-NWS stock is estimated at approximately 20,000 individuals (DSEWPAC, 2012a) and the trend for the stock is reported as stable (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). There is one major rookery of the G-NWS stock located within the North-west Cape activity area. Located on the mainland coast of the North-west Cape, this area is designated habitat critical for the stock and includes an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around the rookery, November to March.
Loggerhead Turtle	
Western Australia Stock (LH-WA)	The LH-WA stock is one of the largest in the world (Limpus, 2009). The trend for the stock is reported as stable (Commonwealth of Australia, 2017). Major rookeries of the LH-WA stock are located at Dirk Hartog Island, Muiron Islands and Gnaraloo Bay. These areas are designated habitat critical for the stock and include an internesting buffer of 20 km radius around these rookeries, November to May. Dirk Hartog Island in the Shark Bay Marine Park, with an average of 122 nests per day over 2.1 km (Reinhold and Whiting, 2014), is recognised as the most important loggerhead turtle rookery in WA (Commonwealth of Australia, 2016; as cited in Rob *et al.*, 2019).

6.5 Sea Snakes

Sea snakes are commonly found in the NWMR and NMR, but less so in the SWMR, and occupy three broad habitat types: shallow water coral reef and seagrass habitats, deepwater soft bottom habitats away from reefs, and surface water pelagic habitats (Guinea, 2007a).

There are 25 listed species of sea snake reported within or adjacent to the NWMR (Guinea, 2007a; Udyawer *et al*., 2016), of which four are endemic to reef habitats in the remote parts of the region:

- dusky sea snake (*Aipysurus fuscus*);
- large headed sea snake (*Hydrophis pacificus*);
- short-nosed sea snake (*Aipysurus apraefrontalis*); and
- leaf-scaled sea snake (*Aipysurus foliosquama*).

The short-nosed sea snake and the leaf-scaled sea snake are listed threatened species (Critically Endangered) under the EPBC Act **(Table 6-7**).

There is currently limited knowledge about the ranges and distribution patterns of sea snake species in the NWMR, in addition to a lack of understanding of population status and threats. Recent findings of *A. apraefrontalis* and *A. foliosquama* in locations outside of their previously defined ranges have highlighted the lack of information on species distributions in the NWMR (Udyawer *et al.*, 2016). Udyawer *et al.* (2020) used a correlative modelling approach to understand habitat associations and identify suitable habitats for five sea snake species (*A. apraefrontalis, A. foliosquama, A. fuscus, A. l. pooleorum* and *A. tenuis*). Species-specific habitat suitability was modelled across 804,244 km^2 of coastal waters along the NWS, and the resulting habitat suitability maps enabled the identification of key locations of suitable habitat for these five species (refer **Table 6-6**).

No habitat critical to survival or BIAs for sea snake species have been identified in the NWMR. While the Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island AMPs have been recognised for their high diversity and density of sea snakes (DSEWPAC, 2012a), surveys have revealed a steep decline in sea snake numbers at Ashmore Reef (Guinea, 2007b; Lukoschek *et al.*, 2013). Leaf-scaled and short-nosed sea snakes have been absent from surveys at Ashmore Reef since 2001, despite an increase in survey intensity (Guinea, 2006, 2007b; Guinea and Whiting, 2005; Lukoschek *et al.*, 2013). The reason for the decline is unknown.

Table 6-7 Information on the two threatened sea snake species within the NWMR

Species	Preferred Habitat and Diet	Habitat Location
Short-nosed sea snake	Preferred habitat: Primarily on the reef flats or in shallow waters of the outer reef edges to depths of 10 m (Minton *et al*., 1975). Typically, movement is restricted to within 50 m of reef flat habitat (Guinea and Whiting, 2005). Diet: Primarily fishes and eels.	The short-nosed sea snake has been recorded from Exmouth Gulf to the reefs of the Sahul Shelf, although most records come from Ashmore and Hibernia reefs (Guinea and Whiting, 2005). Key locations of suitable habitat: Ashmore Reef, Exmouth Gulf, Muiron Islands, Montebello Islands (Udyawer *et al.*, 2020).
Leaf-scaled sea snake	Preferred habitat: The leaf-scaled sea snake occurs in shallow protected areas of reef flats, typically in water depth less than 10 m. Diet: Primarily shallow water coral-associated wrasse, gudgeons, clinids and eels (McCosker, 1975; Voris, 1972; Voris and Voris, 1983)	The leaf-scaled sea snake has only been recorded at Ashmore and Hibernia reefs (Guinea and Whiting, 2005), indicating it has a very limited distribution. Key locations of suitable habitat: Ashmore Reef, Shark Bay, Exmouth Gulf, Barrow Island and Montebello Islands (Udyawer *et al.*, 2020).

6.6 Crocodiles

The salt-water crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) is a listed migratory species under the EPBC Act known to occur within the NWMR. The species is found in most major river systems of the Kimberley, including the Ord, Patrick, Forrest, Durack, King, Pentecost, Prince Regent, Lawley, Mitchell, Hunter, Roe and Glenelg rivers. The largest populations occur in the rivers draining into the Cambridge Gulf and the Prince Regent River and Roe River systems. There have also been isolated records in rivers of the Pilbara region, around Derby near Broome and as far south as Carnarvon on the mid-west coast.

No BIAs for salt-water crocodile have been identified in the NWMR.

7. MARINE MAMMALS

7.1 Regional Context

The offshore waters of WA include important habitat for marine mammals, including areas that support key life stages such as breeding, foraging, and migration. Of the 45 species of cetacean occurring in Australian waters, 27 species occur regularly in the waters of the NWMR, nine species in the waters of the NMR and 33 species in the SWMR. The waters of the NWMR and the NMR also support significant populations of dugong (DSEWPAC, 2012a, c).

The NWMR is an important migratory pathway between feeding grounds in the Southern Ocean and breeding grounds in tropical waters of the NWMR for several cetacean species (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Numerous large mysticetes (baleen whale) species, in particular the humpback whale, are known to utilise the region for migration and calving, and the pygmy blue whale for foraging and as a migration pathway between southern feeding and northern breeding/feeding areas, north of the equator.

The SWMR is an important area for numerous marine mammal species including pinniped species, large, migratory whale species and resident coastal whale and dolphin species (DSEWPAC, 2012b).

The NMR and adjacent areas are important for several species of cetacean, particularly inshore dolphin species. These species, and other marine mammals, rely on the waters of the NMR and adjacent coastal areas for breeding and foraging. However, there is little knowledge of the seasonal movements, migrations and breeding seasonality for many of the marine mammal species in the NMR due to lack of extensive surveys (DSEWPAC, 2012c).

Table 7-1 outlines the threatened and migratory marine mammal species that may occur within the NWMR, with their conservation status and relevant recovery plans and/or conservation advice.

Table 7-1 Marine mammal species identified by the EPBC Act PMST as occurring within the NWMR

Species Name	Common Name	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*			WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
		Threatened Status	Migratory Status	Listed	Conservation Status	
Cetaceans - Mysticeti						
Balaenoptera musculus	Blue whale	Endangered	Migratory	Cetacean	Endangered	Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale - A Recovery Plan under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* 2015-2025 (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a)
Eubalaena australis	Southern right whale	Endangered	Migratory	Cetacean	Vulnerable	Conservation Management Plan for the Southern Right Whale: A Recovery Plan under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* 2011-2021 (DSEWPAC, 2012d)
Balaenoptera borealis	Sei whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Cetacean	Endangered	Conservation Advice *Balaenoptera borealis* sei whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015a)
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Cetacean	Conservation dependent	Conservation Advice *Megaptera novaeangliae* humpback whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b)
Balaenoptera physalus	Fin whale	Vulnerable	Migratory	Cetacean	Endangered	Conservation Advice *Balaenoptera physalus* fin whale (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015c)
Balaenoptera edeni	Bryde's whale	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	N/A	N/A
Balaenoptera bonaerensis	Antarctic minke whale	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	N/A	N/A
Cetaceans - Odontoceti						
Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm whale	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	Vulnerable	N/A
Orcinus orca	Killer whale	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	N/A	N/A
Orcaella heinsohni	Australian snubfin dolphin	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	Priority	N/A
Sousa chinensis	Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	Priority	N/A

Species Name	**Common Name**	***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***			**WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016***	**EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument**
		Threatened Status	**Migratory Status**	**Listed**	**Conservation Status**	
Tursiops aduncus	Spotted bottlenose dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)	N/A	Migratory	Cetacean	N/A	N/A
Sirenians and Pinnipeds						
Dugong dugon	Dugong	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Other protected fauna	N/A
Neophoca cinerea	Australian sea lion	Endangered	N/A	Marine	Vulnerable	Recovery Plan for the Australian Sea Lion (*Neophoca cinerea*) 2013 (DSEWPAC, 2013a) Conservation Advice *Neophoca cinerea* Australian Sea Lion (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020a) (in effect under the EPBC Act from 23-Dec-2020)

7.2 Cetaceans in the NWMR

Cetaceans are generally widely distributed and highly mobile. In general, distribution patterns reflect seasonal feeding areas, characterised by high productivity, and migration routes associated with reproductive patterns. The NWMR is thought to be an important migratory pathway between feeding grounds in the Southern Ocean and breeding grounds in tropical waters for several cetacean species (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

From the Protected Matters search, 34 EPBC Act listed species were recorded as potentially occurring or having habitat within the NWMR (**Appendix A**). Of those, 12 cetacean species are listed as threatened and/or migratory, including baleen whales, toothed whales and dolphins that occur within the NWMR (**Table 7-2**).

7.3 Dugongs in the NWMR

The dugong is listed as migratory under the EPBC Act. Dugongs inhabit seagrass meadows in coastal waters, estuarine creeks and streams, and reef systems (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

Some of the coastal waters adjacent to the NWMR support significant populations of dugongs, including Shark Bay, Exmouth Gulf, in and adjacent to Ningaloo Reef, in coastal waters along the Kimberley coast, and on the edge of the continental shelf at Ashmore Reef (DEWHA, 2008).

Although the patterns of dugong movement in WA are not well understood, it is thought that dugongs move in response to availability of seagrass (Marsh *et al.*, 1994; Preen *et al.*, 1997) and water temperature.

There are a number of BIAs for dugong within and adjacent to waters of the NWMR (refer **Section 7.5**).

7.4 Pinnipeds in the NWMR

The Australian sea lion is listed as a species that may occur, or may have habitat within the NWMR (Protected Matters search - **Appendix A**). It is included here as the Australian sea lion is the only pinniped endemic to Australia (Strahan, 1983) and has been recorded within the southern extent of the NWMR at Shark Bay, WA (Kirkwood *et al.*, 1992). The most northern known breeding colony is at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands in the SWMR. The Australian sea lion's breeding range extends from the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, WA to The Pages Island, east of Kangaroo Island, SA. The Australian sea lion was listed as endangered in 2020 (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020a). An assessment of the status and trends in abundance of this endemic, coastal pinniped species (Goldsworthy *et al.* 2021) documented an overall reduction in pup abundance over three generations, providing strong evidence that the species meets IUCN endangered criteria.

There are no BIAs for the Australian sea lion in the NWMR.

Table 7-2 Information on the threatened/migratory marine mammal species within the NWMR

Species	Key Information
	Baleen whales (Mysticeti)
Humpback whale	In Australian waters two genetically distinct populations migrate annually along the west (Group IV) and east coasts (Group V) between May and November. In WA, the migration pathway for the Group IV population (also known as Breeding Stock D) extends from Albany to the Kimberley coastline, passing through the NWMR (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b). Since the 1982 moratorium on commercial whaling population numbers have recovered significantly; from approximately 2000 to 3000 individuals in 1991, to between 19,200–33,850 individuals in 2008 (Bannister and Hedley, 2001; Bejder *et al.*, 2019; Hedley *et al.*, 2011). Aerial surveys off the WA coast undertaken between 2000 and 2008 produced a population estimate for the Group IV population of 26,100 individuals (CI 20,152–33,272) in 2008 (Salgado Kent *et al.*, 2012). Current population growth for the Group IV population is estimated to be between 9.7 and 13% per annum (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b). Using the Salago-Kent *et al.* (2012) estimate of 26,100 individuals and an annual population growth rate of ~10%, current population size could be in excess of 75,000 individuals (Woodside, 2019). The Group IV population migrates northward from their Antarctic feeding grounds around May each year, reaching the NWMR around early June. The southward migration subsequently starts in mid-September, around the time of breeding and calving (typically August to September) (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b). Within the NWMR there are key calving areas between Broome and the northern end of Camden Sound, and resting areas in the southern Kimberley region, Exmouth Gulf and Shark Bay. In particular, high numbers of humpback whales are observed in Camden Sound and Pender Bay from June to September each year (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015b). There are reports of neonates further south, suggesting that the calving areas may be poorly defined. Aerial photogrammetric surveys in 2013 and 2015 recorded large numbers of humpback whale calves along North-west Cape, with estimated minimum relative calf abundance of 463–603 in 2013 and 557–725 in 2015 (Irvine *et al.*, 2018). The majority of calves sighted in both years (85% in 2013; 94% in 2015) were neonates, and these observations indicate that a minimum of approximately 20% of the expected number of calves of this population are born near, or south of, North-west Cape. Thus, the calving grounds for the Group IV population extend south from Camden Sound to at least North-west Cape, 1000 km south-west of the currently recognized calving area (Irvine *et al.*, 2018). There are BIAs for migration and breeding and calving for the humpback whale along the WA coast and within the NWMR (refer **Table 7-3** and **Figure 7-1**).
Blue whale	There are two recognised sub-species of blue whale in the Southern Hemisphere, both of which are recorded in Australian waters. These are the southern (or 'true') blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and the 'pygmy' blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus brevicauda*) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a). In general, southern blue whales occur in waters south of 60°S and pygmy blue whales occur in waters north of 55°S (i.e. not in the Antarctic). On this basis, nearly all blue whales sighted in the NWMR are likely to be pygmy blue whales. The East Indian Ocean (EIO) pygmy blue whale population is seasonally distributed from Indonesia (a potential breeding ground) to south-west of Australia and east across the Great Australian Bight and Bonney Upwelling to beyond the Bass Strait (Blue Planet Marine, 2020). Migration seems to be variable, with some individuals appearing as resident to areas of high productivity and others undertaking migrations across long distances (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a). McCauley *et al.* (2018) describe three migratory stages around Australia for the EIO pygmy blue whale population: a 'southbound migratory stage' where whales travel southwards from Indonesian waters offshore from the WA coastline, mostly from October to December but possibly into January of the following year; a protracted 'southern Australian stage' (January to June) where animals spread across southern waters of the Indian Ocean and south of Australia; and a 'northbound migratory stage' (April to August) where animals travel north back to Indonesia again. There are currently insufficient data to accurately estimate population numbers of the pygmy blue whale in Australian waters (Blue Planet Marine, 2020; Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a). There are, however, two estimates of population size of the EIO pygmy blue whale for WA. McCauley and Jenner (2010) calculated the population to be between 662 and 1559 individuals in 2004 based on passive acoustics (whale vocalisations), and Jenner *et al.* (2008) (based on photographic mark and recapture) calculated between 712 and 1754 individuals, but both estimates did not account for animals

Species	Key Information
	travelling further west into the Indian Ocean (McCauley *et al.*, 2018). More recent passive acoustic data estimates a 4.3% growth rate that applies to the proportion of EIO pygmy blue whales seasonally present in offshore water of the south-eastern Australia and may not reflect the full population but does imply an increasing population (McCauley *et al.*, 2018). The pygmy blue whale is typically present in the Perth Canyon from November to June, with an observed peak between March and May (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a; Blue Planet Marine, 2020). The pygmy blue whale feeds in the Perth Canyon at depths of 200 to 300 m, which overlaps the typical distribution of krill (200–500 m water depth (day) to surface (night) (McCauley *et al.*, 2004; Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a). Other possible feeding grounds off the WA coast include the wider area around the Perth Canyon, and possible foraging areas off the Ningaloo Coast and at Scott Reef (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015a). Refer **Table 7-3** and **Figure 7-2** for the location and type of BIAs for blue whales in the NWMR. There is a migratory BIA for the pygmy blue whale within WA waters, which extends for most of the length of the NWMR within offshore waters.
Bryde's whale	The Bryde's whale is the least migratory of its genus and is restricted geographically from the equator to approximately 40°N and S, or the 20° isotherm (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). The species is known to exhibit inshore and offshore forms in other international locations that vary in morphology and migratory behaviours (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). This appears to also be the case within Australian waters. Bryde's whales have been identified as occurring in both oceanic and inshore waters, with the only key localities recognised in WA being in the Houtman Abrolhos Islands and north of Shark Bay (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). Data suggests offshore whales migrate seasonally, heading towards warmer tropical waters during the winter; however, information about migration within the NWMR is not well known (McCauley and Duncan, 2011). McCauley (2011) detected Bryde's whales using acoustic loggers deployed in and around Scott Reef from 2006 to 2009. Other acoustic logger data of Bryde's whale vocalisations recorded between Ningaloo and north of Darwin showed no apparent trends or seasonality (McCauley, 2011). There are no identified BIAs for this species in the National Conservation Values Atlas.
Southern right whale	The southern right whale occurs primarily in waters between about 20°S and 60°S and moves from high latitude feeding grounds in summer to warmer, low latitude, coastal locations in winter (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). Southern right whales aggregate in calving areas along the south coast of WA outside of the NWMR. However, there have been sightings in waters of the NWMR as far north as Ningaloo (Bannister and Hedley, 2001), and a stranding record exists for the far north Kimberley coast (ALA, 2020). Southern right whale calving grounds are found at mid to lower latitudes and are occupied during the austral winter and early-mid spring. They are regularly present on the southern Australian coast from about mid-May to mid-November, and peak periods for mating are from mid-July through August. Mating occurs within these breeding grounds as evidenced by many observations of intromission and mating behaviours. Southern right whales in south-western Australia appear to be increasing at the maximum biological rate but there is limited evidence of increase in south-eastern Australian waters (DSEWPAC, 2012d). There are no identified BIAs for this species in the NWMR.
Antarctic minke whale	The Antarctic minke whale is distributed worldwide and has been recorded off all Australian states (but not in the NT), feeding in cold waters and migrating to warmer waters to breed. It is thought that the Antarctic minke whale migrates up the WA coast to about 20°S to feed and possibly breed (Bannister *et al.*, 1996); however, detailed information about timing and location of migrations and breeding grounds within the NWMR is not well known. In the high latitudinal winter breeding grounds in other regions, the species appears to be distributed off the continental shelf edge. No population estimates are available for Antarctic minke whales in Australian waters. There are no identified BIAs for this species in the National Conservation Values Atlas.
Sei whale	The sei whale is a baleen whale with a worldwide oceanic distribution and is expected to seasonally migrate between low latitude wintering areas and high latitude summer feeding grounds (Bannister *et al.*, 1996; Prieto *et al.*, 2012). There are no known mating or calving areas in Australian waters. The species has a preference for deep waters, typically occurs in oceanic basins and continental slopes (Prieto *et al.*, 2012), and exhibits a migration pathway influenced by seasonal feeding and breeding patterns. Sei whales have been infrequently recorded in Australian waters (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). Reliable estimates of the sei whale population size in Australian waters are currently not possible due to a lack of dedicated surveys and their elusive characteristics. Similarly, the extent of occurrence and area of occupancy of sei whales in Australian waters cannot be calculated due to the

Species	Key Information
	rarity of sighting records. They will typically travel in small pods of three to five individuals, with some segregation by age, sex and reproductive status. Calving grounds are presumed to exist in low latitudes with mating and calving potentially occurring during winter months (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015a). There are no known mating or calving areas in Australian waters, and there are no identified BIAs for this species in the National Conservation Values Atlas.
Fin whale	The fin whale is a large baleen whale distributed worldwide. Fin whales migrate annually between high latitude summer feeding grounds and lower latitude over-wintering areas (Bannister *et al.*, 1996) and follow oceanic migration paths. The species is uncommonly encountered in coastal or continental shelf waters. Australian Antarctic waters are important feeding grounds for fin whales but there are no known mating or calving areas in Australian waters (Morrice *et al.*, 2004). The species has been observed in groups of six to 10 individuals, as well as in pairs and alone (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015c). Accurate distribution patterns are not known within Australian waters and the majority of data are from stranding events. Fin whales have been recorded vocalising off the Perth Canyon, WA, between January and April 2000 (McCauley *et al.*, 2000). It is currently not possible to accurately estimate the population size of fin whales in Australian waters predominantly due to the species' behaviour and local ecology, as the proportion of time they spend at the surface varies greatly depending on these factors. In addition, natural fluctuations of fin whales in Australian waters are unknown; however, long-range movements do appear to be prey-related. A recent study by Aulich *et al.* (2019) used passive acoustic monitoring as a tool to identify the migratory movements of fin whales in Australian waters. On the west coast, the earliest arrival of these animals occurred at Cape Leeuwin in April, and between May and October they migrated along the WA coastline to the Perth Canyon, which likely acts as a way-station for feeding (Aulich *et al.*, 2019). Some whales were found to continue migrating as far north as Dampier (Aulich *et al.*, 2019). There are no identified BIAs for this species in the National Conservation Values Atlas.
Toothed whales (Odontoceti)	
Sperm whale	Sperm whales are the largest of the toothed whales and are distributed worldwide in deep waters (greater than 200 m) off continental shelves and sometimes near shelf edges (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). The species tends to inhabit offshore areas at depths of 600 m or more and is uncommon in waters less than 300 m deep (Ceccarelli *et al.*, 2011). There is limited information about sperm whale distribution in Australian waters, however, they are usually found in deep offshore waters, with more dense populations close to continental shelves and canyons. In the open ocean, there is a generalised movement of sperm whales southwards in summer, and corresponding movement northwards in winter, particularly for males. Detailed information about the distribution and migration patterns of sperm whales off the WA coast is not available. Females with young may reside within the NWMR all year round, males may migrate through the region and the species may be associated with canyon habitats (Ceccarelli *et al.*, 2011). Sperm whales have been recorded in deep waters off North-west Cape and appear to occasionally venture into shallower waters in other areas. Twenty-three (23) sightings of sperm whales (variable pod sizes, ranging from one to six animals) were recorded by marine mammal observers (MMOs) during the North West Cape MC3D marine seismic survey (December 2016 to April 2017) (Woodside, 2020). These animals were observed in deep, continental slope waters of the Montebello Saddle (maximum distance of approximately 90 km from North-west Cape), and the waters overlying the Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula KEF. The deep waters above the gully/saddle on the inner edge of the plateau (the Montebello Saddle) are thought to be important for sperm whales that may feed in the region (based on 19th Century whaling records; Townsend, 1935). There are no identified BIAs for this species in the NWMR.
Killer whale	The preferred habitat of killer whales includes oceanic, pelagic and neritic (relatively shallow waters over the continental shelf) regions, in both warm and cold waters. Killer whales appear to be more common in cold, deep waters; however, they have been observed along the continental slope and shelf, particularly near seal colonies, as well as in shallow coastal areas of WA (Bannister *et al.*, 1996; Thiele and Gill, 1999). The total number of killer whales in Australian waters is unknown, however, it may be that the total number of mature animals within waters around the continent is less than 10,000. Killer whales are known to make seasonal movements, and probably follow regular migratory routes, but no information is available for the

Species	Key Information
	species in Australian waters. Killer whales are top-level carnivores, and there are reports from around Australia of attacks on dolphins, juvenile humpback whales, blue whales, sperm whales, dugongs and Australian sea lions (Bannister *et al.*, 1996). Killer whales are known to target humpback whales, particularly calves, off Ningaloo Reef during the humpback southern migration season (Pitman *et al.*, 2015). Overall, observations suggest that humpback calves are a predictable, plentiful, and readily taken prey source for killer whales off Ningaloo Reef for at least five months of the year. Additionally, there are records of killer whales attacking dugongs in Shark Bay (Anderson and Prince, 1985). However, there are no recognised key localities or important habitats for killer whales within the NWMR (DSEWPAC, 2012a). There are no identified BIAs for this species in the NWMR.
Australian snubfin dolphin	Stranding and museum specimen records indicate that Australian snubfin dolphins occur only in waters off northern Australia, from approximately Broome on the west coast to the Brisbane River on the east coast (Parra *et al.*, 2002). Aerial and boat-based surveys indicate that Australian snubfin dolphins occur mostly in protected shallow waters close to the coast, and close to river and creek mouths (Parra, 2006; Parra *et al.*, 2006; Parra *et al.*, 2002). Within the NWMR, species has been found in the shallow coastal waters and estuaries along the Kimberley coast. Beagle and Pender bays on the Dampier Peninsula, and tidal creeks around Yampi Sound and between Kuri Bay and Cape Londonderry are important areas for Australian snubfin dolphins (DEWHA, 2008). Roebuck Bay has generally been considered the south-western limit of snubfin dolphin distribution across northern Australia, but the species has been recorded in Port Hedland harbour, the Dampier Archipelago, Montebello Islands, Exmouth Gulf and off North-west Cape (Allen *et al.*, 2012). A first comprehensive catalogue of snubfin dolphin sightings has been compiled for the Kimberley, north-west Western Australia (Bouchet *et al.* 2021) and documented that snubfin dolphins are consistently encountered in shallow water (<21 m depth) close to (<15 km) freshwater inputs with high detection rates in known hotspots such as Roebuck Bay and Cygnet Bay as well as suitable coastal habitat in the wider Kimberley region. Refer **Table 7-3** and **Figure 7-3** for the location and type of BIAs for Australian snubfin dolphins in the NWMR.
Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin (Australian humpback dolphin)	Previously included with *Sousa chinensis*, the Australian humpback dolphin (*S. sahulensis*) was elevated to a species in 2014. *S. chinensis* is now applied for humpback dolphins in the eastern Indian and western Pacific Oceans and *S. sahulensis* for humpback dolphins in the waters of the Sahul Shelf from northern Australia to southern New Guinea (Jefferson and Rosenbaum, 2014). The Australian humpback dolphin is listed as *S. chinensis* under EPBC Act. The Australian humpback dolphin (referred to as 'humpback dolphin' hereafter) inhabits the tropical/subtropical waters of the Sahul Shelf across northern Australia and southern Papua New Guinea (Jefferson and Rosenbaum, 2014). Based on historical stranding data, museum specimens and opportunistic sightings collected during aerial and boat-based surveys for other fauna it has been inferred that humpback dolphins occur from the WA/NT border south-west to Shark Bay (Hanf *et al.*, 2016). Allen *et al.* (2012) suggested that humpback dolphins use a range of inshore habitats, including both clear and turbid coastal waters across northern WA. The waters surrounding North-west Cape are an important area for the species. Boat-based surveys up to 5 km out from the coast (Brown *et al.*, 2012) recorded humpback dolphins from 0.3 to 4.5 km away from shore and in depths ranging from 1.2 to 20 m, with a mean of ~8 m. Other studies around North-west Cape, surveying waters up to 5 km from the coast, recorded humpback dolphins in water depths of up to 40 m (Hanf *et al.*, 2016). Based on density, site fidelity and residence patterns, North-west Cape is clearly an important habitat toward the south-western limit of this species' range (Hunt *et al.*, 2017). Aerial surveys targeting dugongs over the western Pilbara have recorded humpback dolphins more than 60 km from the mainland in shallow shelf waters (i.e. <30 m deep) near Barrow Island and the western Lowendal Islands (Hanf, 2015). The species has also been recorded in fringing coral reef and shallow, sheltered sandy lagoons at the Montebello Islands (Raudino *et al.*, 2018). Over the past ten years a number of studies have focused on populations of humpback dolphins along the Kimberley coast, including Roebuck Bay, the Dampier Peninsula, Cone Bay, Yampi Sound, Prince Regent River and the Cambridge Gulf (Brown *et al.*, 2016). Refer Table **Table 7-3** and **Figure 7-4** for the location and type of BIAs for Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins in the NWMR.
Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin (Spotted bottlenose dolphin)	There are four known sub-populations of spotted bottlenose dolphins, of which the Arafura/Timor Sea populations were identified as potentially occurring within the NWMR. The species is restricted to inshore areas such as bays and estuaries, nearshore waters, open coast environments, and shallow offshore waters including coastal areas around oceanic islands, from Shark Bay to the western edge of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The species

Species	Key Information
	forages in a range of habitats but is generally restricted to water depths of less than 200 m (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Important foraging/breeding areas include the shallow coastal waters and estuaries along the Kimberley coast and Roebuck Bay. Refer **Table 7-3** the location and type of BIAs for spotted bottlenose dolphins in the NWMR.
Sirenians	
Dugong	Dugongs are distributed along the WA coast throughout the Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley. Specific areas supporting dugong populations include: Shark Bay; Ningaloo and Exmouth Gulf; the Pilbara coast (Exmouth Gulf to De Grey River [Marsh *et al.*, 2002]); and Eighty Mile Beach and the Kimberley coast, including Roebuck Bay (Brown *et al.*, 2014). Dugong distribution is correlated with the seagrass habitats upon which it feeds, although water temperature has also been correlated with dugong movements and distribution (Preen *et al.*, 1997; Preen, 2004). Dugongs are known to migrate between seagrass habitats (hundreds of kilometres) (Sheppard *et al.*, 2006), and in Shark Bay they exhibit seasonal movements as a behavioural thermoregulatory response to winter water temperatures (Holley *et al.*, 2006; Marsh *et al.*, 2011). Aerial surveys since the mid-1980s indicate that dugong populations are now stable at a regional scale in Shark Bay and in the Exmouth/Ningaloo Reef. Refer **Table 7-3** and **Figure 7-5** for the location and type of BIAs for dugong in the NWMR.
Pinnipeds	
Australian sea lion	The Australian sea lion is the only endemic pinniped (true seals, fur seals and sea lions) in Australian waters. It is a member of the Otariidae (eared seals) family. The birth interval in Australian sea lions is around 17–18 months. The Australian sea lion is unique among pinnipeds in being the only species that has a non-annual breeding cycle that is also temporally asynchronous across its range (DSEWPAC, 2013a; Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020a). This means the breeding period (copulation and birthing) in one colony will occur at different times to breeding in another colony. The Australian sea lion is considered to be a specialised benthic forager—that is, it feeds primarily on the sea floor. Studies have shown that the species will eat a range of prey, including fish, cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish and octopus), sharks, rays, rock lobsters and penguins (DSEWPAC, 2013a; Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020a). The Australian sea lion feeds on the continental shelf, most commonly in depths of 20–100 m, and they typically travel up to about 60 km from their colony on each foraging trip, with a maximum distance of around 190 km when over shelf waters. The current breeding distribution of the Australian sea lion extends from the Houtman Abrolhos Islands on the west coast of WA to the Pages Islands in SA. Sites for the 58 breeding colonies occurring in WA and SA are designated as habitat critical to the survival of the species under the Recovery Plan for the Australian sea lion (DSEWPAC, 2013a). Of these, four are located in the SWMR along the west coast of WA: Abrolhos Islands (Easter Group), Beagle Island, North Fisherman Island and Buller Island. There are also a number of foraging BIAs for both males and females along the west coast, extending from the Abrolhos Islands south to Rockingham. There is no designated habitat critical to survival or identified BIAs for this species in the NWMR. **Figure 7-6** shows the foraging BIAs for the Australian sea lion to the south of the NWMR.

7.5 Biological Important Areas in the NWMR

BIAs representing important life cycle stages and behaviours for six species of marine mammal in the NWMR: the humpback whale, the pygmy blue whale, Australian snubfin dolphin, Australian humpback dolphin, spotted bottlenose dolphin and dugong, are presented in **Table 7-3**.

Table 7-3 Marine mammal BIAs within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs				
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Resting	Foraging	Breeding	Calving	Migration
Humpback whale[1]	✓	✓	✓	Shark Bay Exmouth Gulf (north migration – early June) (south migration – late Aug to Oct) Southern Kimberley region	No foraging BIA identified within the NWMR	Kimberley coast from the Lacepede Islands to north of Camden Sound (mid Aug – early Sept)	Core calving in waters off the Kimberley coast from the Lacepede Islands to north of Camden Sound (mid Aug – early Sept)	Southern border of the NWMR to north of the Kimberley (arrive June)
Blue whale and Pygmy blue whale [1 2]	✓	✓	✓	No resting BIA identified within the NWMR	Possible foraging areas off Ningaloo and Scott Reef	No breeding BIA identified within the NWMR	No calving BIA identified within the NWMR	Augusta to Derby. Along the shelf edge at depths of 500 m to 1000 m; appear close to Ningaloo coast Montebello Islands area on southern migration (north: April – Aug) (south: Oct – late Dec)
Australian snubfin dolphin [1]	✓	✓	-	No resting BIA identified within the NWMR	Roebuck Bay Cambridge Gulf Camden Sound area King Sound (south) King Sound (north) Yampi Sound Talbot Bay Maret Islands Bigge Island Admiralty Gulf Parry Harbour Bougainville Peninsula Vansittart Bay Anjo Peninsula Napier	Roebuck Bay Cambridge Gulf Camden Sound area King Sound (south) King Sound (north) Yampi Sound Talbot Bay Maret Islands Bigge Island Admiralty Gulf Parry Harbour Bougainville Peninsula Vansittart Bay, Anjo Peninsula Napier Broome Bay Deep Bay Prince Regent River King George River Cape Londonderry	Roebuck Bay Cambridge Gulf Camden Sound area King Sound (south) King Sound (north) Yampi Sound Talbot Bay Maret Islands Bigge Island Admiralty Gulf Parry Harbour Bougainville Peninsula Vansittart Bay Anjo Peninsula Napier Broome Bay Deep Bay Prince Regent River	No migration BIA identified within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs				
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Resting	Foraging	Breeding	Calving	Migration
					Broome Bay Deep Bay Prince Regent River King George River Cape Londonderry Ord River	Ord River	King George River Cape Londonderry Ord River	
Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin	✓	✓	-	No resting BIA identified within the NWMR	Roebuck Bay Willie Creek Prince Regent River King Sound (north) Yampi Sound Talbot Bay Walcott Inlet Doubtful Bay Deception Bay Augustus Island Maret Islands Bigge Island King Sound, southern sector Vansittart Bay, Anjo Peninsula	Roebuck Bay Willie Creek Prince Regent River King Sound (north) Yampi Sound Talbot Bay Walcott Inlet Doubtful Bay Deception Bay Augustus Island	Roebuck Bay Willie Creek Prince Regent River	No migration BIA identified within the NWMR
Spotted bottlenose dolphin	✓	✓	✓	No resting BIA identified within the NWMR	Roebuck Bay Cambridge Gulf Camden Sound area King Sound (south) King Sound (north) Yampi Sound	Roebuck Bay Cambridge Gulf Camden Sound area King Sound (south) King Sound (north) Yampi Sound	No calving BIA identified within the NWMR	No migration BIA identified within the NWMR

Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs				
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Resting	Foraging	Breeding	Calving	Migration
Dugong[1]	✓	✓	✓	No resting BIA identified within the NWMR	Exmouth Gulf Ningaloo Reef Shark Bay Roebuck Bay Dampier Peninsula	No breeding BIA identified within the NWMR	Exmouth Gulf Ningaloo Reef Shark Bay	Not listed as a migratory species

1. *DSEWPAC (2012a)*
2. *Commonwealth of Australia (2015a)*

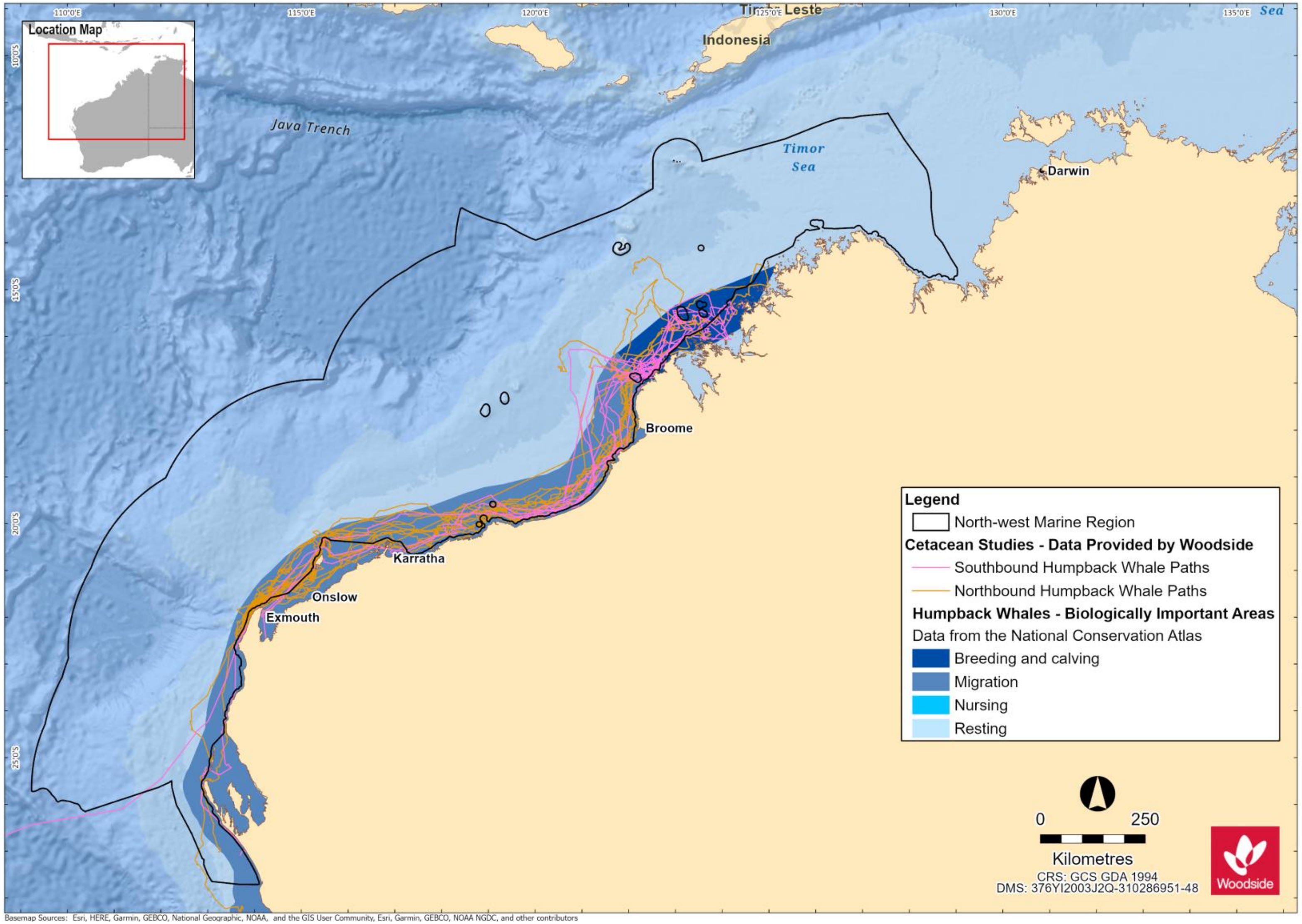

Figure 7-1 Humpback whale BIAs for the NWMR and tagged tracks for north and south bound migrations

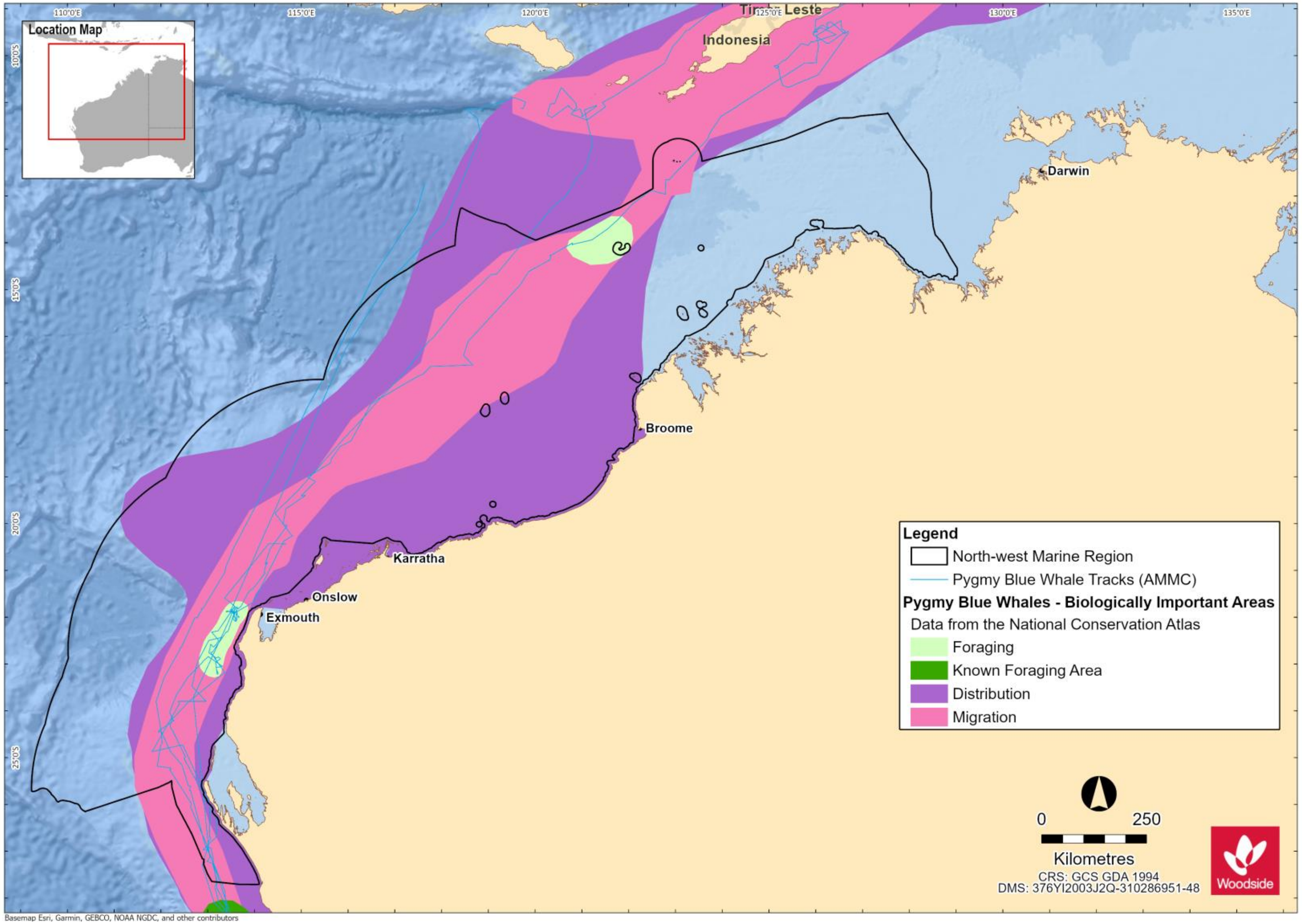

Figure 7-2 Pygmy blue whale BIAs for the NWMR and tagged whale tracks for northbound migration

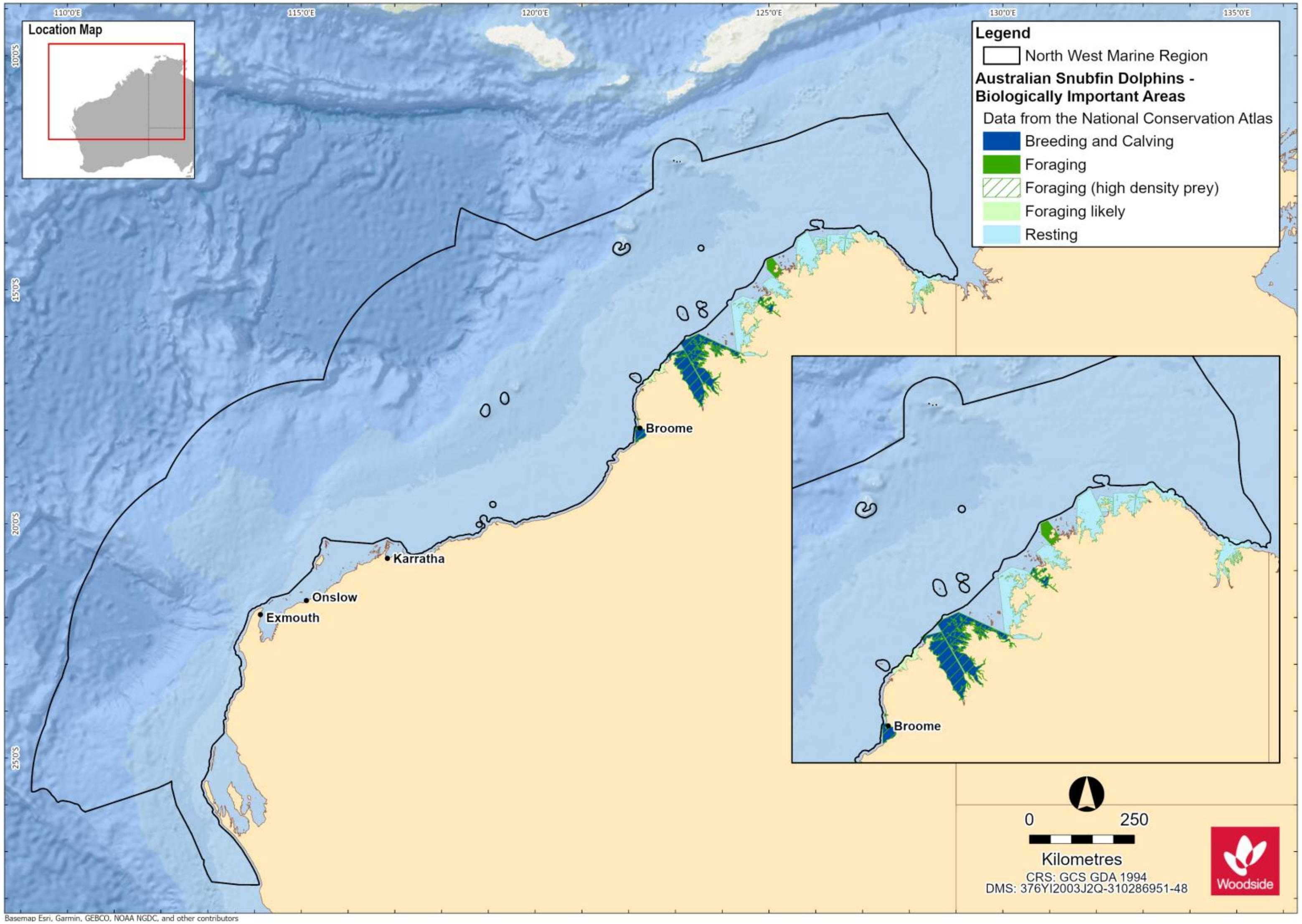

Figure 7-3 Australian snubfin dolphin BIAs for the NWMR

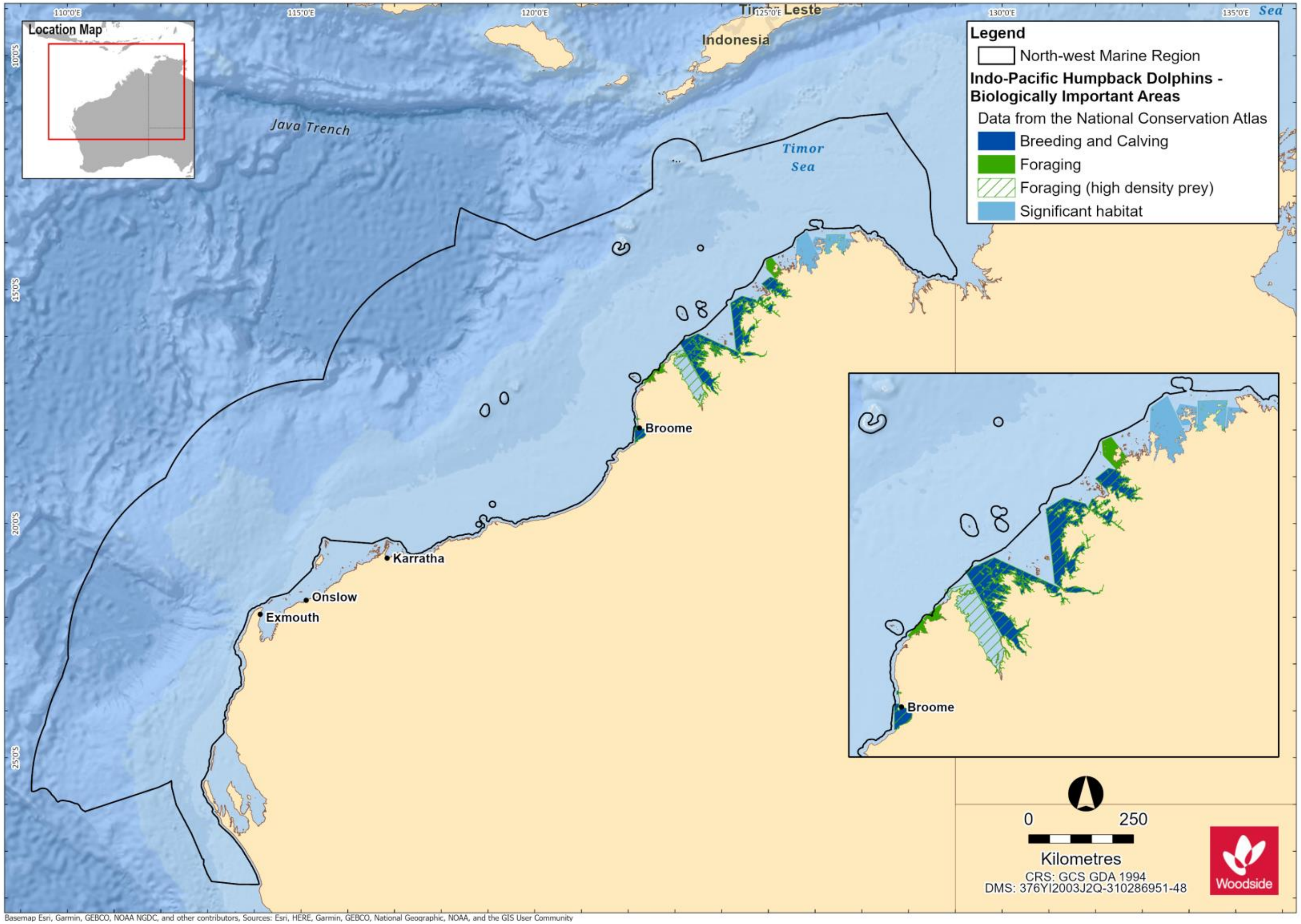

Figure 7-4 Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin BIAs for the NWMR

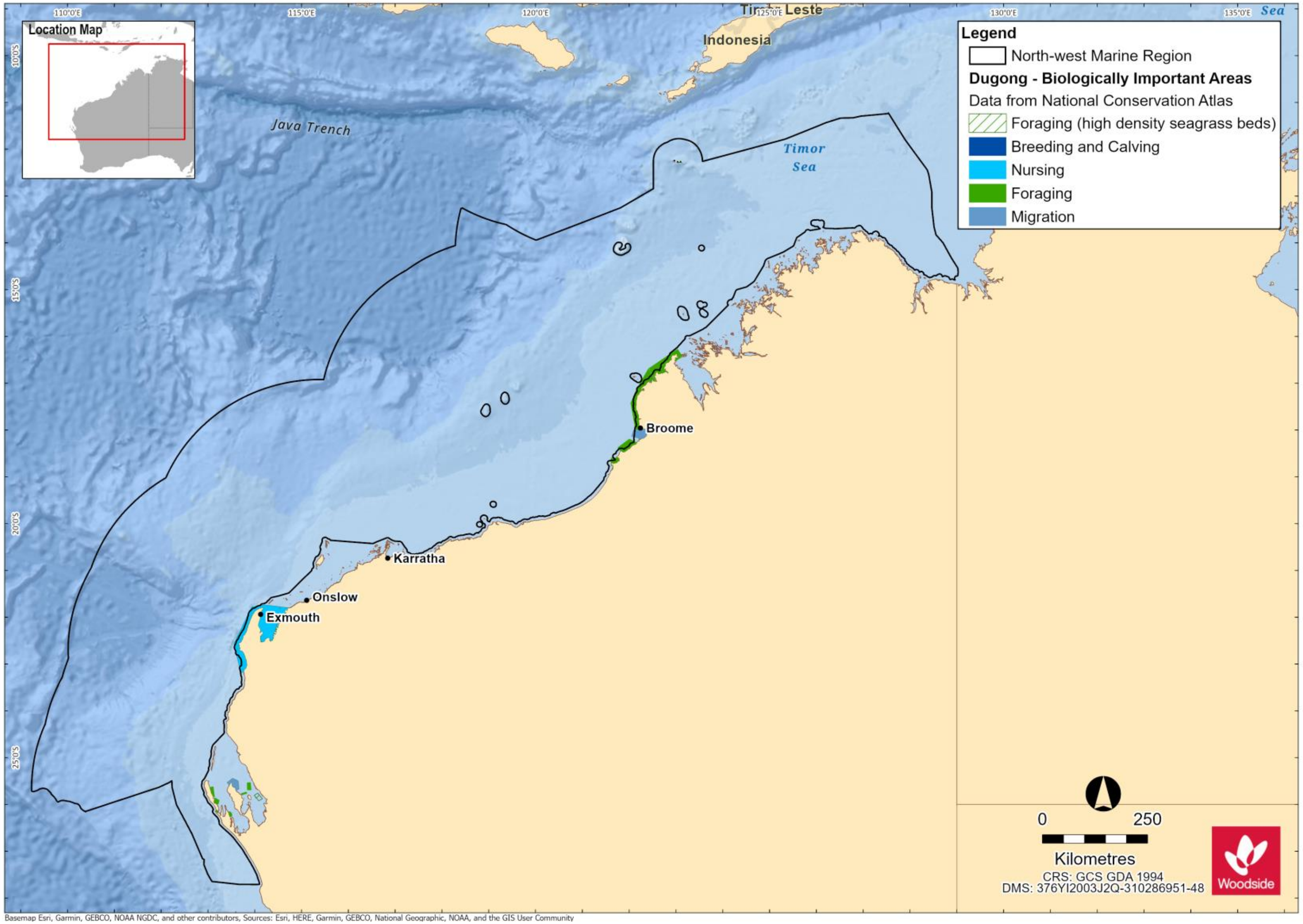

Figure 7-5 Dugong BIAs for the NWMR

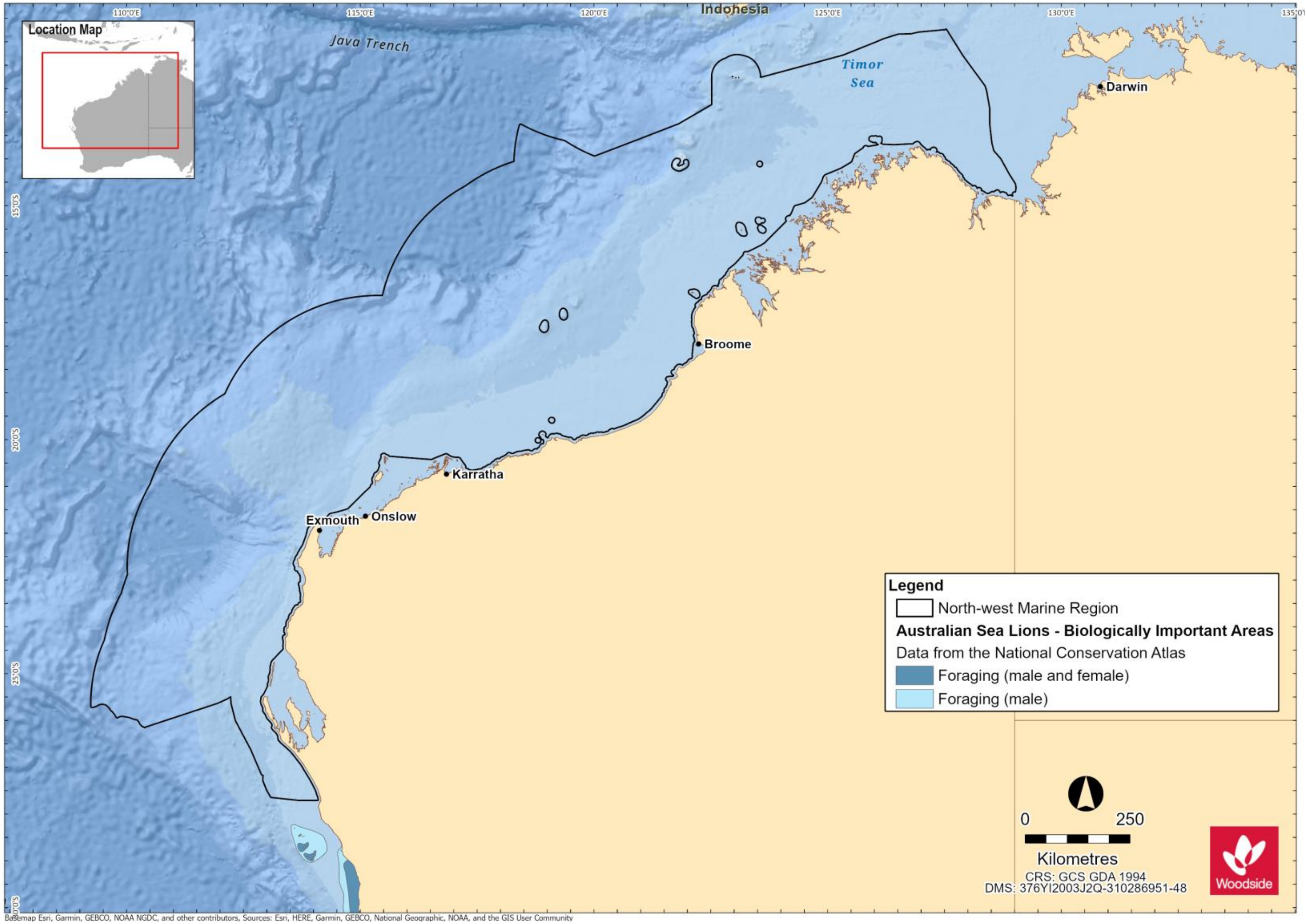

Figure 7-6 Australian sea lion BIAs in the northern extent of the SWMR closest to the NWMR

7.6 Marine Mammal Summary for the NWMR

7.6.1 Browse

The Browse activity area includes biologically important habitat for five threatened and/or migratory marine mammal species:

- blue whale and pygmy blue whale (foraging and migration areas);
- humpback whale (breeding, calving and migration areas);
- Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin (foraging, breeding and calving areas);
- Australian snubfin dolphin (foraging, breeding and calving areas); and
- dugong (foraging).

BIAs for the marine mammal species are outlined in **Table 7-3**.

7.6.2 North-west Shelf / Scarborough

The NWS / Scarborough activity area includes biologically important habitat for five threatened and/or migratory marine mammal species:

- blue whale and pygmy blue whale (foraging and migration areas);
- humpback whale (resting and migration areas);
- Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin (foraging, breeding and calving areas);
- Australian snubfin dolphin (foraging, breeding and calving areas); and
- dugong (foraging and calving areas).

BIAs for the marine mammal species are outlined in **Table 7-3**.

7.6.3 North-west Cape

The North-west Cape activity area includes biologically important habitat for three threatened and/or migratory marine mammal species:

- blue whale and pygmy blue whale (foraging and migration areas);
- humpback whale (resting and migration areas); and
- dugong (foraging and calving areas).

BIAs for the marine mammal species are outlined in **Table 7-3**.

8. SEABIRDS AND MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS OF THE NWMR

8.1 Regional Context

The NWMR supports high numbers and species diversity of seabirds and migratory shorebirds including many that are EPBC Act listed, threatened and migratory. The NWMR marine bioregional plan reported 34 seabird species (listed as threatened, migratory and/or marine) that are known to occur, and 30 of 37 species of migratory shorebird species that regularly occur in Australia, are recorded at Ashmore Reef in the NWMR (DSEWPAC, 2012e). The NWMR marine bioregional plan also noted that Roebuck Bay and Eighty Mile Beach are internationally significant and recognised migratory shorebird locations.

Many migratory seabirds and shorebirds are protected through bilateral agreements between Australia and Japan (JAMBA), China (CAMBA) and the Republic of Korea (ROKAMBA), recognising the migratory route and important stopover and resting habitats of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF). Important migratory bird habitats are also recognised as part of protected wetlands of the internationally significance under the Ramsar Convention. Important Bird Areas (IBAs) for the NWMR, which are also recognised as global Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) (BirdLife Australia[4]), include:

- Roebuck Bay KBA (and Ramsar site): Internationally significant migratory shorebird species.
- Mandora Marsh and Anna Plains KBA (adjacent to Eighty Mile Beach, Ramsar site): Internationally significant migratory shorebird species.
- Dampier Saltworks KBA: Internationally significant migratory shorebird species.
- Montebello Islands KBA: Shorebird and seabird species.
- Barrow Island KBA: Shorebird and seabird species.
- Exmouth Gulf Mangroves KBA: Internationally significant migratory shorebird species.

Table 8-1 presents a list of the threatened and migratory seabird and shorebird species that occur within the NWMR, with their conservation status and relevant recovery plans and/or conservation advice.

4 https://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/KBA#:~:text=The%20Key%20Biodiversity%20Areas%20(KBAs,of%20advocacy%20for%20protected%20areas. Accessed April, 2021.

Table 8-1. Bird species (threatened/migratory) identified by the EPBC Act PMST and other sources of information as potentially occurring within the NWMR

Species Name	Common Name	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*			WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
		Threatened Status	Migratory Status	Listed	Conservation Status	
Seabirds						
Macronectes giganteus	Southern giant petrel	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels 2011-2016 (DSEWPAC, 2011c)
Papasula abbotti	Abbott's booby	Endangered	N/A	Marine	N/A	Conservation Advice for the Abbott's booby - *Papasula abbotti* (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020b)
Pterodroma mollis	Soft-plumaged petrel	Vulnerable	N/A	Marine	N/A	Conservation Advice *Pterodroma mollis* soft-plumaged petrel (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015f)
Sternula nereis nereis	Australian fairy tern	Vulnerable	N/A	N/A	Vulnerable	Conservation Advice for *Sternula nereis nereis* (Fairy Tern) (DSEWPAC, 2011d)
Anous tenuirostris melanops	Australian lesser noddy	Vulnerable	N/A	Marine	Endangered	Conservation Advice *Anous tenuirostris melanops* Australian lesser noddy (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015e)
Thalassarche carteri	Indian yellow-nosed albatross	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Endangered	National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels 2011-2016 (DSEWPAC, 2011c)
Anous stolidus	Common noddy	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	Draft Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019)
Fregata ariel	Lesser frigatebird	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Fregata minor	Great frigatebird	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Sula leucogaster	Brown booby	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Sula sula	Red-footed booby	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	

Species Name	Common Name	*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*			WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*	EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument
		Threatened Status	Migratory Status	Listed	Conservation Status	
Onychiprion anaethetus (listed as *Sterna anaethetus)*	Bridled tern	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Thalasseus bergii	Greater crested tern	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Sternula albifrons	Little tern	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Sterna dougallii	Roseate tern	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Onychoprion fuscata	Sooty tern	N/A	N/A	Marine	N/A	
Hydroprogne caspia	Caspian tern	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Ardenna pacifica	Wedge-tailed shearwater	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Puffinus assimillis	Little shearwater	N/A	N/A	Marine	N/A	
Ardenna carneipes	Flesh-footed shearwater	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	
Calonectris leucomelas	Streaked shearwater	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Phaethon lepturus	White-tailed tropicbird	N/A	Migratory	Marine	Migratory	
Chroicocephalus novaehollandiase	Silver gull	N/A	N/A	Marine	N/A	
Migratory shorebirds						
Numenius madagascariensis	Eastern curlew, Far Eastern curlew	Critically endangered	Migratory	Marine	Critically endangered	Conservation Advice *Numenius madagascariensis* eastern curlew (DOE, 2015a)
Calidris ferruginea	Curlew sandpiper	Critically endangered	Migratory	Marine	Critically endangered	Conservation Advice *Calidris ferruginea* curlew sandpiper (DOE, 2015b)
Calidris tenuirostris	Great knot	Critically endangered	Migratory	Marine	Critically endangered	Conservation Advice *Calidris tenuirostris* Great knot (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016a)
Limosa lapponica menzbieri	Bar-tailed godwit (*menzbieri*)	Critically endangered	Migratory	Marine	Critically endangered	Conservation Advice *Limosa lapponica menzbieri* Bar-tailed godwit (northern Siberia). (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016c)

Species Name	**Common Name**	***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***			**WA *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016***	**EPBC Act Part 13 Statutory Instrument**
		Threatened Status	**Migratory Status**	**Listed**	**Conservation Status**	
Calidris canutus	Red knot	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Endangered	Conservation Advice *Calidris canutus* Red knot (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016b)
Charadrius mongolus	Lesser sand plover	Endangered	Migratory	Marine	Endangered	Conservation Advice *Charadrius mongolus* Lesser sand plover (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016e)
Charadrius leschenaultii	Greater sand plover	Vulnerable	Migratory	Marine	Vulnerable	Conservation Advice *Charadrius leschenaultia* Greater sand plover (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016d)
All migratory shorebird species	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Migratory Shorebirds (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015c).					

8.2 Seabirds in the NWMR

Seabirds are birds that are adapted to life within the marine environment (oceanic and coastal) and are generally long-lived, have delayed breeding and have fewer young than other bird species (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). At least 34 seabird species listed as threatened, migratory and/or marine under the EPBC Act are known to occur regularly in the NWMR and include a variety of species of terns, noddies, petrels, shearwaters, frigatebirds, and boobies. Many of these species spend most of their lives at sea (predominately pelagic species), ranging over large distances to forage. These pelagic species only come onshore to breed and raise chicks at natal or high-fidelity breeding colonies on remote, offshore island locations in and adjacent to the NWMR. Many species are ecologically significant to the NWMR, as they are endemic to the region, can be present in large numbers in breeding seasons and non-breeding seasons, and many exhibit extensive annual migrations that include marine areas outside the Australian EEZ (DSEWPAC, 2012e).

The presence of seabirds within the NWMR is influenced by seabird species that migrate and forage in the area during the non-breeding season and this includes many seabird species that breed on the Houtman Abrolhos in the SWMR. Pelagic seabirds have been documented foraging at current boundaries and seasonal upwellings within the NWMR (refer to Sutton *et al*., 2019). The Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park located in the SWMR, is one of the most significant seabird breeding locations in the eastern Indian Ocean. Sixteen (16) species of seabirds breed there. Eighty percent of common (brown) noddies, 40% of sooty terns and all the lesser noddies found in Australia nest at the Houtman Abrolhos (Surman, 2019). Important seabird areas in the NWMR are as identified by the KBAs (refer to **Section 8.1**) and the information on a select number of seabird species documented for the NWMR (based on the screening criteria presented in **Section 3**), as presented in **Table 8-2**.

Table 8-2 Information on threatened/migratory seabird species of the NWMR

Species	Key Information
Seabirds	
Southern giant petrel	This species is included in the National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels. Habitat critical to survival is defined for breeding and foraging. There are six known breeding localities under Australian jurisdiction (for all species giant petrels) and all are located in the Southern Ocean including islands off Tasmania and within the Australian Antarctic Territory (DSEWPAC, 2011c). Habitat critical to survival identified for foraging is defined as waters south of 25 degrees latitude. The giant petrel species distribution is mainly within the Southern Ocean but this species does migrate into subtropical waters during the winter and its distribution includes the southern extent of the NWMR. No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Abbott's booby	The Abbott's booby is a large, long-lived seabird known to nest only at Christmas Island. The recovery of this species is strongly dependent on the protection of breeding habitat defined habitat critical to the survival of this species on Christmas Island (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2020b). This species spends much of its time at sea and known to forage over large distances offshore when nesting and its range includes off the coast of Java, near the Chagos and in the Banda Sea, and may possibly extend into the north-western extent of the NWMR. No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Soft-plumaged petrel	This petrel species breeds only at two locations in Australian waters within the Southern Ocean (one off Tasmania and Macquarie Island) (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2015f). As a mainly sub-Antarctic species they are usually distributed in cooler seas but distribution extents into subtropical waters and its known distribution includes the southern extent of the NWMR. No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Australian fairy tern	The Australian fairy tern is listed as Vulnerable for the sub-species only recorded for WA. It has a coastal distribution from Sydney, south to Tasmania and around southern WA up to the Dampier Archipelago and out on the offshore island groups of Barrow, Montebello and the Lowendals (DSEWPAC, 2011d). The Australian fairy tern feeds on small baitfish and roosts and nests on sandy beaches below vegetation. These behaviours, generally, occur in inshore waters of island archipelagos and on the Australian mainland shores and adjacent wetlands. Fairy terns breed from August to February. The Australian fairy tern is unlikely to be present

Species	Key Information
	within the offshore environment of the NWMR. The largest breeding colony in Western Australia for this species is in the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, SWMR (Surman, 2019). For the description and location of BIAs in the NWMR, refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-2.**
Australian lesser noddy	The Houtman Abrolhos, WA is an important breeding habitat for the Australian lesser noddy in the eastern Indian Ocean. This species exhibits nesting habitat specialisation (white mangrove stands) and has a limited foraging range during the breeding season. Furthermore, the lesser noddy forages over shelf waters and appears not to disperse over their non-breeding period as they remain largely in the general vicinity or slightly to the south of the colony in the non-breeding season (February to September; Surman *et al*., 2018). No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Indian yellow-nosed albatross	This species is included in the National recovery plan for threatened albatrosses and giant petrels. Habitat critical to survival is defined for breeding and foraging. There are six known breeding localities under Australian jurisdiction (for all species of albatrosses) and all are located in the Southern Ocean including islands off Tasmania and within the Australian Antarctic Territory (DSEWPAC, 2011c). Habitat critical to survival identified for foraging is defined as waters south of 25 degrees latitude. All albatross species distribution (including the Indian yellow-nose albatross) is mainly within the Southern Ocean but this species does migrate into subtropical waters during the winter and its distribution includes the southern extent of the NWMR. No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Common noddy	This species is listed as migratory and marine. The common (or brown) noddy is the largest species of noddy found in Australian waters. The species is widespread in tropical and subtropical areas beyond Australia. This seabird species is gregarious and normally occurs in flocks, up to hundreds of individuals, when feeding or roosting. The Houtman Abrolhos, WA is the primary breeding habitat for the common noddy in the Eastern Indian Ocean. This species spends their non-breeding season (March to August) in the NWS area, around 950 km north from the breeding colony (Surman *et al*. 2018). The species occurs within NWMR waters, particularly around offshore islands such as the Montebello Island group. This species is recorded on unmanned oil and gas platforms within the NWS. No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Lesser frigatebird **Great frigatebird**	Both species of frigatebird are listed as migratory and marine. Within the NWMR, the lesser frigatebird is known to breed on Adele, Bedout and West Lacepede islands, Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). The lesser frigatebird feeds mostly on fish and sometimes cephalopods, and all food is taken while the bird is in flight. Lesser frigatebirds generally forage close to breeding colonies. Breeding/foraging BIAs for the lesser frigatebird are located in the NWMR; refer to **Table 8-3**.
Brown booby	The brown booby is the most common booby, occurring throughout all tropical oceans bounded by latitudes 30º N and 30º S. There are large colonies on offshore islands within the NWMR such as the Lacepede Islands (one of the largest colonies in the world), Ashmore Reef, and other offshore Kimberley islands. This seabird species is a specialised plunge diver, mostly eating fish and some cephalopods (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). Breeding/foraging BIAs for the brown booby are located in the NWMR; refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-3**.
Red-footed booby	Within the NWMR, its known breeding sites for this species include Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island. It is a pelagic species and generally occurs away from land. It mainly eats flying fish and squid. Prey abundance is reliant on the high productivity in slope areas off remote islands where the birds breed (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). Breeding/foraging BIAs for the red-footed booby are located in the NWMR; refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-3**.
Greater crested tern	The greater crested tern has a widespread distribution recorded on islands and coastlines of tropical and subtropical areas, ranging from the Atlantic coast of South Africa, Indian Ocean and through south-east Asia and Australia. Outside the breeding season it can be found at sea throughout its range, with the exception of the central Indian Ocean (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). The largest breeding colony in WA for this species is the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, SWMR (Surman, 2019). No BIAs for this species are located in the NWMR.
Little tern	There are three sub-populations of this species in Australia and two of these occur in the NWMR: northern Australian breeding sub-population occurring around Broome and extending across in to the NMR, and an east Asian breeding sub-population, with the terns present from Shark Bay to south-eastern Queensland during the austral summer. Little terns

Species	Key Information
	usually forage close to breeding colonies in the shallow water of estuaries (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). For the description and location of BIAs in the NWMR, refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-2**.
Roseate tern	This species is generally tropical in distribution and there are many breeding populations in the NWMR, including Ashmore Reef, Napier Broome Bay, Bonaparte Archipelago, Lacepede Islands, Dampier Archipelago and the Lowendal Islands. A large number of non-breeding roseate terns have been observed at several remote locations in the Kimberley and there are high numbers also recorded for Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar site. The Kimberley colonies are likely to be another sub-species that breeds in east Asia. Roseate terns predominately eat small pelagic fish (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). The largest breeding colony in Western Australia for this species is in the Houtman Abrolhos Islands, SWMR (Surman, 2019). For the description and location of BIAs in the NWMR, refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-2**.
Wedge-tailed shearwater	The wedge-tailed shearwater is a pelagic, marine seabird known from tropical and subtropical waters. Its distribution is widespread across the Indian and Pacific oceans. It is known to breed on the east and west coasts (and offshore islands) of Australia. This species is known to consume fish, cephalopods, and other biota primarily via contact-dipping. Wedge-tailed shearwaters are now understood to undertake extensive foraging trips (over thousands of kilometres over periods of days when chicking and provisioning young) and much longer and extensive pelagic travels over the north-west Indian Ocean during the non-breeding season, targeting current boundaries and upwellings. The species breeds throughout its range, mainly on vegetated islands, atolls and cays and excavates burrows in the ground where chicks are raised (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). Large breeding colonies of the wedge-tailed shearwater are located on the Houtman Abrolhos islands (SWMR) (Surman *et al*., 2018) and several locations in the NWMR including: Muiron Islands (North-west Cape), Varanus Island and the Dampier Archipelago in the Pilbara where burrow numbers were estimated to several hundred thousand to half a million such as on the Muiron Islands, though it is not known if all burrows are utilised on an annual basis (Birdlife Australia, 2018; Surman *et al.*, 2018). Cannell *et al* (2019) satellite tracked adult wedge-tailed shearwaters during egg incubation and chick rearing on the Muiron Islands in January 2018. For the incubation trips, there was a strong consistency for the birds to travel towards seamounts, typically located north-west of the Muiron Islands, between Australia and Indonesia. One bird however remained south-west of the islands, in the Cape Range Canyon. A similar pattern to utilise areas associated with sea mounts was also observed for the long foraging trips during chick rearing, though some of the foraging was concentrated in deeper waters. A bimodal foraging strategy during chick-rearing was observed, with adults undertaking long foraging trips after a series of shorter foraging trips within the NWMR. Surman *et al*. (2018) reported most wedge-tailed shearwaters from the breeding colonies on the Houtman Abrolhos undertook extensive non-breeding migrations. This seabird species occupied waters adjacent or to the north of their nesting sites or migrated 4200 km north-west into the equatorial central Indian Ocean near the Ninety East Ridge during the non-breeding season (later April to mid-November). For the description and location of BIAs in the NWMR, refer to **Table 8-3** and **Figure 8-1**.
Flesh-footed shearwater	The species mainly occurs in the subtropics, over continental shelves and slopes and occasionally inshore waters, with individual birds pass through the tropics and over deeper waters during migration to the North Pacific and Indian oceans (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). They are a common visitor to the waters off southern Australia, from south-western WA to south-eastern Queensland. The fleshy-footed shearwater is a trans-equatorial migrant, breeding from late September to May off south-western Australia, and migrating north by early May, across the southern Indian and possibly Indonesia to the northern Pacific Ocean. No BIAs for the flesh-footed shearwater are located in the NWMR.
Streaked shearwater	The streaked shearwater has a broad distribution in the western Pacific Ocean, breeding on the coast and offshore islands of Japan, Russia, China and the Korean Peninsula. During winter months (non-breeding season), the species undertakes trans-equatorial migration to the coasts of Vietnam, New Guinea, the Philippines, Australia, southern India and Sri Lanka. The streaked shearwater feeds mainly on fish and squid that it catches by surface-seizing and shallow plunges (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). No BIAs for the streaked shearwater are located in the NWMR.
White-tailed tropicbird	Tropicbirds are predominately pelagic species and the white-tailed tropicbird forages in warm waters and over long distances (pan-tropical). The species is most common off north-west Australia. In the NWMR, this species is considered a sub-species and are limited in number and distribution. Nesting sites are known for Clerke Reef (Rowley Shoals) and Ashmore

Species	Key Information
	Reef. Christmas Island is also a known nesting site and the species can disperse several thousand kilometres during foraging trips. This species feeds mainly on fish and cephalopods, captured by deep plunge diving (Commonwealth of Australia, 2019). There are breeding BIAs at the Rowley Shoals and Ashmore Reef within the NWMR for the white-tailed tropicbird; refer to **Table 8-3**.
Silver gull	The silver gull is typically described as an inshore and coastal foraging seabird and has an Australian-wide distribution including locations within the NWMR. It is noted as it has been recorded on unmanned oil and gas platforms located within the NWS.

8.2.1 Biologically Important Areas in the NWMR

BIAs representing important life cycle stages and behaviours for eight species of seabird in the NWMR are presented in **Table 8-3**.

Table 8-3 Seabird BIAs within the NWMR

Seabird Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs			
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Breeding/foraging	Foraging	Breeding	Resting
Australia fairy tern	-	✓	✓	-	No foraging BIAs in the NWMR Foraging in high numbers: the BIA is located in the SWMR including the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	Dampier Archipelago, Montebello, Lowendal and Barrow Island Groups, south Ningaloo and barrier island of Shark Bay	-
Wedge-tailed shearwater	✓	✓	✓	Widespread area of the NWMR offshore and inshore waters	Foraging in high numbers: the BIA is located in the SWMR including the Houtman Abrolhos Islands	-	-
Great frigatebird	✓	-	-	Ashmore Reef, Adele Island	-	-	-
Lesser frigatebird	✓	✓	-	Off Eighty Mile Beach, Lacepedes, Adele Island, North Kimberley and Ashmore Reef	-	-	-
Brown booby	✓	✓	-	Off Eighty Mile Beach, Lacepedes, Adele Island, North Kimberley and Ashmore Reef	-	-	-
Red-footed booby	✓	-	-	Adele Island, Ashmore Reef	-	-	-
Little tern	✓	✓	-	Rowley Shoals, Adele Island	-	-	-
Roseate tern	✓	✓	✓	-	No foraging BIAs in the NWMR Foraging (provisioning young) and foraging BIAs located in the SWMR – Houtman Abrolhos Islands the	Dampier Archipelago, Montebello, Lowendal and Barrow Island Groups, south Ningaloo and barrier island of Shark Bay	Eighty Mile Beach

Seabird Species	Woodside Activity Area			BIAs			
	Browse	NWS/S	NWC	Breeding/foraging	Foraging	Breeding	Resting
					nearest BIA to the NWMR		
White-tailed tropicbird	✓	-	-			Rowley Shoals Ashmore Reef	

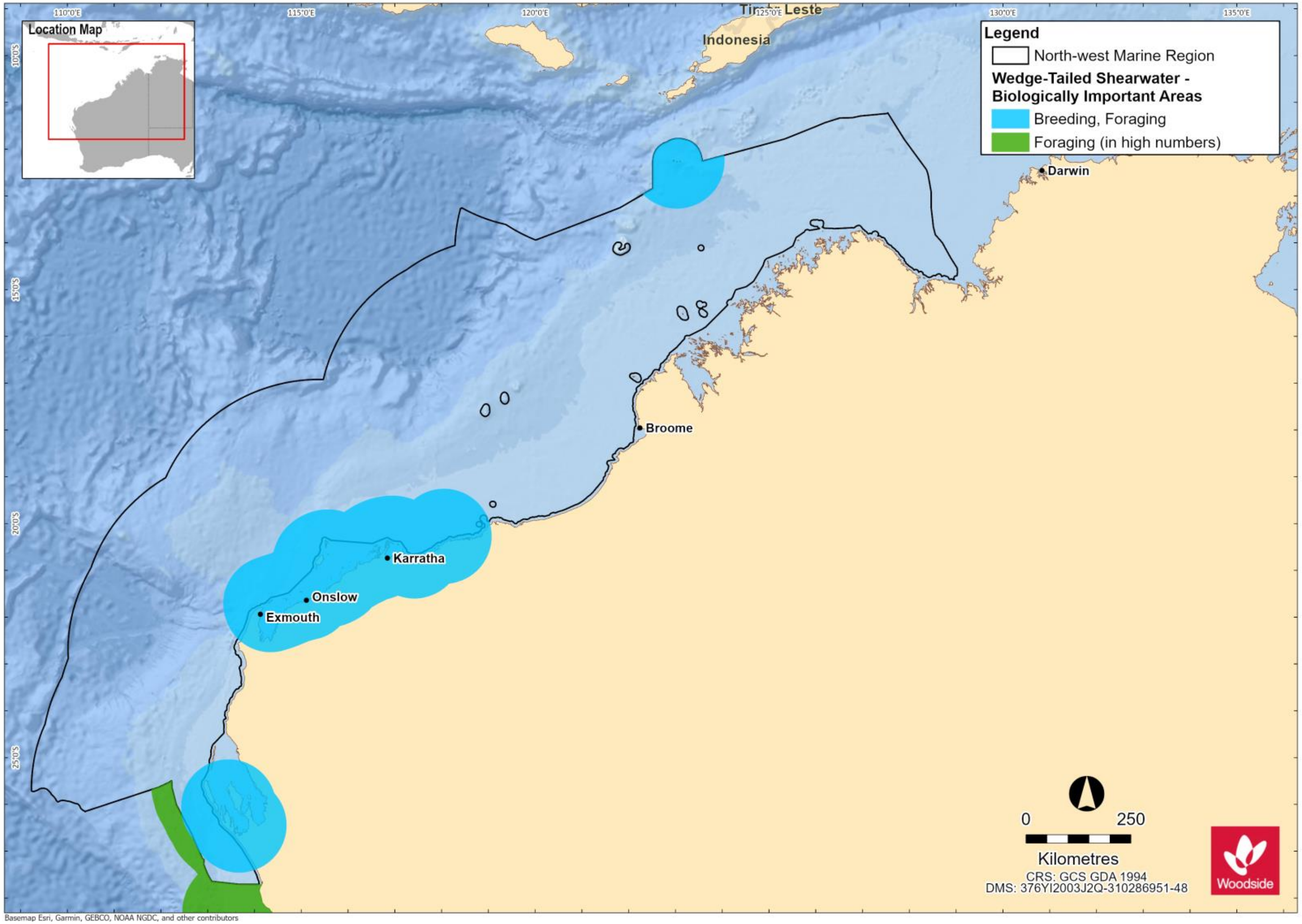

Figure 8-1 Wedge-tailed shearwater BIAs for the NWMR

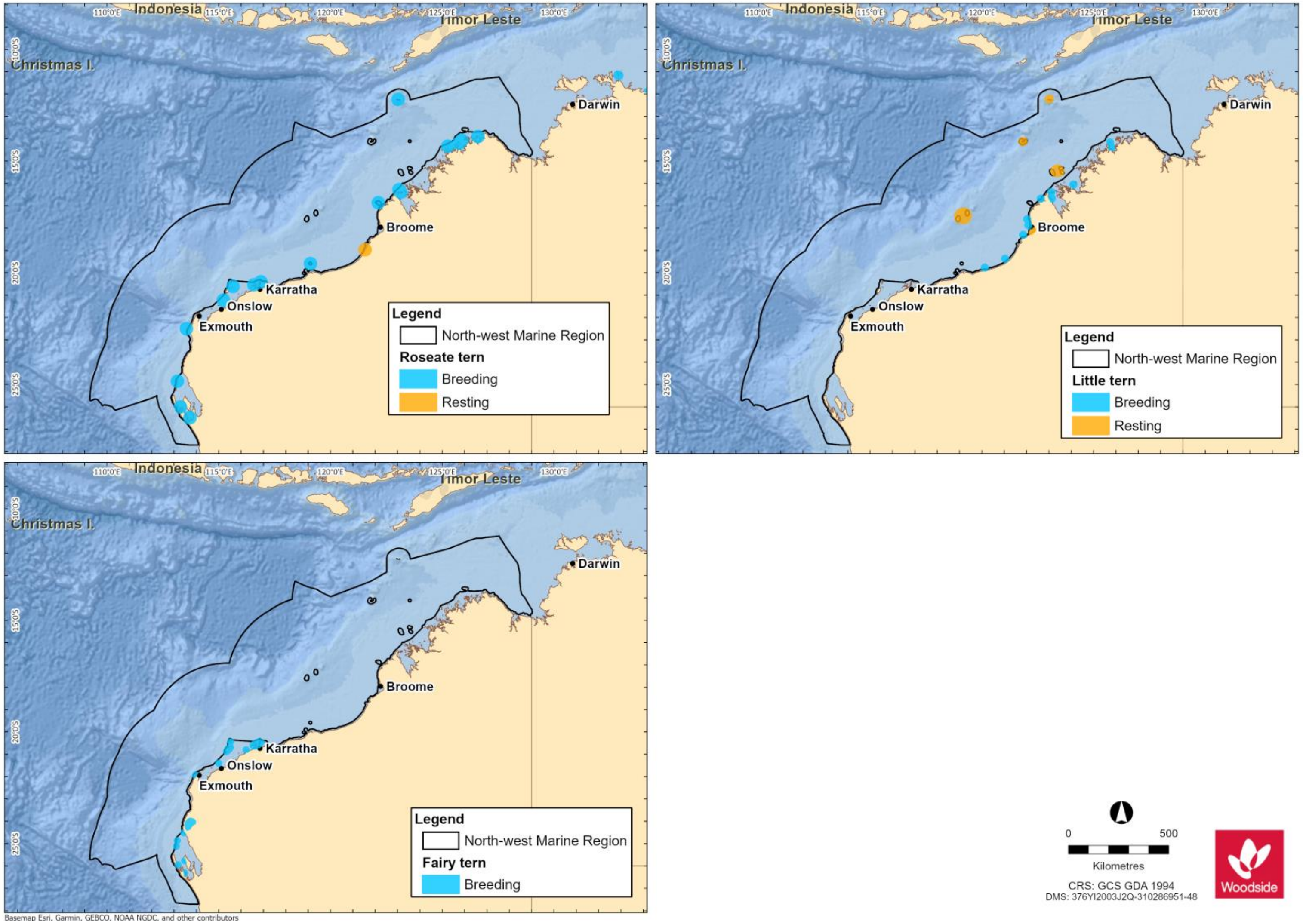

Figure 8-2 Tern species BIAs for the NWMR

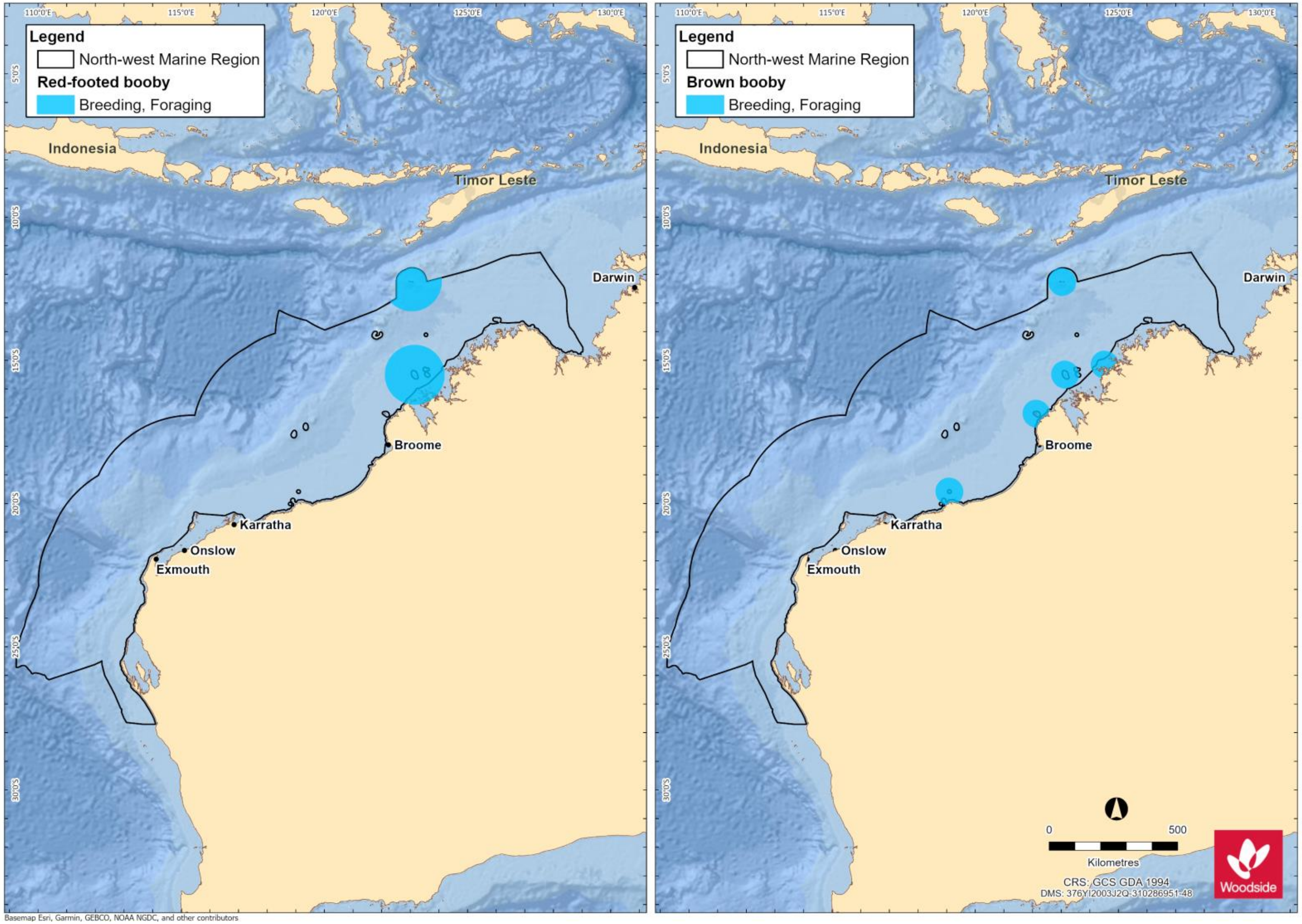

Figure 8-3 Red-footed and brown booby BIAs for the NWMR

8.2.2 Seabird Summary for NWMR

8.2.2.1 Browse

The Browse activity area includes biologically important habitat for seven threatened and/or migratory seabird species:

- wedge-tailed shearwater (breeding/foraging);
- great and lesser frigatebirds (breeding/foraging);
- brown booby (breeding/foraging);
- red-footed booby (breeding/foraging);
- little tern (breeding/foraging);
- roseate tern (breeding and resting); and,
- white-tailed tropicbird (breeding).

BIAs for the seabird species are outlined in **Table 8-3**.

8.2.2.2 NWS / Scarborough

The NWS / Scarborough activity area includes biologically important habitat for five threatened and/or migratory seabird species:

- wedge-tailed shearwater (breeding/foraging);
- lesser frigatebird (breeding/foraging);
- brown booby (breeding/foraging);
- little tern (breeding/foraging); and
- roseate tern (breeding and resting).

BIAs for the seabird species are outlined in **Table 8-3**.

8.2.2.3 North-west Cape

The North-west Cape activity area includes biologically important habitat for five threatened and/or migratory seabird species:

- Australian fairy tern (breeding);
- wedge-tailed shearwater (breeding/foraging); and
- roseate tern (breeding and resting).

BIAs for the seabird species are outlined in **Table 8-3**.

8.3 Shorebirds

Shorebirds (migratory and resident species) are generally associated with wetland or coastal environments, and the NWMR hosts a large number of many shorebird species, particularly in the Austral summer (refer to **Appendix A** for the EPBC Act PMST reports on listed species of shorebirds). Shorebirds may use coastal environments for feeding, nesting or migratory stopovers. In coastal environments, shorebirds generally feed during low tide on exposed intertidal mud and sand flats, and roost in suitable habitat above the high water mark. Many shorebird species undergo annual migrations, typically breeding at high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere and migrating south for the non-breeding season and Australia is part of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway (EAAF). The EAAF extends from breeding grounds in the Russian tundra, Mongolia and Alaska southwards through east and south-east Asia, to non-breeding areas of Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand (Weller and Lee, 2017). The EAAF is of most relevance to the NWMR. There are 37 species of shorebird which annually migrate to Australia via the EAAF and 36 of these species spend the austral summer (non-breeding season) foraging and roosting in coastal and wetland habitats (Commonwealth of Australia, 2015c; Weller and Lee, 2017).

Ashmore Reef is documented as a BIA for migratory shorebirds in the NWMR (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

Table 8-4. Information on threatened/migratory shorebird species of the NWMR

Species	Key Information
Shorebirds	
Eastern curlew, Far eastern curlew	This species is the largest, migratory shorebird in the world, with a long neck, long legs and a very long downcurved bill and is a long-haul flyer. The eastern curlew is a coastal species with a continuous distribution north from Barrow Island to the Kimberley region. The species is endemic to the EAAF and is a non-breeding visitor to Australia from August to March, primarily foraging on crabs and molluscs in intertidal mudflats. During the non-breeding season in Australia, this species is most associated with sheltered coasts, especially estuaries, bays, harbours, inlets and coastal lagoons, with large intertidal mudflats or sandflats, often with beds of seagrass (DOE, 2015a).
Curlew sandpiper	The curlew sandpiper breeds in northern Siberia but has a non-breeding range that extends from western Africa to Australia, with small numbers reaching New Zealand (Bamford *et al*., 2008). In Australia, curlew sandpipers occur around the coasts and are also quite widespread inland, though in smaller numbers. Records occur in all states and the NT during the non-breeding period, and also during the breeding season when many non-breeding one-year old birds remain in Australia rather than migrating north along the EAAF. The species preferred habitat for foraging is mudflats and nearby shallow waters in sheltered coastal areas such as estuaries, bay, inlets and lagoons (DOE, 2015b).
Great knot	The great knot breeds in the Northern Hemisphere and undertakes biannual migrations along the EAAF to non-breeding habitat in Australia. The great knot winters in Australia and has been recorded around the entirety of the Australian coast the greatest numbers are found in northern Western Australia (Pilbara (Dampier Archipelago) and Kimberley and the Northern Territory. In Australia, this species prefers sheltered, coastal habitat with large intertidal mudflats or sandflats (inkling inlets, bays, harbours, estuaries and lagoons). High numbers (exceeding several thousand birds are regularly recorded from Roebuck Bay. The great knot feeds on a variety of invertebrates by pecking at or just below the surface of moist mud or sand (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016a).
Bar-tailed godwit (*menzbieri*)	The bar-tailed godwit is a large, migratory shorebird and there are two sub-species in the EAAF (*Limosa lapponica baueri* and *L. l. menzbieri*). The sub-species *L. l. menzbieri* breeds in northern Siberia and spends its non-breeding period mostly in the north of WA but also in South-east Asia. The bar-tailed godwit (*menzbieri*) usually forages near the water in shallow water, mainly in tidal estuaries and harbours with a preference for exposed sandy or soft mud substrates on intertidal flats, banks and beaches (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016c).
Red knot (*piersmai*)	This species is a small to medium migratory shorebird. There are two sub-species that cannot be distinguished from each other in nonbreeding plumage, however, *Calidris canutus piersmai* tend to overwinter almost exclusively in north-west Australia. The red knot migrates long distances from breeding grounds in high northern latitudes, where it breeds during the boreal summer, to the Southern Hemisphere during the austral summer with migration along the EAAF. Very large numbers are recorded for the north-west Australia and is common in all suitable habitats around the coast, including inland clay pans near Roebuck Bay (where the species roosts). The red knot usually forages in soft substrate along the waters edge on intertidal mudflats, sandflats and sandy beaches of sheltered coasts (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016b).
Lesser sand plover	The lesser sand plover is a small to medium shorebird and one of 36 migratory shorebirds that breed in the Northern Hemisphere during the boreal summer and are known to annually migrate to the non-breeding grounds of Australia along the EAAF for the austral summer. There are five different sub-species and it is most likely the non-breeding ranges of the sub-species *Charadrius m. mongolus* overlaps with the NWMR. This species is widespread in coastal regions, preferring sandy beaches, mudflats of coastal bays and estuaries (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016e).
Greater sand plover	The greater sand plover is a small to medium shorebird and in its non-breeding plumage is difficult to distinguish from the lesser sand plover. This species breeds in the Northern

Species	Key Information
	Hemisphere and undertakes annual migrations to and from Southern Hemisphere feeding grounds in the austral summer along the EAAF. The species distribution in Australia during the non-breeding season is widespread, in WA the greater sand plover is widespread between Northwest Cape and Roebuck Bay (Threatened Species Scientific Committee, 2016d).

9. KEY ECOLOGICAL FEATURES

Key ecological features (KEFs) are elements of the Commonwealth marine environment that are considered to be important for a marine region's biodiversity or ecosystem function and integrity. KEFs have been identified by the Australian Government based on advice from scientists about the ecological processes and characteristics of the area.

KEFs meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a species, group of species, or a community with a regionally important ecological role (e.g. a predator, prey that affects a large biomass or number of other marine species),
- a species, group of species or a community that is nationally or regionally important for biodiversity,
- an area or habitat that is nationally or regionally important for:
  - enhanced or high productivity (such as predictable upwellings – an upwelling occurs when cold nutrient-rich waters from the bottom of the ocean rise to the surface),
  - aggregations of marine life (such as feeding, resting, breeding or nursery areas), or
  - biodiversity and endemism (species which only occur in a specific area),
- a unique seafloor feature, with known or presumed ecological properties of regional significance.

Thirteen KEFs are designated within the NWMR, twelve KEFs within the SWMR and eight KEFs within the NMR. These KEFs have been identified in the Protected Matters search (**Appendix A**) and outlined in **Table 9-1, Table 9-2** and **Table 9-3,** and **Figure 9-1, Figure 9-2** and **Figure 9-3**.

Table 9-1 Key Ecological Features (KEF) within the NWMR

KEF Name	Woodside Activity Area			Values[1]	Description
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape		
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf	✓	-	-	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance Regionally important because of their role in enhancing biodiversity and local productivity relative to their surrounds. The carbonate banks and terraces provide areas of hard substrate in an otherwise soft sediment environment which are important for sessile species	The Carbonate banks and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf are located in the western Joseph Bonaparte Gulf and to the north of Cape Bougainville and Cape Londonderry. The carbonate banks and terraces are part of a larger complex of banks and terraces that occurs on the Van Diemen Rise in the adjacent NMR. The bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise covers approximately 31,278 km^2 and forms part of the larger system associated with the Sahul Banks to the north and Londonderry Rise to the east. The feature is characterised by terrace, banks, channels and valleys (DSEWPAC, 2012c). The banks, ridges and terraces of the Van Diemen Rise are raised geomorphic features with relatively high proportions of hard substrate that support sponge and octocoral gardens. These, in turn, provide habitat to other epifauna, by providing structure in an otherwise flat environment (Przeslawski *et al.*, 2011). Plains and valleys are characterised by scattered epifauna and infauna that include polychaetes and ascidians. These epibenthic communities support higher order species such as olive ridley turtles, sea snakes and sharks (DSEWPAC, 2012c)
Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin	✓	-	-	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance Provide areas of hard substrate in an otherwise soft sediment environment and so are important for sessile species Recognised as a biodiversity hotspot for sponges The Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin KEF is located within both the NWMR and NMR (refer **Table 9-3**)	The Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin provide areas of hard substrate in an otherwise relatively featureless environment, the pinnacles are likely to support a high number of species, although a better understanding of the species richness and diversity associated with these structures is required (DSEWPAC, 2012a, 2012c). Covering >520 km^2 within the Bonaparte Basin, this feature contains the largest concentration of pinnacles along the Australian margin. The Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin are thought to be the eroded remnants of underlying strata; it is likely that the vertical walls generate local upwelling of nutrient-rich water, leading to phytoplankton productivity that attracts aggregations of planktivorous and predatory fish, seabirds, and foraging turtles (DSEWPAC, 2012a, 2012c).
Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters	✓	-	-	High productivity, biodiversity and aggregation of marine life that apply to both the benthic and pelagic habitats within the feature	Ashmore Reef is the largest of only three emergent oceanic reefs present in the north-eastern Indian Ocean and is the only oceanic reef in the region with vegetated islands. Ashmore contains a large reef shelf, two large lagoons, several channelled carbonate sand flats, shifting sand cays, an extensive reef flat, three vegetated islands—East, Middle and West islands—and

KEF Name	Woodside Activity Area			Values[1]	Description
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape		
					surrounding waters. Rising from a depth of more than 100 m, the reef platform is at the edge of the NWS and covers an area of 239 km². Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and the surrounding Commonwealth waters are regionally important for feeding and breeding aggregations of birds and other marine life; they are areas of enhanced primary productivity in an otherwise low-nutrient environment (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Ashmore Reef supports the highest number of coral species of any reef off the WA coast.
Seringapatam Reef and the Commonwealth waters in the Scott Reef complex	✓	-	-	Support diverse aggregations of marine life, have high primary productivity relative to other parts of the region, are relatively pristine and have high species richness, which apply to both the benthic and pelagic habitats within the feature	Seringapatam Reef and the Commonwealth waters in the Scott Reef complex are regionally important in supporting the diverse aggregations of marine life, high primary productivity, and high species richness associated with the reefs themselves. As two of the few offshore reefs in the north-west, they provide an important biophysical environment in the region (DSEWPAC, 2012a).
Continental slope demersal fish communities	✓	✓	✓	High biodiversity of demersal fish assemblages, including high levels of endemism	The diversity of demersal fish assemblages on the continental slope in the Timor Province, the Northwest Transition and the North-west Province is high compared to elsewhere along the Australian continental slope (DSEWPAC, 2012a). The continental slope between North-west Cape and the Montebello Trough has more than 500 fish species, 76 of which are endemic, which makes it the most diverse slope bioregion in Australia (Last *et al.*, 2005). The slope of the Timor Province and the Northwest Transition also contains more than 500 species of demersal fishes of which 64 are considered endemic (Last *et al.*, 2005), making it the second richest area for demersal fishes throughout the whole continental slope. Demersal fish species occupy two distinct demersal biomes associated with the upper slope (225–500 m water depths) and the mid-slope (750–1000 m). Although poorly known, it is suggested that the demersal slope communities rely on bacteria and detritus-based systems comprised of infauna and epifauna, which in turn become prey for a range of teleost fishes, molluscs and crustaceans (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Higher-order consumers may include carnivorous fishes, deepwater sharks, large squid, and toothed whales (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Pelagic production is phytoplankton-based, with hot spots around oceanic reefs and islands (Brewer *et al.*, 2007).

KEF Name	Woodside Activity Area			Values[1]	Description
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape		
Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour	✓	✓	✓	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance Provides areas of hard substrate and therefore may provide sites for higher diversity and enhanced species richness relative to surrounding areas of predominantly soft sediment	Several steps and terraces as a result of Holocene sea level changes occur in the region, with the most prominent of these features occurring as an escarpment along the NWMR and Sahul Shelf at a water depth of 125 m. The Ancient Coastline is not continuous throughout the NWMR and coincides with a well-documented eustatic stillstand at about 130 m worldwide (Falkner *et al.*, 2009). Where the Ancient Coastline provides areas of hard substrate, it may contribute to higher diversity and enhanced species richness relative to soft sediment habitat (Falkner *et al.*, 2009). Parts of the Ancient Coastline, represented as rocky escarpment, are considered to provide biologically important habitat in an area predominantly made up of soft sediment. The escarpment type features may also potentially facilitate mixing within the water column due to upwelling, providing a nutrient-rich environment. Although the Ancient Coastline adds additional habitat types to a representative system, the habitat types are not unique to the coastline as they are widespread on the upper shelf (Falkner *et al.*, 2009)
Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain and Scott Plateau	-	✓	-	Facilitates nutrient upwelling, creating enhanced productivity and encouraging diverse aggregations of marine life	Interactions with the Leeuwin Current and strong internal tides are thought to result in upwelling at the canyon heads, thus creating conditions for enhanced productivity in the region (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). As a result, aggregations of whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales, sea snakes, sharks, predatory fishes and seabirds are known to occur in the area due to its enhanced productivity (Sleeman *et al.*, 2007).
Glomar Shoal	-	✓	-	An area of high productivity and aggregations of marine life including commercial and recreational fish species	Glomar Shoal is a submerged littoral feature located about 150 km north of Dampier on the Rowley shelf at depths of 33–77 m (Falkner *et al.*, 2009). Studies by Abdul Wahab *et al.* (2018) found a number of hard coral and sponge species in water depths less than 40 m. One hundred and seventy (170) different species of fishes were detected with greatest species richness and abundance in shallow habitats (Abdul Wahab *et al.*, 2018). Fish species present include a number of commercial and recreational species such as Rankin cod, brown striped snapper, red emperor, crimson snapper, bream and yellow-spotted triggerfish (Falkner *et al.*, 2009; Fletcher and Santoro, 2009). These species have recorded high catch rates associated with Glomar Shoal, indicating that the shoal is likely to be an area of high productivity.

KEF Name	Woodside Activity Area			Values[1]	Description
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape		
Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals	-	✓	-	Regionally important in supporting high species richness, higher productivity and aggregations of marine life	The Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding the Rowley Shoals KEF and is adjacent to the three nautical mile State waters limit surrounding Clerke and Imperieuse reefs, and include the Mermaid Reef Marine Park as described in **Section 10**. The reefs provide a distinctive biophysical environment in the region. They have steep and distinct reef slopes and associated fish communities. In evolutionary terms, the reefs may play a role in supplying coral and fish larvae to reefs further south via the southward flowing Indonesian Throughflow. Both coral communities and fish assemblages differ from similar habitats in eastern Australia (Done *et al.*, 1994).
Exmouth Plateau	-	✓	✓	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance, which apply to both benthic and pelagic habitats Likely to be an important area of biodiversity as it provides an extended area offshore for communities adapted to depths of approximately 1000 m	The Exmouth Plateau is a large, mid-slope, continental margin plateau that lies off the northwest coast of Australia. It ranges in depth from about 500 to more than 5000 m and is a major structural element of the Carnarvon Basin (Miyazaki and Stagg, 2013). The large size of the Exmouth Plateau and its expansive surface may modify deep water flow and be associated with the generation of internal tides; both of which may subsequently contribute to the upwelling of deeper, nutrient-rich waters closer to the surface (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Satellite observations suggest that productivity is enhanced along the northern and southern boundaries of the plateau (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Sediments on the plateau suggest that biological communities include scavengers, benthic filter feeders and epifauna (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Fauna in the pelagic waters above the plateau are likely to include small pelagic species and nekton attracted to seasonal upwellings, as well as larger predators such as billfishes, sharks and dolphins (Brewer *et al.*, 2007). Protected and migratory species are also known to pass through the region, including whale sharks and cetaceans.
Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula	-	-	✓	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance The feature is an area of moderately enhanced productivity, attracting aggregations of fish and higher-order consumers such as large predatory	The canyons are associated with upwelling as they channel deep water from the Cuvier Abyssal Plain up onto the slope. This nutrient-rich water interacts with the Leeuwin Current at the canyon heads (DSEWPAC, 2012a). Aggregations of whale sharks, manta rays, sea snakes, sharks, large predatory fish, and seabirds are known to occur in this area.

KEF Name	Woodside Activity Area			Values[1]	Description
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape		
				fish, sharks, toothed whales and dolphins Likely to be important due to their historical association with sperm whale aggregations	
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	-	-	✓	High productivity and diverse aggregations of marine life The Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef and associated canyons and plateau are interconnected and support the high productivity and species richness of Ningaloo Reef, globally significant as the only extensive coral reef in the world that fringes the west coast of a continent	The Leeuwin and Ningaloo currents interact, leading to areas of enhanced productivity in the Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef. Aggregations of whale sharks, manta rays, humpback whales, sea snakes, sharks, large predatory fish, and seabirds are known to occur in this area (DSEWPAC, 2012a). The spatial boundary of this KEF, as defined in the NCVA, is defined as the waters contained in the existing Ningaloo AMP provided in **Section 10**.
Wallaby Saddle	-	-	✓	High productivity and aggregations of marine life: Representing almost the entire area of this type of geomorphic feature in the NWMR. It is a unique habitat that neither occurs anywhere else nearby (within hundreds of kilometres) nor with as large an area (Falkner *et al.* 2009)	The Wallaby Saddle may be an area of enhanced productivity. Historical whaling records provide evidence of sperm whale aggregations in the area of the Wallaby Saddle, possibly due to the enhanced productivity of the area and aggregations of baitfish (DSEWPAC, 2012a).

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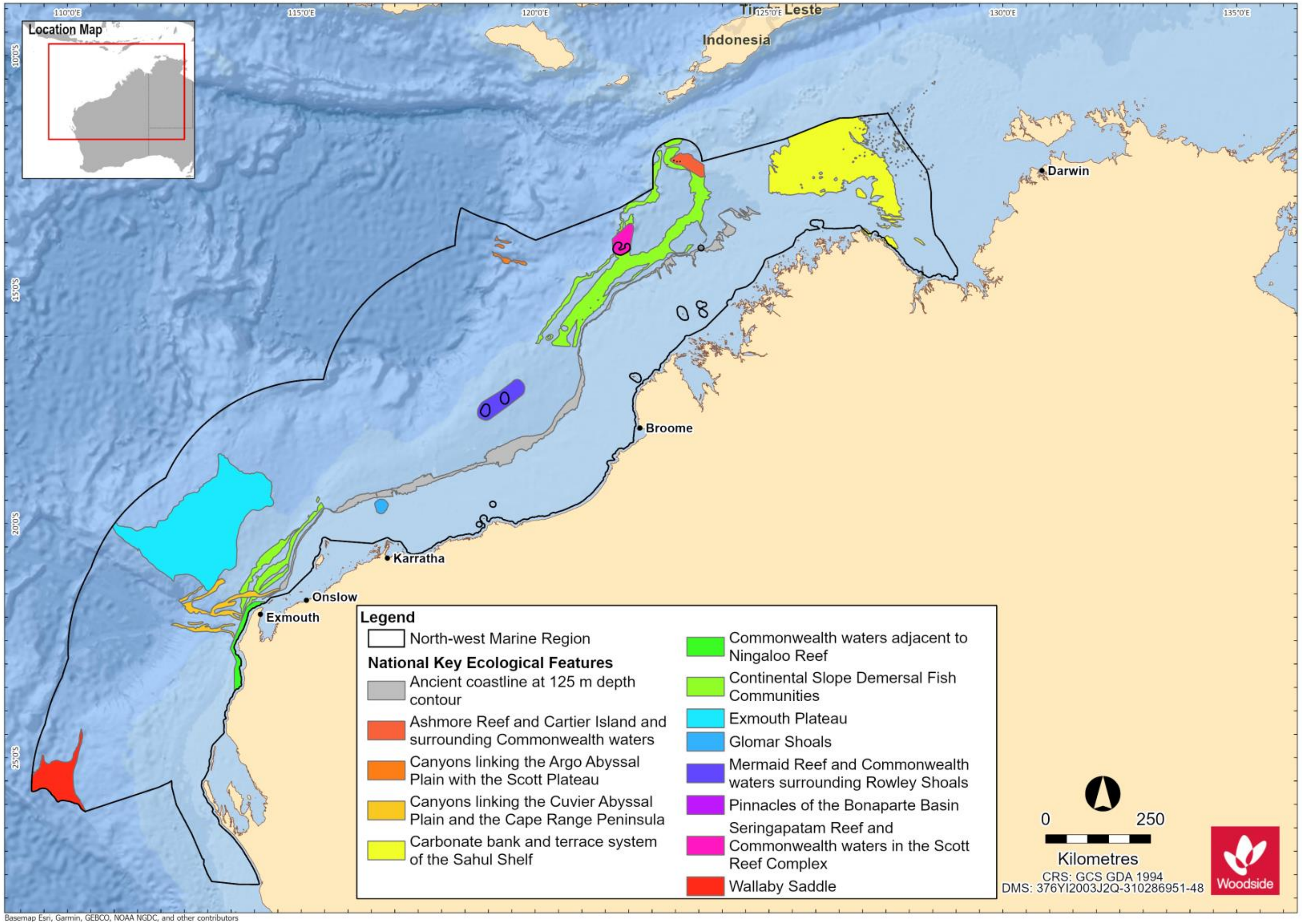

Figure 9-1 Key Ecological Features (KEFs) within the NWMR.

Table 9-2 Key Ecological Features (KEF) within the SWMR

KEF Name	Values[1]	Description
Albany Canyons group and adjacent shelf break	High productivity and aggregations of marine life, and unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance Both benthic and demersal habitats within the feature are of conservation value	The Albany Canyons group is thought to be associated with small, periodic subsurface upwelling events, which may drive localised regions of high productivity. The canyons are known to be a feeding area for sperm whale and sites of orange roughy aggregations. Anecdotal evidence also indicates that this area supports fish aggregations that attract large predatory fish and sharks.
Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth	Relatively high productivity and aggregations of marine life, and high levels of biodiversity and endemism The feature creates topographic complexity, that may facilitate benthic biodiversity and enhanced biological productivity	Benthic biodiversity and productivity occur where the ancient coastline forms a prominent escarpment, such as in the western Great Australian Bight, where the sea floor is dominated by sponge communities of significant biodiversity and structural complexity.
Cape Mentelle upwelling	Facilitates nutrient upwelling, supporting high productivity and diverse aggregations of marine life	The Cape Mentelle upwelling draws relatively nutrient-rich water from the base of the Leeuwin Current, up the continental slope and onto the inner continental shelf, where it results in phytoplankton blooms at the surface. The phytoplankton blooms provide the basis for an extended food chain characterised by feeding aggregations of small pelagic fish, larger predatory fish, seabirds, dolphins and sharks.
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands (and adjacent shelf break)	High levels of biodiversity and endemism within benthic and pelagic habitats	The Houtman Abrolhos Islands and surrounding reefs support a unique mix of temperate and tropical species, resulting from the southward transport of species by the Leeuwin Current over thousands of years. The Houtman Abrolhos Islands are the largest seabird breeding station in the eastern Indian Ocean. They support more than one million pairs of breeding seabirds.

KEF Name	Values[1]	Description
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Recherche Archipelago	Aggregations of marine life and high levels of biodiversity and endemism within benthic and demersal communities	The Recherche Archipelago is the most extensive area of reef in the SWMR. Its reef and seagrass habitat supports a high species diversity of warm temperate species, including 263 known species of fish, 347 known species of molluscs, 300 known species of sponges, and 242 known species of macroalgae. The islands also provide haul-out (resting areas) and breeding sites for Australian sea lions and New Zealand fur seals.
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west-coast inshore lagoons	High productivity and aggregations of marine life within benthic and pelagic habitats Important for benthic productivity and recruitment for a range of marine species	These lagoons are important for benthic productivity, including macroalgae and seagrass communities, and breeding and nursery aggregations for many temperate and tropical marine species. They are important areas for the recruitment of commercially and recreationally important fish species. Extensive schools of migratory fish visit the area annually, including herring, garfish, tailor and Australian salmon.
Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to Geographe Bay	High productivity and aggregations of marine life, and high levels of biodiversity, recruitment within benthic and pelagic communities	Geographe Bay is known for its extensive beds of tropical and temperate seagrass that support a diversity of species, many of them not found anywhere else. The bay provides important nursery habitat for many species. Juvenile dusky whaler sharks use the shallow seagrass habitat as nursery grounds for several years, before ranging out to adult feeding grounds along the shelf break. The seagrass also provides valuable habitat for fish and invertebrates (Carruthers *et al.*, 2007). It is also an important resting area for migratory humpback whales.
Diamantina Fracture Zone	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance which apply to its benthic and demersal habitats	The Diamantina Fracture Zone is a rugged, deep- water environment of seamounts and numerous closely spaced troughs and ridges. Very little is known about the ecology of this remote, deep- water feature, but marine experts suggest that its size and physical complexity mean that it is likely to support deep-water communities characterised by high species diversity, with many species found nowhere else.
Naturaliste Plateau	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance including high species diversity and endemism which apply to its benthic and demersal habitats	The Naturaliste Plateau is Australia's deepest temperate marginal plateau. The combination of its structural complexity, mixed water dynamics and relative isolation indicate that it supports deep- water communities with high species diversity and endemism.
Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west-coast canyons	An area of higher productivity that attracts feeding aggregations of deep-diving mammals and large predatory fish. It is also recognised as a unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance	The Perth Canyon is the largest known undersea canyon in Australian waters. Deep ocean currents rise to the surface, creating a nutrient-rich cold- water habitat attracting feeding aggregations of deep-diving mammals, such as pygmy blue whales and large predatory fish that feed on aggregations of small fish, krill and squid.

KEF Name	Values[1]	Description
Western demersal slope and associated fish communities of the Central Western Province	Provides important habitat for demersal fish communities and supports species groups that are nationally or regionally important to biodiversity	The western demersal slope provides important habitat for demersal fish communities, with a high level of diversity and endemism. A diverse assemblage of demersal fish species below a depth of 400 m is dominated by relatively small benthic species such as grenadiers, dogfish and cucumber fish. Unlike other slope fish communities in Australia, many of these species display unique physical adaptations to feed on the sea floor (such as a mouth position adapted to bottom feeding), and many do not appear to migrate vertically in their daily feeding habits.
Western rock lobster	A species that plays a regionally important ecological role	This species is the dominant large benthic invertebrate in the region. The lobster plays an important trophic role in many of the inshore ecosystems of the SWMR. Western rock lobsters are an important part of the food web on the inner shelf, particularly as juveniles.

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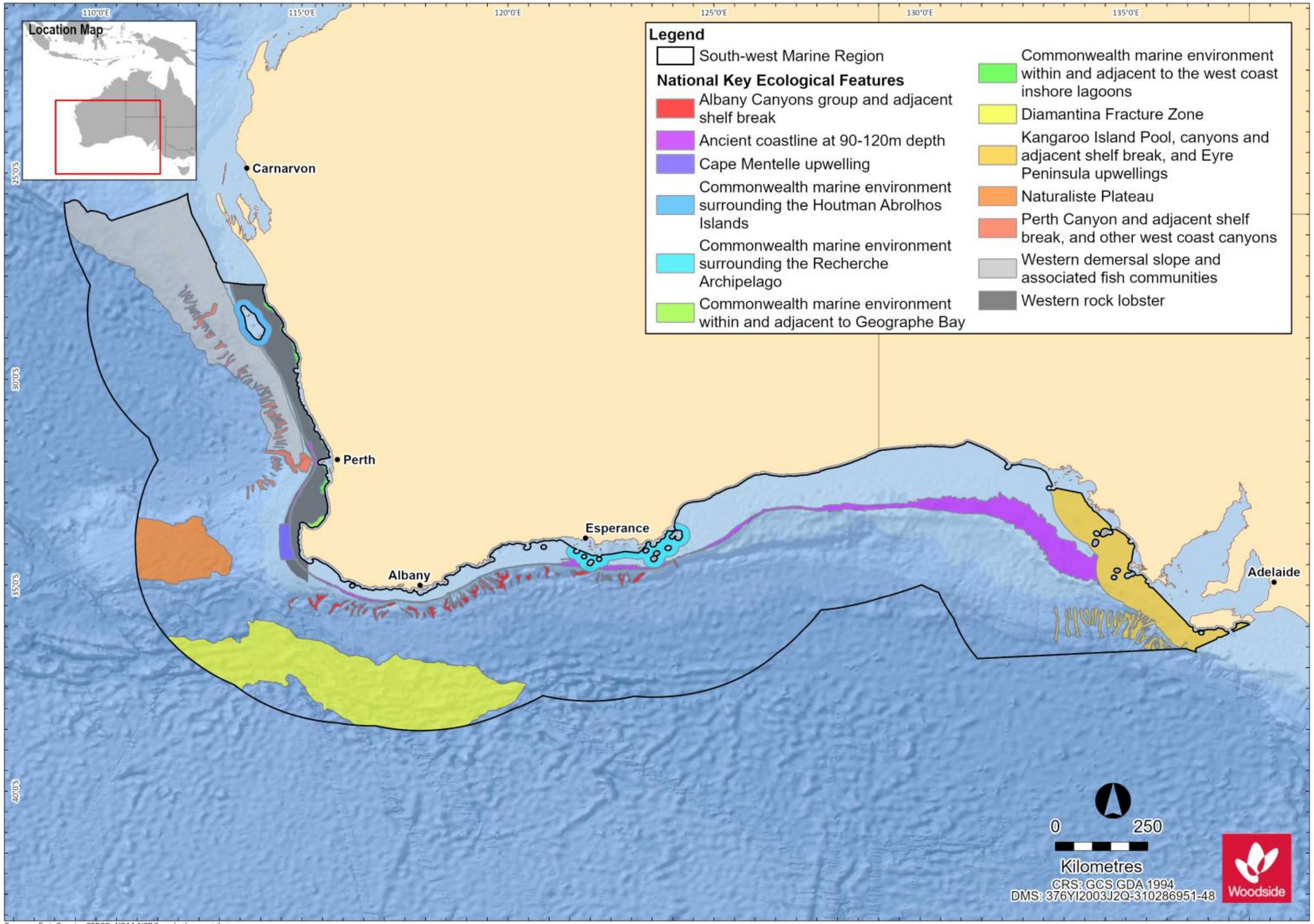

Figure 9-2. Key Ecological Features (KEFs) within the SWMR

Table 9-3 Key Ecological Features (KEF) within the NMR

KEF Name	Values[1]	Description
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise	Important for its role in enhancing biodiversity and local productivity relative to its surrounds and for supporting relatively high species diversity The feature has been identified as a sponge biodiversity hotspot (Przeslawski *et al.* 2014)	The bank and terrace system of the Van Diemen Rise is part of the larger system associated with the Sahul Banks to the north and Londonderry Rise to the east; it is characterised by terrace, banks, channels and valleys. The variability in water depth and substrate composition may contribute to the presence of unique ecosystems in the channels. Species present include sponges, soft corals and other sessile filter feeders associated with hard substrate sediments of the deep channels; epifauna and infauna include polychaetes and ascidians. Olive ridley turtles, sea snakes and sharks are also found associated with this feature.
Gulf of Carpentaria basin	Regional importance for biodiversity, endemism and aggregations of marine life relevant to benthic and pelagic habitats	The Gulf of Carpentaria basin is one of the few remaining near-pristine marine environments in the world. Primary productivity in the Gulf of Carpentaria basin is mainly driven by cyanobacteria that fix nitrogen but is also strongly influenced by seasonal processes. The soft sediments of the basin are characterised by moderately abundant and diverse communities of infauna and mobile epifauna dominated by polychaetes, crustaceans, molluscs, and echinoderms. The basin also supports assemblages of pelagic fish species including planktivorous and schooling fish, with top predators such as shark, snapper, tuna, and mackerel.
Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone	High productivity, aggregations of marine life (including several endemic species) and high biodiversity compared to broader region	Nutrient inflow from rivers adjacent to the NMR generates higher productivity and more diverse and abundant biota within the Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone than elsewhere in the region. The coastal zone is near pristine and supports many protected species such as marine turtles, dugongs, and sawfishes. Ecosystem processes and connectivity remain intact; river flows are mostly uninterrupted by artificial barriers and healthy, diverse estuarine and coastal ecosystems support many species that move between freshwater and saltwater environments.
Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin	Unique seafloor feature with ecological properties of regional significance Provide areas of hard substrate in an otherwise soft sediment environment and so are important for sessile species Recognised as a biodiversity hotspot for sponges The Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin KEF is located within both the NWMR and NMR (refer **Table 9-1**)	Covering more than 520 km^2 within the Bonaparte Basin, this feature contains the largest concentration of pinnacles along the Australian margin. The Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin are thought to be the eroded remnants of underlying strata; it is likely that the vertical walls generate local upwelling of nutrient-rich water, leading to phytoplankton productivity that attracts aggregations of planktivorous and predatory fish, seabirds and foraging turtles.

KEF Name	Values[1]	Description
Plateaux and saddle north-west of the Wellesley Islands	High species abundance, diversity and endemism of marine life	Abundance and species density are high in the plateaux and saddle as a result of increased biological productivity associated with habitats rather than currents. Submerged reefs support corals that are typical of northern Australia, including corals that have bleach-resistant zooxanthellae; and particular reef fish species that are different to those found elsewhere in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Species present include marine turtles and reef fish such as coral trout, cod, mackerel, and shark. Seabirds frequent the plateaux and saddle, most likely due to the presence of predictable food resources for feeding offspring.
Shelf break and slope of the Arafura Shelf	The Shelf break and slope of the Arafura Shelf is defined as a key ecological feature for its ecological significance associated with productivity emanating from the slope It also forms part of a unique biogeographic province (Last *et al.*, 2005)	The shelf break and slope of the Arafura Shelf is characterised by continental slope and patch reefs and hard substrate pinnacles. The ecosystem processes of the feature are largely unknown in the region; however, the Indonesian Throughflow and surface wind-driven circulation are likely to influence nutrients, pelagic dispersal and species and biological productivity in the region. Biota associated with the feature is largely of Timor–Indonesian Malay affinity.
Submerged coral reefs of the Gulf of Carpentaria	High aggregations of marine life, biodiversity and endemism Twenty per cent of the reefs found in the NMR are situated within this KEF (Harris *et al.*, 2007)	The submerged coral reefs of the Gulf of Carpentaria are characterised by submerged patch, platform and barrier reefs that form a broken margin around the perimeter of the Gulf of Carpentaria basin, rising from the sea floor at depths of 30–50 m. These reefs provide breeding and aggregation areas for many fish species including mackerel and snapper and offer refuges for sea snakes and apex predators such as sharks. Coral trout species that inhabit the submerged reefs are smaller than those found in the Great Barrier Reef and may prove to be an endemic sub-species.
Tributary Canyons of the Arafura Depression	High productivity and high levels of species diversity and endemism of marine life within the benthic and pelagic habitats of the feature	The tributary canyons are approximately 80–100 m deep and 20 km wide. The largest of the canyons extend some 400 km from Cape Wessel into the Arafura Depression, and are the remnants of a drowned river system that existed during the Pleistocene era. Sediments in this feature are mainly calcium-carbonate rich, although sediment type varies from sandy substrate to soft muddy sediments and hard, rocky substrate. Marine turtles, deep sea sponges, barnacles and stalked crinoids have all been identified in the area.

[1.] Values description sourced from Marine bioregional plan for the North Marine Region (DSEWPAC, 2012c) and Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) SPRAT database.

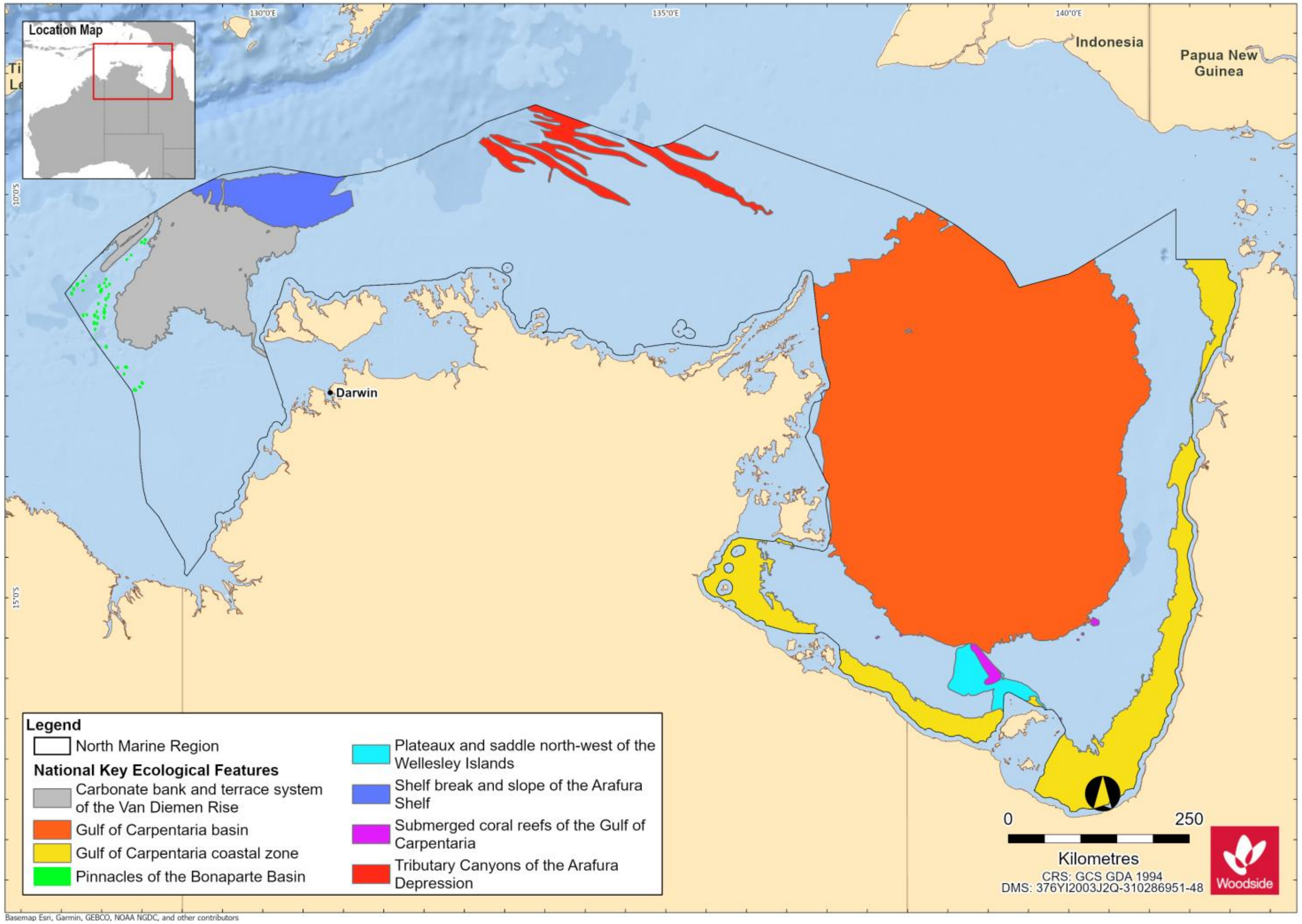

Figure 9-3. Key Ecological Features (KEFs) within the NMR

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10. PROTECTED AREAS

10.1 Regional Context

Protected areas included World Heritage Properties, National Heritage Places, Wetlands of International Importance, Australian Marine Parks, State Marine Parks and Reserves, Threatened Ecological Communities and the Australian Whale Sanctuary. The PMST Reports (**Appendix A**) shows that there are twenty-nine protected areas found in the NWMR, eighteen in the SWMR and nine in the NMR.

Table 10-1, Table 10-2 and **Table 10-3** outline the protected areas of each of the marine regions NWMR, SWMR and NMR, respectively.

10.2 World Heritage Properties

Properties nominated for World Heritage listing are inscribed on the list only after they have been carefully assessed as representing the best examples of the world's cultural and natural heritage. Only World Heritage listings classed as natural are discussed in this section. World Heritage sites classed as cultural are discussed in **Section 11**.

The list of Australia's World Heritage Properties and the PMST Reports (**Appendix A**) show two World Heritage Properties within the NWMR (**Table 10-1**), no World Heritage Properties within the SWMR (**Table 10-2),** and though not reported in the NMR PMST Report, Kakadu National Park and World Heritage Area is included in **Table 10-3**.

10.3 National and Commonwealth Heritage Places - Natural

The National Heritage List is Australia's list of natural, historic, and Indigenous places of outstanding significance to the nation. The National Heritage List Spatial Database describes the place name, class (Indigenous, natural, historic), and status. Commonwealth Heritage Places are a collection of sites recognised for their Indigenous, historical and/or natural values which are owned or controlled by the Australian Government.

Only National and Commonwealth Heritage Places classed as natural are discussed in this section. Heritage Places classed as indigenous or historic are discussed in **Section 11**.

A search of the National Heritage List Spatial Database and the PMST Reports (**Appendix A**) identified three natural National Heritage Places in the NWMR (**Table 10-1**), three in the SWMR (**Table 10-2**) and for the NMR, Kakadu National Park (not included in the PMST report) is included in **Table 10-3**.

A search of the Commonwealth Heritage List identified four natural commonwealth heritage places within the NWMR (**Table 10-1**).

10.4 Wetlands of International Importance (listed under the Ramsar Convention)

Australia has 65 Ramsar wetlands that cover >8.3 million ha. Ramsar wetlands are those that are representative, rare, or unique wetlands, or that are important for conserving biological diversity.

The List of Wetlands of International Importance held under the Ramsar Convention and the PMST Reports (**Appendix A**) identified four Ramsar Sites with coastal features within the NWMR (**Table 10-1**), four in the SWMR (**Table 10-2**) and two for the New Territory, included for the NMR (**Table 10-3**).

10.5 Australian Marine Parks

Australian Marine Parks (AMPs), proclaimed under the EPBC Act in 2007 and 2013, are located in Commonwealth waters that start at the outer edge of State and Territory waters, generally three nautical miles (~5.5 km) from the shore, and extend to the outer boundary of Australia's EEZ, 200 nm (~370 km) from the shore.

PMST Reports (**Appendix A**) show sixteen AMPs within the NWMR (**Table 10-1**), ten within the SWMR (**Table 10-2**) and eight within the NMR (**Table 10-3**).

10.6 Threatened Ecological Communities

No Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) as listed under the EPBC Act are known to occur within the marine waters of the NWMR, SWMR or NMR as indicated by the PMST Reports (**Appendix A**).

10.7 Australian Whale Sanctuary

The Australian Whale Sanctuary has been established to protect all whales and dolphins found in Australian waters. Under the EPBC Act all cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) are protected in Australian waters.

The Australian Whale Sanctuary includes all Commonwealth waters from the three nautical mile State/Territory waters limit out to the boundary of the EEZ (i.e. out to 200 nm and further in some places). Within the Sanctuary it is an offence to kill, injure or interfere with a cetacean. Severe penalties apply to anyone convicted of such offences.

10.8 State Marine Parks and Reserves

State Marine Parks and Reserves, proclaimed under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act), are located in State waters and vested in the WA Conservation and Parks Commission. State Marine Parks and Reserves of Western Australia have been considered, with 14 occurring in the NWMR (**Table 10-1**) and six occurring in the SWMR (**Table 10-2**).

10.9 Summary of Protected Areas within the NWMR

Table 10-1 Protected Areas within the NWMR

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
World Heritage Properties						
Shark Bay World Heritage Property	-	-	✓		The Shark Bay World Heritage Property is adjacent to the Shark Bay AMP and was included on the World Heritage List in 1991.	Universal values of the Shark Bay World Heritage Property include large and diverse seagrass beds, stromatolites and populations of dugong and threatened species. Inscribed under Natural Criteria vii, viii, ix and x.
The Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Property	-	-	✓		The Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Property lies within the Ningaloo AMP and was included on the World Heritage List in 2011.	Universal values of the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Property include high marine species diversity and abundance; in particular, Ningaloo Reef supports both tropical and temperate marine reptiles and mammals. Inscribed under Natural Criteria vii and x.
National Heritage Places - Natural						
Shark Bay	-	-	✓		The Shark Bay National Heritage Place consists of the same area included in the Shark Bay World Heritage Property (refer above) and was established on the National Heritage List in 2007.	The national heritage place has a number of exceptional natural features, including one of the largest and most diverse seagrass beds in the world, colonies of stromatolites and rich marine life including a large population of dugongs, and also provides a refuge for a number of other globally threatened species. Shark Bay meets the national heritage listing criteria a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h and i.
The Ningaloo Coast	-	-	✓		The Ningaloo Coast National Heritage Place consists of the same area included in the Ningaloo	The Ningaloo Coast contains one of the best developed near-shore reefs in the world, being home to rugged limestone peninsulas, spectacular coral and sponge gardens and the whale shark.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					Coast World Heritage Property (refer above) and was established on the National Heritage List in 2010.	The Ningaloo Coast meets the national heritage listing criteria a, b, c, d, and f.
The West Kimberley	✓	✓	-		The West Kimberley National Heritage Place covers an area of around 192,000 km^2 located in the north-west of Australia from Broome to Wyndham, and was established on the National Heritage List in 2011.	The Kimberley plateau, north-western coastline and northern rivers of the West Kimberley provide a vital refuge for many native plants and animals that are found nowhere else or which have disappeared from much of the rest of Australia. In addition, Roebuck Bay is internationally recognised as one of Australia's most significant sites for migratory wading birds. The national heritage place also contains a remarkable history of Aboriginal occupation, with many places of indigenous sacred value. The West Kimberley meets the national heritage listing criteria a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h and i.
Commonwealth Heritage Places - Natural						
Mermaid Reef – Rowley Shoals	-	✓	-	N/A	The Mermaid Reef – Rowley Shoals Commonwealth Heritage Place is located within the boundary of the Mermaid Reef Marine National Nature Reserve. The site was listed as a Commonwealth Heritage Place in 2004.	The Mermaid Reef-Rowley Shoals Commonwealth Heritage Place is regionally important for the diversity of its fauna and together with Clerke and Imperieuse reefs, has biogeographical significance due to the presence of species which are at, or close to, the limits of their geographic ranges, including fishes known previously only from Indonesian waters. Rowley Shoals is important for benchmark studies as one of the few places off the north-west coast of Western Australia which have been the site of major biological collection trips by the WA Museum.

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	✓	-	-		The Ashmore Reef Commonwealth Heritage Place is located within the boundary of the Ashmore Reef Marine Park (refer AMPs below). The site was listed as a Commonwealth Heritage Place in 2004.	Ashmore Reef has major significance as a staging point for wading birds migrating between Australia and the Northern Hemisphere and supports high concentrations of breeding seabirds, many of which are nomadic and typically breed on small isolated islands. Ashmore Reef is an important scientific reference area for migratory seabirds, sea snakes and marine invertebrates. The Ashmore Reef Commonwealth Heritage Place is significant for its history of human occupation and use. The island is believed to have been visited by Indonesian fisherman since the early eighteenth century. The islands were used both for fishing and as a staging point for voyages to the southern reefs off Australia's coast.
Scott Reef and Surrounds – Commonwealth Area	✓	-	-		Scott Reef and Surrounds Commonwealth Heritage Place is located within the Western Australian Coastal Waters surrounding North and South Scott Reef. The site was listed as a Commonwealth Heritage Place in 2004.	The Scott Reef and Surrounds Commonwealth Heritage Place is regionally important for the diversity of its fauna and has biogeographical significance due to the presence of species which are at, or close to, the limits of their geographic ranges, including fish known previously only from Indonesian waters. Scott Reef is recognised as important for scientific research and benchmark studies due to its age, the extensive documentation of its geophysical and physical environmental characteristics and its use as a site of major biological collection trips and surveys by the WA Museum and the Australian Institute of Marine Science.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
Ningaloo Marine Area – Commonwealth Waters	-	-	✓		The Ningaloo Marine Area Commonwealth Heritage Place is located within the Commonwealth waters of the Ningaloo Marine Park (refer AMPs below). The site was listed as a Commonwealth Heritage Place in 2004.	The Ningaloo Marine Area Commonwealth Heritage Place provides a migratory pathway for humpback whales and foraging habitat for whale sharks. The place is an important breeding area for billfish and manta ray. The Ningaloo Marine Area provides opportunities for scientific research relating to aspects of the area's unique features including tourism (marine ecology, whales, turtles, whale sharks, fish and oceanography.
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)						
Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve	✓	-	-	Ramsar	The Ashmore Reef Ramsar site is located within the boundary of the Ashmore Reef Marine Park (refer AMPs below). The site was listed under the Ramsar Convention in 2002.	Ashmore Reef Ramsar site supports internationally significant populations of seabirds and shorebirds, is important for turtles (green, hawksbill and loggerhead) and dugong, and has the highest diversity of hermatypic (reef-building) corals on the WA coast. It is known for its abundance and diversity of sea snakes. However, since 1998 populations of sea snakes at Ashmore Reef have been in decline.
Eighty Mile Beach	-	✓	-	Ramsar	The Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar site covers an area of 1250 km^2, located along a long section of the Western Australian coastline adjacent to the Eighty Mile Beach AMP (refer below).	The Eighty Mile Beach Ramsar site includes saltmarsh and a raised peat bog more than 7000 years old. The site contains the most important wetland for waders in north-western Australia, supporting up to 336,000 birds, and is especially important as a land fall for waders migrating south for the austral summer.
Roebuck Bay	-	✓	-	Ramsar	The Roebuck Bay Ramsar site covers an area of 550	The Roebuck Bay Ramsar site is recognised as one of the most important areas for migratory shorebirds in Australia.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					km^2, located south of Broome and adjacent to the Roebuck AMP (refer below).	The site regularly supports over 100,000 waterbirds, with numbers being highest in the austral spring when migrant species breeding in the Palearctic stop to feed during migration.
Ord River Floodplain	✓			Ramsar	The Ord River Floodplain Ramsar Site is in the East Kimberley region and encompasses an extensive system of river, seasonal creek, tidal mudflat, and floodplain wetlands. The Ramsar Site is a nursery, feeding and/or breeding ground for migratory birds, waterbirds, fish, crabs, prawns, and crocodiles.	The site represents the best example of wetlands associated with the floodplain and estuary of a tropical river system in the Tanami-Timor Sea Coast Bioregion in the Kimberley. In addition, the False Mouths of the Ord are the most extensive mudflat and tidal waterway complex in Western Australia.
Wetlands of National Importance (DAWE, 2019)						
Ashmore Reef	✓	-	-		Ashmore Reef is a shelf-edge platform reef located among the Sahul Banks of north-western Australia. It covers an area of 583 km^2 and consists of three islets surrounded by intertidal reef and sand flats.	These islets are major seabird nesting sites with 20 breeding species recorded to date. The total bird population has been estimated to exceed 100,000 during the peak breeding season. The marine reserve also has the highest diversity of marine fauna of the reefs on the NWS and differs from other reefs and coastal areas in the region. The area meets criteria 1, 3, 4 and 5 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Mermaid Reef	-	✓	-		Mermaid Reef Marine Park covers an area of around 540 km^2, located ~280 km west north-west of Broome, and is the most north-easterly atoll of the Rowley Shoals.	The reefs of the Mermaid Reef Marine Park have biogeographic value due to the presence of species that are at or close to the limit of their distribution. The coral communities are one of the special values of Mermaid Reef. The area meets criteria 1, 2 and 3 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.

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Exmouth Gulf East	-	-	✓		Exmouth Gulf East covers an area of 800 km^2 and includes wetlands in the eastern part of Exmouth Gulf, from Giralia Bay; to Urala Creek, Locker Point.	The Exmouth Gulf East is an outstanding example of tidal wetland systems of low coast of north-west Australia, with well- developed tidal creeks, extensive mangrove swamps and broad saline coastal flats. The site is one of the major population centres for dugong in WA and its seagrass beds and extensive mangroves provide nursery and feeding areas for marine fishes and crustaceans in the Gulf. The area meets criteria 1, 2 and 3 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Hamelin Pool	-	-	✓		Hamelin Pool covers an area of 900 km^2 in the far south-east part of Shark Bay.	Hamelin Pool is an outstanding example of a hypersaline marine embayment and supports extensive microbialite (subtidal stromatolite) formations, which are the most abundant and diverse examples of growing marine microbialites in the world. The area meets criteria 1 and 6 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Shark Bay East	-	-	✓		Shark Bay East covers a 250 km area of coastline comprising tidal wetlands, and marine waters less than 6 m deep at low tide, in the east arm of Shark Bay.	The site is an outstanding example of a very large, shallow marine embayment, with particularly extensive occurrence of seagrass beds and substantial areas of intertidal mud/sandflats and mangrove swamp. The site supports what is probably the world's largest discrete population of dugong; it is also a major nursery and/or feeding area for turtles, rays, sharks, other fishes, prawns and other marine fauna; and is a major migration stop-over area for shorebirds. The area meets criteria 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Australian Marine Parks (DNP, 2018a)						
Abrolhos Marine Park	-	-	✓	II, IV, VI	Abrolhos Marine Park is located adjacent to the WA Houtman Abrolhos Islands, covering a large offshore	Abrolhos Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with four bioregions:

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					area of 88,060 km^2 extending from the WA State waters boundary to the edge of Australia's EEZ. The Abrolhos Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and SWMR.	• Central Western Province • Central Western Shelf Province • Central Western Transition • South-west Shelf Transition It includes seven KEFs: Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Houtman Abrolhos Islands; Demersal slope and associated fish communities of the Central Western Province; Mesoscale eddies; Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west-coast canyons; Western rock lobster; Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth; and Wallaby Saddle. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging and breeding habitat for seabirds, foraging habitat for Australian sea lions and white sharks, and a migratory pathway for humpback and pygmy blue whales. The AMP is adjacent to the northernmost Australian sea lion breeding colony in Australia on the Houtman Abrolhos Islands.
Carnarvon Canyon Marine Park	-	-	✓	IV	Carnarvon Canyon Marine Park covers an area of 6177 km^2, located ~300 km north-west of Carnarvon.	Carnarvon Canyon Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Central Western Transition bioregion. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. There is limited information about species' use of this AMP.
Shark Bay Marine Park	-	-	✓	VI	Shark Bay Marine Park covers an area of 7443 km^2 located ~60 km offshore of Carnarvon, adjacent to the Shark Bay World Heritage Property and National Heritage Place.	Shark Bay Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Central Western Shelf Province • Central Western Transition. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under

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						the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding habitat for seabirds, internesting habitat for marine turtles, and a migratory pathway for humpback whales.
Gascoyne Marine Park	-	-	✓	II, IV, VI	Gascoyne Marine Park covers an area of 81,766 km^2, located ~20 km off the west coast of the Cape Range Peninsula, adjacent to the Ningaloo Marine Park.	Gascoyne Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with three bioregions: • Central Western Shelf Transition • Central Western Transition • Northwest Province. It includes four KEFs: Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula; Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef; Continental slope demersal fish communities; and Exmouth Plateau. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding habitat for seabirds, internesting habitat for marine turtles, a migratory pathway for humpback whales, and foraging habitat and migratory pathway for pygmy blue whales.
Ningaloo Marine Park	-	-	✓	II, IV	Ningaloo Marine Park covers an area of 2435 km^2, stretching ~300 km along the west coast of the Cape Range Peninsula, and is adjacent to the WA Ningaloo Marine Park and Gascoyne Marine Park.	Ningaloo Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with four bioregions: • Central Western Shelf Transition • Central Western Transition • Northwest Province • Northwest Shelf Province. It includes three KEFs: Canyons linking the Cuvier Abyssal Plain and the Cape Range Peninsula; Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef; and Continental slope demersal fish communities. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and

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						or foraging habitat for seabirds, internesting habitat for marine turtles, a migratory pathway for humpback whales, foraging habitat and migratory pathway for pygmy blue whales, breeding, calving, foraging and nursing habitat for dugong and foraging habitat for whale sharks.
Montebello Marine Park	-	✓	-	VI	Montebello Marine Park covers an area of 3413 km^2, located offshore of Barrow Island and 80 km west of Dampier extending from the WA State waters boundary, and is adjacent to the WA Barrow Island and Montebello Islands Marine Parks.	Montebello Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Province bioregion. It includes one KEF: Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding habitat for seabirds, internesting, foraging, mating, and nesting habitat for marine turtles, a migratory pathway for humpback whales and foraging habitat for whale sharks.
Dampier Marine Park	-	✓	-	II, IV, VI	Dampier Marine Park covers an area of 1252 km^2, located ~10 km north-east of Cape Lambert and 40 km from Dampier extending from the WA State waters boundary.	Dampier Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Province bioregion. The AMP provides protection for offshore shelf habitats adjacent to the Dampier Archipelago, and the area between Dampier and Port Hedland, and is a hotspot for sponge biodiversity. The AMP supports a range of species including those listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and foraging habitat for seabirds, internesting habitat for marine turtles and a migratory pathway for humpback whales.
Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park	-	✓	-	VI	Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park covers an area of 10,785 km^2, located ~74 km north-east of Port Hedland, adjacent to the	Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Province and consists of shallow shelf habitats, including terrace, banks and shoals.

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					WA Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park.	The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding, foraging and resting habitat for seabirds, internesting and nesting habitat for marine turtles, foraging, nursing and pupping habitat for sawfishes and a migratory pathway for humpback whales.
Argo – Rowley Terrace Marine Park	✓	✓	-	II, VI, VI (Trawl)	Argo-Rowley Terrace Marine Park covers an area of 146,003 km^2, located ~270 km north-west of Broome, and extends to the limit of Australia's EEZ. The AMP is adjacent to the Mermaid Reef Marine Park and the WA Rowley Shoals Marine Park.	Argo–Rowley Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Northwest Transition • Timor Province. It includes two KEFs: Canyons linking the Argo Abyssal Plain with the Scott Plateau; and Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include resting and breeding habitat for seabirds and a migratory pathway for the pygmy blue whale.
Mermaid Reef Marine Park	-	✓	-	II	Mermaid Reef Marine Park covers an area of 540 km^2, located ~280 km north-west of Broome, adjacent to the Argo–Rowley Terrace Marine Park and ~13 km from the WA Rowley Shoals Marine Park. Mermaid Reef is one of three reefs forming the Rowley Shoals. The other two are Clerke Reef and Imperieuse Reef, to the	Mermaid Reef Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Transition. It includes one KEF: Mermaid Reef and Commonwealth waters surrounding Rowley Shoals. The Rowley Shoals have been described as the best geological examples of shelf atolls in Australian waters. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding habitat for seabirds and a migratory pathway for the pygmy blue whale.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					south-west of the AMP, which are included in the WA Rowley Shoals Marine Park.	
Roebuck Marine Park	-	✓	-	VI	Roebuck Marine Park covers an area of 304 km^2, located ~12 km offshore of Broome, and is adjacent to the WA Yawuru Nagulagun/Roebuck Bay Marine Park.	Roebuck Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Province and consists entirely of shallow continental shelf habitat. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and resting habitat for seabirds, foraging and internesting habitat for marine turtles, a migratory pathway for humpback whales and foraging habitat for dugong.
Kimberley Marine Park	✓	✓	-	II, IV, VI	Kimberley Marine Park covers an area of 74,469 km^2, located ~100 km north of Broome, extending from the WA State waters boundary north from the Lacepede Islands to the Holothuria Banks offshore from Cape Bougainville.	Kimberley Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with three bioregions: • Northwest Shelf Province • Northwest Shelf Transition • Timor Province. It includes two KEFs: Ancient coastline at 125 m depth contour; and Continental slope demersal fish communities. The AMP supports a range of species, including protected species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and foraging habitat for seabirds, internesting and nesting habitat for marine turtles, breeding, calving and foraging habitat for inshore dolphins, calving, migratory pathway and nursing habitat for humpback whales, migratory pathway for pygmy blue whales, foraging habitat for dugong and foraging habitat for whale sharks.
Ashmore Reef Marine Park	✓	-	-	Ia, IV	Ashmore Reef Marine Park covers an area of 583 km^2, located ~630 km north of	Ashmore Reef Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Timor Province. It includes two KEFs:

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					Broome and 110 km south of the Indonesian island of Roti. The AMP is located in Australia's External Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands and is within an area subject to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indonesia and Australia, known as the MoU Box.	Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters; and Continental slope demersal fish communities. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding, foraging and resting habitat for seabirds, resting and foraging habitat for migratory shorebirds, foraging, mating, nesting and internesting habitat for marine turtles, foraging habitat for dugong, and a migratory pathway for pygmy blue whales.
Cartier Island Marine Park	✓	-	-	Ia	Cartier Island Marine Park covers an area of 172 km^2, located ~45 km south-east of Ashmore Reef Marine Park and 610 km north of Broome. It is also located in Australia's External Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands and within an area subject to an MoU between Indonesia and Australia, known as the MoU Box.	Cartier Island Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Timor Province. It includes two key ecological features: Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island and surrounding Commonwealth waters and continental slope demersal fish communities. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and foraging habitat for seabirds, internesting, nesting and foraging habitat for marine turtles and foraging habitat for whale sharks. The AMP is also internationally significant for its abundance and diversity of sea snakes, some of which are listed species under the EPBC Act.
Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park	✓	-	-	VI	Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park covers an area of 8597 km^2 and is located ~15 km west of Wadeye, NT, and ~90 km north of Wyndham, WA, in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf.	Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Transition bioregion. It includes one KEF: Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul Shelf. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					It is adjacent to the WA North Kimberley Marine Park. The Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and NMR.	the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for marine turtles and the Australian snubfin dolphin.
Oceanic Shoals Marine Park	✓	-	-	II, IV, VI	Oceanic Shoals Marine Park covers an area of 71,743 km^2 and is located west of the Tiwi Islands, ~155 km north-west of Darwin, NT and 305 km north of Wyndham, WA. The Oceanic Shoals Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and NMR.	Oceanic Shoals Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northwest Shelf Transition bioregion. It contains four KEFs: Carbonate bank and terrace systems of the Van Diemen Rise; Carbonate bank and terrace systems of the Sahul Shelf; Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin; and Shelf break and slope of the Arafura Shelf. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging and internesting habitat for marine turtles.
State Marine Parks and Reserves						
North Kimberley Marine Park	✓	-	-	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and General Use Zones	The North Kimberley Marine Park covers approx. 18,450 km^2 with its south-western boundary located ~270 km north-east of Derby.	The coral reefs of the north Kimberley have the greatest diversity in Western Australia and are some of the most pristine and remarkable reefs in the world. The park surrounds more than 1000 islands and is home to listed species such as dugongs, marine turtles, and sawfishes (DPAW, 2016a).
Lalang-garram / Horizontal Falls Marine Park and North Lalang-garram Marine Park (jointly managed)	✓	-	-	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and General Use Zones	The Lalang-garram / Horizontal Falls Marine Park covers ~3530 km^2 from Talbot Bay in the west and Glenelg River in the east. The North Lalang-garram Marine Park covers ~1100	The Lalang-garram / Horizontal Falls Marine Park's most celebrated attraction is created by massive tides of up to 10 m and narrow gaps in two parallel tongues of land meaning the tide falls faster than the water can escape, producing 'horizontal falls'. There are also islands with fringing coral reefs and mangrove-lined creeks and bays. The North Lalang-garram Marine Park has a number of islands fringed with coral reef and has been identified as an

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					km^2 between Camden Sound and North Kimberley Marine Parks.	ecological hotspot and supports more than 1% of the world's population of brown boobies, with up to 2000 breeding pairs. About 500 pairs of crested terns also nest on the island (DPAW, 2016b).
Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park	✓	-	-	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and General Use Zones	Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park covers 7050 km^2 located about 150 km north of Derby.	The Lalang-garram / Camden Sound Marine Park is the most important humpback whale nursery in the Southern Hemisphere. It also features the spectacular coastal Montgomery Reef. The marine park is home to six species of threatened marine turtle. Australian snubfin and Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins, dugongs, saltwater crocodiles, and several species of sawfish (DPAW, 2013).
Rowley Shoals Marine Park	-	✓	-	Sanctuary, Recreation and General Use Zones	The Rowley Shoals comprise of three reef systems, Mermaid Reef, Clerke Reef and Imperieuse Reef, all 30-40 km apart. These reef systems are located ~300 km west north-west of Broome.	The three coral atolls of the Rowley Shoals Marine Park comprise of shallow lagoons inhabited by diverse corals and abundant marine life, each covering around 80 km^2 at the edge of Australia's continental shelf. Further offshore, the seafloor slopes away to the abyssal plain, some 6000 m below. Undersea canyons slice the slope; these features are commonly associated with diverse communities of deep-water corals and sponges and create localised upwellings that aggregate pelagic species like tunas and billfish (DEC, 2007a).
Yawuru Nagulagun / Roebuck Bay Marine Park	-	✓	-	Special Purpose Zone	Yawuru Nagulagun / Roebuck Bay Marine Park is a series of intertidal flats lying on the coast to the south-east of Broome.	Roebuck Bay is an internationally significant wetland and one of the most important feeding grounds for migratory shorebirds in Australia. Australian snubfin and Australian humpback dolphins frequent the waters and humpback whales pass through on their annual migration. Flatback turtles nest on the shores and are found in the bay's waters with other sea turtle species. Seagrass and macroalgae communities provide food for protected species such as the dugong and flatback turtle (DPAW, 2016c).
Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park	-	✓	-	Sanctuary, Recreation, Special	Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park covers ~2000 km^2 stretching across 220km of	Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park is one of the world's most important feeding grounds for small wading birds that migrate to the area each summer, travelling from countries

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
				Purpose and General Use Zones	coastline between Port Hedland and Broome.	thousands of kilometres away. The marine park is a major nesting area for flatback turtles which are found only in northern Australia. Sawfishes, dugongs, dolphins and millions of invertebrates inhabit the sand and mud flats, seagrass meadows, coral reefs and mangroves (DPAW, 2014).
Montebello Islands Marine Park, Barrow Island Marine Park and Barrow Island Marine Management Area (jointly managed)	-	✓	-	Sanctuary, Recreation, General Use and Special Purpose Zones	The Montebello Islands Marine Park, Barrow Island Marine Park and Barrow Island Marine Management Area are located off the north-west coast of WA, ~1600 km north of Perth, and cover areas of ~583 km^2, 42 km^2 and 1,147 km^2, respectively.	The Montebello/Barrow islands marine conservation reserves have very complex seabed and island topography, resulting in a myriad of different habitats subtidal coral reefs, macroalgal and seagrass communities, subtidal soft-bottom communities, rocky shores and intertidal reef platforms, which support a rich diversity of invertebrates and finfish. The reserves are important breeding areas for several species of marine turtles and seabirds, which use the undisturbed sandy beaches for nesting. Humpback whales migrate through the reserves and dugongs occur in the shallow warm waters (DEC, 2007b).
Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area (jointly managed)	-	-	✓	Sanctuary, Recreation, General Use and Special Purpose Zones	The Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area are located off the North-west Cape of WA, ~1200 km north of Perth, and cover areas of ~2633 km^2 and 286 km^2, respectively.	Ningaloo Reef is the largest fringing coral reef in Australia. Temperate and tropical currents converge in the Ningaloo region resulting in highly diverse marine life including spectacular coral reefs, abundant fishes and species with special conservation significance such as turtles, whale sharks, dugongs, whales and dolphins. The region has diverse marine communities including mangroves, algae and filter-feeding communities and has high water quality. These values contribute to the Ningaloo Marine Park being regarded as the State's premier marine conservation icon. The Muiron Islands Marine Management Area is also important, containing a very diverse marine environment, with coral reefs, filter-feeding communities and macroalgal beds. In addition, the Islands are important seabird and green turtle nesting areas. (CALM, 2005a).

Protected Area	Woodside Activity Area			IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
Shark Bay Marine Park and Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve (jointly managed)	-	-	✓	Sanctuary, Recreation, General Use and Special Purpose Zones	The Shark Bay Marine Park and Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserves are located 400 km north of Geraldton, covering areas of ~7487 km^2 and 1270 km^2, respectively.	Seagrass covers over 4000 km^2 of the Shark Bay Marine Park, with 12 different species making it one of the most diverse seagrass assemblages in the world. Dugongs regularly use this habitat, with the bay containing one of the largest dugong populations in the world. Humpback whales also use the bay as a staging post in their migration along the coast. Green and loggerhead turtles occur in the bay with Dirk Hartog Island providing the most important nesting site for loggerheads in Western Australia. Hamelin Pool contains the most diverse and abundant examples of stromatolites found in the world. These are living representatives of stromatolites that existed some 3500 million years ago (CALM, 1996).

**Conservation objectives for IUCN categories include:*

Ia: Strict Nature Reserve

Ib: Wilderness Area

II: national Park

III: Natural Monument or Feature

IV: Habitat/Species Management Area

V: Protected Landscape

VI: Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources – allow human use but prohibits large scale development.

IUCN categories for the marine park are provided and, in brackets, the IUCN categories for specific zones within each Marine Park as assigned under the North-west Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 (DNP, 2018a)

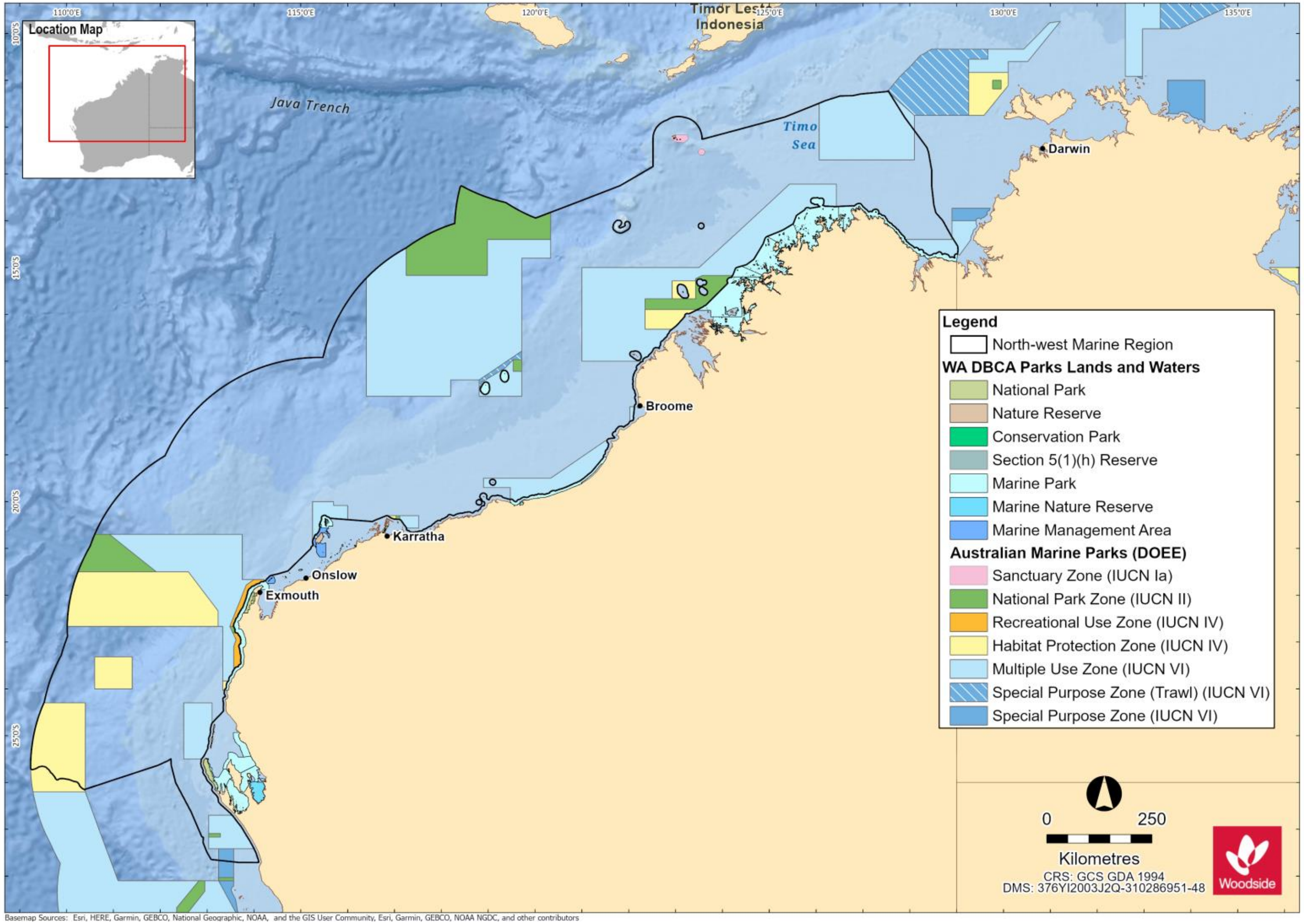

Figure 10-1 Commonwealth and State Marine Protected Areas for the NWMR

10.10 Summary of Protected Areas within the SWMR

Table 10-2 Protected Areas within the SWMR

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
World Heritage Properties			
N/A			
National Heritage Places - Natural			
N/A			
Commonwealth Heritage Places - Natural			
N/A			
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)			
Beecher Point Wetlands	Ramsar	Beecher Point Wetlands is a system of about sixty small wetlands located near Rockingham in south-west WA, covering an area of around 7 km^2. The site was listed under the Ramsar Convention in 2001.	The wetlands support sedgelands, herblands, grasslands, open-shrublands and low open-forests. The sedgelands that occur within the linear wetland depressions of the Ramsar site are a nationally listed TEC. At least four species of amphibians and twenty-one (21) species of reptiles have been recorded on the site. The site also supports the southern brown bandicoot. The site meets criteria 1 and 2 of the Ramsar Convention.
Forrestdale and Thomsons Lakes	Ramsar	Forrestdale Lake is located in the City of Armadale and Thomsons Lake is located in the City of Cockburn both of which lie within the southern Perth metropolitan area, in Western Australia. The site was listed under the Ramsar Convention in 1990.	The lakes are surrounded by medium density urban development and some agricultural land. The sediments of Thomsons Lake are between 30,000 and 40,000 years old, which are the oldest lake sediments discovered in WA to date. These lakes are the best remaining examples of brackish, seasonal lakes with extensive fringing sedgeland, typical of the Swan Coastal Plain. The site meets criteria 1, 3, 5 and 6 of the Ramsar Convention.
Peel-Yalgorup System	Ramsar	Peel-Yalgorup System, located adjacent to the City of Mandurah in	Peel-Yalgorup System Ramsar site is the most important area for waterbirds in south-western Australia. It supports a large number of waterbirds, and a

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
		WA, is a large and diverse system of shallow estuaries, coastal saline lakes and freshwater marshes. The site was listed under the Ramsar Convention in 1990.	wide variety of waterbird species. It also supports a wide variety of invertebrates, and estuarine and marine fish. The site meets criteria 1, 3, 5 and 6 of the Ramsar Convention.
Vasse-wonnerup system	Ramsar	Vasse-Wonnerup System Ramsar wetland is situated in the Perth Basin, south-western WA. The site was listed under the Ramsar Convention in 1990.	Vasse-Wonnerup System is an extensive, shallow, nutrient-enriched wetland system of highly varied salinities. Large areas of the wetland dry out in late summer. Vasse-Wonnerup System supports tens of thousands of resident and migrant waterbirds of a wide variety of species. More than 80 species of waterbird have been recorded in the System such as red-necked avocets and black-winged stilts, wood sandpiper, sharp-tailed sandpiper, long-toed stint, curlew sandpiper and common greenshank. Thirteen waterbird species are also known to breed at the Ramsar site, including the largest regular breeding colony of black swans in south-western Australia. The site meets criteria 5 and 6 of the Ramsar Convention.
Wetlands of National Importance (DAWE, 2019)			
Rottnest Island Lakes		The Rottnest Island Lakes site is the cluster of 18 lakes and swamps on the north-east part of Rottnest Island.	An outstanding example of a series of lakes/swamps of varied depth and salinity located on an offshore island; the only island among 200 plus in WA exceeding 10 ha in area, that has a salt-lake complex; the only known example of seasonally meromictic lakes in Australia. The area meets criteria 1, 2, 3 and 6 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Australian Marine Parks (DNP, 2018b)			
Abrolhos Marine Park	II, IV, VI	The Abrolhos Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and SWMR. Refer **Table 10-1** for description and conservation values.	
Bremer Marine Park	II, VI	Bremer Marine Park covers an area of 4472 km^2 and is located approximately half-way between Albany and Esperance, offshore from the Fitzgerald River National Park, extending from the WA State waters boundary.	Bremer Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Southern Province • South-west Shelf Province. It includes two KEFs: Albany Canyon group and adjacent shelf break; and Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth.

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			The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions, and white sharks, a migratory pathway for humpback whales, and a significant calving area for southern right whales. The AMP includes canyons—important aggregation areas for killer whales.
Eastern Recherche Marine Park	II, VI	Eastern Recherche Marine Park covers an area of 20,575 km^2 and is located ~135 km east of Esperance, adjacent to the Recherche Archipelago, close to the WA Cape Arid National Park.	Eastern Recherche Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with three bioregions: • South-west Shelf Province • Southern Province • Great Australian Bight Shelf Transition. It includes three KEFs: Mesoscale eddies; Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth; and Commonwealth marine environment surrounding the Recherche Archipelago. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions and white sharks, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
Geographe Marine Park	II, IV, VI	Geographe Marine Park covers an area of 977 km^2 and is located in Geographe Bay, ~8 km west of Bunbury and 8 km north of Busselton, adjacent to the WA Ngari Capes Marine Park.	Geographe Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the South-west Shelf Province bioregion. It includes two KEFs: Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to Geographe Bay; and Western rock lobster. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, a migratory pathway for humpback and pygmy blue whales, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
Great Australian Bight Marine Park	II, VI	Great Australian Bight Marine Park covers an area of 45,822 km^2 and is located ~12 km south-east of Eucla and 174 km west of Ceduna, adjacent to the SA Far West Coast and Nuyts Archipelago Marine Parks.	Great Australian Bight Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Great Australian Bight Shelf Transition • Southern Province. It includes three KEFs: Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth; Benthic invertebrate communities of the eastern Great Australian Bight; and Small pelagic fish of the South-west Marine Region. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions, white sharks and

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
			pygmy blue and sperm whales, and a calving area, migratory pathway and large aggregation area for southern right whales.
Jurien Marine Park	II, VI	Jurien Marine Park covers an area of 1851 km^2 and is located ~148 km north of Perth and 155 km south of Geraldton, adjacent to the WA Jurien Bay Marine Park.	Jurien Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • South-west Shelf Transition • Central Western Province. It includes three KEFs: Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth; Demersal slope and associated fish communities of the Central Western Province; and Western rock lobster The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions and white sharks, and a migratory pathway for humpback and pygmy blue whales.
Perth Canyon Marine Park	II, IV, VI	Perth Canyon Marine Park covers an area of 7409 km^2 and is located ~52 km west of Perth and ~19 km west of Rottnest Island.	Perth Canyon Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with four bioregions: • Central Western Province • South-west Shelf Province • Southwest Transition • South-west Shelf Transition. It includes four KEFs: Perth Canyon and adjacent shelf break, and other west-coast canyons; Demersal slope and associated fish communities of the Central Western Province; Western rock lobster; and Mesoscale eddies. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Antarctic blue, pygmy blue and sperm whales, a migratory pathway for humpback, Antarctic blue and pygmy blue whales, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
South-west Corner Marine Park	II, IV, VI	South-west Corner Marine Park covers an area of 271,833 km^2 and is located adjacent to the WA Ngari Capes Marine Park. It covers an extensive offshore area that is closest to WA State waters ~48 km west of Esperance, 73 km west of Albany and 68 km west of Bunbury.	South-west Corner Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with three bioregions: • Southern Province • South-west Transition • South-west Shelf Province. It includes six KEFs: Albany Canyon group and adjacent shelf break; Cape Mentelle upwelling; Diamantina Fracture Zone; Naturaliste Plateau; Western rock lobster; and Ancient coastline at 90 m-120 m depth.

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			The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions, white sharks and sperm whales, a migratory pathway for Antarctic blue, pygmy blue and humpback whales, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
Twilight Marine Park	II, VI	Twilight Marine Park covers an area of 4641 km^2 and is located ~245 km south-west of Eucla and 373 km north-east of Esperance, adjacent to the WA State waters boundary.	Twilight Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Great Australian Bight Shelf Transition bioregion. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds, Australian sea lions and white sharks, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
Two Rocks Marine Park	II, VI	Two Rocks Marine Park covers an area of 882 km^2 and is located ~25 km north-west of Perth, to the north-west of the WA Marmion Marine Park.	Two Rocks Marine Park is significant because it includes habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the South-west Shelf Transition bioregion. It includes three KEFs: Commonwealth marine environment within and adjacent to the west-coast inshore lagoons; Western rock lobster; and Ancient coastline at 90-120 m depth. The AMP supports a range of species including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat for seabirds and Australian sea lions, a migratory pathway for humpback and pygmy blue whales, and a calving buffer area for southern right whales.
State Marine Parks and Reserves			
Jurien Bay Marine Park	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and General Use Zones.	The Jurien Bay Marine Park is located on the central west coast of WA ~200 km north of Perth and covers an area of 824 km^2.	An extensive limestone reef system parallel to the shore has created a huge shallow lagoon that provides perfect habitat for Australian sea lions, dolphins and a myriad of juvenile fish. Extensive seagrass meadows inside the reef shelter many marine animals such as western rock lobsters, octopus and cuttlefish that make up the diet of young sea lions. The marine park also surrounds dozens of ecologically important islands that contain rare and endangered animals found nowhere else in the world (CALM, 2005b).
Marmion Marine Park	Sanctuary, Recreation and Special Use Zones.	The Marmion Marine Park lies within State waters between Trigg Island and Burns Beach and encompasses a coastal area of ~95 km^2. Marmion	The marine park has a number of sanctuary zones including Little Island, The Lumps and the Boyinaboat Reef protecting a variety of habitats from limestone reefs, seagrass beds and clear shallow lagoons that support a diversity of marine life. In addition, to a general use zone and the Waterman Recreation Area. The marine park contains important habitat for the endemic Australian

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
		Marine Park was the State's first marine park, declared in 1987.	sea lion, an array of seabird species migratory whales are regular visitors (CALM, 1992; DPAW, 2016d).
Swan Estuary Marine Park	Special Purpose and Nature Reserve Zones.	Three biologically important areas of Perth's Swan River make up the Swan Estuary Marine Park, including Alfred Cove, Pelican Point and Crawley. These three sites cover a total area of 3.4 km^2.	The sand flats, mud flats and beaches at the three locations of the Swan Estuary Marine Park provide the only remaining significant feeding and resting areas in the Swan Estuary, for trans-equatorial migratory wading and waterbirds. The Park and adjacent reserves also provide habitat for a diverse assemblage of aquatic and terrestrial flora and fauna (CALM, 1999).
Shoalwater Islands Marine Park	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and General Use Zones.	The Shoalwater Islands Maine Park is located adjacent to Rockingham on the south-west coast of WA, ~50 km south of Perth and covers an area of ~66 km^2.	The Shoalwater Islands Marine Park consists of a complex seabed and coastal topography consisting of islands, limestone ridges and reef platforms, protected inshore areas and deeper basins, sandbars and beaches, and is home to five species of cetacean and 14 species of sea and shore bird. The waters of the marine park are also used to access feeding grounds for the little penguin (*Eudyptula minor*) colony on Penguin Island, which is close to the northernmost limit of the species' range and is the largest known breeding colony in Western Australia (DEC, 2007c).
Ngari Capes Marine Park	Sanctuary, Special Purpose and Recreation Zones.	The Ngari Capes Marine Park is located off the south-west coast of WA, ~250 km south of Perth, covering ~1238 km^2.	The Ngari Capes Marine Park consists of a complex arrangement of sandy bays, high energy limestone and granite reefs bordered by headlands and cliffs and two weathered capes. Coral communities consist of both tropical and temperate species. Cetaceans and pinnipeds are resident in and/or transient through the marine park as well as a diverse range of seabirds and shorebirds (DEC, 2013).
Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park	Recreation Zone.	The Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park is located adjacent to the towns of Walpole and Nornalup on the south coast of WA, ~120 km west of Albany, and covers ~14 km^2.	The Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park consists of a geologically complex lagoonal estuarine system comprising three significant rivers and two connected inlets that are permanently open to the ocean. Approximately 40 marine and estuarine finfish species commonly inhabit the inlet system, as well as a variety of shark and ray species and numerous seabirds and shorebirds. The sandy beaches and shoreline vegetation of the inlet system are of high ecological and social importance to the marine park (DEC, 2009).

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Ib: Wilderness Area

II: national Park

III: Natural Monument or Feature

IV: Habitat/Species Management Area

V: Protected Landscape

VI: Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources – allow human use but prohibits large scale development.

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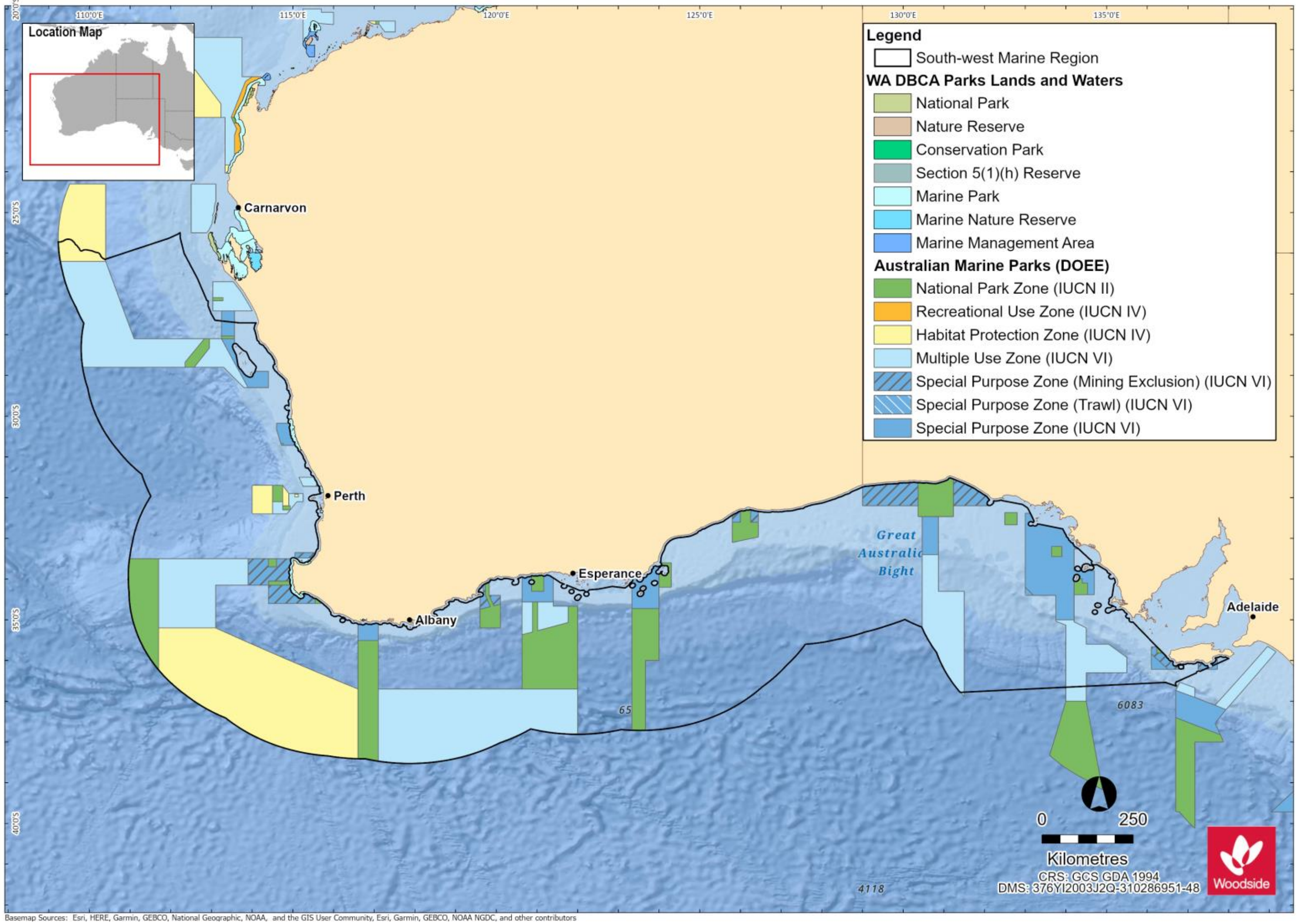

Figure 10-2. Commonwealth and State Marine Protected Areas for the SWMR

10.11 Summary of Protected Areas within the NMR

Table 10-3 Protected Areas within the NMR

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
World Heritage Properties			
Kakadu National Park		Kakadu National Park is a living landscape with exceptional natural and cultural values. It is the largest National Park in Australia and preserves the greatest variety of ecosystems on the Australian continent including extensive areas of floodplains, mangroves, tidal mudflats, coastal areas and monsoon forests. The park was inscribed the World Heritage list in three stages over 11 years. It is located in tropical north Australia covering a total area of 19,804 square kilometres.	The conservation values reflect the WHA Criterion: (i), (vi), (vii) and (ix): Natural features relate to Criterion (vii) – the remarkable contrast between the internationally recognised Ramsar-listed wetlands and the spectacular rocky escarpment and its outliers and Criterion (ix) – four major river systems of tropical Australia and floodplains that are dynamic environments, shaped by changing sea levels and big floods every wet season. These floodplains illustrate the ecological and geomorphological effects that have accompanied Holocene climate change and sea level rise. Kakadu National Park contains important and significant habitats supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna.
National Heritage Places - Natural			
Kakadu National Park		Refer to World Heritage property description above.	Refer to World Heritage property conservation values above
Commonwealth Heritage Places - Natural			
N/A			
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)			
Kakadu National Park		Australian Ramsar site number 2. The stage 1 and 2 Ramsar sites, established in 1980, 1985 and 1989, respectfully were combined into a single Ramsar site in 2010.	The Kakadu National Park Ramsar site straddles the western edge of the Arnhem Land Plateau encompassing a range of landforms and extensive floodplains. It is a mosaic of contiguous wetlands comprising the catchments of two large river systems, the East and South Alligator rivers and encompasses extensive tidal mudflat areas. It is an internationally important site for migratory shorebirds as part of the EAAF.

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
Cobourg Peninsula		Australian Ramsar site number 1 established in 1974. This Ramsar site includes freshwater and extensive intertidal areas but excludes subtidal areas. It is in a remote location and there has been minimal human impact on the site.	The wetlands encompassed in the Ramsar site are some of the better protected and near-natural wetlands in the bioregion and there is a diverse array of wetland in a confined area. The site supports important turtle nesting habitat and habitat for coastal dolphin species and is an internationally significant migratory shorebird habitat as part of the EAAF and an important location for seabird breeding colonies.
Wetlands of National Importance (DAWE, 2019)			
Southern Gulf Aggregation		The site is a complex continuous wetland aggregation in the Gulf of Carpentaria, covering an area of ~5460 km^2 located 58 km east of Burketown, Queensland.	The Southern Gulf Aggregation is the largest continuous estuarine wetland aggregation of its type in northern Australia. It is one of the three most important areas for shorebirds in Australia. The area meets criteria 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for inclusion on the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia.
Australian Marine Parks (DNP, 2018c)			
Arafura Marine Park	VI	Arafura Marine Park covers an area of 22,924 km^2 is located ~256 km north-east of Darwin and 8 km offshore of Croker Island, NT. It extends from NT waters to the limit of Australia's EEZ.	The AMP is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Northern Shelf Province • Timor Transition. It includes one KEF: Tributary canyons of the Arafura Depression. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include internesting habitat for marine turtles and important foraging and breeding habitat for seabirds.
Arnhem Marine Park	VI	Arnhem Marine Park covers an area of 7125 km^2 and is located ~100 km south-east of Croker Island and 60 km south-east of the Arafura Marine Park. It extends from NT waters surrounding the Goulburn Islands, to the waters north of Maningrida.	Arnhem Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northern Shelf Province bioregion. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include foraging habitat and a migratory pathway for marine turtles and seabirds.
Gulf of Carpentaria Marine Park	II, VI	Gulf of Carpentaria Marine Park covers an area of 23,771 km^2 and is located ~90 km north-west of Karumba, Queensland and is adjacent to the Wellesley Islands in	Gulf of Carpentaria Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northern Shelf Province bioregion.

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
		the south of the Gulf of Carpentaria basin.	It includes four KEFs: Gulf of Carpentaria basin; Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone; Plateaux and saddle north-west of the Wellesley Islands; and Submerged coral reefs of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and foraging areas for seabirds and internesting and foraging areas for turtles.
Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park	VI	The Joseph Bonaparte Gulf Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and NMR. Refer **Table 10-1** for description and conservation values.	
Limmen Marine Park	IV	Limmen Marine Park covers an area of 1399 km^2 and is located ~315 km south-west of Nhulunbuy, NT, in the south-west of the Gulf of Carpentaria. It extends from NT waters, between the Sir Edward Pellew Group of Islands and Maria Island in the Limmen Bight, adjacent to the NT Limmen Bight Marine Park.	Limmen Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northern Shelf bioregion. It includes one KEF: Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include internesting and foraging habitat for marine turtles.
Oceanic Shoals Marine Park	II, IV, VI	The Oceanic Shoals Marine Park is located within both the NWMR and NMR. Refer **Table 10-1** for description and conservation values.	
Wessel Marine Park	IV, VI	Wessel Marine Park covers an area of 5908 km^2 and is located ~22 km east of Nhulunbuy, NT. It extends from NT waters adjacent to the tip of the Wessel Islands to NT waters adjacent to Cape Arnhem.	Wessel Marine Park is significant because it contains habitats, species and ecological communities associated with the Northern Shelf bioregion. It includes one KEF: Gulf of Carpentaria basin. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding habitat for seabirds and internesting and foraging habitat for marine turtles.
West Cape York Marine Park	II, IV, VI	West Cape York Marine Park covers an area of 16,012 km^2 and is located adjacent to the northern end	West Cape York Marine Park is significant because it contains species and ecological communities associated with two bioregions: • Northeast Shelf Transition

Protected Area	IUCN Protected Area Category* or Relevant Park Zone	Description	Conservation Values
		of Cape York Peninsula ~25 km south-west of Thursday Island and 40 km north-west of Weipa, Queensland.	• Northern Shelf Province. It includes two KEFs: Gulf of Carpentaria basin; and Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone. The AMP supports a range of species, including species listed as threatened, migratory, marine or cetacean under the EPBC Act. BIAs within the AMP include breeding and foraging habitat for seabirds, internesting and foraging habitat for marine turtles and dugong, and foraging, breeding and calving habitat for dolphins.
Territory Marine Parks and Reserves			
Cobourg Marine Park	II, IV, VI	Cobourg Marine Park covers an area of 2,290 km^2 and is located in the waters surrounding the Cobourg Peninsula ~220 km north-east of Darwin. The Marine Park is part of the larger Garig Gunak Barlu National Park. Garig Gunak Barlu National Park includes both the Marine Park and the Cobourg Sanctuary.	Cobourg Marine Park is located in the Cobourg and Van Diemen Gulf marine bioregions with the northern portion of the Park covered by the Cobourg marine bioregion and the southern portion covered by the Van Diemen Gulf marine bioregion. The Marine Park is characterised by a number of deeply incised bays and estuaries on its northern shores. These bays are ancient river valleys that were drowned during periods of sea level rise and provide a varied environment and habitat that is quite distinct from the open water areas of the Park. The areas of the Park that have been studied and where extensive collections have been made indicates that the Park supports rich and diverse marine life including live coral reefs, seagrass, diverse reef and pelagic fish populations, marine turtles and dugong.

**Conservation objectives for IUCN categories include:*

Ia: Strict Nature Reserve

Ib: Wilderness Area

II: National Park

III: Natural Monument or Feature

IV: Habitat/Species Management Area

V: Protected Landscape

VI: Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources – allow human use but prohibits large scale development.

IUCN categories for the marine park are provided and, in brackets, the IUCN categories for specific zones within each Marine Park as assigned under the North Marine Parks Network Management Plan 2018 (DNP, 2018c)

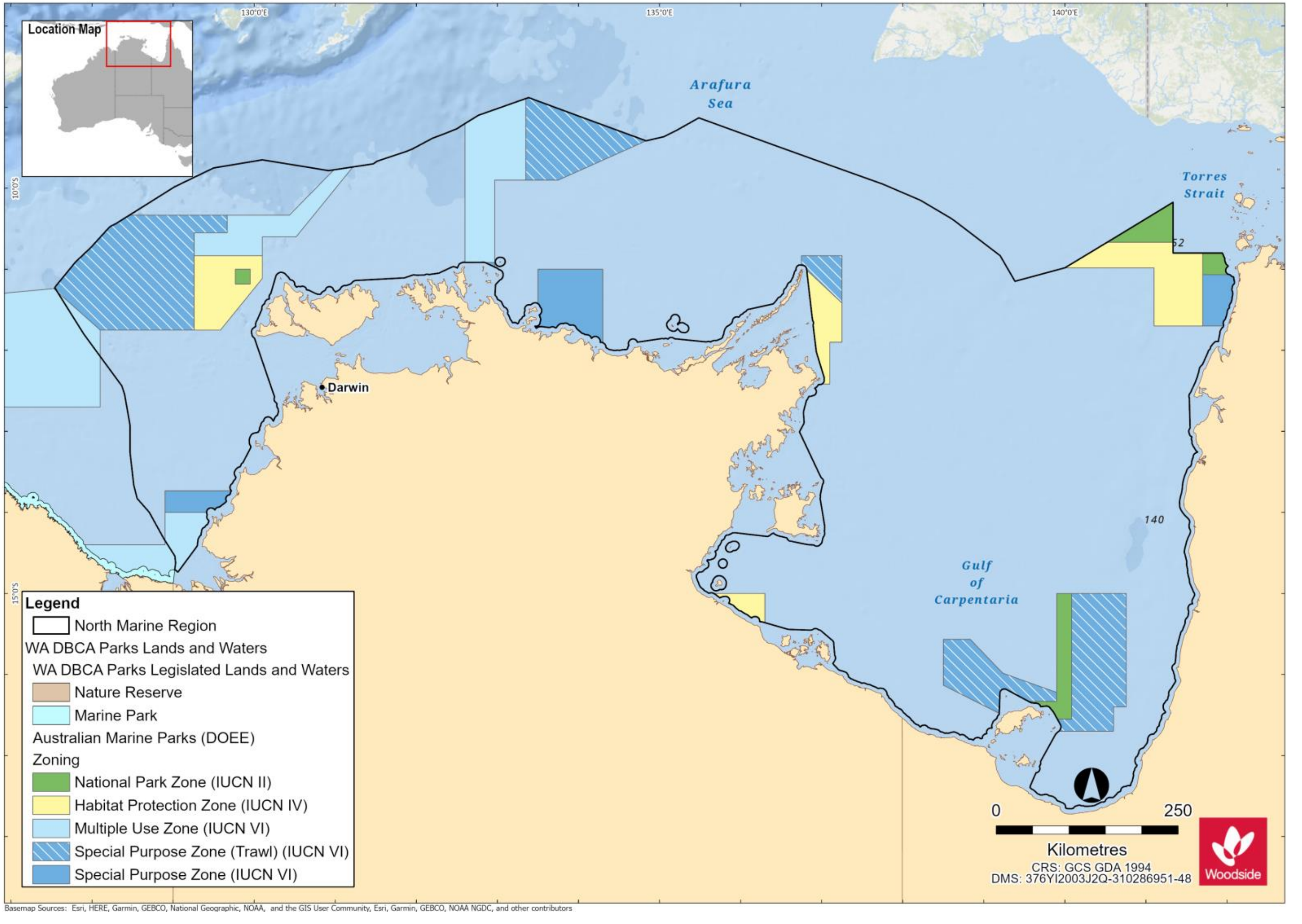

Figure 10-3. Commonwealth and State Marine Protected Areas within the NMR

11. SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

This section summarises the information relating to the socio-economic and cultural environment of the regions offshore Western Australia, with a focus on the NWMR and to a lesser extent the SWMR and NWR.

The cultural environment includes Indigenous and European heritage values, including underwater values such as historic shipwrecks. Socio-economic values include commercial and traditional fishing, tourism and recreation, shipping, oil and gas activities and defence activities.

11.1 Cultural Heritage

11.1.1 Indigenous Sites of Significance

Murujuga (the Burrup Peninsula) has a very high density of significant Indigenous heritage sites and places with tangible and intangible heritage values. The area has one of the largest, densest, and most diverse collections of rock art in the world. It is estimated that the peninsula and surrounding islands contain over a million petroglyphs (rock engravings) covering a broad range of styles and subjects. The landscape also contains quarries, middens, fish traps, rock shelters, ceremonial sites, artefact scatters, grinding patches and stone arrangements that evidence tens of thousands of years of human occupation. These places are linked to Aboriginal cosmology, Dreaming stories and songs through the stories, knowledge and customs that are still held by traditional custodians.

In 2007 the Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) was included on the National Heritage List due to outstanding heritage values relating to Australia’s cultural history contained in the large number, density, diversity, distribution and fine execution of rock art. Within the National Heritage Place, the Murujuga National Park covers 4913 ha and is co-managed by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The Murujuga Cultural Landscape was also added to Australia’s Tentative World Heritage List in 2020, with full World Heritage Listing anticipated in 2024.

Woodside also recognises the potential for heritage to survive in submerged landscapes. Sea-level rises since the last ice age mean that areas now under the sea were once exposed, that many of today’s islands would have been connected to the mainland, and that Aboriginal people are highly likely to have inhabited these places. Woodside works with traditional custodians, academics and heritage professionals to identify tangible and intangible heritage values in the submerged landscape to avoid disturbing heritage where possible and to minimise impacts where heritage cannot be avoided.

It is an offence to excavate, destroy, damage, conceal or alter Indigenous heritage onshore or in state waters under section 17 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA) (AHA)* without ministerial authorisation. Where there is a risk of injury or desecration to a significant Aboriginal area, even where permitted under the AHA, any Aboriginal person may apply to the federal Environment Minister for a declaration under sections 9 or 10 of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)* for the protection and preservation of that area.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage maintains a register of registered sites and heritage places including middens, burial, ceremonial [sites], artefacts, rock shelters, mythological [sites] and engraving sites. There are over 1600 registered sites on Murujuga and the Dampier Archipelago with around 1100 other heritage places. This register is not comprehensive and will be complemented by heritage surveys where necessary. Protection of National and World Heritage values is also legislated through various provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*. Murujuga National Park is managed under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 (WA)*.

11.1.2 European Sites of Significance

European sites of significance and heritage value are found along adjacent foreshores of the SWMR, NWMR and NWR. Heritage values are protected in Western Australia under the *Heritage Act 2018*.

11.1.3 Underwater Cultural Heritage

Places of historic cultural significance are protected under Commonwealth, State and local regimes. Places inscribed on the National or World Heritage list are protected through various provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). Historic places may also be protected under the *Heritage Act 2018* (WA); under section 129 the prohibited alteration, demolition, damage, despoilment or removal of objects from a registered place may result in a fine of A$1 million. Protection of heritage by local government typically emanates from local planning schemes produced under Part 5 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* (WA).

The remains of vessels and aircraft in Commonwealth waters, along with any associated article, are automatically protected under the *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018* (Cth) after 75 years. Remains and relics of any ship lost, wrecked or abandoned in Western Australian waters before 1900 are protected by the *Maritime Archaeology Act 1973* (WA).

The Australian National Shipwreck Database and the WA Maritime Museum Shipwreck Database list these protected wrecks.

11.1.4 National and Commonwealth Listed Heritage Places

Australia's National Heritage Sites are those of outstanding natural, historic and/or Indigenous significance to Australia. National Heritage places classed as natural are discussed in **Section 10.3**. Historic and/or Indigenous National Heritage Listed Places of the NWMR include:

- Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)
- Dirk Hartog Landing Site/Cape Inscription
- HMAS Sydney II and the HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites
- Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 – Houtman Abrolhos

Commonwealth Heritage Places are a collection of sites recognised for their Indigenous, historical and/or natural values, which are owned or controlled by the Australian Government. A number of these sites are owned or controlled by the Department of Defence, as well as Government agencies relating to maritime safety, customs and communication. Commonwealth Heritage places classed as natural are discussed in **Section 10.3**. Listed Heritage Places in the NWMR include:

- Mermaid Reef – Rowley Shoals (refer **Section 10.3**)
- Ashmore Reef National Nature Reserve (refer **Section 10.3**)
- Scott Reef and Surrounds – Commonwealth Area (refer **Section 10.3**)
- Ningaloo Marine Area (refer **Section 10.3**)

World Heritage Properties are those sites that hold universal value which transcends any value they may be held by any one nation. These sites and their qualities are detailed in the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the World Heritage Convention), to which Australia is a founding member. The Protected Matters Search Report (**Appendix A**) lists two natural World Heritage Properties in the NWMR (refer **Section 10.2**). There are no cultural heritage listings located within the NWMR.

Summary tables of heritage places for NWMR, SWMR and NMR are presented in **Table 11-1,Table 11-2** and **Table 11-3**.

11.2 Summary of Heritage Places within the NWMR

Table 11-1 Heritage Places (Indigenous and Historic) within the NWMR

Heritage Places	Woodside Activity Area			Class	Description	Conservation Values
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
National Heritage Properties						
Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)	-	✓	-	Indigenous	The Dampier Archipelago (including the Burrup Peninsula) contains one of the densest concentrations of rock engravings in Australia with some sites containing thousands or tens of thousands of images.	The rock engravings comprise images of avian, marine and terrestrial fauna, schematised human figures, figures with mixed human and animal characteristics and geometric designs. At a national level it has an exceptionally diverse and dynamic range of schematised human figures some of which are arranged in complex scenes. The fine execution and dynamic nature of the engravings, particularly some of the composite panels, exhibit a degree of creativity that is unusual in Australian rock engravings.
Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616 – Cape Inscription Area	-	-	✓	Historic	Cape Inscription is the site of the oldest known landings of Europeans on the WA coastline.	The Cape Inscription area displays uncommon aspects of Australia's cultural history because of the cumulative effect its association with these explorers and surveyors had on growing knowledge of the great southern continent in Europe. The association of the site with these early navigators stimulated the development of the European view of the great southern continent at a time when they began to look at the world with a modern scientific outlook.
Commonwealth Heritage Properties						
N/A						

11.3 Summary of Heritage Places within the NMR

Table 11-2 Heritage Places (Indigenous and Historic) within the NMR

Heritage Places	Class	Description	Conservation Values
National Heritage Properties			
None			
Commonwealth Heritage Properties			
None			

11.4 Summary of Heritage Places within the SWMR

Table 11-3 Heritage Places (Indigenous and Historic) within the SWMR

Heritage Places	Class	Description	Conservation Values
National Heritage Properties			
Cheetup Rock Shelter	Indigenous	Cheetup meaning "place of the birds" is the name of a spacious rock shelter located in Cape Le Grand National Park, about 55 km east of Esperance in WA. Aboriginal people associated with the place identify themselves as Nyungar/Noongar, Ngadju (shortened from Ngadjunmaia) or Mirning.	Cheetup rock shelter provides outstanding evidence for the antiquity of processing and use of cycad seeds by Aboriginal people. The seeds of the cycad are extremely toxic and can cause speedy death if eaten fresh without proper preparation to remove the toxins. The presence of *Macrozamia riedlei* seeds in a pit lined with Xanthorrhoea (grass tree) leaf bases indicates that the Aboriginal people in the Esperance region had the knowledge to remove the toxins of this important source of carbohydrate and protein at least 13,200 years ago.

Heritage Places	Class	Description	Conservation Values
Batavia Shipwreck Site and Survivor Camps Area 1629 – Houtman Abrolhos	Historic	The Batavia and its associated sites hold an important place in the discovery and delineation of the WA coastline. The wreck of the Batavia, and other Dutch ships like her, convinced the VOC (Dutch East India Company) of the necessity of more accurate charts of the coastline and resulted in the commissioning of Vlamingh's 1696 voyage.	Because of its relatively undisturbed nature the archaeological investigation of the wreck itself has revealed a range of objects of considerable value as well as to artefact specialists and historians.
HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites	Historic	The naval battle fought between the Australian warship HMAS Sydney II and the German commerce raider HSK Kormoran off the WA coast during World War II was a defining event in Australia's cultural history. HMAS Sydney II was Australia's most famous warship of the time and this battle has forever linked the stories of these warships to each other. The loss of HMAS Sydney II along with its entire crew of 645 following the battle with HSK Kormoran, remains as Australia's worst naval disaster.	The shipwreck sites of HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran have outstanding heritage value to the nation because of their importance in a defining event in Australia's cultural history and for their part in development of the process of the defence of Australia.
Commonwealth Heritage Properties			
Cliff Point Historic Sites	Historic	Cliff Head is a limestone bluff on the east coast of Garden Island. Evidence of occupation has been reported from the beach just north of the head, the immediate hinterland, the ridge above and on the south face of the ridge.	The Cliff Point Historic Site, individually significant within the area of Garden Island is important as the first site inhabited by Governor Stirling's party in 1829 when founding the colony of WA, and as WA's first official non-convict settlement. The site was occupied in the first instance by Captain Charles Fremantle before the arrival of Captain Stirling. The party occupied the site for two months before a move was made to the Swan River settlement on the mainland.
HMAS Sydney II and HSK Kormoran Shipwreck Sites	Historic	As above	As above
J Gun Battery	Historic	J Battery comprised two 155 mm long range guns, the other similar battery being at Cape Peron on the mainland at the entrance to Cockburn Sound. Located in the dune systems at the north western	J Gun Battery (1942) is individually significant within the area of Garden Island (Register No. 019544) and is historically important as the first gun battery constructed on Garden Island and as one of two long range gun batteries which played a

Heritage Places	Class	Description	Conservation Values
		corner of Garden Island elements of the J Battery complex are now covered in part by sand.	strategic role in the coastal defences of Cockburn Sound and Fremantle following the entry of Japan into the Second World War (1939-45).

11.5 Fisheries - Commercial

11.5.1 Commonwealth and State Fisheries

The diverse range of habitats and species offshore WA has allowed for various fisheries to develop and operate throughout the region.

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) manages fisheries on behalf of the Commonwealth Government and is bound by objectives under the Commonwealth *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

WA State commercial fisheries are managed by the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA DPIRD) under the WA *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (FRMA), Fisheries Resources Management Regulations 1995, relevant gazetted notices and licence conditions, and applicable Fishery Management Plans.

Commonwealth and State managed fisheries that operate within the NWMR and in areas beyond this region are summarised in the **Table 11-4**.

Table 11-4 Commonwealth and State managed fisheries

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<tr><th rowspan="2">Fishery</th><th colspan="3">Woodside Activity Area</th><th colspan="3" rowspan="2">Description</th></tr>
<tr><th>Browse</th><th>NWS/S</th><th>NW Cape</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="7">Commonwealth Managed Fisheries</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="2">The Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery (SBTF) covers the entire EEZ around Australia, out to 200 nm from the coast. They do not fish in the Woodside activity area.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td>Southern bluefin tuna (Thunnus maccoyii)</td><td>Longline and purse seine fishing.</td><td>Southern bluefin tuna is a pelagic species which can be found to depths of 500 m (AFMA, 2021a)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort</td><td colspan="2">Most of the Australian fishing effort is by purse-seine vessels in the Great Australian Bight and waters off South Australia during summer months, and by longline off the New South Wales coastline during winter months (Patterson et al., 2020).
SBTF is a fishery that is shared amongst many countries. Australia currently has a 35% share of the total global allowable catch, and while wild capture fishing in Australia to sell directly to market can occur anywhere throughout the SBTF’s range, currently the vast majority of that quota is value-added through ranching (on-growing the wild captured fish for extra 5-6 months). Ranching requires significant infrastructure, a resident labour force, plus proximity to a fishery able to supply a large quantity of natural feed/sardines (40,000+ tonnes) (for example as available in Port Lincoln). North-west WA is critically important regardless of how the quota is fished because of the proximity to the single spawning ground of this global roaming species.
The stock remains classified as overfished.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels</td><td colspan="2">Seven purse seine vessels, 20 longline vessels (Patterson et al., 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Western Skipjack Tuna Fishery</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="2">The combined western and eastern skipjack tuna (Katsuwonus pelamis) fisheries (STF) encompass the entire Australian EEZ. The Western Skipjack Tuna Fishery (WSTF) extends westward from the SA/Victorian border across the Great Australian Bight and around the west coast of WA to the Cape York Peninsula.</td></tr>
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Fishery	Woodside Activity Area: Browse	Woodside Activity Area: NWS/S	Woodside Activity Area: NW Cape	Description		
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Western skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)	Fishers use purse seine gear (about 98% of catch) and sometimes pole and line when fishing for skipjack tuna.	Western skipjack tuna is a pelagic species that can be found to depths of 260 m (AFMA, 2021b).
				Fishing effort:	The Skipjack Tuna Fishery (STF) has not been actively fished since the 2008-2009 fishing season (Patterson *et al*., 2020). The management arrangements for this fishery will be reviewed if active boats re-enter the fishery.	
				Active licences/vessels:	No active vessels operating since 2009.	
Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery	✓	✓	✓	**Management area**	The Western Tuna and Billfish Fishery (WTBF) extends to the Australian EEZ boundary in the Indian Ocean.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) Yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) Albacore (*Thunnus alalonga*) Striped marlin (*Kajikia audax*)	Fishers mainly use pelagic longline fishing gear to catch the targeted species. Minor line (including handline, troll, rod and reel) can also be used.	Species have a broad depth distribution, with tuna occurring at 150 – 300 m, striped marlin at 150 m and swordfish at up to 600 m (BRS, 2007).
				Fishing effort:	The WTBF operates in Australia's EEZ and high seas of the Indian Ocean. Fishing effort in recent years has been concentrated off south-west WA, with occasional activity off SA.	
				Active licences/vessels:	Two pelagic longline vessels and two minor longline vessels (Patterson *et al*., 2020).	
Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery			✓	**Management area**	The Western Deepwater Trawl Fishery (WDTF) is located in deep water off WA, from the line approximating the 200 m isobath to the edge of the Australian Fishing Zone (AFZ).	

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<tr><td colspan="2">More than 50 species, historically dominated by six commercial finfish species or species groups:
Orange roughy (Hoplostethus atlanticus)
Oreos (Oreosomatidae)
Boarfish (Pentacerotidae)
Eteline snapper (Lutjanidae: Etelinae)
Apsiline snapper (Lutjanidae: Apsilinae)
Sea bream (Lethrinidae)</td><td>Demersal trawl.</td><td>Water deeper than 200 m, stakeholder consultation has indicated that this may be to depths of 800 m.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">The number of vessels active in the fishery and total hours trawled have fluctuated from year to year. Notably, total hours trawled were relatively high for a brief period during the early 2000s when fishers targeted ruby snapper and deepwater bugs (Patterson et al., 2020). Total fishing effort has been variable but relatively low since then. Effort in 2018-2019 (492 trawl hours) was less than half that of 2017-2018 (1108 trawl hours) (Patterson et al., 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">One active vessel in 2018-2019 (Patterson et al., 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">North-west Slope Trawl Fishery</td><td rowspan="3">✓</td><td rowspan="3">✓</td><td rowspan="3"></td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The North-west Slope Trawl Fishery (NWSTF) extends, from 114 °E to 125 °E, from the 200 m isobath to the outer limit of the AFZ (200 nm from the coastline, which is the boundary of the Australian EEZ).</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Australian scampi (Metanephrops australiensis) and smaller quantities of velvet and Boschma's scampi (M. velutinus and M. boschmai)
Mixed snappers have historically been an important component of the catch.</td><td>Demersal trawl.</td><td>Typically at depths of 350 to 600 m (Patterson et al., 2017), however stakeholder consultation has indicated that this may be to depths of 800 m.</td></tr>
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Fishing for scampi occurs over soft, muddy sediments or sandy habitats, using demersal trawl gear on the continental slope (Patterson et al., 2017).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Four vessels (Patterson et. al., 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="8">State Managed Fisheries</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Pilbara Fish Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="4"></td><td rowspan="4">✓</td><td rowspan="4"></td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Pilbara Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery is of high intensity and is divided into two zones and an area governed by Schedule 5 (prohibited to trawling). In addition to the Prohibited Trawl Fishing area, no fish trawl units are allocated for use in Zone 1 or Areas 3 and 6 of Zone 2 (which comprises six management areas) (Newman et al., 2020a). No fish trawl units have been allocated for use in Area 6 of Zone 2 since the management plan commenced operation in 1998.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">The Pilbara Fish Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery (PFTIMF) targets more than 50 scalefish species.
The five main demersal scalefish species landed by the fisheries in the Pilbara region are blue-spotted emperor, crimson snapper, rosy threadfin bream, red emperor and goldband snapper in 2018 (Newman et al., 2020a).</td><td>Demersal trawl.</td><td>The Pilbara Fish Trawl Fishery lands the largest component of the catch and operates in waters between 50 and 200 m water depth (Allen et al., 2014, Newman et al. 2015). Stakeholders have advised that trawling can occur in depths of up to approximately 800 m.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">Based on State of the Fisheries annual reports provided by DPIRD, catch trends are seen to be increasing over the past reporting years:</td></tr>
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Fishery	Woodside Activity Area			Description		
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
					Pilbara Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery caught 1996 t in 2018-19, 1780 t in 2017-18, 1529 t in 2016-17, 1172 t in 2015-16, 1105 t in 2014-15.	
				Active licences/vessels:	Two Pilbara Trawl (Interim) Managed Fishery vessels in 2017 (Newman *et al*., 2020a). Active vessels data are confidential as there were fewer than three vessels in the Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery (Newman *et al*., 2020a).	
Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery		✓	✓	**Management area**	The Pilbara Trap Fishery covers the area from Exmouth northwards and eastwards to the 120° line of longitude, and offshore as far as the 200 m isobath. Like the trawl fishery, the trap fishery is also managed using input controls in the form of individual transferable effort allocations monitored with a satellite-based vessel management system. The fishery includes six licences allocated to three vessels, operating principally from Onslow.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depths**
				Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery catch is made up of around 45-50 different fish species. The four main species landed by the fisheries in the Pilbara region are blue-spotted emperor, red emperor, goldband snapper and Rankin cod.	Demersal fish traps.	Greatest effort in waters less than 50 m depth targeting high value species such as red emperor and goldband snapper.
				Fishing effort	Based on State of the Fisheries annual reports provided by DPIRD, catch trends are seen to be increasing over the past reporting years: Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery caught 563 t in 2018-19, 573 t in 2017-18, 495 t in 2016-17, 510 t in 2015-16, 268 t in 2014-15. In 2018, the total catch for the Pilbara Trap Managed Fishery was 563 t, making up 21% of the total catch by the Pilbara Demersal Scale Fishery (Newman *et al*., 2019).	

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<tr><td rowspan="4">Pilbara Line Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="4"></td><td rowspan="4">✓</td><td rowspan="4">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Pilbara Line Managed Fishery boat licences are permitted to operate anywhere within "Pilbara waters", bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of 21°56’S latitude and the high water mark on the western side of the North-west Cape on the mainland of WA; west along the parallel to the intersection of 21°56’S latitude and the boundary of the AFZ and north to longitude 120°E.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing method</td><td>Fishing depths</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">The Pilbara Line Managed Fishery catch is made up around 45-50 different fish species.
The Pilbara Line Managed Fishery targets similar demersal species to the Pilbara Trap and Trawl fisheries, as well as some deeper offshore species such as ruby snapper and eightbar grouper
The Pilbara Line Managed Fishery operates on an exemption basis that enables licence holders to fish for any nominated five-month block during the year.</td><td>Demersal long line.</td><td>Pilbara Line Fishing Depth: Operates up to a depth of 600 m.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort</td><td colspan="3">Based on State of the Fisheries annual reports provided by DPIRD, catch trends are seen to be increasing over the past reporting years:
Pilbara Line Managed Fishery caught 93 t in 2018-19, 143 t in 2017-18, 126 t in 2016-17, 97 t in 2015-16, 40 t in 2014-15.
The total catch in 2018 for the Pilbara Line Managed Fishery was 93 t, making up 3% of the total catch by the Pilbara Demersal Scalefish Fishery (Newman et al., 2019).</td></tr>
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Active vessels data is confidential as there were fewer than three vessels in the Pilbara Line Fishery (Newman et al., 2018).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Mackerel Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The commercial fishery extends from Geraldton to the Northern Territory border. There are three managed fishing areas: Kimberley (Area 1), Pilbara (Area 2), and Gascoyne and West Coast (Area 3).</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus commerson)
Grey mackerel (S. semifasciatus)
Other species from the genus Scomberomorus</td><td>Near-surface trawling gear.
Jig fishing.</td><td>Previous engagement with WAFIC suggests that the depth of fisheries may extend to 70 m.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">Most of the catch is taken from waters off the Kimberley coasts (Lewis and Brand-Gardner, 2018), reflecting the tropical distribution of mackerel species (Molony et al., 2015). Most fishing activity occurs around the coastal reefs of the Dampier Archipelago and Port Hedland area, with the seasonal appearance of mackerel in shallower coastal waters most likely associated with feeding and gonad development before spawning (Mackie et al., 2003).
Based on State of the Fisheries annual reports provided by DPIRD, catch trends are as follows:
213 t in 2018-19 (the lowest on record (Lewis et al., 2020), 283 t in 2017-18, 276 t in 2016-17, 302 t in 2015-16, 322 t in 2014-15.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Fifteen boats fished in 2018, with approximately 35-40 people directly employed in the Mackerel Managed Fishery, primarily from May-November (Lewis et al., 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Marine Aquarium Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="2">✓</td><td rowspan="2">✓</td><td rowspan="2">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Marine Aquarium Managed Fishery is able to operate in all State waters. The fishery is typically more active in waters south of Broome and higher levels of effort around the Capes region, Perth, Geraldton, Exmouth, Dampier and Broome (Newman et al., 2020b).</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">Total catch for the Marine Aquarium Managed Fishery in 2018 was 156,188 fishes, 32.025 t of coral, live rock and living sand and 176.02 L of marine plants and live feed.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Eleven licences were active in 2019 (Newman et al., 2020b).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Beche-de-mer Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">Fishing occurs in the northern half of WA from Exmouth Gulf to the NT border and is managed under Ministerial Exemptions.</td></tr>
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<tr><td colspan="2">The sea cucumber fishery targets two main species: sandfish (Holothuria scabra) and redfish (Actinopyga echinites).</td><td>Diving</td><td>The targeted species typically inhabit nearshore in shallow depths.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort</td><td colspan="3">Based on State of the Fisheries annual reports provided by DPRID, catch trends are as follows:
62t in 2018 (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020), 135t in 2017, 93t in 2016, 38t in 2015</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels</td><td colspan="3">Six active licences in 2019 (Hart et al., 2019). Active vessels data is confidential as there were fewer than three vessels.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="2"></td><td rowspan="2">✓</td><td rowspan="2"></td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery encompasses a portion of the continental shelf off the Pilbara.</td></tr>
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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
				The fishery targets: Western king prawns (*Penaeus esculentus*) Brown tiger prawns (*Penaeus esculentus*) Blue endeavour prawns (*Metapenaeus endeavouri*	Low opening, otter prawn trawl systems.	Prawn trawling takes place in water depths of approximately 30 metres and less (licence holder feedback). Fishery and or fishing activity overlaps the Beadon Creek dredging scope (Sporer *et al*., 2015).
				Fishing effort:	The total landings for the Onslow Prawn Managed Fishery in 2018 were less than 60 t below the target catch range (Kangas *et al*., 2020a).	
				Active licences/vessels:	One vessel (Kangas *et al*., 2020a).	
Pearl Oyster Managed Fishery	✓	✓	✓	**Management area**	Located in shallow coastal waters with the pearl oyster managed fishery designated by four zones extending from Exmouth to Kununurra and the seaward boundary demarcated by the 200 nm EEZ.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Pearl oysters (*Pinctada maxima*).	Drift diving.	Fishing effort is mostly focussed in shallow coastal waters (10-15 m depth), with a maximum depth of 35 m (Lulofs *et al.* 2002).
				Fishing effort:	In 2018, catch was taken from Zones 2 and 3 with no fishing in Zone 1. The number of pearl oysters caught for 2018-19 was 614,002. Total effort was 15,637 dive hours, this was an increase from 2017 effort of 12,845 hours. No fishing occurred in Zone 1 in 2017 and 2018 (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020).	
				Active licences/vessels:	15,637 diver hours (Hart *et al.*, 2020a).	
		✓	✓	**Management area**	The Pilbara Crab Managed Fishery comprises WA waters off the north-western coast of WA north of 23° 34′ south latitude and west of 120° 00′ east longitude. Areas of the fishery north and east of Exmouth and	

Fishery	Woodside Activity Area: Browse	Woodside Activity Area: NWS/S	Woodside Activity Area: NW Cape	Description			
Pilbara Crab Managed Fishery					nearshore are currently closed as per Schedule 2 of the Draft Management Plan for the Pilbara Crab Managed Fishery.		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Crabs of the Family Portunidae, excluding crabs of the genus *Scylla*.		Traps.	Up to 50 m deep.
				Fishing effort:	The capacity of the fishery is 600 traps.		
				Active licences/vessels:	No information available at this time.		
South-west Coast Salmon Managed Fishery	✓	✓	✓	**Management area**	The South-west Coast Salmon Managed Fishery operates on various beaches south of the metropolitan area and includes all WA waters north of Cape Beaufort except Geographe Bay.		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Western Australian salmon (*Arripis truttaceus*)		Beach seine nets.	Information not available however, species generally found in shallow waters (up to 30 m).
				Fishing effort:	No fishing occurs north of the Perth metropolitan area, despite the managed fishery boundary extending to Cape Beaufort (WA/Northern Territory border), as advised by WAFIC. The 2018 commercial catch was 191 t, with 72% taken by the South West Coast Salmon Managed Fishery, 25% by the South Coast Salmon Managed Fishery and 3% by other fisheries (Duffy and Blay, 2020a).		
				Active licences/vessels:	Six licences.		
	✓	✓	✓	**Management area**	The Specimen Shell Managed Fishery (SSMF) encompasses the entire WA coastline, but effort is concentrated in areas adjacent to the population centres such as Broome, Exmouth, Shark Bay,		

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<tr><td>Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td>The Specimen Shell Managed Fishery targets the collection of specimen shells for display, collection, cataloguing and sale.</td><td>Collection is predominantly by hand when diving to wading in shallow, coastal waters, though in deeper water collection may be conducted by remotely operated vehicles (limited to one per licence).</td><td>For collection by hand, (diver-based) this typically restricts effort to safe diving depths (less than 30 m).
ROV collection could enable depths up to 300 m (Hart et al., 2017). In the past there has been one licence holder in the Specimen Shell Managed Fishery who has trialled ROV means of shell collection, WAFIC have provided advice that this fishery is no longer active.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="2">Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="2">In 2018 there were 31 licences with only two divers allowed in the water per licences at one time (Hart et al., 2018). The number of people employed regularly in the fishery is likely to be about 21 (Hart et al., 2018).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">West Australian Abalone Fishery</td><td rowspan="3">✓</td><td rowspan="3">✓</td><td rowspan="3">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="2">The Western Australian Abalone Fishery includes all coastal waters from the WA and SA border to the WA and NT border. The fishery is concentrated on the south coast and the west coast.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td>Greenlip abalone (Haliotis laevigata)
Brownlip abalone (Haliotis conicopora)
Roe’s abalone (Haliotis roei)</td><td>Divers.</td><td>Distribution to 5 m depth for Roe’s abalone and 40 m depth for greenlip / brownlip abalone (DOF, 2011).</td></tr>
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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
				Fishing effort:	In 2018, the total commercial catch was 48 t, 1 t less than the catch in each of the last two seasons. No commercial fishing for abalone north of Moore River (Zone 8 of the managed fishery) has occurred since 2011–2012 (Strain *et al.*, 2018).	
				Active licences/vessels:	26 vessels active in Roe's abalone fishery (WAFIC[5]).	
West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery	✓	✓	✓	**Management area**	The West Coast Deep Sea Crustacean Managed Fishery extends north from Cape Leeuwin to the WA/NT border in water depths greater than 150 m within the AFZ.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				The fishery targets deepwater crustaceans. Catches were dominated by crystal crabs of which 99% of their Total Allowable Catch (TAC) was landed (How and Orme, 2020a). Crystal (snow) crab (*Chaceon albus*) Giant (king) crab (*Pseudocarcinus gigas*) Champagne (spiny) crabs (*Hypothalassia acerba*)	Baited pots, or traps, are operated in long-lines which have between 80 and 180 pots attached to a main line marked by a float at each end.	Deeper than 150 m (and mostly at depths of between 500 m – 800 m). Most of the commercial Crystal crab catch is taken in depths of 500 m – 800 m (WAFIC[6]).
				Fishing effort:	The total landings in 2018 was 168. t. Two vessels operated in the fishery in 2017, using baited pots operated in a longline formation in the shelf edge waters, mostly in depths between 500 and 800 m (How and Orme, 2020a). Fishing effort was concentrated between Fremantle and Carnarvon.	
				Active licences/vessels:	There were four active vessels in 2018 (How and Orme, 2020a).	

[5] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/roes-abalone-fishery/
[6] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/west-coast-deep-sea-crustacean-fishery/

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<tr><td rowspan="5">Abrolhos Islands and Mid-West Trawl Fishery</td><td rowspan="5"></td><td rowspan="5"></td><td rowspan="5">✓</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Abrolhos Islands and Mid-West Trawl Fishery (AIMWTMF) operates around the Abrolhos Islands within the SWMR.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Saucer scallops (Ylistrum balloti, formerly Amusium balloti)</td><td>Trawl.</td><td>Information not available, however, the species occurs at depth of around 30-60 m and therefore fishing effort would likely be at these depths (Himmelman et al., 2009).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">The scallop landings in the AIMWTMF were 31.0 t meat weight (154.8 t whole weight). Between 2011 and 2015, the annual pre-season surveys showed very low recruitment (1-year old), as a result of the 2011 extreme marine heatwave and subsequent poor pawning stock (Kangas et al., 2020b). The fishery was closed between 2011 and 2016.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Information about licences or vessels is not available but the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development reported 774 t of catch from this fishery in the 2019 annual report (DPIRD, 2019).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Broome Prawn Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="4">✓</td><td rowspan="4"></td><td rowspan="4"></td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The Broome Prawn Managed Fishery (BPMF) operates off Broome and forms part of the North Coast Prawn Fishery.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Western king prawn (Penaeus latisulcatus)
Coral prawn</td><td>Trawl.</td><td>Trawling is generally in waters between 30 and 60 m deep, however can occur down to 100 m (DOEH, 2004).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">BPMF recorded extremely low fishing effort in 2018. Only two vessels undertook trial fishing to investigate whether the catch rates were sufficient for commercial fishing. This resulted in negligible landings of Western king prawn (Kangas et al., 2020a).</td></tr>
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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape				
				Active licences/vessels:	Two vessels conducting fishing trial operated in 2018 (Kangas *et al*., 2020a).		
Exmouth Gulf Prawn Managed Fishery			✓	**Management area**	The estimated employment in the fishery in 2017 was 18 people including skippers and other crew (Kangas *et al*., 2018). The fishery occupies a total area of 4000 km², with only half of this area being trawled (Fletcher and Santoro, 2015).		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Western king prawn (*Penaeus latisulcatus*) Brown tiger prawn (*Penaeus esculentus*) Blue endeavour prawn (*Metapenaeus endeavouri*) Banana prawn (*Penaeus merguinensis*)		Trawl.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	The total landings of prawns in 2018 were 880 t (Kangas *et al*., 2020a). In the 2016 season, a fishing effort of about 23,000 hours resulted in a catch of 822 t.		
				Active licences/vessels:	The precise number of vessels is unreported. Eighteen people were said to be employed in this fishery in 2018 (Kangas *et al.*, 2019); however, in 2013 it was reported that 18 skippers as well as other crew and support staff were employed (WAFIC[7]).		
Gascoyne Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery			✓	**Management area**	The Gascoyne Demersal Scalefish Fishery (GDSF) is located between the southern Ningaloo Coast to south of Shark Bay (23°07.30'S to 26°.30'S) with a closure area at Point Maud to Tantabiddi (21°56.30'S) (WAFIC[8]).		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**

[7] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/exmouth-gulf-prawn-fishery/
[8] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/gascoyne-demersal-scalefish-fishery/

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape				
				Pink snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*) Goldband snapper (*Pristipomoides multidens*) Red emperor (*Lutjanus sebae*) Cods (*Gadus morhua*) Emperors (*Lethrinus miniatus)*		Mechanised handlines.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	The GDSF reported a total commercial catch of 210 t in 2017-18.		
				Active licences/vessels:	In 2018, 13 vessels fished during the season, in the 2017 season there were 16 vessels (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).		
Kimberley Developing Mud Crab Fishery	✓			**Management area**	The Kimberley Developing Mud Crab Fishery is one of two small trap-based crab fisheries that exist in the North Coast Bioregion between Cambridge Gulf and Broome (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Brown mud crab (*Scylla olivacea*) Green mud crab (*Scylla serrata*)		Trap.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	The catch landed represents all commercially caught mud crabs landed in WA for 2018. A nominal catch rate of 0.66 kg/traplift was recorded for 2018, which is a 28% decrease from 2017 but remains above the harvest strategy threshold (Johnston *et al*., 2020).		
				Active licences/vessels:	There are currently three licences issued to commercial operators (600 trap limit), and three exemptions issued to Indigenous groups (total of 210 traps currently allocated of a maximum 600 traps) (Johnston *et al*., 2020).		
Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery		✓		**Management area**	The Nickol Bay Prawn Managed Fishery operates in nearshore and offshore waters of the Pilbara region along the NWS.		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**

Fishery	Woodside Activity Area: Browse	Woodside Activity Area: NWS/S	Woodside Activity Area: NW Cape	Description		
				Banana prawn (*Penaeus merguiensis*) Western king prawn (*Penaeus latisulcatus*) Brown tiger prawn (*Penaeus esculentus*) Blue endeavour prawn (*Metapenaeus endeavouri*)	Trawl.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	Trawling has been reported to occur at several locations along the Pilbara coast to the east of the Burrup Peninsula, including within the waters of Nickol Bay (Fletcher and Santoro, 2015). The total landings for the 2018 season were 81 t. Fishing effort was less than half at 138 days, compared to 281 boat days in 2017 (Kangas *et al*., 2020a).	
				Active licences/vessels:	The precise number of vessels is unreported, though low effort produced a catch of 17 t in 2016 (Kangas *et al.*, 2018).	
Northern Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery	✓			**Management area**	The fishery is divided into two fishing areas: an inshore sector (Area 1) and an offshore sector (Area 2) (Newman *et al.*, 2018). Area 1 permits line fishing only, between the high water mark and the 30 m isobath. Area 2 permits handline, dropline and fish trap fishing methods and is further divided into zones. Zone A is an inshore area, Zone B comprises the area with most historical fishing activity, and Zone C is an offshore deep slope area representing waters deeper than 200 m (Fletcher *et al.*, 2017).	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Goldband snapper (*Pristipomoides multidens*) Blue-spotted emperor (*Lethrinus punctulantus*) Red emperor (*Lutjanus sebae*) Rankin cod (*Epinephelus multinotatus*)	Line fishing, handline, dropline and fish trap fishing.	Information not available.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
				Fishing effort:	In 2018, the fishery reported a total catch of 1297 t. Most of the catch is landed from Zone B, with a catch of 1106 t in 2018. The level of catch in Zone B is the highest reported since zoning was implemented in 2006 (Newman *et al.*, 2019).	
				Active licences/vessels:	Six vessels fished in the 2018 season and at least 20 people were directly employed (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).	
Octopus Interim Management Fishery				**Management area**	The developing Octopus Fishery operates from Kalbarri Cliffs in the north to Esperance in the south.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Octopus sp. cf. tetricus	Passive shelter pots and active traps.	In inshore waters to a depth of 70 m (DPIRD, 2018).
				Fishing effort:	In 2019, the total commercial octopus catch was 314 t, which was 22% higher than the 2017 catch of 257 t. In 2016, about 200 vessels reported a total catch of 252 t (Hart *et al.*, 2020c).	
				Active licences/vessels:	About 21 vessels fish within the octopus specific fisheries, and about 200 vessels from the West Coast Rock Lobster Fishery catch octopus as bycatch (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).	
Shark Bay Beach Seine and Mesh Net Managed Fishery				**Management area**	The Shark Bay Beach Seine and Mesh Net Managed Fishery operates from Denham.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Whiting (yellowfin *Sillago schomburgkii* and goldenline *S. analis*) Sea mullet (*Mugil cephalus*) Tailor (*Pomatomus saltatrix*) Western yellowfin bream (*Acanthopagrus australis*)	Beach seine and mesh net.	Information not available.

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	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape				
				Fishing effort:	In 2018, the total catch was 176 t (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020). The fishery currently employs about 14 fishers based on the seven fishery licences in operation (WAFIC[9]).		
				Active licences/vessels:	Six vessels operated employing around 12 fishers (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).		
Shark Bay Crab Managed Fishery				**Management area**	The Shark Bay Crab Managed Fishery operates within the NWMR.		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Blue swimmer crab (*Portunus armatus*)		Trap and trawl.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	Commercial fishing for blue swimmer crabs in Shark Bay was voluntarily halted by industry in 2012 to facilitate stock rebuilding. The stock is still in a recovery phase; however, the fishery has resumed and reported a total commercial catch of 518 t in the 2017/18 season. The average commercial trap catch rate was 1.5 kg/traplift during 2017/18 (Chandrapavan *et al.*, 2017).		
				Active licences/vessels:	The precise number of vessels in the Shark Bay Blue Swimmer Crab Fishery is unreported. There are five crab trap permits. These permits are consolidated onto three active vessels (WAFIC[10]).		
Shark Bay Prawn and Scallop Managed Fishery				**Management area**	The Shark Bay Prawn Managed Fishery is the highest producing WA fishery for prawns.		
				Species targeted		**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Western king prawn (*Penaeus latisulcatus*) Brown tiger prawn (*Penaeus esculentus*)		Low-opening otter trawls.	Information not available.

[9] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/inner-shark-bay-scalefish-fishery/
[10] https://www.wafic.org.au/fishery/shark-bay-prawn-and-scallop-managed-fisheries/

Fishery	Woodside Activity Area			Description		
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
				Endeavour prawns (*Metapenaeus endeavouri*) Coral prawns (*Metapenaeopsis sp.*) Saucer scallop (*Amusium balloti*)		
				Fishing effort:	The Shark Bay Scallop Managed Fishery is currently in a recovery phase due to the results from the pre-season survey of stock abundance (Fletcher and Santoro, 2015; Kangas *et al.*, 2018).	
				Active licences/vessels:	The precise number of vessels in the Shark Bay Prawn Managed Fishery is unreported; however, about 100 people are employed in this fishery (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018). About 20 skippers and crew are employed in scallop fishing in the Shark Bay and South Coast fisheries across 18 vessels in 2015 (Sporer *et al.*, 2015).	
South Coast Crustacean Managed Fishery	-	-	-	**Management area**	The South Coast Crustacean Managed Fishery comprises four fisheries: the Windy Harbour/Augusta Rock Lobster Managed Fishery, the Esperance Rock Lobster Managed Fishery, the Southern Rock Lobster Pot Regulation Fishery and the South Coast Deep-Sea Crab Fishery.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Southern rock lobster (*Jasus edwardsii*) Western rock lobster (*Panulirus cygnus*) Giant crab (*Pseudocarcinus gigas*) Crystal crab (*Chaceon albus*) Champagne crab (*Hypothalassia acerba*)	Pots.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	The South Coast Crustacean Managed Fishery reported a total catch of 101.2 t in 2018 season and the value of the fishery for 2017/2018 was about $5.9 million (Howe and Orme, 2020b).	
				Active licences/vessels:	The number of vessels is unknown; however, a total of 1977 pots are licensed to be used.	
	-	-	-	**Management area**	The fishery is active in coastal waters between Cape Leeuwin and the South Australia border. Landings are primarily at Albany, Bremer Bay and Esperance (Norriss and Blazeski, 2020).	

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<tr><td rowspan="4">South Coast Purse Seine Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="4"></td><td rowspan="4"></td><td rowspan="4"></td><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Small pelagic finfish such as pilchards and yellowtail scad using purse seine nets from vessels.
Sandy sprat (Hyperlophus vittatus)
Blue sprat (Spratelloides robustus)</td><td>Purse seine.</td><td>Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">In the 2017/18 season the total catch effort was 2,168 t (Norriss and Blazeski, 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Nine active vessels in 2017/18 (Norriss and Blazeski, 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">South-west Trawl Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The South-west Trawl Managed Fishery is a multi-species fishery and includes two of WA’s smaller scallop fishing grounds at Fremantle and north of Geographe Bay (Fairclough and Walters, 2018).</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Scallops (Ylistrum balloti, formerly Amusium balloti) and associated by-products
Western king prawn (Penaeus latisulcatus)
In years of low scallop catches licencees may use other trawl gear to target fin-fish species.</td><td>Trawl.</td><td>Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">Effort in the fishery is highly variable and typically fluctuates in response to recruitment variability in saucer scallops and prawns. The fishery was not active in 2015 or 2016 (Fairclough and Walters, 2018).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Only one boat fished in 2018 for a total of 5 boat days for minimal catch (Fairclough and Walters, 2018).</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="5">The South Coast Salmon Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">The South Coast Salmon Managed Fishery is one of two fisheries operating in the South Coast Bioregion that target nearshore and estuarine finfish.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Western Australian salmon (Arripis truttaceus)
Southern school whiting (Sillago bassensis)
Australian herring (Arripis georgianus)
King George whiting (Sillaginodes punctatus)
Sea mullet (Mugil cephalus)
Estuary cobbler (Cnidoglanis macrocephalus)
Black bream (Acanthopagrus butcheri)</td><td>Beach seines, haul nets and gill nets.</td><td>Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">The total catch for 2018 was 243 t (Duffy and Blay, 2020b).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="3">Number of vessels is unknown; however, 12 commercial fishers were employed in 2018 (Duffy and Blay, 2020b).</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">West Coast Beach Bait Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="4">-</td><td rowspan="4">-</td><td rowspan="4">-</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="3">Primarily active in the Bunbury areas in the SWMR.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Whitebait</td><td>Beach-based haul nets.</td><td>Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="3">In recent years the fishery is primarily active in the Bunbury area. Total catch of whitebait in 2015 was 40.2 t (Duffy and Blay, 2020c).</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="5">West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline (Interim) Managed Fishery</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td rowspan="5">-</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="2">The West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline (Interim) Managed Fishery (WCDGDLF) is part of the Temperate Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fishery (TDGDLF), which operates between 26° and 33° S, and the Joint Authority Southern Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Managed Fishery (JASDGDLF), which operates from 33° S to the WA/SA border (Braccini and Blay, 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td>Gummy shark (Mustelus antarcticus)
Dusky shark (Carcharhinus obscurus)
Whiskery shark (Furgaleus macki)
Sandbar shark (C. plumbeus)</td><td>Gillnet and longline.</td><td>Information not available.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="2">Catch estimated annual value of the fishery was $0.2 million for 2017 to 2018 (Braccini and Blay, 2020).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="2">Vessel numbers are unknown; however, 17 interim managed fishery permits were held in 2019 (DPIRD, 2019) and between 18 and 21 skippers and crew were employed between 2016 and 2017.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">West Coast Demersal Scalefish Fishery</td><td rowspan="3">-</td><td rowspan="3">-</td><td rowspan="3">-</td><td>Management area</td><td colspan="2">These fisheries include the West Coast Demersal Scalefish (Interim) Managed Fishery (51 boats), the West Coast Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline (Interim) Managed Fishery and the temperate Demersal Gillnet and Demersal Longline Fisheries. The West Coast Demersal Scalefish Managed Fishery is the main commercial fishery that targets demersal species in the West Coast Bioregion. It encompasses the waters from just south of Shark Bay down to just east of Augusta and extends seaward to the 200 nm boundary. The fishery is divided into four inshore management areas and one offshore management area.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species targeted</td><td>Fishing methods</td><td>Fishing depth</td></tr>
<tr><td>Baldchin groper (Choerodon rubescens)
Dhufish (Glaucosoma hebraicum)
Pink snapper (Pagrus auratus)</td><td>Lines.</td><td>Inshore species – 20 to 250 m water depth.</td></tr>
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Fishery	Woodside Activity Area			Description		
	Browse	NWS/S	NW Cape			
						Offshore species – more than 250 m water depth.
				Fishing effort:	In 2016, the West Coast Demersal Scalefish (interim) Managed Fishery reported a total catch of 256 t.	
				Active licences/vessels:	The precise number of vessels in the West Coast Demersal Scalefish Fisheries is unreported; however, it is restricted to 60 interim managed fishery permit holders.	
West Coast Purse Seine Managed Fishery	-	-	-	**Management area**	Located in waters from Cape Bouvard extending to Lancelin.	
				Species targeted	**Fishing methods**	**Fishing depth**
				Small pelagic finfish such as: Scaly mackerel (*Sardinella lemuru*) Pilchards (*Sardinops sagax*) Australian anchovy (*Engraulis australis*) Yellowtail scad (*Trachurus novaezelandiae*) Maray (*Etrumeus teres*)	Purse seine.	Information not available.
				Fishing effort:	Information not available	
				Active licences/vessels:	Seven vessels in 2017 (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).	
West Coast Rock Lobster Managed Fishery			✓	**Management area**	The West Coast Rock Lobster Fishery operates from Shark Bay south to Cape Leeuwin. The fishery is managed using zones, seasons and total allowable catch. The recreational fishery targets the western rock lobsters using baited pots and by diving between North-west Cape and Augusta.	

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<tr><td>Western rock lobster (Panulirus cygnus)</td><td>Baited pots.</td><td>Less than 20 m.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Fishing effort:</td><td colspan="2">In 2018, 234 vessels reported a total catch of 6400 t in 2017 (de Lestang et al., 2018). In 2016, 226 vessels reported a total catch of 6,086 t (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Active licences/vessels:</td><td colspan="2">234 vessels operated in 2017 and 233 vessels operated in 2018 (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018).</td></tr>
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11.5.2 Aquaculture

Aquaculture operations in the northwest are typically restricted to inland and shallow coastal waters.

West Coast Bioregion

Aquaculture activities in the West Coast bioregion, defined by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) (as the government body responsible management of primary industries in WA) are focused on blue mussels and edible oysters (mainly in Cockburn Sound) and marine algae for production of beta-carotene, used as a food additive and as a nutritional supplement. Offshore marine finfish production is also being developed, initially focusing on yellowtail kingfish.

There is also an emerging black pearl industry (from the *Pinctada margaritifera* oyster) in the Abrolhos Islands. As well as expansion in the production of Akoya pearls (small white pearls from *Pinctada fucata martensi*), *Pinctada albina* (small, yellow pearls) and *Pteria penguin*, which are often used to produce half (mabe) pearls in pink and bluish shades.

Aquaculture licences for producing coral and live rock (pieces of old coral reefs colonised by marine life, such as beneficial bacteria, for aquariums) at the Abrolhos Islands have also been issued and other applications are being assessed.

Gascoyne Coast Bioregion

In the Gascoyne Coast bioregion, aquaculture activities are focused on the blacklip oyster (*Pinctada margaritifera*) and Akoya pearl oyster (*Pinctada imbricata*) (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020). Several hatcheries supply *P. margaritifera* juveniles to the region's developing black pearl farms.

Other aquaculture developments in the Gascoyne Coast bioregion include emerging producers of coral and live rock species for aquariums.

North Coast Bioregion

Aquaculture activities in the North Coast bioregion is dominated by the production of pearls. A large number of pearl oysters for seeding are obtained from wild stocks and supplemented by hatchery produced oysters, with major hatcheries operating at Broome and around the Dampier Peninsula (Gaughan and Santoro, 2018). Primary spawning of the pearl oyster occurs from mid-October to December. A smaller secondary spawning occurs in February and March (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020).

Other aquaculture developments in the North Coast include emerging producers of coral and live rock species for aquariums as well as barramundi (*Lates calcarifer)* farms and microalgae culturing for Omega-3, biofuels and protein biomass (Gaughan and Santoro, 2020).

11.6 Fisheries – Traditional

Traditional or customary fisheries are typically restricted to shallow coastal waters and/or areas with structures such as reef.

Dugong, fish and marine turtles that move between coastal and Commonwealth waters are important components of the Aboriginal people's culture and diet. Aboriginal people continue to actively manage their sea country in coastal waters of WA in order to protect and manage the marine environment, its resources and cultural values.

Indonesian fishers can fish within designated areas under the Australia-Indonesia Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Operations of Indonesian Traditional Fishermen in Areas of the Australian Fishing Zone and Continental Shelf – 1974 (MoU 74). Traditional fishing is allowed within the MoU Box (**Figure 11-1)**, which encompasses: Ashmore Reef (Pulau Pasir), Cartier Island (Pulau Baru), Seringapatam Reef (Afringan), Scott Reef (Pulau Dato) and Browse Island (Berselan). Restrictions have since been introduced around Ashmore Reef and Cartier Island following their designation as Nature Reserves under the Commonwealth's *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975* in 1983 and 2000, respectively.

The MoU allows Indonesian fishers to fish in designated areas using traditional methods only. These methods include reef gleaning, free-diving, hand lining and other non-mechanised methods. Scott Reef is currently the principal reef in the MoU 74 Box and is utilised seasonally by Indonesian fishers to harvest trepang, trochus shells and other reef species. The peak season is July to October due to more favourable wind conditions, and to allow fishers to sun dry their catch on their boat decks (ERM, 2009). Browse Island is also frequently visited by shark fishers who mostly fish along the eastern margin of the MoU 74 Box.

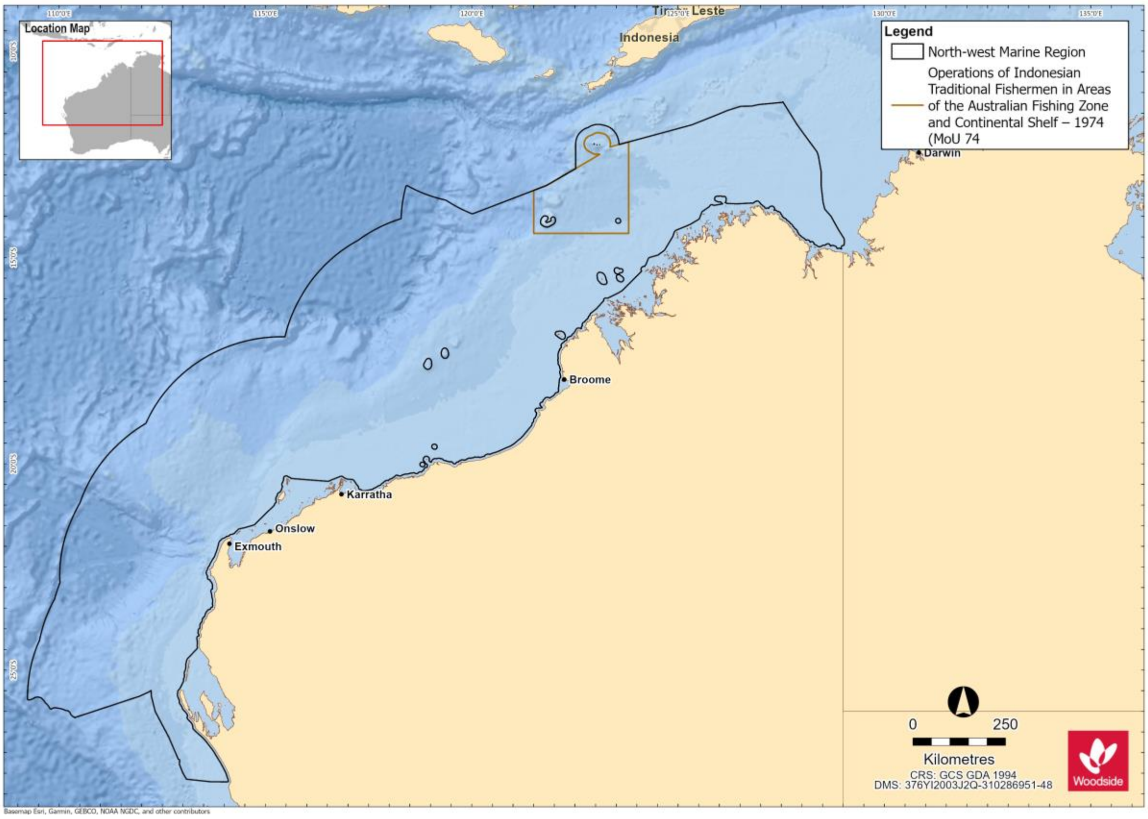

Figure 11-1 MOU 74 Box. Operations of Indonesian Traditional Fishermen in Areas of the Australian Fishing Zone and Continental Shelf – 1974

11.7 Tourism and Recreation

There are growing tourism and recreational sectors in WA. The Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions are popular visitor destinations for Australian and international tourists. Tourism is concentrated in the vicinity of population centres including Broome, Dampier, Exmouth, Coral Bay and Shark Bay.

Recreational and tourism activities include: charter fishing, other recreational fishing, diving, snorkelling, marine fauna watching, and yachting.

11.7.1 Gascoyne Region

Outside the petroleum industry, tourism is the largest revenue earner of all the major industries of the Gascoyne region. It contributes significantly to the local economy in terms of both income and employment. In 2018 there was an average of 337,400 visitors with a visitor spend of $359 million (Gascoyne Development Commission[11]).

In 2018-19, the Ningaloo region (Ningaloo Reef and the surrounding coastal region Exmouth Gulf, communities of Exmouth and Coral Bay, and adjacent proposed southern coastal reserves and pastoral leases) contributed an estimated $110 million in value added to the WA economy (DCBA, 2020). Ningaloo's economic contribution to WA is attributed to four key types of economic activity, tourism expenditure by international, interstate and WA visitors to the Ningaloo region, commercial fishing in the Exmouth Gulf, recreation activity involving the Reef by residents of the Ningaloo region and management and research relating to the Reef (DCBA, 2020). More than 90% of this value added is attributed to the domestic and international tourists who visit Ningaloo each year (DCBA, 2020). The main marine nature-based tourist activities are concentrated around and within the Ningaloo WHA.

11.7.2 Pilbara region

Recreation and tourism activities within the Pilbara are of high social value. Tourism is a key economic driver for the Pilbara with more than 1 million visitors to the region every year, generating $413 million in gross revenue annually (Pilbara Development Commission[12]).

Recreational fishing within the Pilbara region tends to be concentrated in State waters adjacent to population centres. Recreational fishing is known to occur around the Dampier Archipelago with boats launched from boat ramps around Dampier and Karratha (Williamson *et al.*, 2006). Once at sea, charter vessels may also frequent the waters surrounding the Montebello Islands.

11.7.3 Kimberley Region

Recreation and tourism activities in the Kimberley region occur predominantly in WA State waters (extending offshore 3 nm from the mainland), adjacent to coastal population centres (e.g. Broome), with a peak in activity during the winter months (dry season). These activities include recreational fishing, diving, snorkelling, wildlife watching and boating.

Primary dive locations in the Kimberley region include the Rowley Shoals, including Mermaid Reef AMP, Scott Reef, Seringapatam Reef, Ashmore Reef AMP and Cartier Island.

11.8 Shipping

Commercial shipping traffic is high within the NWMR with vessel activities including commercial fisheries, tourism such as cruises, international shipping and oil and gas operations. There are 12 ports adjacent to the NWMR, including the major ports of Dampier, Port Hedland and Broome, which are operated by their respective port authorities. These ports handle large tonnages of iron ore and petroleum exports in addition to salt, manganese, feldspar chromite and copper (DEWHA, 2008).

Heavy vessel traffic exists within the Pilbara Port Authority management area which recorded 10,064 vessel movements in Port of Dampier 2019/20 annual reporting period (PPA, 2020). Twenty-six designated anchorages for bulk carriers, petroleum and gas tankers, drilling rigs, offshore platforms, and pipelay vessels are located offshore of Rosemary Island.

In 2012, AMSA established a network of shipping fairways off the northwest coast of Australia. The shipping fairways, while not mandatory, aim to reduce the risk of collision between transiting vessels and offshore infrastructure. The fairways are intended to direct large vessels such as bulk carriers and LNG ships trading to the major ports into pre-defined routes to keep them clear of existing and planned offshore infrastructure (AMSA, 2013).

[11] https://www.gdc.wa.gov.au/industry-profiles/tourism/
[12] https://www.pdc.wa.gov.au/our-focus/strategicinitiatives/tourism

11.9 Oil and Gas Infrastructure

The NWMR supports a number of industries including petroleum exploration and production.

Within the NWMR there are seven sedimentary petroleum basins: Northern and Southern Carnarvon basins, Perth, Browse, Roebuck, Offshore Canning and Bonaparte basins. Of these, the Northern Carnarvon, Browse and Bonaparte basins hold large quantities of gas and comprise most of Australia's reserves of natural gas (DEWHA, 2008), which is reflected by the level of development in the area. In addition to existing facilities, there are proposed developments in the region. This includes proposals to develop gas and condensate from a number of fields within the NWMR.

In addition to the oil and gas industry, other land-based industries depend upon the marine environment in the nearshore area. These include ports, salt mines such as Karratha and Onslow, LNG onshore processing facilities such as Burrup Hub, Thevenard Island, Barrow Island, Varanus Island, and small-scale desalination plants at Barrow Island, Burrup, Cape Preston, and Onslow.

11.10 Defence

Key Australian Department of Defence (DoD) operational areas and facilities areas of the NWMR for training and operational activities, include:

- An operating logistics base has been established in Dampier to support vessels patrolling the waters around offshore oil and gas facilities. A dedicated navy administrative support facility is also being constructed at the nearby township of Karratha.
- The Royal Australian Air Force currently maintains two 'bare bases' in remote areas of WA that are used for military exercises. One of these is the Royal Australian Air Force Base in Learmonth. The Royal Australian Air Force maintains the Commonwealth Heritage listed Learmonth Air Weapons Range Facility, which is located between Ningaloo Station and the Cape Range National Park. The air training area associated with the Learmonth base extends over the offshore region.
- The Royal Australian Air Force Base Curtin is located on the north coast of WA, south-east of Derby and 170 km east of Broome. It provides support for land, air and sea operations aimed to support Australia's northern approaches.
- The Naval Communications Station Harold E. Holt is located ~6 km north of Exmouth. The main role of the station is to communicate at very low frequencies (19.8 kHz) with Australian and United States submarines and ships in the eastern Indian Ocean and the western Pacific Ocean.

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APPENDIX A. PROTECTED MATTER SEARCH REPORTS FOR NWMR, SWMR AND NMR

Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

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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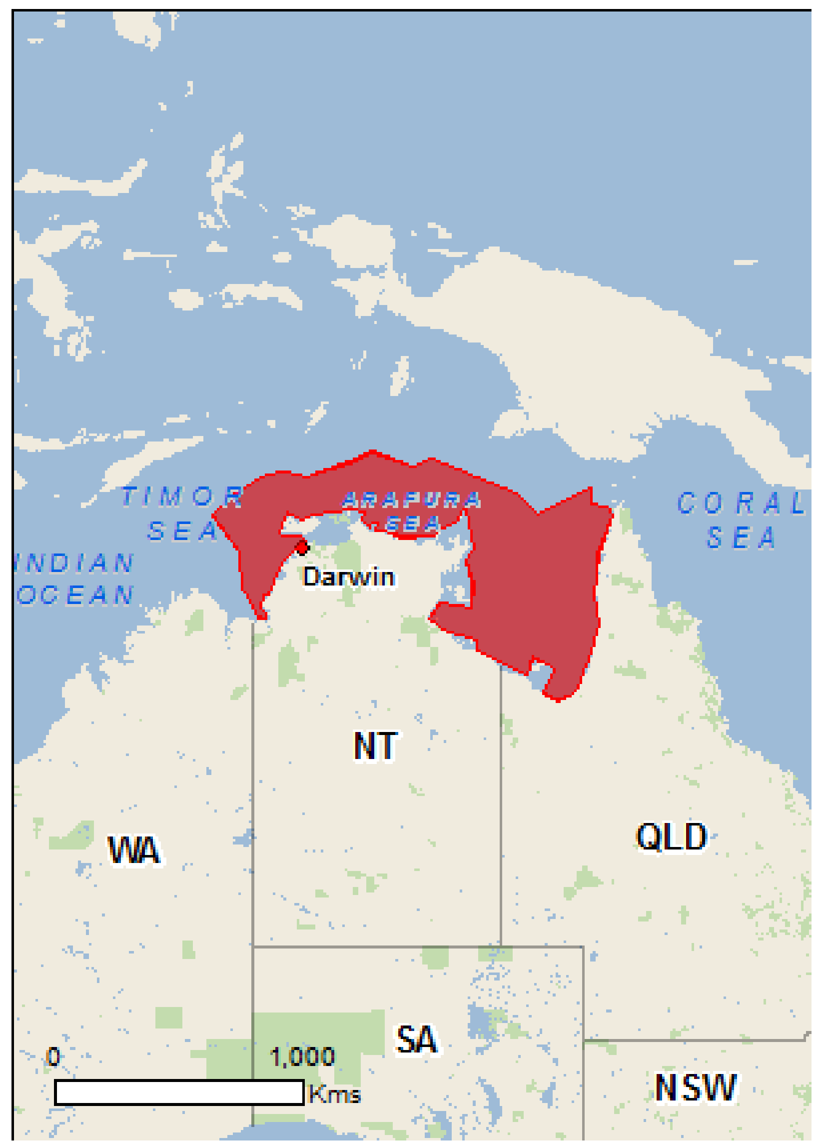

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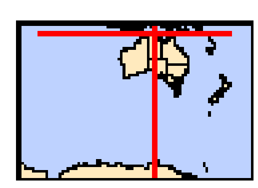

Summary

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.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	2
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	33
Listed Migratory Species:	70

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.

Commonwealth Land:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	127
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	25
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	15

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	2
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	1
Nationally Important Wetlands:	1
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	8

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
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

Listed Threatened Species [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Erythrura gouldiae Gouldian Finch [413]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Falcunculus frontatus whitei Crested Shrike-tit (northern), Northern Shrike-tit [26013]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica baueri Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-	Vulnerable	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
tailed Godwit [86380]		habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Macroderma gigas Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Notomys aquilo Northern Hopping-mouse, Woorrentinta [123]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus Bare-rumped Sheath-tailed Bat, Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat [66889]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Xeromys myoides Water Mouse, False Water Rat, Yirrkoo [66]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Cryptoblepharus gurrmul Arafura Snake-eyed Skink [83106]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Sharks		
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Glyphis garricki Northern River Shark, New Guinea River Shark [82454]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Glyphis glyphis Speartooth Shark [82453]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pristis clavata Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis pristis Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may 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
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sternula albifrons Little Tern [82849]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sula leucogaster Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Anoxypristis cuspidata Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Isurus oxyrinchus Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Isurus paucus Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Manta alfredi Reef Manta Ray, Coastal Manta Ray, Inshore Manta Ray, Prince Alfred's Ray, Resident Manta Ray [84994]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Manta birostris Giant Manta Ray, Chevron Manta Ray, Pacific Manta Ray, Pelagic Manta Ray, Oceanic Manta Ray [84995]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Orcaella heinsohni Australian Snubfin Dolphin [81322]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pristis clavata Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis pristis Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Cecropis daurica Red-rumped Swallow [80610]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cuculus optatus Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Acrocephalus orientalis Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper [842]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius minutus Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel [848]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis fulva Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Thalasseus bergii Greater Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding likely to occur within area
Tringa brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species [Resource Information]

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Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Acrocephalus orientalis Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius ruficapillus Red-capped Plover [881]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Heteroscelus brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [59311]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Himantopus himantopus Pied Stilt, Black-winged Stilt [870]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Hirundo daurica Red-rumped Swallow [59480]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper [842]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius minutus Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel [848]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
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Pluvialis fulva Pacific Golden Plover [25545]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Recurvirostra novaehollandiae Red-necked Avocet [871]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sterna albifrons Little Tern [813]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sterna bengalensis Lesser Crested Tern [815]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bergii Crested Tern [816]		Breeding likely to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Stiltia isabella Australian Pratincole [818]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Sula leucogaster Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper, Little Greenshank [833]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fish		

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Acentronura tentaculata Shortpouch Pygmy Pipehorse [66187]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bhanotia fasciolata Corrugated Pipefish, Barbed Pipefish [66188]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys tricarinatus Three-keel Pipefish [66192]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys brachysoma Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish [66194]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys suillus Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys amplexus Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish [66199]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys flavofasciatus Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish [66200]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys haematopterus Reef-top Pipefish [66201]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys intestinalis Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish [66202]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys ocellatus Orange-spotted Pipefish, Ocellated Pipefish [66203]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys schultzi Schultz's Pipefish [66205]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cosmocampus banneri Roughridge Pipefish [66206]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cosmocampus maxweberi Maxweber's Pipefish [66209]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus dactyliophorus Banded Pipefish, Ringed Pipefish [66210]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus excisus Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus janssi Cleaner Pipefish, Janss' Pipefish [66212]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Festucalex cinctus Girdled Pipefish [66214]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Filicampus tigris Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Halicampus brocki Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus dunckeri Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish [66220]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus grayi Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus macrorhynchus Whiskered Pipefish, Ornate Pipefish [66222]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus spinirostris Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliichthys taeniophorus Ribboned Pipehorse, Ribboned Seadragon [66226]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys cyanospilos Blue-speckled Pipefish, Blue-spotted Pipefish [66228]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys heptagonus Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish [66229]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys parvicarinatus Short-keel Pipefish, Short-keeled Pipefish [66230]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys spicifer Belly-barred Pipefish, Banded Freshwater Pipefish [66232]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus angustus Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus histrix Spiny Seahorse, Thorny Seahorse [66236]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus kuda Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus planifrons Flat-face Seahorse [66238]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus spinosissimus Hedgehog Seahorse [66239]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus trimaculatus Three-spot Seahorse, Low-crowned Seahorse, Flat-faced Seahorse [66720]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus zebra Zebra Seahorse [66241]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Micrognathus brevirostris thorntail Pipefish, Thorn-tailed Pipefish [66254]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Micrognathus micronotopterus Tidepool Pipefish [66255]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Microphis brachyurus Short-tail Pipefish, Short-tailed River Pipefish [66257]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus hardwickii Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus lettiensis Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus cyanopterus Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus longirostris Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Reptiles		
Acalyptophis peronii Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus duboisii Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus eydouxii Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Astrotia stokesii Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Congregation or aggregation known to occur within area
Disteira kingii Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Emydocephalus annulatus Turtle-headed Seasnake [1125]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Enhydrina schistosa Beaked Seasnake [1126]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Hydrelaps darwiniensis Black-ringed Seasnake [1100]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis atriceps Black-headed Seasnake [1101]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis caerulescens Dwarf Seasnake [1103]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis coggeri Slender-necked Seasnake [25925]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis czeblukovi Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis elegans Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis gracilis Slender Seasnake [1106]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis inornatus Plain Seasnake [1107]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis mcdowelli null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis melanosoma Black-banded Robust Seasnake [1109]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis ornatus Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis pacificus Large-headed Seasnake, Pacific Seasnake [1112]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis vorisi a seasnake [25927]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat may occur within area
Lapemis hardwickii Spine-bellied Seasnake [1113]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Laticauda colubrina a sea krait [1092]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Laticauda laticaudata a sea krait [1093]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Parahydrophis mertoni Northern Mangrove Seasnake [1090]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Whales and other Cetaceans [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dophin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Feresa attenuata Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia simus Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Orcaella brevirostris Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Peponocephala electra Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pseudorca crassidens False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella coeruleoalba Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella longirostris Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Steno bredanensis Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Australian Marine Parks [Resource Information]

Name	Label
Arafura	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Arafura	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Arnhem	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Gulf of Carpentaria	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Gulf of Carpentaria	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Joseph Bonaparte Gulf	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)

Name	Label
Joseph Bonaparte Gulf	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Limmen	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Oceanic Shoals	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Oceanic Shoals	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
Wessel	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Wessel	Special Purpose Zone (Trawl) (IUCN VI)
West Cape York	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
West Cape York	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
West Cape York	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves [Resource Information]

Name	State
Anindilyakwa	NT
Marthakal	NT

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 Resouces Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Plants		
Andropogon gayanus		
Gamba Grass [66895]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Nationally Important Wetlands [Resource Information]

Name	State
Southern Gulf Aggregation	QLD

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
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Van	North
Gulf of Carpentaria basin	North
Gulf of Carpentaria coastal zone	North
Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin	North
Plateaux and saddle north-west of the Wellesley	North
Shelf break and slope of the Arafura Shelf	North
Submerged coral reefs of the Gulf of Carpentaria	North
Tributary Canyons of the Arafura Depression	North

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.

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-Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection, Queensland
-Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia
-Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT
-Birdlife Australia
-Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme
-Australian National Wildlife Collection
-Natural history museums of Australia
-Museum Victoria
-Australian Museum
-South Australian Museum
-Queensland Museum
-Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums
-Queensland Herbarium
-National Herbarium of NSW
-Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
-Tasmanian Herbarium
-State Herbarium of South Australia
-Northern Territory Herbarium
-Western Australian Herbarium
-Australian National Herbarium, Canberra
-University of New England
-Ocean Biogeographic Information System
-Australian Government, Department of Defence
Forestry Corporation, NSW
-Geoscience Australia
-CSIRO
-Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns
-eBird Australia
-Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre
-Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
-Australian Government National Environmental Science Program
-Australian Institute of Marine Science
-Reef Life Survey Australia
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-Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania
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-Other groups and individuals

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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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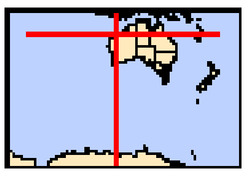

Summary

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.

World Heritage Properties:	2
National Heritage Places:	5
Wetlands of International Importance:	2
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	2
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	1
Listed Threatened Species:	70
Listed Migratory Species:	84

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.

Commonwealth Land:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	1
Listed Marine Species:	149
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	34
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	17

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	10
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	23
Nationally Important Wetlands:	3
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	5

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

World Heritage Properties [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Shark Bay, Western Australia	WA	Declared property
The Ningaloo Coast	WA	Declared property

National Heritage Properties [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Natural		
Shark Bay, Western Australia	WA	Listed place
The Ningaloo Coast	WA	Listed place
The West Kimberley	WA	Listed place
Indigenous		
Dampier Archipelago (including Burrup Peninsula)	WA	Listed place
Historic		
Dirk Hartog Landing Site 1616 - Cape Inscription Area	WA	Listed place

Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) [Resource Information]

Name	Proximity
Eighty-mile beach	Within Ramsar site
Ord river floodplain	Within 10km of Ramsar

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

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
Monsoon vine thickets on the coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula	Endangered	Community likely to occur within area

Listed Threatened Species [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Anous tenuirostris melanops		
Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Calidris canutus		
Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea		
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Erythrura gouldiae Gouldian Finch [413]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Falcunculus frontatus whitei Crested Shrike-tit (northern), Northern Shrike-tit [26013]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Geophaps smithii blaauwi Partridge Pigeon (western) [66501]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Limosa lapponica baueri Nunivak Bar-tailed Godwit, Western Alaskan Bar-tailed Godwit [86380]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limosa lapponica menzbieri Northern Siberian Bar-tailed Godwit, Russkoye Bar-tailed Godwit [86432]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Malurus leucopterus leucopterus 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
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Papasula abbotti Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pezoporus occidentalis Night Parrot [59350]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sternula nereis nereis Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli Masked Owl (northern) [26048]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Bettongia lesueur lesueur Burrowing Bettong (Shark Bay), Boodie [66659]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi Woylie [66844]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Conilurus penicillatus Brush-tailed Rabbit-rat, Brush-tailed Tree-rat, Pakooma [132]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus geoffroii Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Isoodon auratus auratus Golden Bandicoot (mainland) [66665]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lagostrophus fasciatus fasciatus Banded Hare-wallaby, Merrnine, Marnine, Munning [66664]	Vulnerable	Translocated population known to occur within area
Leporillus conditor Wopilkara, Greater Stick-nest Rat [137]	Vulnerable	Translocated population known to occur within area
Macroderma gigas Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macrotis lagotis Greater Bilby [282]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Neophoca cinerea Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Perameles bougainville bougainville Western Barred Bandicoot (Shark Bay) [66631]	Endangered	Translocated population known to occur within area
Petrogale concinna monastria Nabarlek (Kimberley) [87607]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Phascogale tapoatafa kimberleyensis Kimberley brush-tailed phascogale, Brush-tailed Phascogale (Kimberley) [88453]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rhinonicteris aurantia (Pilbara form) Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat [82790]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus Bare-rumped Sheath-tailed Bat, Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat [66889]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Xeromys myoides Water Mouse, False Water Rat, Yirrkoo [66]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
Aipysurus apraefrontalis Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Aipysurus foliosquama Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Egernia stokesii badia Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Lerista nevinae Nevin's Slider [85296]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Liasis olivaceus barroni Olive Python (Pilbara subspecies) [66699]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Sharks		
Carcharias taurus (west coast population) Grey Nurse Shark (west coast population) [68752]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Glyphis garricki Northern River Shark, New Guinea River Shark [82454]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis clavata Dwarf Sawfish, Queensland Sawfish [68447]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Pristis pristis Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish [68442]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area

Listed Migratory Species

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Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna pacifica Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]		Breeding known to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hydroprogne caspia Caspian Tern [808]		Breeding known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Onychoprion anaethetus Bridled Tern [82845]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding likely to occur within area
Sternula albifrons Little Tern [82849]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sula leucogaster Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sula sula Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Anoxypristis cuspidata Narrow Sawfish, Knifetooth Sawfish [68448]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaena glacialis australis Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Isurus oxyrinchus Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Isurus paucus Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lamna nasus Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Manta alfredi 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
Manta birostris 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
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur

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

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Thalasseus bergii Greater Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding known to occur within area
Tringa brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa glareola Wood Sandpiper [829]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Commonwealth Heritage Places

[Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Natural		
Ningaloo Marine Area - Commonwealth Waters	WA	Listed place

Listed Marine Species

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Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Acrocephalus orientalis Oriental Reed-Warbler [59570]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anous tenuirostris melanops Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Anseranas semipalmata Magpie Goose [978]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calonectris leucomelas Streaked Shearwater [1077]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Catharacta skua Great Skua [59472]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius ruficapillus Red-capped Plover [881]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fregata minor Great Frigatebird, Greater Frigatebird [1013]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Heteroscelus brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [59311]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Himantopus himantopus Pied Stilt, Black-winged Stilt [870]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Hirundo daurica Red-rumped Swallow [59480]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Larus novaehollandiae Silver Gull [810]		Breeding known to occur within area
Larus pacificus Pacific Gull [811]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit [845]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel [849]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Papasula abbotti Abbott's Booby [59297]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird [1014]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover [865]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pterodroma macroptera Great-winged Petrel [1035]		Foraging, feeding or

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		related behaviour known to occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Puffinus assimilis Little Shearwater [59363]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Puffinus pacificus Wedge-tailed Shearwater [1027]		Breeding known to occur within area
Recurvirostra novaehollandiae Red-necked Avocet [871]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sterna albifrons Little Tern [813]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna anaethetus Bridled Tern [814]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bengalensis Lesser Crested Tern [815]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bergii Crested Tern [816]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna caspia Caspian Tern [59467]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding likely to occur within area
Sterna fuscata Sooty Tern [794]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna nereis Fairy Tern [796]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sula leucogaster Brown Booby [1022]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sula sula Red-footed Booby [1023]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Tringa glareola Wood Sandpiper [829]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper [59300]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Fish		
Acentronura larsonae Helen's Pygmy Pipehorse [66186]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bhanotia fasciolata Corrugated Pipefish, Barbed Pipefish [66188]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bulbonaricus brauni Braun's Pughead Pipefish, Pug-headed Pipefish [66189]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys galei Gale's Pipefish [66191]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys tricarinatus Three-keel Pipefish [66192]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys brachysoma Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish [66194]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys latispinosus Muiron Island Pipefish [66196]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys suillus Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys amplexus Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish [66199]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys flavofasciatus Reticulate Pipefish, Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish [66200]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys intestinalis Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish [66202]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys schultzi Schultz's Pipefish [66205]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cosmocampus banneri Roughridge Pipefish [66206]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus dactyliophorus Banded Pipefish, Ringed Pipefish [66210]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Doryrhamphus excisus Bluestripe Pipefish, Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Pacific Blue-stripe Pipefish [66211]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus janssi Cleaner Pipefish, Janss' Pipefish [66212]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus multiannulatus Many-banded Pipefish [66717]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus negrosensis Flagtail Pipefish, Masthead Island Pipefish [66213]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Festucalex scalaris Ladder Pipefish [66216]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Filicampus tigris Tiger Pipefish [66217]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus brocki Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus dunckeri Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish [66220]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus grayi Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish [66221]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus nitidus Glittering Pipefish [66224]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus spinirostris Spiny-snout Pipefish [66225]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliichthys taeniophorus Ribboned Pipehorse, Ribboned Seadragon [66226]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish [66231]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus angustus Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus histrix Spiny Seahorse, Thorny Seahorse [66236]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus kuda Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse [66237]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus planifrons Flat-face Seahorse [66238]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus spinosissimus Hedgehog Seahorse [66239]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Hippocampus trimaculatus Three-spot Seahorse, Low-crowned Seahorse, Flat-faced Seahorse [66720]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus fatiloquus Prophet's Pipefish [66250]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Micrognathus micronotopterus Tidepool Pipefish [66255]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Nannocampus subosseus Bonyhead Pipefish, Bony-headed Pipefish [66264]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phoxocampus belcheri Black Rock Pipefish [66719]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus hardwickii Pallid Pipehorse, Hardwick's Pipehorse [66272]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus lettiensis Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus cyanopterus Robust Ghostpipefish, Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, [66183]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora argus Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bentstick Pipefish, Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish [66280]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus longirostris Straightstick Pipefish, Long-nosed Pipefish, Straight Stick Pipefish [66281]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Dugong dugon Dugong [28]		Breeding known to occur within area
Neophoca cinerea Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
Acalyptophis peronii Horned Seasnake [1114]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus apraefrontalis Short-nosed Seasnake [1115]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Aipysurus duboisii Dubois' Seasnake [1116]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus eydouxii Spine-tailed Seasnake [1117]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Aipysurus foliosquama Leaf-scaled Seasnake [1118]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus pooleorum Shark Bay Seasnake [66061]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus tenuis Brown-lined Seasnake [1121]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Astrotia stokesii Stokes' Seasnake [1122]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Crocodylus johnstoni Freshwater Crocodile, Johnston's Crocodile, Johnstone's Crocodile [1773]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Crocodylus porosus Salt-water Crocodile, Estuarine Crocodile [1774]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Disteira kingii Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Emydocephalus annulatus Turtle-headed Seasnake [1125]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Enhydrina schistosa Beaked Seasnake [1126]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ephalophis greyi North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle [1766]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Hydrelaps darwiniensis Black-ringed Seasnake [1100]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis atriceps Black-headed Seasnake [1101]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis coggeri Slender-necked Seasnake [25925]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Hydrophis czeblukovi Fine-spined Seasnake [59233]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis elegans Elegant Seasnake [1104]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis inornatus Plain Seasnake [1107]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis mcdowelli null [25926]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hydrophis ornatus Spotted Seasnake, Ornate Reef Seasnake [1111]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lapemis hardwickii Spine-bellied Seasnake [1113]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Olive Ridley Turtle, Pacific Ridley Turtle [1767]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Whales and other Cetaceans [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dophin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Feresa attenuata Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		area
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala melas Long-finned Pilot Whale [59282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Indopacetus pacificus Longman's Beaked Whale [72]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia simus Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lagenodelphis hosei Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Mesoplodon densirostris Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon ginkgodens Gingko-toothed Beaked Whale, Gingko-toothed Whale, Gingko Beaked Whale [59564]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon grayi Gray's Beaked Whale, Scamperdown Whale [75]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcaella brevirostris Irrawaddy Dolphin [45]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Peponocephala electra Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pseudorca crassidens False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin [50]		Breeding known to occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella coeruleoalba Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		habitat may occur within area
Stenella longirostris Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Steno bredanensis Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops aduncus (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin (Arafura/Timor Sea populations) [78900]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Australian Marine Parks [Resource Information]

Name	Label
Abrolhos	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Abrolhos	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Abrolhos	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Argo-Rowley Terrace	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Dampier	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Dampier	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
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)
Joseph Bonaparte Gulf	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Kimberley	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Ningaloo	Recreational Use Zone (IUCN IV)
Oceanic Shoals	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Roebuck	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Shark Bay	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves [Resource Information]

Name	State
Bardi Jawi	WA
Dambimangari	WA
Dambimangari	WA
Dirk Hartog Island	WA
Faure Island	WA
Little Rocky Island	WA
Tent Island	WA
Unnamed WA36913	WA
Unnamed WA36915	WA
Uunguu	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 Resouces Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Passer montanus Eurasian Tree Sparrow [406]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Frogs		
Rhinella marina Cane Toad [83218]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
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
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
Sus scrofa Pig [6]		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		
Andropogon gayanus Gamba Grass [66895]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel-grass, Black Buffel-grass [20213]		Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		habitat likely to 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, Large-leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sage [10892]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lycium ferocissimum		
African Boxthorn, Boxthorn [19235]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Opuntia spp.		
Prickly Pears [82753]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Parkinsonia aculeata		
Parkinsonia, Jerusalem Thorn, Jelly Bean Tree, Horse Bean [12301]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tamarix aphylla		
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
Reptiles		
Ramphotyphlops braminus		
Flowerpot Blind Snake, Brahminy Blind Snake, Cacing Besi [1258]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Nationally Important Wetlands [Resource Information]

Name	State
Exmouth Gulf East	WA
Hamelin Pool	WA
Shark Bay East	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
Carbonate bank and terrace system of the Sahul	North-west
Commonwealth waters adjacent to Ningaloo Reef	North-west
Continental Slope Demersal Fish Communities	North-west
Pinnacles of the Bonaparte Basin	North-west
Wallaby Saddle	North-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.

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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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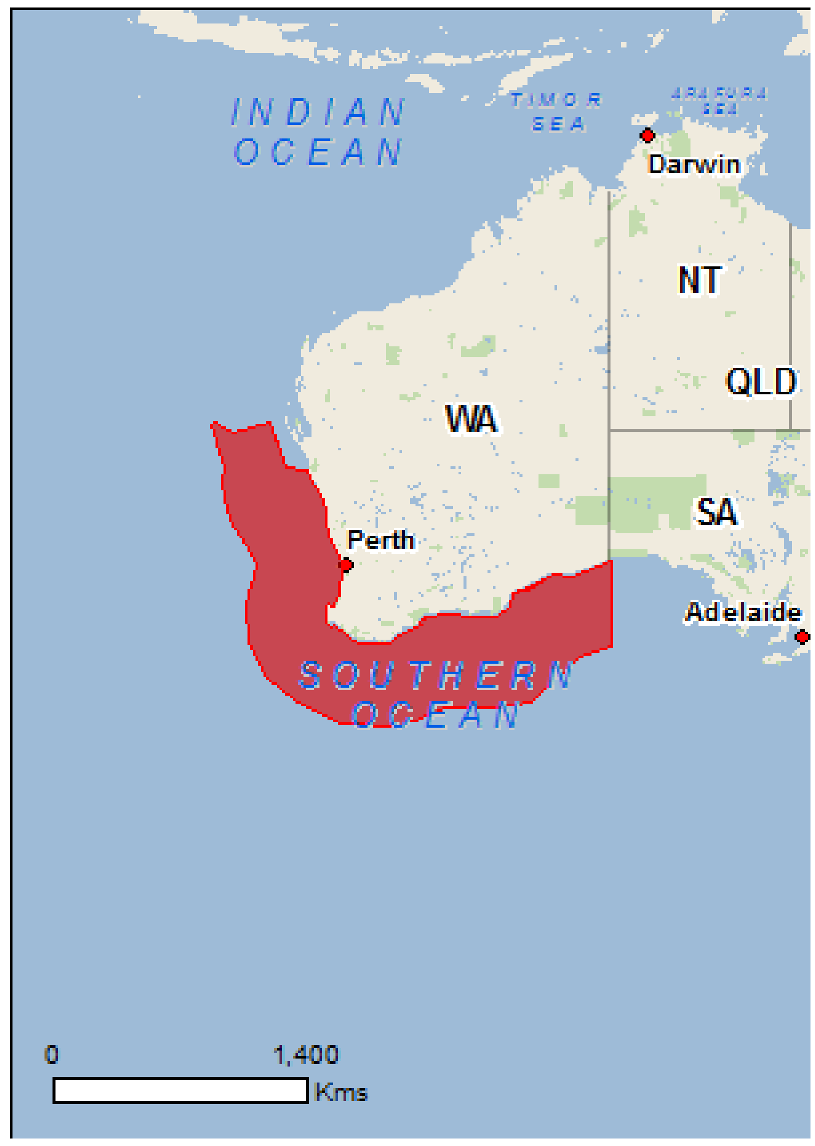

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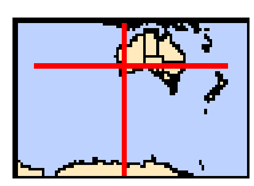

Summary

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.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	1
Wetlands of International Importance:	4
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	2
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	3
Listed Threatened Species:	65
Listed Migratory Species:	67

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.

Commonwealth Land:	2
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	1
Listed Marine Species:	106
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	40
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Australian Marine Parks:	21

Extra Information

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

State and Territory Reserves:	10
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	42
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	8

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

National Heritage Properties [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Indigenous		
Cheetup Rock Shelter	WA	Listed place

Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar) [Resource Information]

Name	Proximity
Becher point wetlands	Within 10km of Ramsar
Forrestdale and thomsons lakes	Within 10km of Ramsar
Peel-yalgorup system	Within 10km of Ramsar
Vasse-wonnerup system	Within 10km of Ramsar

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
South-west

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
Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Endangered	Community may occur within area
Proteaceae Dominated Kwongkan Shrublands of the Southeast Coastal Floristic Province of Western Australia	Endangered	Community may occur within area
Tuart (Eucalyptus gomphocephala) Woodlands and Forests of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area

Listed Threatened Species [Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Anous tenuirostris melanops		
Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Atrichornis clamosus		
Noisy Scrub-bird, Tjimiluk [654]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Botaurus poiciloptilus		
Australasian Bittern [1001]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calyptorhynchus banksii naso Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Karrak [67034]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calyptorhynchus latirostris Carnaby's Cockatoo, Short-billed Black-Cockatoo [59523]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Cereopsis novaehollandiae grisea Cape Barren Goose (south-western), Recherche Cape Barren Goose [25978]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea dabbenena Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Halobaena caerulea Blue Petrel [1059]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Leipoa ocellata Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Limosa lapponica menzbieri Northern Siberian Bar-tailed Godwit, Russkoye Bar-tailed Godwit [86432]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel	Endangered	Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence
[1060]		habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pachyptila turtur subantarctica Fairy Prion (southern) [64445]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pezoporus flaviventris Western Ground Parrot, Kyloring [84650]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Sternula nereis nereis Australian Fairy Tern [82950]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche chrysostoma Grey-headed Albatross [66491]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Bettongia penicillata ogilbyi Woylie [66844]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		area
Dasyurus geoffroii Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Neophoca cinerea Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Parantechinus apicalis Dibbler [313]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Petrogale lateralis hacketti Recherche Rock-wallaby [66849]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Potorous gilbertii Gilbert's Potoroo, Ngilkat [66642]	Critically Endangered	Translocated population known to occur within area
Pseudocheirus occidentalis Western Ringtail Possum, Ngwayir, Womp, Woder, Ngoor, Ngoolangit [25911]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Setonix brachyurus Quokka [229]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Plants		
Caladenia elegans Elegant Spider-orchid [56775]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caladenia granitora [65292]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caladenia hoffmanii Hoffman's Spider-orchid [56719]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Diuris micrantha Dwarf Bee-orchid [55082]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Drummondita ericoides Morseby Range Drummondita [9193]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eucalyptus insularis Twin Peak Island Mallee [3057]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Isopogon uncinatus Albany Cone Bush, Hook-leaf Isopogon [20871]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Dermochelys coriacea		
Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Egernia stokesii badia		
Western Spiny-tailed Skink, Baudin Island Spiny-tailed Skink [64483]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Liopholis pulchra longicauda		
Jurien Bay Skink, Jurien Bay Rock-skink [83162]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Natator depressus		
Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Sharks		
Carcharias taurus (west coast population)		
Grey Nurse Shark (west coast population) [68752]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias		
White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus		
Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may 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
Migratory Marine Birds		
Anous stolidus		
Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Apus pacificus		
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardenna carneipes		
Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [82404]		Breeding known to occur within area
Ardenna grisea		
Sooty Shearwater [82651]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardenna pacifica		
Wedge-tailed Shearwater [84292]		Breeding known to occur within area
Ardenna tenuirostris		
Short-tailed Shearwater [82652]		Breeding known to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis		
Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea antipodensis		
Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea dabbenena		
Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora		
Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Diomedea exulans		
Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi		
Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Fregata ariel		
Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hydroprogne caspia		
Caspian Tern [808]		Breeding known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus		
Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli		
Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Onychoprion anaethetus		
Bridled Tern [82845]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phoebetria fusca		
Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sterna dougallii		
Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri		
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta		
Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche chrysostoma		
Grey-headed Albatross [66491]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida		
Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris		
Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi		
White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Balaena glacialis australis		
Southern Right Whale [75529]	Endangered*	Breeding known to occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis		
Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis		
Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni		
Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Carcharhinus longimanus Oceanic Whitetip Shark [84108]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carcharodon carcharias White Shark, Great White Shark [64470]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Isurus oxyrinchus Shortfin Mako, Mako Shark [79073]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Isurus paucus Longfin Mako [82947]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lagenorhynchus obscurus Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lamna nasus Porbeagle, Mackerel Shark [83288]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Manta alfredi 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
Manta birostris 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
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark [66680]	Vulnerable	Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat may occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalasseus bergii Greater Crested Tern [83000]		Breeding known to occur within area
Tringa brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [851]		Species or species habitat known to occur

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		within area
Tringa nebularia 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 - HMAS STIRLING-ROCKINGHAM ;HMAS STIRLING - GARDEN ISLAND

Commonwealth Heritage Places [Resource Information]

Name	State	Status
Natural		
Garden Island	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
Birds		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Anous stolidus Common Noddy [825]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anous tenuirostris melanops Australian Lesser Noddy [26000]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Arenaria interpres Ruddy Turnstone [872]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris alba Sanderling [875]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat known to occur within area
Calidris canutus Red Knot, Knot [855]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Calidris ruficollis Red-necked Stint [860]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Calidris tenuirostris Great Knot [862]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Catharacta skua Great Skua [59472]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cereopsis novaehollandiae grisea Cape Barren Goose (south-western), Recherche Cape Barren Goose [25978]	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Charadrius leschenaultii Greater Sand Plover, Large Sand Plover [877]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius mongolus Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover [879]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Charadrius ruficapillus Red-capped Plover [881]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Chrysococcyx osculans Black-eared Cuckoo [705]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea amsterdamensis Amsterdam Albatross [64405]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea antipodensis Antipodean Albatross [64458]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea dabbenena Tristan Albatross [66471]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Diomedea epomophora Southern Royal Albatross [89221]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea exulans Wandering Albatross [89223]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Diomedea sanfordi Northern Royal Albatross [64456]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Eudyptula minor Little Penguin [1085]		Breeding known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Fregata ariel Lesser Frigatebird, Least Frigatebird [1012]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Halobaena caerulea Blue Petrel [1059]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Heteroscelus brevipes Grey-tailed Tattler [59311]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Larus novaehollandiae Silver Gull [810]		Breeding known to occur within area
Larus pacificus Pacific Gull [811]		Breeding known to occur within area
Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit [844]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel, Southern Giant Petrel [1060]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes halli Northern Giant Petrel [1061]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius madagascariensis Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pachyptila turtur Fairy Prion [1066]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Breeding known to occur within area
Pelagodroma marina White-faced Storm-Petrel [1016]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phalacrocorax fuscescens Black-faced Cormorant [59660]		Breeding known to occur within area
Phoebetria fusca Sooty Albatross [1075]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pterodroma macroptera Great-winged Petrel [1035]		Breeding known to occur within area
Pterodroma mollis Soft-plumaged Petrel [1036]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		to occur within area
Puffinus assimilis Little Shearwater [59363]		Breeding known to occur within area
Puffinus carneipes Flesh-footed Shearwater, Fleshy-footed Shearwater [1043]		Breeding known to occur within area
Puffinus griseus Sooty Shearwater [1024]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Puffinus pacificus Wedge-tailed Shearwater [1027]		Breeding known to occur within area
Puffinus tenuirostris Short-tailed Shearwater [1029]		Breeding known to occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Sterna anaethetus Bridled Tern [814]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna bergii Crested Tern [816]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna caspia Caspian Tern [59467]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern [817]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna fuscata Sooty Tern [794]		Breeding known to occur within area
Sterna nereis Fairy Tern [796]		Breeding known to occur within area
Thalassarche carteri Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross [64464]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Thalassarche cauta Shy Albatross [89224]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thalassarche chrysostoma Grey-headed Albatross [66491]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche impavida Campbell Albatross, Campbell Black-browed Albatross [64459]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche melanophris Black-browed Albatross [66472]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Thalassarche steadi White-capped Albatross [64462]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Thinornis rubricollis Hooded Plover [59510]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Fish		

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Acentronura australe Southern Pygmy Pipehorse [66185]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Campichthys galei Gale's Pipefish [66191]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Choeroichthys suillus Pig-snouted Pipefish [66198]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus brocki Brock's Pipefish [66219]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Heraldia nocturna Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish, Eastern Upside-down Pipefish [66227]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus angustus Western Spiny Seahorse, Narrow-bellied Seahorse [66234]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus breviceps Short-head Seahorse, Short-snouted Seahorse [66235]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus subelongatus West Australian Seahorse [66722]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Histiogamphelus cristatus Rhino Pipefish, Macleay's Crested Pipefish, Ring-back Pipefish [66243]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Leptoichthys fistularius Brushtail Pipefish [66248]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus caudalis Australian Smooth Pipefish, Smooth Pipefish [66249]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus fatiloquus Prophet's Pipefish [66250]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus runa Javelin Pipefish [66251]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Maroubra perserrata Sawtooth Pipefish [66252]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mitotichthys meraculus Western Crested Pipefish [66259]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Nannocampus subosseus Bonyhead Pipefish, Bony-headed Pipefish [66264]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Notiocampus ruber Red Pipefish [66265]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Phycodurus eques Leafy Seadragon [66267]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Phyllopteryx taeniolatus Common Seadragon, Weedy Seadragon [66268]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pugnaso curtirostris Pugnose Pipefish, Pug-nosed Pipefish [66269]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solegnathus lettiensis Gunther's Pipehorse, Indonesian Pipefish [66273]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora argus Spotted Pipefish, Gulf Pipefish, Peacock Pipefish [66276]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stigmatopora nigra Widebody Pipefish, Wide-bodied Pipefish, Black Pipefish [66277]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-end Pipehorse, Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish [66279]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Urocampus carinirostris Hairy Pipefish [66282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Vanacampus margaritifer Mother-of-pearl Pipefish [66283]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Vanacampus phillipi Port Phillip Pipefish [66284]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Vanacampus poecilolaemus Longsnout Pipefish, Australian Long-snout Pipefish, Long-snouted Pipefish [66285]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Arctocephalus forsteri Long-nosed Fur-seal, New Zealand Fur-seal [20]		Breeding known to occur within area
Neophoca cinerea Australian Sea-lion, Australian Sea Lion [22]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Reptiles		
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake [1120]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus pooleorum Shark Bay Seasnake [66061]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle [1763]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Chelonia mydas Green Turtle [1765]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle, Luth [1768]	Endangered	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Disteira kingii Spectacled Seasnake [1123]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Disteira major Olive-headed Seasnake [1124]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ephalophis greyi North-western Mangrove Seasnake [1127]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle [59257]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Pelamis platurus Yellow-bellied Seasnake [1091]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Whales and other Cetaceans

[Resource Information]

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale [33]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera bonaerensis Antarctic Minke Whale, Dark-shoulder Minke Whale [67812]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera borealis Sei Whale [34]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale [35]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Balaenoptera musculus Blue Whale [36]	Endangered	Migration route known to occur within area
Balaenoptera physalus Fin Whale [37]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Berardius arnuxii Arnoux's Beaked Whale [70]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caperea marginata Pygmy Right Whale [39]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour may occur within area
Delphinus delphis Common Dophin, Short-beaked Common Dolphin [60]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eubalaena australis Southern Right Whale [40]	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
Feresa attenuata Pygmy Killer Whale [61]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala macrorhynchus Short-finned Pilot Whale [62]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Globicephala melas Long-finned Pilot Whale [59282]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Grampus griseus Risso's Dolphin, Grampus [64]		Species or species habitat may occur within

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		area
Hyperoodon planifrons Southern Bottlenose Whale [71]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia breviceps Pygmy Sperm Whale [57]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Kogia simus Dwarf Sperm Whale [58]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lagenodelphis hosei Fraser's Dolphin, Sarawak Dolphin [41]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lagenorhynchus obscurus Dusky Dolphin [43]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lissodelphis peronii Southern Right Whale Dolphin [44]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale [38]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Mesoplodon bowdoini Andrew's Beaked Whale [73]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon densirostris Blainville's Beaked Whale, Dense-beaked Whale [74]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon ginkgodens Gingko-toothed Beaked Whale, Gingko-toothed Whale, Gingko Beaked Whale [59564]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon grayi Gray's Beaked Whale, Scamperdown Whale [75]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon hectori Hector's Beaked Whale [76]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon layardii Strap-toothed Beaked Whale, Strap-toothed Whale, Layard's Beaked Whale [25556]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mesoplodon mirus True's Beaked Whale [54]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca [46]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Peponocephala electra Melon-headed Whale [47]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Physeter macrocephalus Sperm Whale [59]		Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Pseudorca crassidens False Killer Whale [48]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin [51]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella coeruleoalba Striped Dolphin, Euphrosyne Dolphin [52]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella longirostris Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin [29]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Steno bredanensis Rough-toothed Dolphin [30]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tasmacetus shepherdi Shepherd's Beaked Whale, Tasman Beaked Whale [55]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin [68418]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str. Bottlenose Dolphin [68417]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ziphius cavirostris Cuvier's Beaked Whale, Goose-beaked Whale [56]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Australian Marine Parks [Resource Information]

Name	Label
Abrolhos	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Abrolhos	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Abrolhos	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Bremer	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Bremer	Special Purpose Zone (Mining
Eastern Recherche	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Eastern Recherche	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
Geographe	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
Geographe	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
Geographe	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Geographe	Special Purpose Zone (Mining
Great Australian Bight	Special Purpose Zone (Mining
Jurien	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
South-west Corner	Habitat Protection Zone (IUCN IV)
South-west Corner	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)
South-west Corner	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
South-west Corner	Special Purpose Zone (IUCN VI)
South-west Corner	Special Purpose Zone (Mining
Twilight	National Park Zone (IUCN II)
Twilight	Special Purpose Zone (Mining
Two Rocks	Multiple Use Zone (IUCN VI)

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves	[Resource Information]
Name	State
Bald Island	WA
Boullanger, Whitlock, Favourite, Tern And Osprey Islands	WA
Eclipse Island	WA
Escape Island	WA
Flinders Bay	WA
Penguin Island	WA
Recherche Archipelago	WA
St Alouarn Island	WA
Unnamed WA44682	WA
Unnamed WA48968	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 Resouces Audit, 2001.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Acridotheres tristis Common Myna, Indian Myna [387]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Anas platyrhynchos Mallard [974]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Carduelis carduelis European Goldfinch [403]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Columba livia Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Passer domesticus House Sparrow [405]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Passer montanus Eurasian Tree Sparrow [406]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia chinensis Spotted Turtle-Dove [780]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia senegalensis Laughing Turtle-dove, Laughing Dove [781]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sturnus vulgaris Common Starling [389]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Turdus merula Common Blackbird, Eurasian Blackbird [596]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Bos taurus Domestic Cattle [16]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Canis lupus familiaris Domestic Dog [82654]		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 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 habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		
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 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 may 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

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Genista linifolia Flax-leaved Broom, Mediterranean Broom, Flax Broom [2800]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Genista sp. X Genista monspessulana Broom [67538]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lantana camara Lantana, Common Lantana, Kamara Lantana, Large-leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sage [10892]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lycium ferocissimum African Boxthorn, Boxthorn [19235]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Olea europaea Olive, Common Olive [9160]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Opuntia spp. Prickly Pears [82753]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pinus radiata Radiata Pine Monterey Pine, Insignis Pine, Wilding Pine [20780]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rubus fruticosus aggregate Blackberry, European Blackberry [68406]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sagittaria platyphylla Delta Arrowhead, Arrowhead, Slender Arrowhead [68483]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Salix spp. except S.babylonica, S.x calodendron & S.x reichardtii Willows except Weeping Willow, Pussy Willow and Sterile Pussy Willow [68497]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Salvinia molesta Salvinia, Giant Salvinia, Aquarium Watermoss, Kariba Weed [13665]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tamarix aphylla 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
Reptiles		
Hemidactylus frenatus Asian House Gecko [1708]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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
Ancient coastline at 90-120m depth	South-west
Commonwealth marine environment surrounding	South-west
Commonwealth marine environment within and	South-west
Commonwealth marine environment within and	South-west
Diamantina Fracture Zone	South-west
Naturaliste Plateau	South-west
Western demersal slope and associated fish	South-west
Western rock lobster	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.

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-Australian National Wildlife Collection
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-Museum Victoria
-Australian Museum
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-Queensland Museum
-Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums
-Queensland Herbarium
-National Herbarium of NSW
-Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
-Tasmanian Herbarium
-State Herbarium of South Australia
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APPENDIX B. SUPPORTING FIGURES FOR SECTION 2.3 METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY

Browse

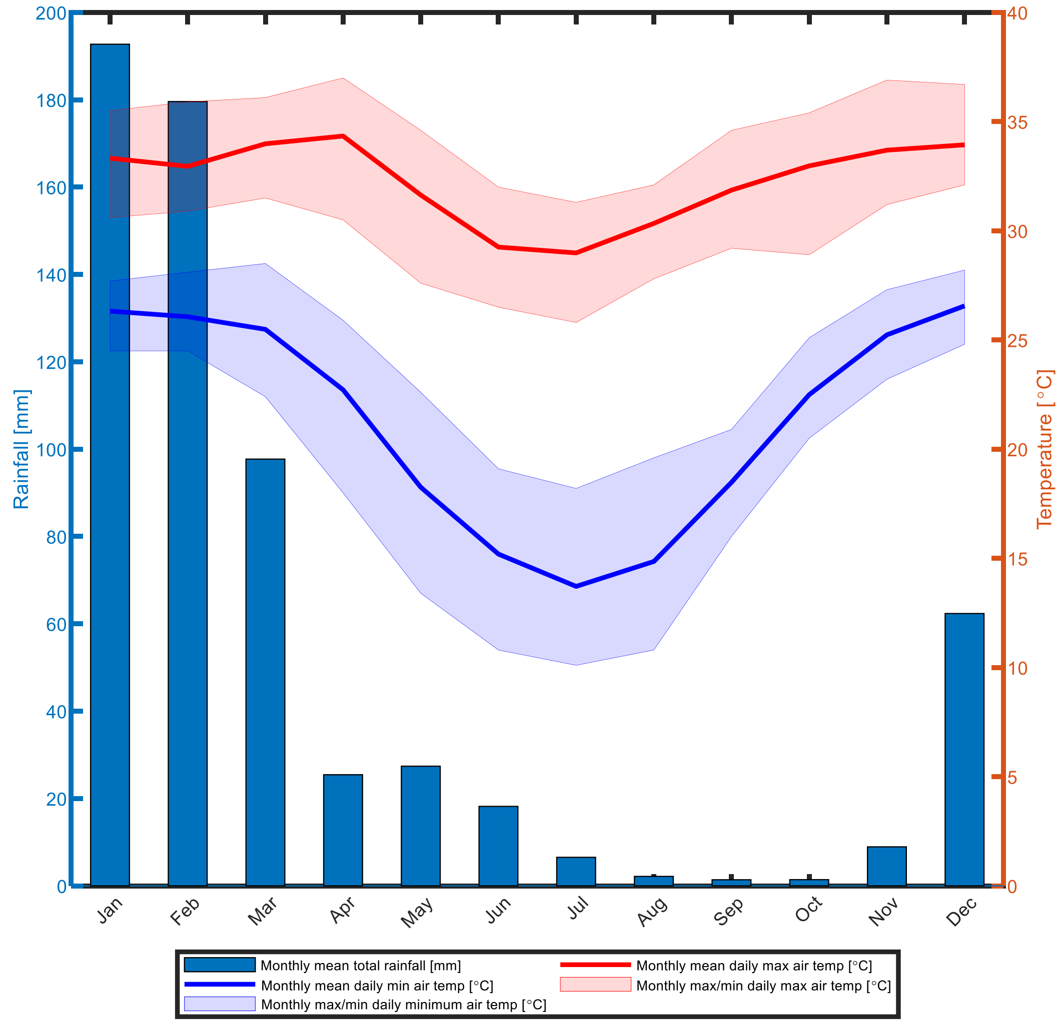
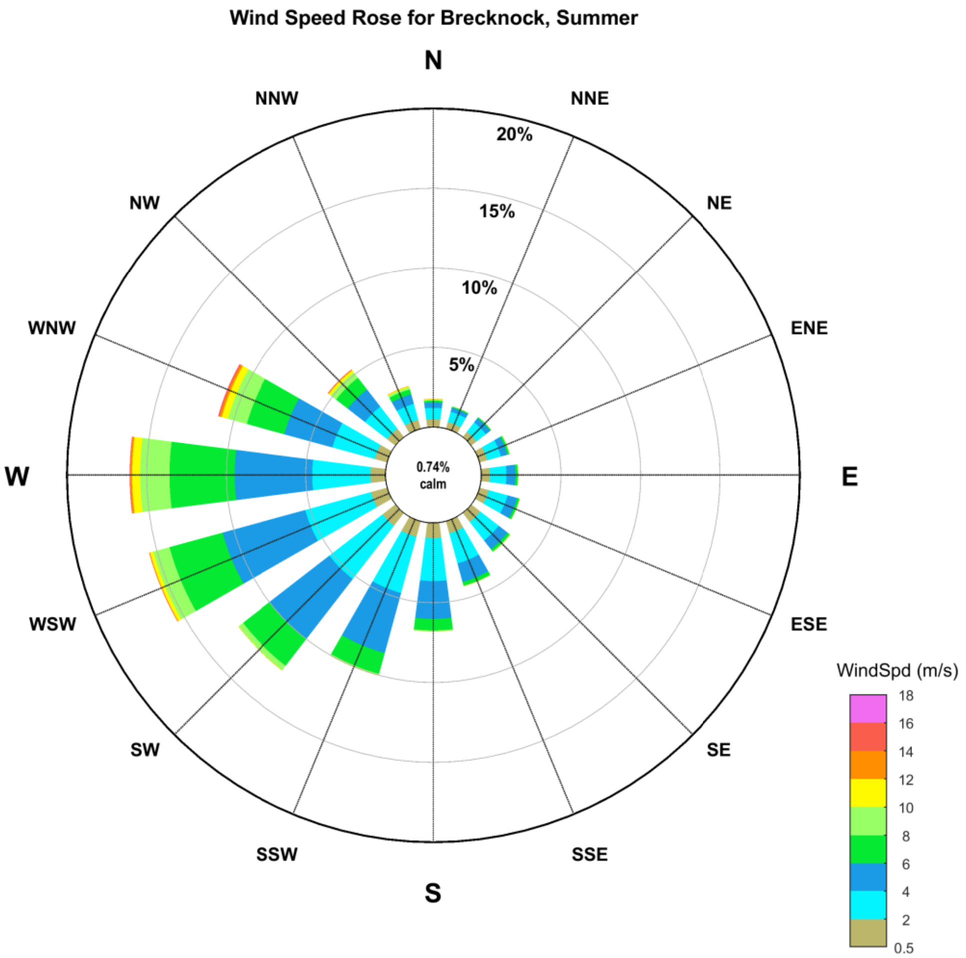


Figure 1. Monthly average total rainfall [mm] and air temperature [°C], calculated based on observations at the Broome Airport weather station from 1939-2020 (Bureau of Meteorology 2020). Bars show the monthly average total rainfall values, and thick blue and red lines denote monthly average daily minimum and maximum air temperatures, respectively. Shaded blue and red areas denote monthly recorded extremes of daily minimum and maximum air temperature, respectively.



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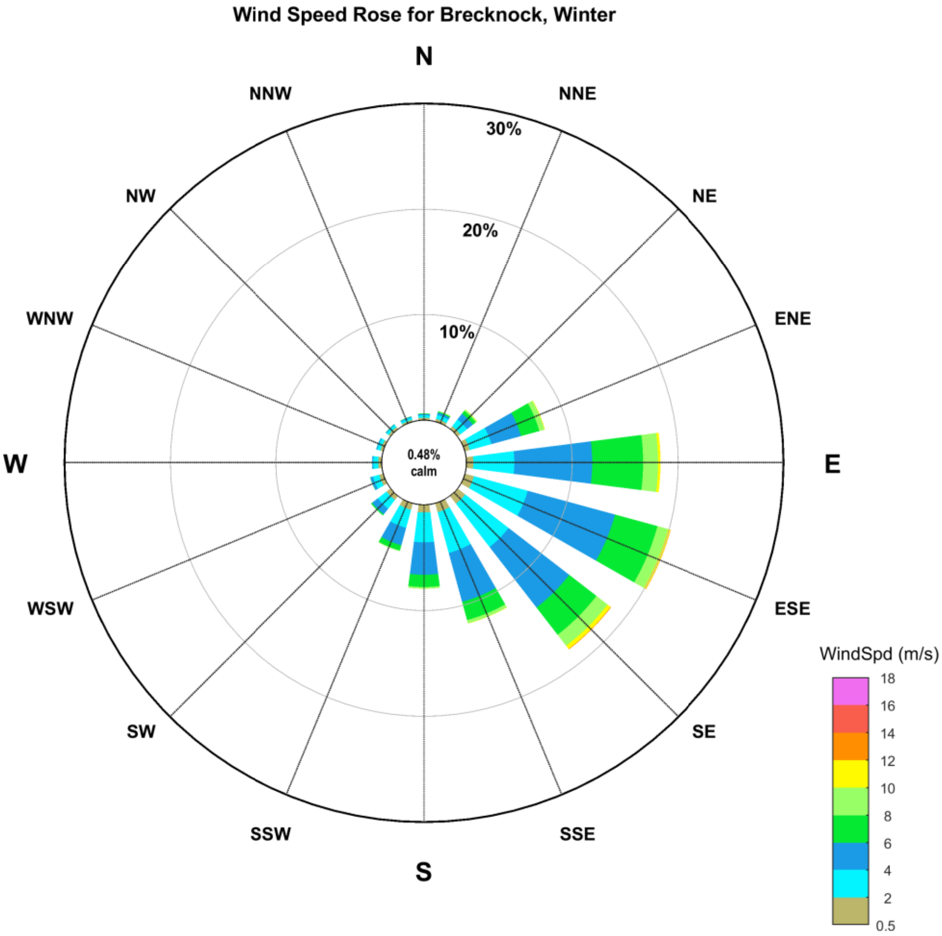
Location: Brecknock [121.6500°E, 14.5300°S]	Mean Wind Speed: 4.55 m/s
Data Period: Summer (01-Jan-1979 to 01-Jan-2019)	StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.31 m/s
Data Source: Modelled Hindcast	
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL	
Local Water Depth (m): 560	
Data Summary: Summer	
Number of Records: 164812	
Missing Data (%): 5.80	
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.74	
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.	

Figure 2. Summer distributions of 10-minute average wind speeds by 22.5° directional sectors at the Brecknock site (Metocean Solutions Ltd, 2019). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at Brecknock in summer are predominantly from the WNW to SW due to the North West Monsoon (WEL, 2019).



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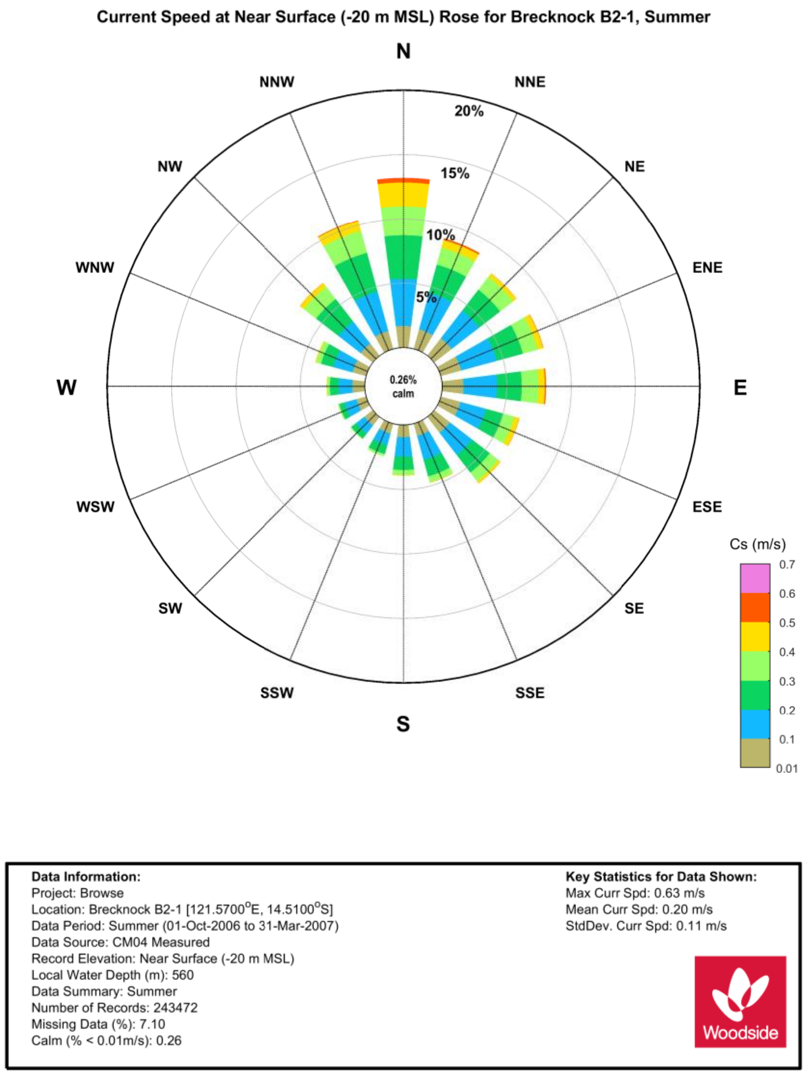
Location: Brecknock [121.6500°E, 14.5300°S]
Data Period: Winter (01-Apr-1979 to 30-Sep-2018)
Data Source: Modelled Hindcast
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL
Local Water Depth (m): 560
Data Summary: Winter
Number of Records: 173751
Missing Data (%): 1.10
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.48
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Wind Speed: 14.34 m/s
Mean Wind Speed: 4.71 m/s
StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.01 m/s

Figure 3. Winter distributions of 10-minute average wind speeds by 22.5° directional sectors at the Brecknock site (Metocean Solutions Ltd, 2019). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at Brecknock in winter are predominantly from the E to SE due to the South East Trade Winds coming from the Australian mainland (WEL, 2019).



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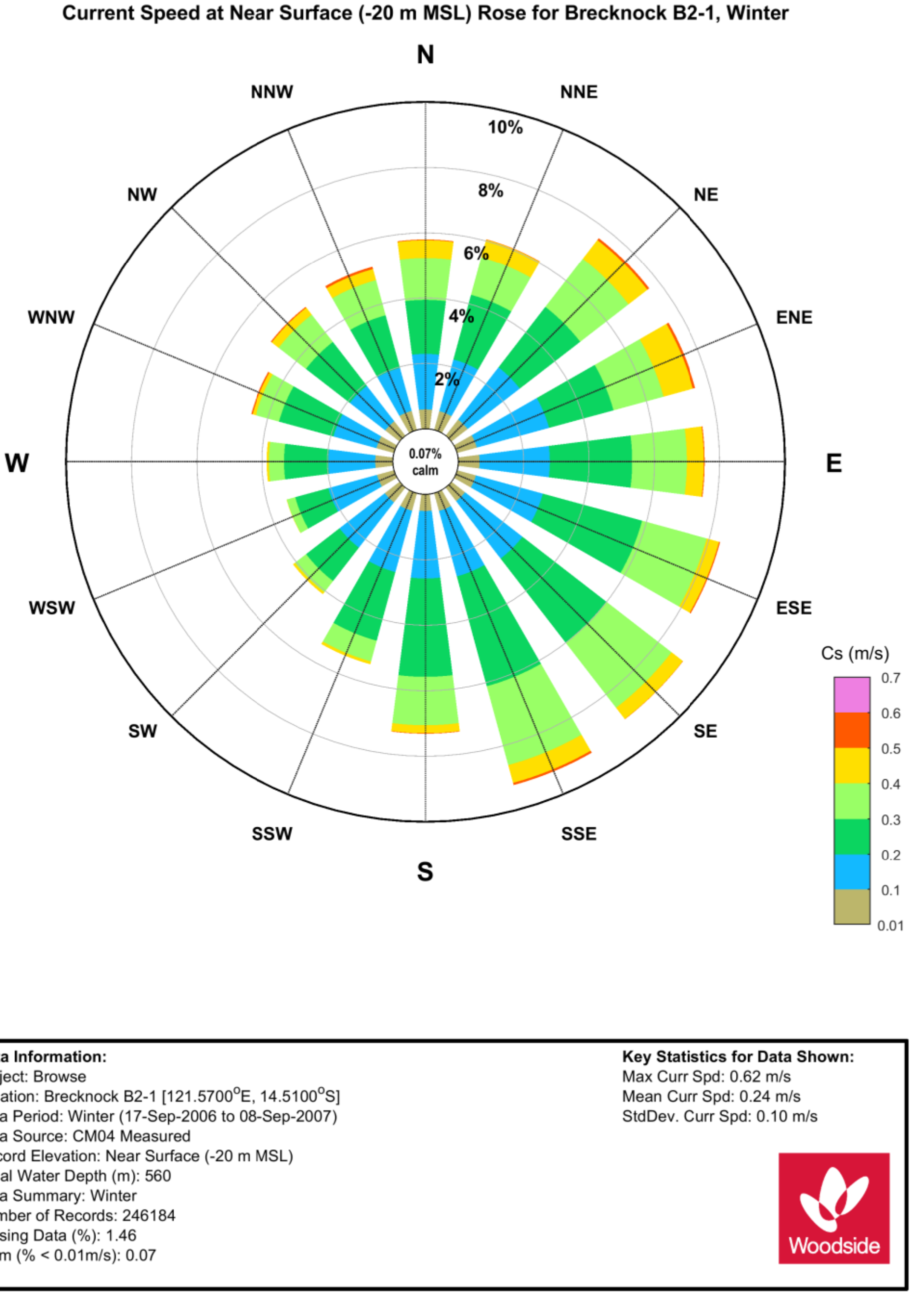


Figure 5. Winter (May-Sep) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at Brecknock B2-1 location (cyclones removed) (RPS Metocean Ltd. 2008).

North-west Shelf/Scarborough

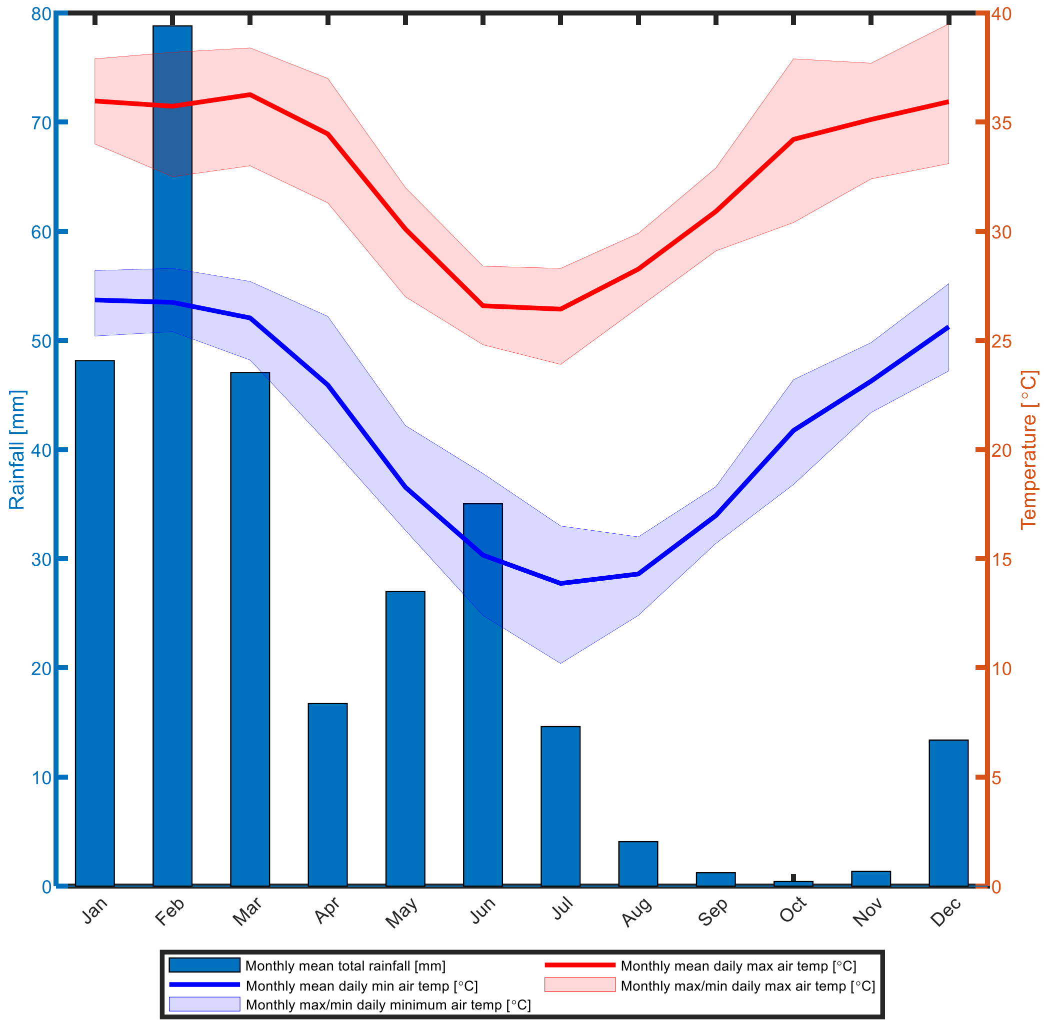
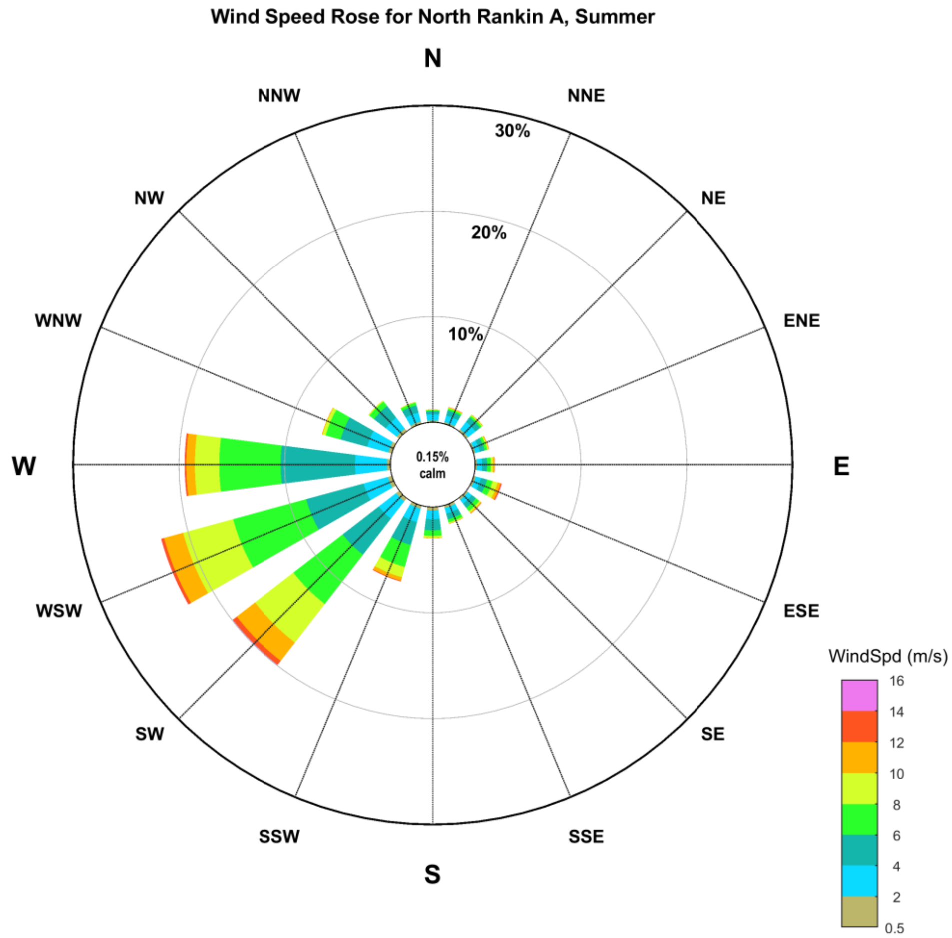


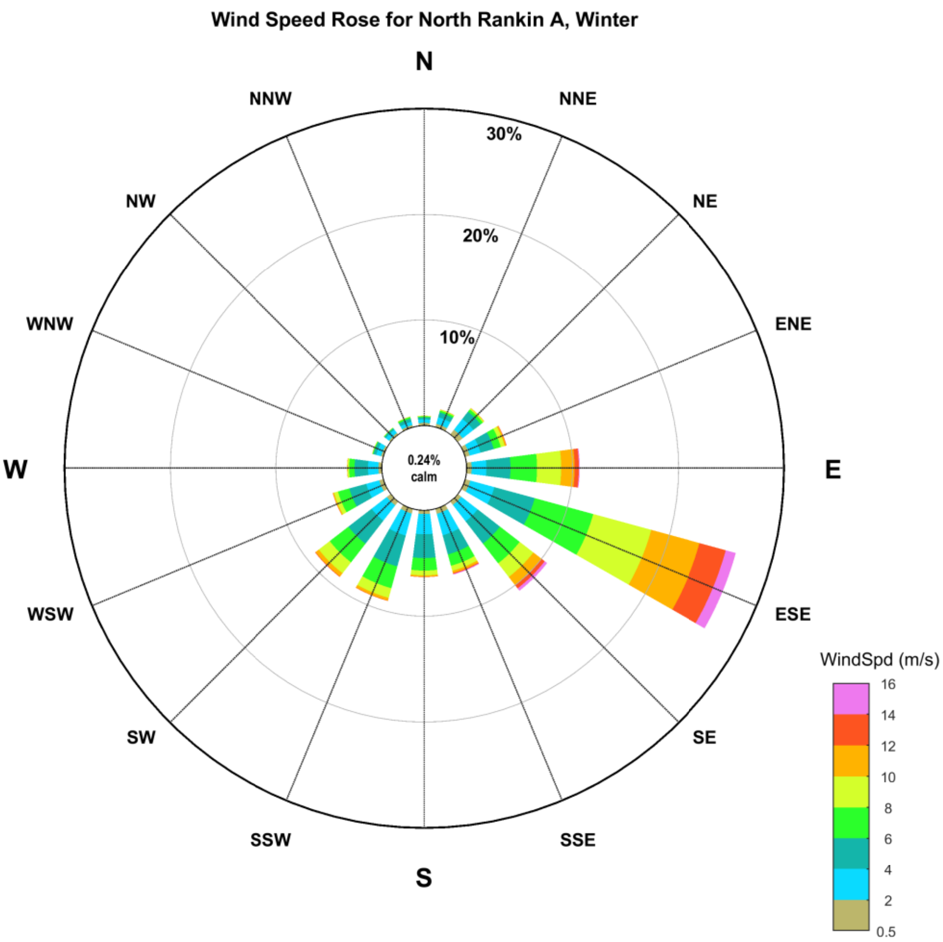
Figure 1. Monthly average total rainfall [mm] and air temperature [°C], calculated based on observations at the Karratha Aero weather station from 1972-2020 and 1993-2020 respectively (Bureau of Meteorology 2020). Bars show the monthly average total rainfall values, and thick blue and red lines denote monthly average daily minimum and maximum air temperatures, respectively. Shaded blue and red areas denote monthly recorded extremes of daily minimum and maximum air temperature, respectively.



Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: North Rankin A [116.1200°E, 19.6100°S]
Data Period: Summer (01-Oct-1995 to 30-Nov-2015)
Data Source: Measured Winds
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL
Local Water Depth (m): 125
Data Summary: Summer
Number of Records: 674659
Missing Data (%): 7.24
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.15
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Wind Speed: 18.50 m/s
Mean Wind Speed: 6.04 m/s
StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.55 m/s

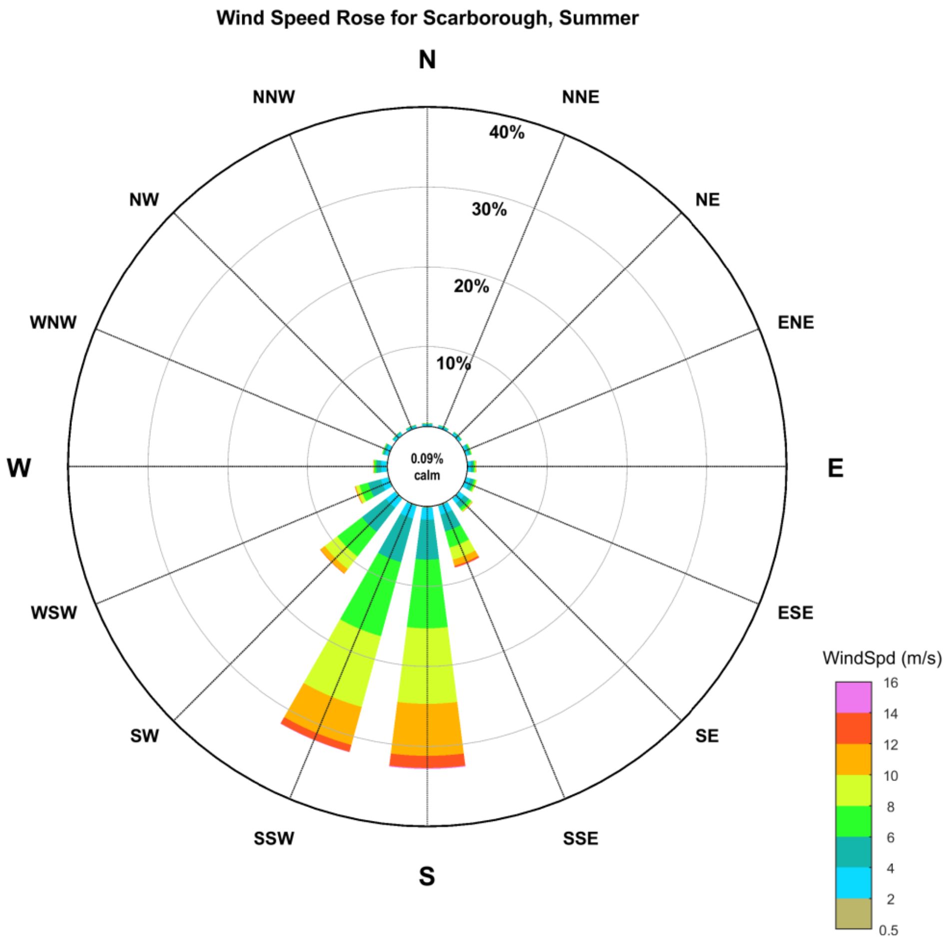
Figure 2. Summer distributions of 10-minute average wind speeds by 22.5° directional sectors at the North Rankin A site (WEL, 2015). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at North Rankin A in summer are characterised by W to SW driven by the North West Monsoon (RPS, 2016).



Data Information:	**Key Statistics for Data Shown:**
Project: North West Shelf	Max Wind Speed: 24.23 m/s
Location: North Rankin A [116.1200°E, 19.6100°S]	Mean Wind Speed: 6.25 m/s
Data Period: Winter (22-Jun-1995 to 30-Sep-2015)	StdDev. Wind Speed: 3.16 m/s
Data Source: Measured Winds	
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL	
Local Water Depth (m): 125	
Data Summary: Winter	
Number of Records: 673213	
Missing Data (%): 4.43	
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.24	
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.	

Figure 3. Winter distributions of 10-minute average wind speeds by 22.5° directional sectors at the North Rankin A site (WEL, 2015). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at North Rankin in winter are predominantly influenced by the South East Trade Winds over Australia (RPS, 2016).

Scarborough

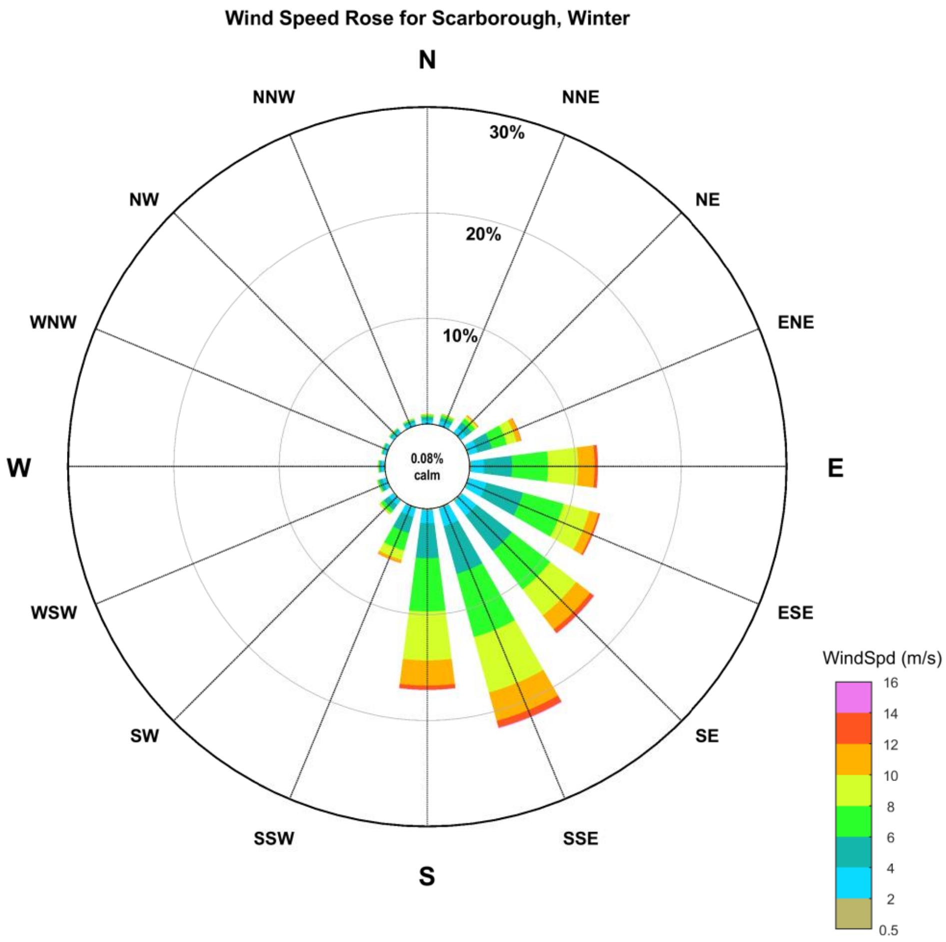


Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: Scarborough [113.2000°E, 19.8800°S]
Data Period: Summer (01-Jan-1979 to 01-Jan-2011)
Data Source: CSFR
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL
Local Water Depth (m): 950
Data Summary: Summer
Number of Records: 129521
Missing Data (%): 7.46
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.09
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Wind Speed: 16.75 m/s
Mean Wind Speed: 7.23 m/s
StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.64 m/s

Woodside

Figure 4. Summer distributions of wind speeds (10-minute at 10m ASL) by 22.5° directional sectors at the Scarborough site (WEL, 2018). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at Scarborough in summer are predominantly from the S to SSW due to a Pilbara Heat Low forming over the northwest coast of Western Australia [R8] SW winds are also experienced at this site due to the monsoon trough.



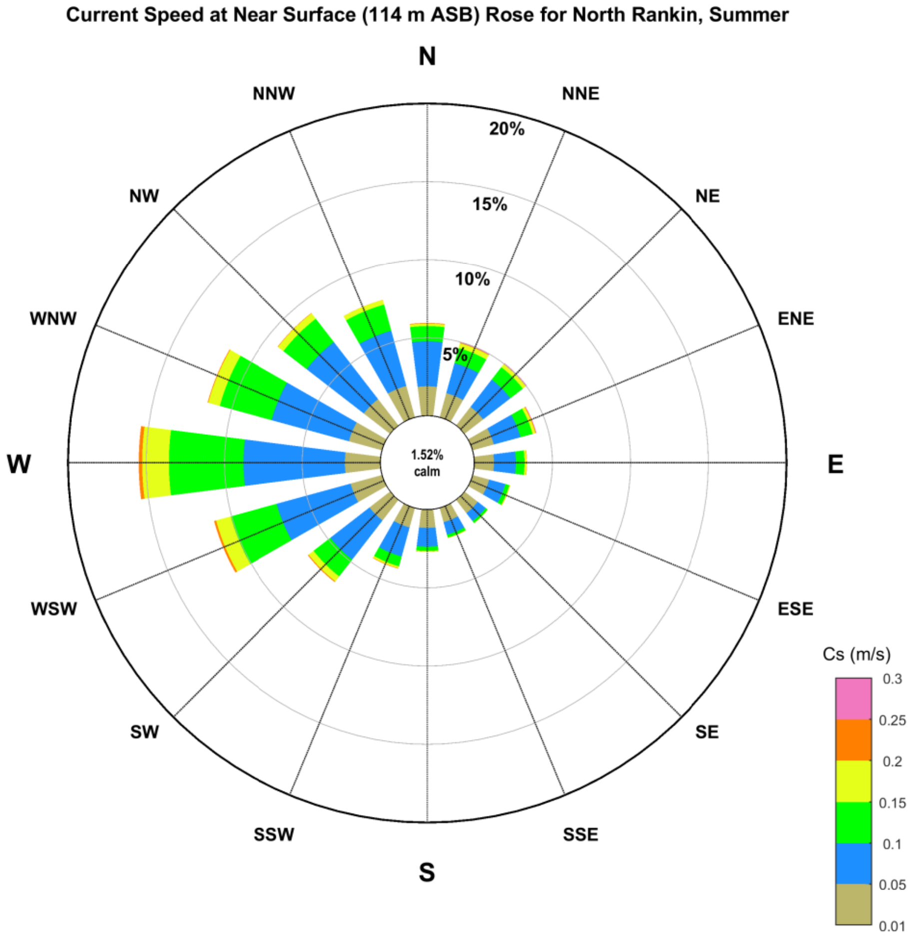
Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: Scarborough [113.2000°E, 19.8800°S]
Data Period: Winter (01-Apr-1979 to 30-Sep-2010)
Data Source: CSFR
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL
Local Water Depth (m): 950
Data Summary: Winter
Number of Records: 138863
Missing Data (%): 1.20
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.08
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Wind Speed: 19.15 m/s
Mean Wind Speed: 6.90 m/s
StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.57 m/s

Woodside

Figure 5. Winter distributions of wind speeds (10-minute at 10 m ASL) by 22.5° directional sectors at the Scarborough site (WEL, 2018). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at Scarborough in winter are predominantly from the S to E driven by the South East Trade Winds over Australia (RPS, 2016).

North-west Shelf

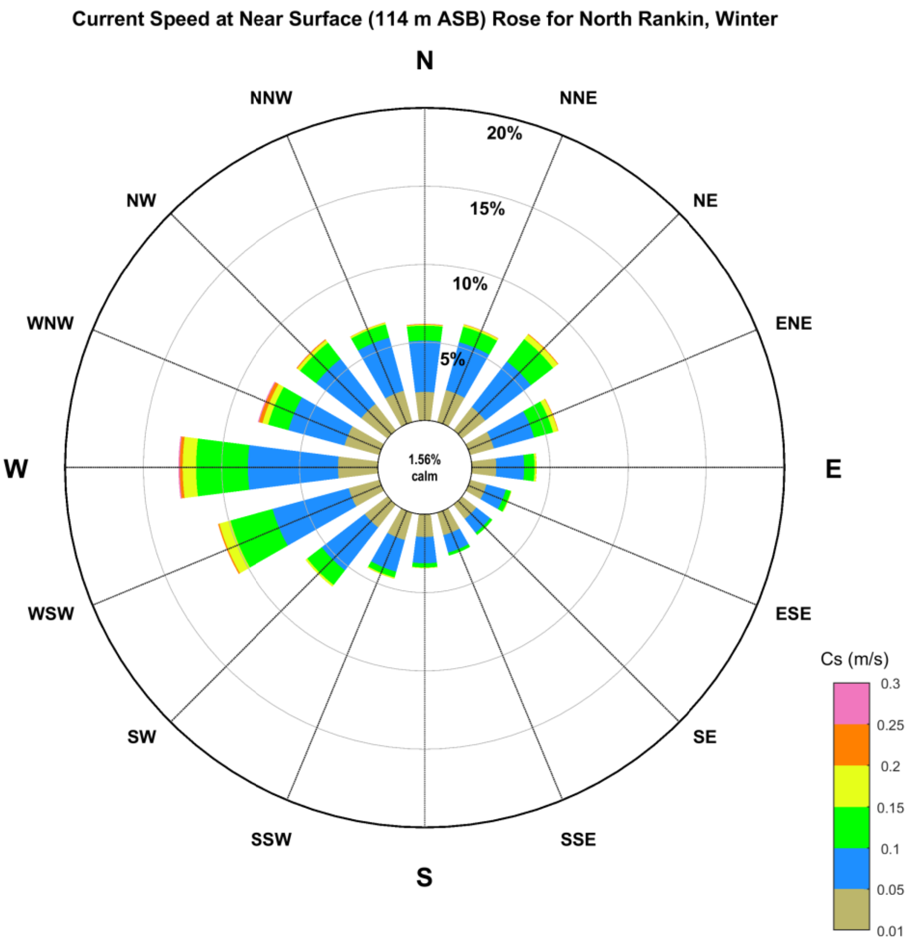


Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: North Rankin [116.1400°E, 19.5800°S]
Data Period: Summer (01-Oct-2004 to 31-Mar-2009)
Data Source: Measured Data
Record Elevation: Near Surface (114 m ASB)
Local Water Depth (m): 124.5
Data Summary: Summer
Number of Records: 496705
Missing Data (%): 6.63
Calm (% < 0.01m/s): 1.52

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Curr Spd: 0.49 m/s
Mean Curr Spd: 0.08 m/s
StdDev. Curr Spd: 0.04 m/s

Woodside

Figure 6. Summer (Nov-Apr) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the North Rankin location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2011).



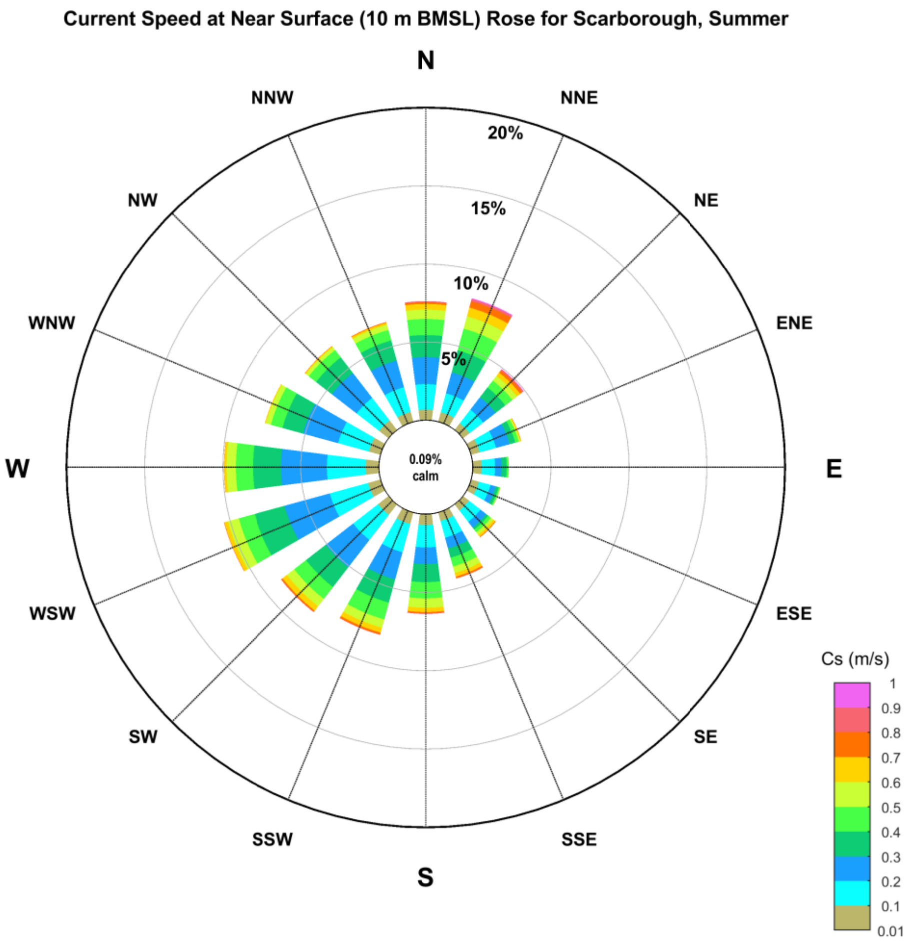
Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: North Rankin [116.1400°E, 19.5800°S]
Data Period: Winter (21-Sep-2004 to 08-May-2009)
Data Source: Measured Data
Record Elevation: Near Surface (114 m ASB)
Local Water Depth (m): 124.5
Data Summary: Winter
Number of Records: 337723
Missing Data (%): 0.88
Calm (% < 0.01m/s): 1.56

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Curr Spd: 0.32 m/s
Mean Curr Spd: 0.07 m/s
StdDev. Curr Spd: 0.04 m/s

Woodside

Figure 7. Winter (May-Sep) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the North Rankin location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2011).

Scarborough



Data Information:
Project: North West Shelf
Location: Scarborough [113.2000°E, 19.8800°S]
Data Period: Summer (15-Jan-2010 to 29-Feb-2012)
Data Source: Measured Data
Record Elevation: Near Surface (10 m BMSL)
Local Water Depth (m): 950
Data Summary: Summer
Number of Records: 43600
Missing Data (%): 7.11
Calm (% < 0.01m/s): 0.09

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Curr Spd: 1.03 m/s
Mean Curr Spd: 0.29 m/s
StdDev. Curr Spd: 0.17 m/s

Woodside

Figure 8. Summer (Nov - April) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the Scarborough location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2018).

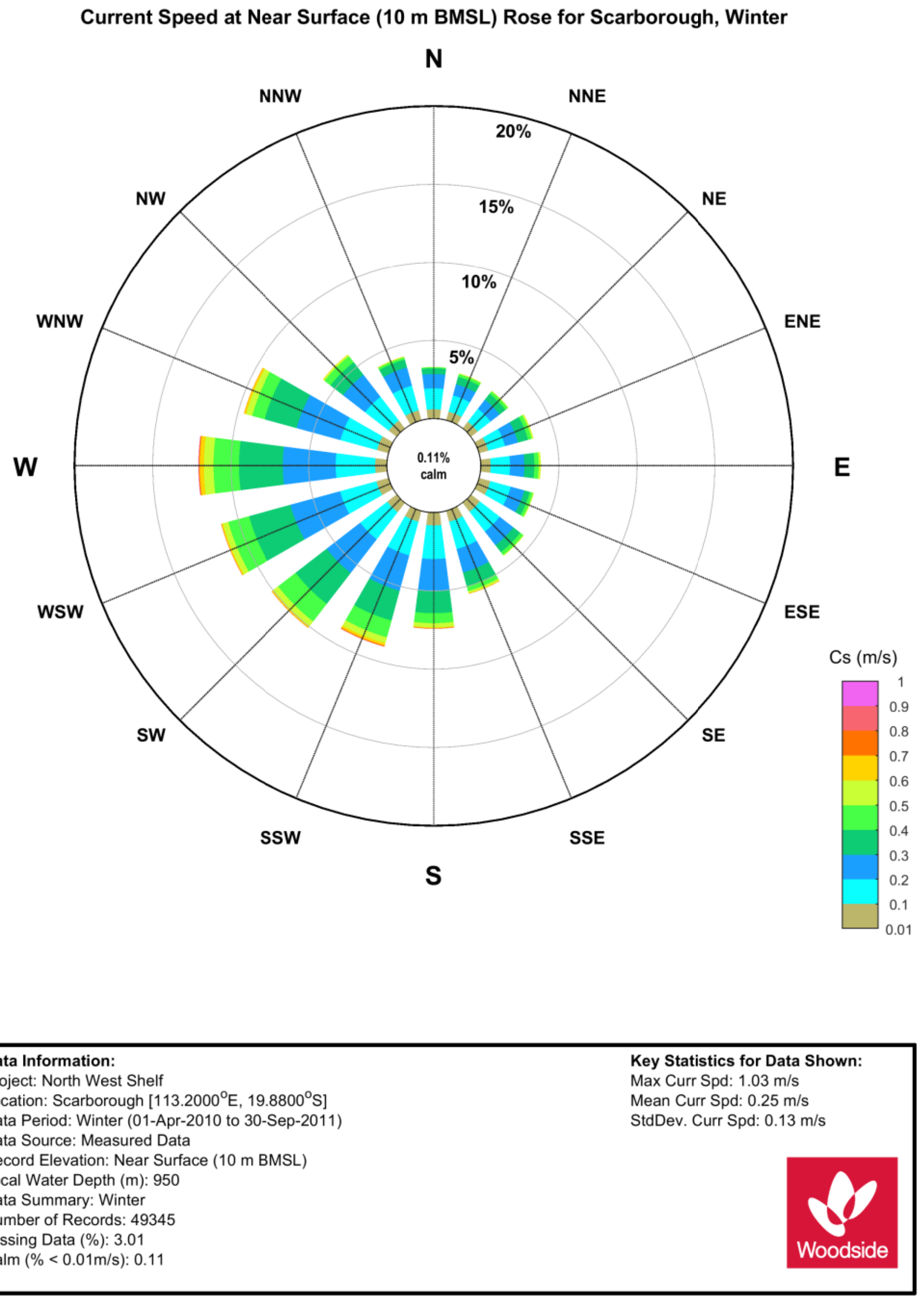


Figure 9. Winter (May-Sep) near surface combined frequency of 1-min mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the Scarborough location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2018).

North-west Cape

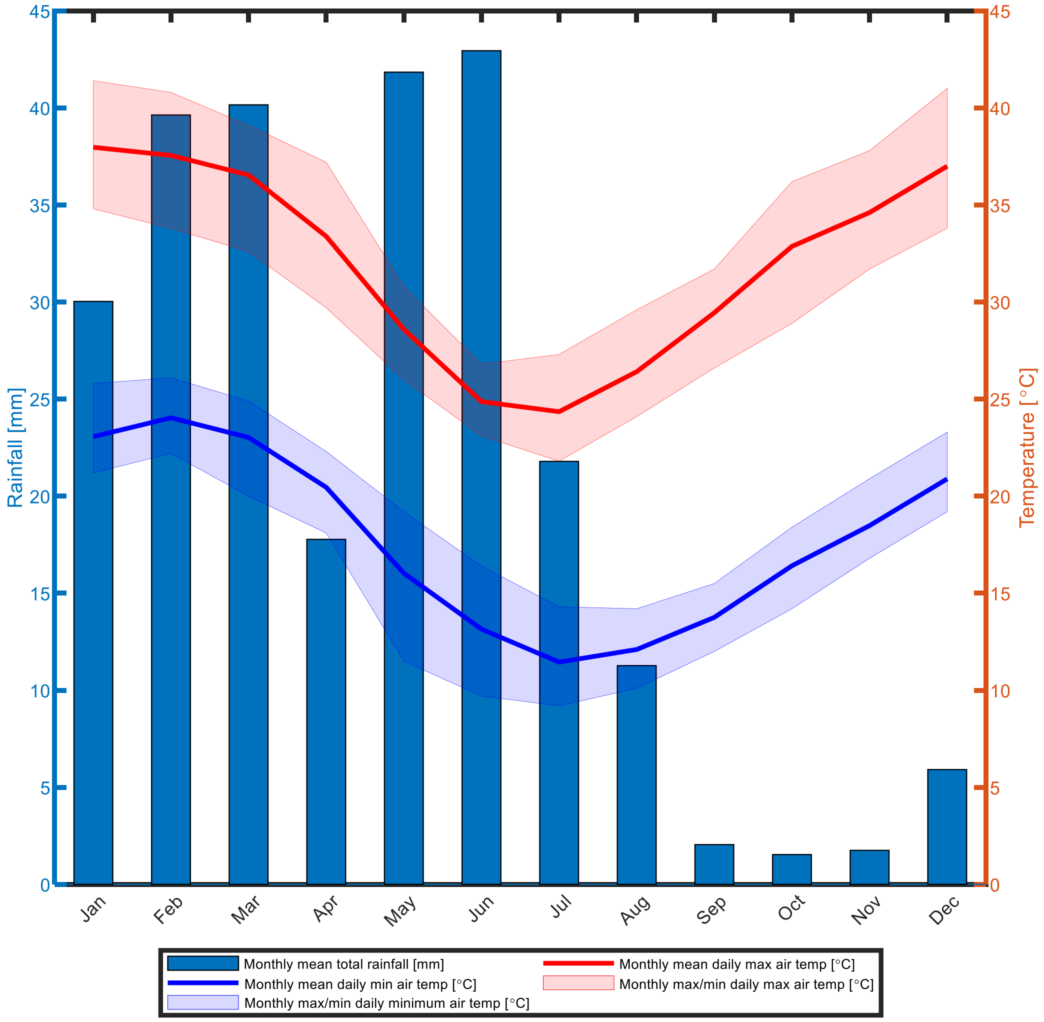
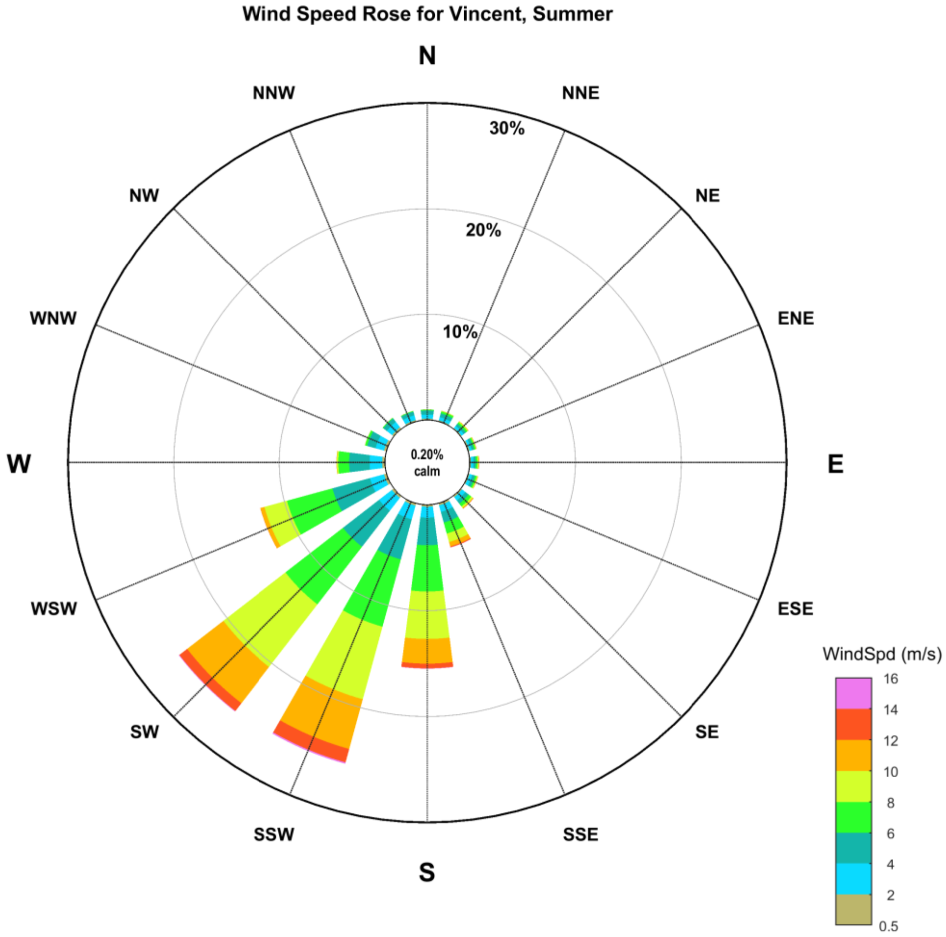
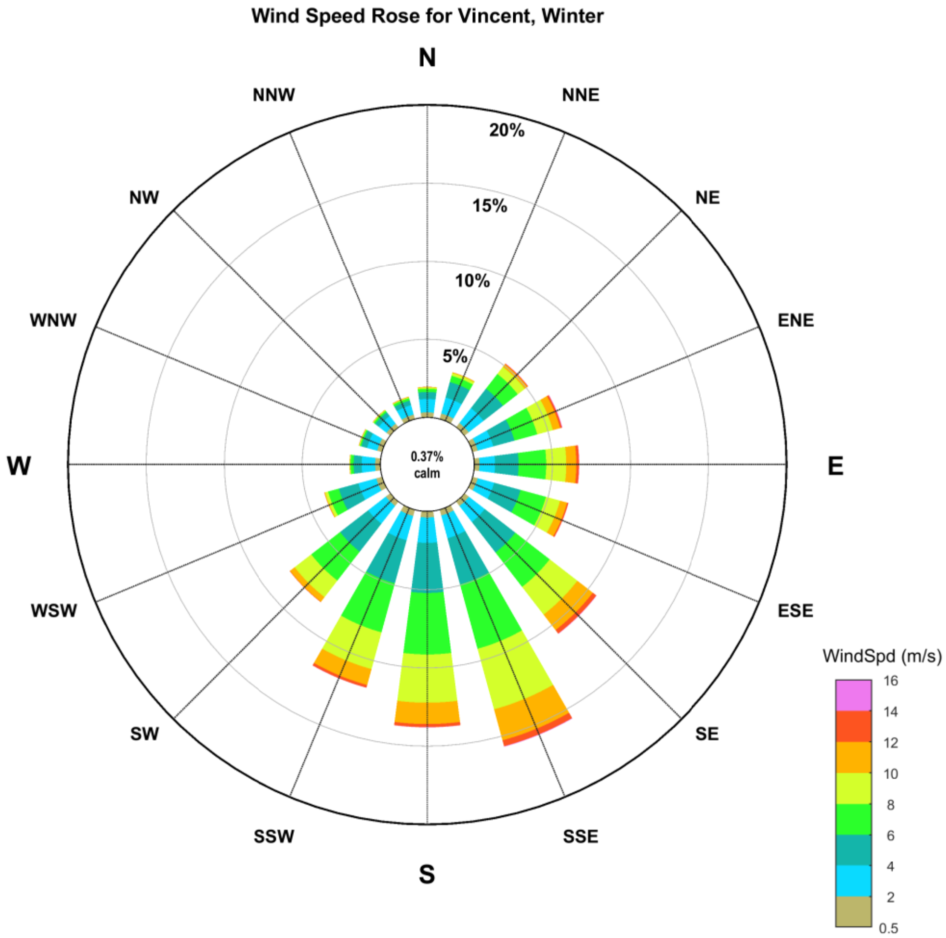


Figure 1. Monthly average total rainfall [mm] and air temperature [°C], calculated based on observations at the Learmonth Airport weather station from 1945-2020 and 1975-2020 respectively (Bureau of Meteorology 2020). Bars show the monthly average total rainfall values, and thick blue and red lines denote monthly average daily minimum and maximum air temperatures, respectively. Shaded blue and red areas denote monthly recorded extremes of daily minimum and maximum air temperature, respectively.



Data Information:	**Key Statistics for Data Shown:**
Project: North West Cape	Max Wind Speed: 18.86 m/s
Location: Vincent [114.0600°E, 21.4400°S]	Mean Wind Speed: 7.10 m/s
Data Period: Summer (01-Jan-1979 to 01-Jan-2019)	StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.75 m/s
Data Source: Modelled Hindcast	
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL	
Local Water Depth (m): 350	
Data Summary: Summer	
Number of Records: 159379	
Missing Data (%): 8.91	
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.20	
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.	

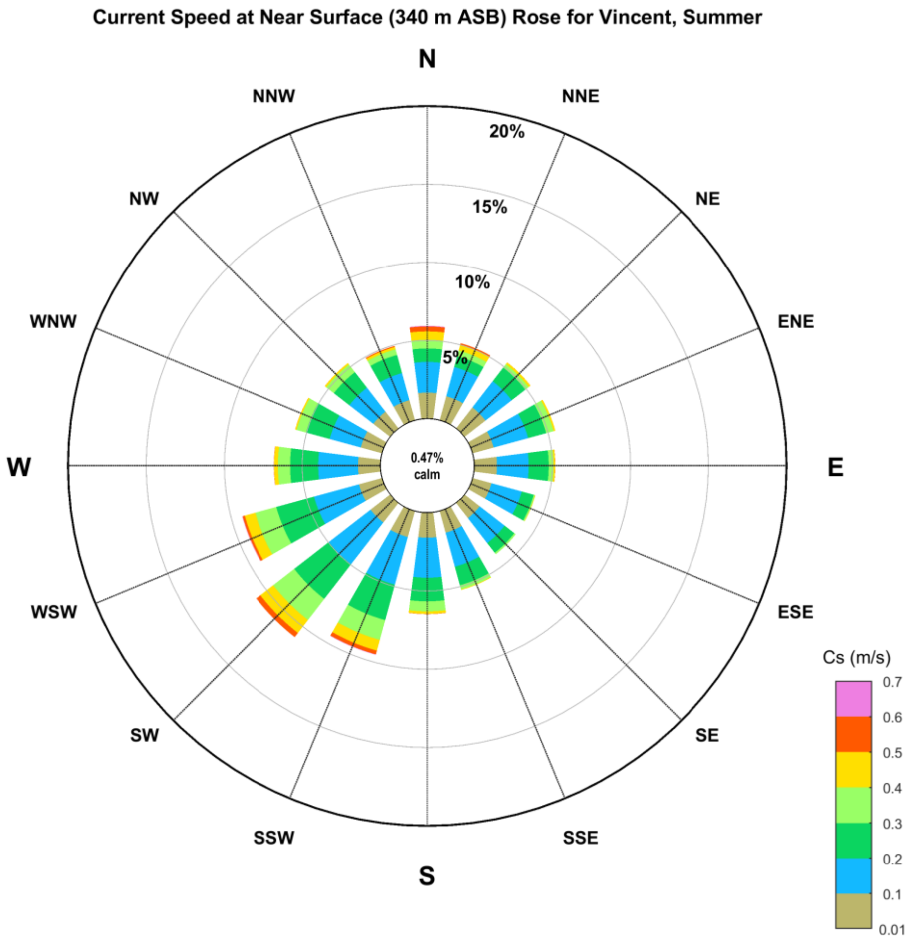
Figure 2. Summer distributions of wind speeds (10-minute at 10 m ASL) by 22.5° directional sectors at the Vincent site (Vincent Metocean). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. Winds at Vincent in summer are predominantly from the SW to SSW in summer due to the presence of the Pilbara Heat Low (MetOcean Engineers, 2005).



Data Information:	**Key Statistics for Data Shown:**
Project: North West Cape	Max Wind Speed: 19.39 m/s
Location: Vincent [114.0600°E, 21.4400°S]	Mean Wind Speed: 6.23 m/s
Data Period: Winter (01-Apr-1979 to 30-Sep-2018)	StdDev. Wind Speed: 2.78 m/s
Data Source: Modelled Hindcast	
Record Elevation: 10 m AMSL	
Local Water Depth (m): 350	
Data Summary: Winter	
Number of Records: 173626	
Missing Data (%): 1.17	
Calm (% < 0.50m/s): 0.37	
Measurement Format: 10-minute avg.	

Woodside

Figure 3. Winter distributions of wind speeds (10-minute at 10 m ASL) 22.5° directional sectors at the Vincent site (Vincent Metocean). Note tropical cyclone events were not included in this distribution. In winter, winds at are predominantly from the S to SE, associated with the South East Trades. Easterly gales are experienced at the Vincent location due to high pressure systems generating from the Great Australian Bight area to the site (MetOcean Engineers, 2005).

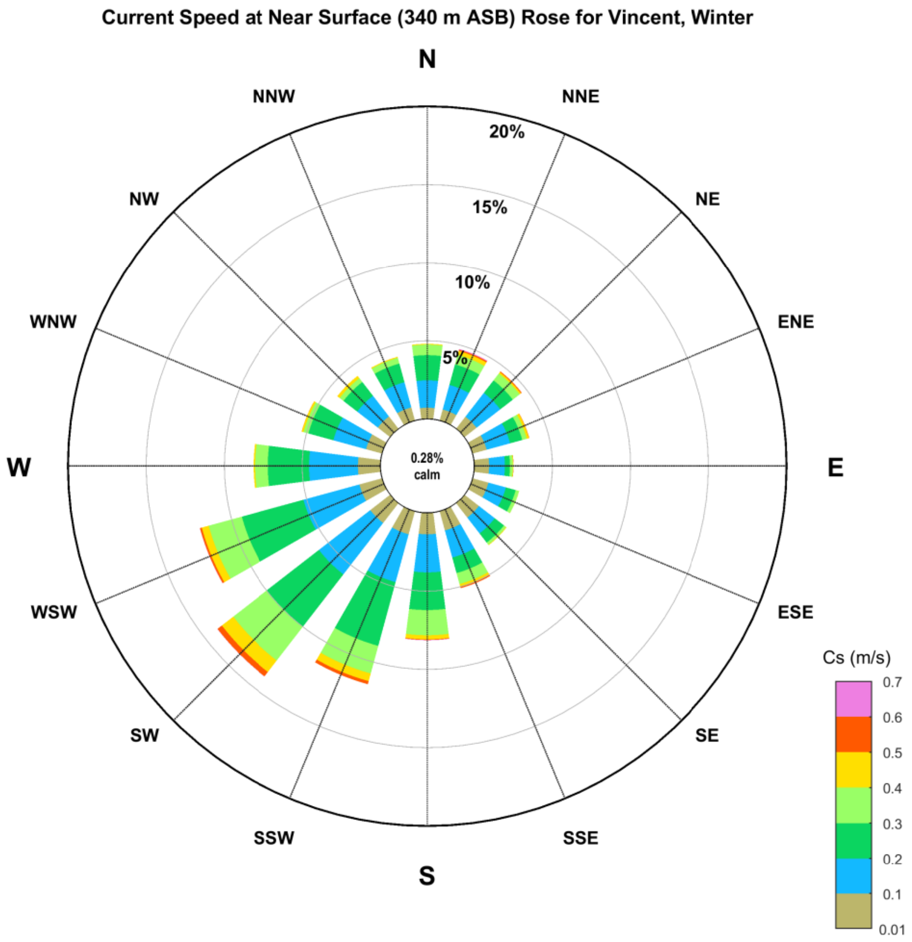


Data Information:
Project: North West Cape
Location: Vincent [114.0600°E, 21.4400°S]
Data Period: Summer (21-Nov-2000 to 13-Dec-2001)
Data Source: Measured Data
Record Elevation: Near Surface (340 m ASB)
Local Water Depth (m): 350
Data Summary: Summer
Number of Records: 144668
Missing Data (%): 1.59
Calm (% < 0.01m/s): 0.47

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Curr Spd: 0.75 m/s
Mean Curr Spd: 0.19 m/s
StdDev. Curr Spd: 0.11 m/s

Woodside

Figure 4. Summer (May – Sep) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the Vincent location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2016).



Data Information:
Project: North West Cape
Location: Vincent [114.0600°E, 21.4400°S]
Data Period: Winter (01-Apr-2001 to 30-Sep-2001)
Data Source: Measured Data
Record Elevation: Near Surface (340 m ASB)
Local Water Depth (m): 350
Data Summary: Winter
Number of Records: 126313
Missing Data (%): 4.13
Calm (% < 0.01m/s): 0.28

Key Statistics for Data Shown:
Max Curr Spd: 0.64 m/s
Mean Curr Spd: 0.20 m/s
StdDev. Curr Spd: 0.11 m/s

Woodside

Figure 5. Winter (Nov – Apr) near surface combined frequency of 1-minute mean current speed and direction (towards) measured at the Vincent location (cyclones removed) (WEL, 2016).

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APPENDIX I FIRST STRIKE PLAN

Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) – Oil Pollution First Strike Plan

Security & Emergency Management
Hydrocarbon Spill Preparedness

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SPILL FROM VESSEL

(Note: SOPEP should be implemented in conjunction with this document)

CONTROL AGENCY (ALL LEVELS):

AMSA (Commonwealth waters)

Department of Transport (DoT) (State waters) with response assistance from Woodside

See **Table A** below for a guidance to incident characteristics of Levels 1 to 3

Guidance to Oil Spill Incident Levels

The most significant characteristic of the below guidance should be considered when determining level or escalation potential.

Table A: Guidance to the characteristics of incident Levels 1 to 3

Characteristic	Level 1 Indicators	Level 2 Indicators	Level 3 Indicators
General Description	Generally able to be resolved within 24-48 hours.	Generally a response is required beyond 48 hours.	Response may extend beyond weeks.
Woodside Emergency Management (EM)/Crisis Management Team (CMT) Activation	Onsite Incident Controller (IC), e.g. vessel master, activated. Use of ICC support may be required.	Handover of Control from Onsite IC to Corporate Incident Coordination Center (CICC) Duty Manager (DM) in Perth.	Includes Perth based CMT activation.
Number of Agencies	First-response agency and Incident Management Team (IMT).	Multi-agency response.	Agencies from across government and industry.
Environment	Isolated impacts or with natural recovery expected within weeks.	Significant impacts and recovery may take months.	Significant area and recovery may take months to years. Remediation required.
Economy	Business level disruption (i.e. Woodside).	Business failure or 'Channel' impacts.	Disruption to a sector.
Public Affairs	Local and regional media coverage (WA).	National media coverage.	International media coverage.

For guidance on credible spill scenarios and hydrocarbon characteristics refer to Appendix A.

For Spills Entering State Waters

If a spill arising from a vessel impacts State waters/shorelines, then the Western Australia Department of Transport (DoT), as Hazard Management Agency (HMA), will become the Control Agency for the response in State waters/shorelines only. In the event DoT become the Control Agency, they will appoint an Incident Controller (IC) and form a separate Incident Management Team to manage the response.

Whilst not applicable for this activity, i.e. a spill arising from a vessel, if assistance is requested by DoT, the coordination structure for Woodside to interface with DoT is shown in APPENDIX E – Coordination Structure for a Concurrent Hydrocarbon Spill in Both Commonwealth And State Waters/Shorelines.

Initially Woodside would be required to make available an appropriate number of suitably qualified persons to work in the DoT IMT (see Appendix G). DoT's role as the Controlling Agency/HMA for spills arising from a vessel impacting State waters/shorelines does not negate the requirement for Woodside to have appropriate plans and resources in place to adequately respond to a Marine Hydrocarbon Spill incident in State waters/shorelines or to commence the initial response actions to a spill prior to DoT establishing incident control in line with DoT Offshore Petroleum Industry Guidance Note – Marine Oil Pollution: Response and Consultation Arrangements (July 2020):

https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/marine/MAC_P_Westplan_MOP_OffshorePetroleumIndGuidance.pdf

Response Process Overview

Use the below to determine which parts of this plan are relevant to the incident.

For guidance on credible scenarios and hydrocarbon characteristics, refer to Appendix A.

Vessel Incident

Level 1

Implement Section 1, 2 & 4

Notify the WCC on [redacted]

Make relevant notifications in Table 1-1 of this Oil Pollution First Strike Plan.

Coordinate pre-identified tactics in Table 2-1 of this Oil Pollution First Strike Plan.

If the spill escalates such that the site cannot manage the incident inform the WCC on [redacted] and escalate to a level 2/3 incident.

Handover control to AMSA.

Level 2/3

Implement Section 1

Notify the WCC on [redacted] to stand up the CICC.

CICC DM to coordinate relevant notifications in Table 1-1 of this Oil Pollution First Strike Plan.

If requested by AMSA implement sections 3 &4 (continue below)

Undertake quick revalidation of the recommended strategies on Table 3-1 taking into consideration seasonal sensitivities and current situational awareness.

Undertake validated strategies.

Create an IAP for all ongoing operational periods

The content of the IAP should reflect the selected response strategies based on current situational awareness.

There are no RPA's and therefore no pre-operational NEBA has been prepared. A simplified NEBA was conducted and can be found in the OSPRMA at Appendix A.

1. NOTIFICATIONS (ALL LEVELS)

The Incident Controller or delegate must ensure the below notifications (**Table 1-1**) are completed within the designated timeframes.

For other environmental notifications required refer to the Nganhurra Operatoions Cessation (WA-28-L) Environment Plan.

Table 1-1: Immediate Notifications

Notification timing	Responsibility	Authority /Company	Name	Contact Number	Instruction	Form/ Template	Mark Complete (✓)
Notifications to be made for ALL LEVELS of spill *(For spills from a vessel the following notifications must be undertaken by a Woodside (WEL) representative).*							
Immediately	Vessel Master	Woodside Communication Centre (WCC)	Duty Manager	[redacted]	Verbally notify WCC of event and estimated volume and hydrocarbon type.	Verbal	
Within 2 hours	Woodside Site Rep (WSR)	National Offshore Petroleum Safety Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA[1])	Incident notification office	[redacted]	Verbally notify NOPSEMA for spills >80L. Record notification using Initial Verbal Notification Form or equivalent and send to NOPSEMA as soon as practicable (cc to NOPTA and DMIRS).	App B Form 1	
Within 3 days	WSR				Provide a written NOPSEMA Incident Report Form as soon as practicable (no later than 3 days after notification) (cc to NOPTA and DMIRS) NOPSEMA: [redacted] NOPTA [redacted] DMIRS: [redacted]	App B Form 2	

[1] Notification to NOPSEMA must be from a Woodside Representative.

Notification timing	Responsibility	Authority /Company	Name	Contact Number	Instruction	Form/ Template	Mark Complete (✓)
As soon as practicable	CICC DM or Delegate	Woodside	Environment Duty Manager	As per roster	Verbally notify Duty Environment of event and seek advice on relevant performance standards from EP	Verbal	
As soon as practicable	CICC DM or Delegate	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (Director of National Parks)	Marine Park Compliance Duty Officer	[redacted]	The Marine Park Compliance Duty Officer is notified in the event of oil pollution within a marine park, or where an oil spill response action must be taken within a marine park, so far as reasonably practicable, prior to response action being taken. This notification should include: • titleholder details • time and location of the incident • proposed response arrangements and locations as per the OPEP • contact details for the response coordinator.	Verbal	
Without delay as per protection of the Sea Act, part II, section 11(1)	Vessel Master	Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)	Response Coordination Centre (RCC)	[redacted]	Verbally notify AMSA RCC of the hydrocarbon spill. Follow up with a written Marine Pollution Report (POLREP) as soon as practicable following verbal notification.	App B Form 3	
ADDITIONAL LEVEL 2/3 NOTIFICATIONS							
As soon as practicable	CICC DM or Delegate	AMOSC	AMOSC Duty Manager	[redacted]	Notify AMOSC that a spill has occurred and follow-up with an email from the **IC/CICC DM, CMT Leader or Oil Spill Preparedness Manager** to formally activate AMOSC. Determine what resources are required consistent with the AMOS Plan and detail in a Service Contract that will be sent to	App B Form 4	

Notification timing	Responsibility	Authority /Company	Name	Contact Number	Instruction	Form/ Template	Mark Complete (✓)
					Woodside from AMOSC upon activation.		
As soon as practicable	CICC DM or Delegate	Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL)	OSRL Duty Manager	[redacted]	Contact OSRL duty manager and request assistance from technical advisor in Perth. Send the completed notification form to OSRL as soon as practicable. For mobilisation of resources, send the Mobilisation Form to OSRL as soon as practicable. The mobilisation form requires to be signed by a nominated callout authority from Woodside.	Notification: App B Form 6a Mobilisation: App B Form 6b	
As soon as practicable if spill is likely to extend into WA State waters.	CICC DM or Delegate	WA Department of Transport	DoT Duty Manager	[redacted]	Marine Duty Manager to verbally notify DoT that a spill has occurred and, if required, request use of equipment stored in Karratha. Follow up with a written POLREP as soon as practicable following verbal notification. Additionally DoT to be notified if spill is likely to extend into WA State waters. Request DoT to provide Liaison to WEL IMT.	App B Form 5	
As soon as practicable if there is potential for oiled wildlife or the spill is expected to contact land or waters managed by WA Department of Biodiversity,	CICC DM or Delegate	WA Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)	Duty Officer	[redacted]	Phone call notification	Verbal	

Notification timing	Responsibility	Authority /Company	Name	Contact Number	Instruction	Form/ Template	Mark Complete (✓)
Conservation and Attractions							
As soon as practicable if extra personnel are required for incident support	CICC DM or Delegate	Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC)	MSRC Response Manager	[redacted]	Activate the contract with MSRC (in full) for the provision of up to 30 personnel depending on what skills are required. Please note that provision of these personnel from MSRC are on a best endeavours basis and are not guaranteed.	Verbal	

2. LEVEL 1 RESPONSE

2.1 Mobilisation of Response Techniques

For the relevant hydrocarbon type, undertake quick revalidation of the recommended techniques and pre-identified tactics indicated with a ‘Yes’ in **Table 2-1**. Undertake all validated pre-identified tactics immediately. These tactics should be carried out using the associated plan identified under **Table 2-1** Operational Plan column.

All response techniques and pre-identified tactics have been identified from the pre-operational Net Environmental Benefits Analysis (NEBA) presented in the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Appendix D (Woodside’s Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment).

Table 2-1: Level 1 Response Summary

Response Techniques	Hydrocarbon Type Marine Diesel Oil	Pre- Identified Tactics	Responsible	ALARP Commitment Summary	Complete ✓	Link to Operational Plans for notification numbers and actions
Monitor and evaluate – tracking buoy (OM02)	Yes	If a vessel is on location consider the need to deploy the oil spill Tracking buoy. If no vessel is on location consider the need to mobilise oil spill tracking buoys from the KBSB Stockpile.	Operations	**DAY 1:** Tracking buoy deployed within two hours.		Surveillance and Reconnaissance to Detect Hydrocarbons and Resources at Risk (OM02 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan.
Please consider instructing the CICC DM to activate or implement any of the following Pre-Identified tactics. The following tactics will assist in answering the '7 Questions of Spill Assessment' identified in Appendix C to increase situational awareness.						
Monitor and evaluate – predictive modelling (OM01)	Yes	Undertake initial modelling using the Rapid assessment oil spill tool and weathering fate analysis using ADIOS (or refer to the hydrocarbon information in Appendix A).	Intelligence or Environment	**DAY 1:** Initial modelling within six hours using the Rapid Assessment Tool.		Predictive Modelling of Hydrocarbons to Assess Resources at Risk (OM01 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan. *Planning to download immediately and follow steps*
	Yes	Send Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling (OSTM) form (Appendix B Form 7) to RPS APASA response team (email [redacted]) and call RPS Response Duty Officer Phone +61 (0)408 477196	Intelligence	**DAY 1:** Detailed modelling within four hours of APASA receiving information from Woodside.		
Monitor and evaluate – aerial surveillance (OM02)	Yes	Instruct Aviation Duty Manager to commence aerial observations in daylight hours. Aerial surveillance observer to complete log in Appendix B Form 8.	Logistics - Aviation	**DAY 1:** Two trained aerial observers. One aircraft available.		Surveillance and Reconnaissance to Detect Hydrocarbons and Resources at Risk (OM02 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan). *Planning to download immediately and follow steps*
Monitor and evaluate – satellite	Yes	The Intelligence duty manager should be instructed to stand up KSAT to provide satellite imagery of the spill. [redacted]	Intelligence	**DAY 1:** Service provider will confirm		

Response Techniques	Hydrocarbon Type Marine Diesel Oil	Pre- Identified Tactics	Responsible	ALARP Commitment Summary	Complete ✓	Link to Operational Plans for notification numbers and actions
tracking (OM02)				availability of an initial acquisition within two hours. Data received to be uploaded into Woodside Common Operating Picture.		
Monitor and evaluate – monitoring hydrocarbons in water (OM03)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake water quality monitoring (OM03).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 3:** Water quality assessments access and capability.		Detecting and Monitoring for the Presence and Properties of Hydrocarbons in the Marine Environment (OM03 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
Monitor and evaluate – pre-emptive assessment of receptors at risk (OM04)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake pre-emptive assessment of sensitive receptors at risk (OM04).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 2:** In agreement with WA DoT, deployment of two specialist fo reach of the Response Protection Areas (RPA) with predicted impacts.		Pre-emptive Assessment of Sensitive Receptors (OM04 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
Monitor and evaluate – shoreline assessment (OM05)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake shoreline assessment surveys (OM05).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 2:** In agreement with WA DoT, deployment of two specialists in SCAT for each of the		Shoreline Assessment (OM05 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).

Response Techniques	Hydrocarbon Type Marine Diesel Oil	Pre- Identified Tactics	Responsible	ALARP Commitment Summary	Complete ✓	Link to Operational Plans for notification numbers and actions
				RPAs with predicted impacts.		

3. LEVEL 2/3 RESPONSE

3.1 Mobilisation of Response Techniques

For the relevant hydrocarbon type, undertake quick revalidation of the recommended techniques and pre-identified tactics indicated with a ‘Yes’ in **Table 3-1.** Undertake all validated pre-identified tactics immediately. These tactics should be carried out using the associated plan identified under **Table 3-1** Operational Plan column.

All response techniques and pre-identified tactics have been identified from the pre-operational Net Environmental Benefits Analysis (NEBA) presented in the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Environment Plan Appendix D (Woodside’s Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment).

Table 3-1: Level 2/3 Response Summary

Response Techniques	Hydrocarbon Type Marine Diesel Oil	Pre- Identified Tactics	Responsible	ALARP Commitment Summary	Complete ✓	Link to Operational Plans for notification numbers and actions
Please consider instructing the CICC DM to activate or implement any of the following Pre-Identified tactics. The following tactics will assist in answering the '7 Questions of Spill Assessment' identified in Appendix C to increase situational awareness.						
Monitor and evaluate – predictive modelling (OM01)	Yes	Undertake initial modelling using the Rapid assessment oil spill tool and weathering fate analysis using ADIOS (or refer to the hydrocarbon information in Appendix A).	Intelligence or Environment	**DAY 1:** Initial modelling within six hours using the Rapid Assessment Tool. Detailed modelling within four hours of RPS receiving information from Woodside.		Predictive Modelling of Hydrocarbons to Assess Resources at Risk (OM01 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
	Yes	Send Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling (OSTM) form (Appendix B Form 7) to RPS ([redacted]) and call RPS Response Duty Officer Phone [redacted] [redacted]	Intelligence	**DAY 1:** Detailed modelling within 4 hours of RPS receiving information from Woodside.		
Monitor and evaluate – tracking buoy (OM02)	Yes	Confirm whether the vessel on location has deployed a tracking buoy.	Operations	**DAY 1:** Tracking buoy deployed within two hours.		Surveillance and Reconnaissance to Detect Hydrocarbons and Resources at Risk (OM02 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan Deploy tracking buoy in accordance with APPENDIX D – Tracking buoy deployment instructions.
Monitor and evaluate – aerial surveillance (OM02)	Yes	Instruct Aviation Duty Manager to commence aerial observations in daylight hours. Aerial surveillance observer to complete log in Appendix B Form 8.	Logistics - Aviation	**DAY 1:** Two trained aerial observers. One aircraft available.		
Monitor and evaluate – satellite	Yes	The Intelligence duty manager should be instructed to stand up Kongsberg Satellite Services (KSAT) to provide satellite imagery of	Intelligence	**DAY 1:** Service provider will confirm availability of		

tracking (OM02)		the spill (email [redacted])		an initial acquisition within two hours. Data received to be uploaded into Woodside Common Operating Picture.		
Monitor and evaluate – monitoring hydrocarbon s in water (OM03)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake water quality monitoring (OM03).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 3:** Water quality assessment access and capability Daily fluorometry reports will be provided to IMT.		Detecting and Monitoring for the Presence and Properties of Hydrocarbons in the Marine Environment (OM03 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
Monitor and evaluate – pre-emptive assessment of receptors at risk (OM04)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake pre-emptive assessment of sensitive receptors at risk (OM04).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 2:** In agreement with WA DoT, deployment of two specialists for each of the Response Protection Areas (RPA) with predicted impacts.		Pre-emptive Assessment of Sensitive Receptors (OM04 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
Monitor and evaluate – shoreline assessment (OM05)	Yes	Consider the need to mobilise resources to undertake shoreline assessment surveys (OM05).	Planning or Environment	**DAY 2:** In agreement with WA DoT, deployment of two specialists in SCAT for each of the RPAs with predicted impacts.		Shoreline Assessment (OM05 of The Operational Monitoring Operational Plan).
Surface Dispersant	No	This response strategy is not recommended.				
Mechanical Dispersion	No	This response strategy is not recommended.				
Containment and Recovery	No	This response strategy is not recommended.				
In-situ Burning	No	This response strategy is not recommended.				

Shoreline Protection and Deflection	Yes	Equipment from Woodside, AMOSC and AMSA Western Australian Stockpiles mobilised. Consideration of mobilisation of interstate/international shoreline protection equipment (i.e. OSRL).	Logistics and Planning	**DAY 1:** In agreement with WA DoT, activate relevant Tactical Response Plans (TRPs) within 12 hours. In agreement with WA DoT, mobilise teams to RPAs within 12 hours of operational monitoring predicting impacts. In agreement with WA DoT, equipment mobilised from closest stockpile within 12-hours. Supplementary equipment mobilised from State, AMOSC, AMSA stockpiles within 24 hours **DAY 2:** Supplementary equipment mobilised from OSRL within 48 hours		Protection and Deflection Operational Plan *Logistics to download immediately and follow steps*
Shoreline Clean Up	Potentially	Equipment from Woodside, AMOSC and AMSA Western Australian Stockpiles and relevant personnel mobilised. Consideration of mobilisation of interstate/international shoreline cleanup equipment and relevant personnel (i.e. OSRL).	Logistics and Planning	**DAY 1:** Equipment mobilised from closest stockpile within 12 hours TRPs available for at risk shorelines within 24 hours. **DAY 2:** Deployment of shoreline clean-up		Shoreline Clean-up Operational Plan *Logistics to download immediately and follow steps*

				teams to contaminated RPAs. Access to at least 2,000 m^3 of solid and liquid waste storage available within 4 days upon activation of 3rd party contract.		
Oiled Wildlife Response	Yes	If oiled wildlife is a potential impact, request AMOSC to mobilise containerised oiled wildlife first strike kits and relevant personnel. Refer to relevant Tactical Response Plan for potential wildlife at risk. Mobilise AMOSC Oiled Wildlife Containers. Consider whether additional equipment is required from local suppliers.	Logistics and Planning	**DAY 5:** Contracted capability to treat up to an additional 250 individual fauna within a five-day period. Facilities for oiled wildlife rehabilitation are operational 24/7		Oiled Wildlife Response Operational Plan and relevant Tactical Response Plans
Scientific Monitoring (Type II)	Yes	Notify Woodside science team of spill event.	Environment			Oil Spill Scientific Monitoring Programme – Operational Plan

4. PRIORITY RECEPTORS

Based on hydrocarbon spill risk modelling results the sensitive receptors outlined inError! Reference source not found. are identified as priority protection areas, as they have the potential to be contacted by hydrocarbon at or above impact threshold levels within 48 hours of a spill. Please note that impact thresholds (10 g/m^2 surface hydrocarbon concentration, 100 g/m^2 shoreline accumulation, and 100 ppb entrained hydrocarbon concentration) are used to determine the 'environment that may be affected' (EMBA) identified in the Environment Plan and are lower than response thresholds shown in **Table 4-1**.

Table 4-1: Response Thresholds

Surface Hydrocarbon (g/m^2)	Description
>10	Predicted minimum threshold for commencing operational monitoring[2]
50	Predicted minimum floating oil threshold for containment and recovery and surface dispersant application[3]
100	Predicted optimum floating oil threshold for containment and recovery and surface dispersant application
100	Predicted minimum shoreline accumulation threshold for shoreline assessment operations
250	Predicted minimum threshold for commencing shoreline clean-up operations

Table 4-2: Receptors for Priority Protection with Potential Impact within 48 Hours (Credible Scenario-01)

Receptor	Distance and Direction from Operational Area (km)	Minimum time to shoreline contact (above 100g/m^2) in days	Maximum shoreline accumulation (above 100g/m^2) in m^3	Tactical Response Plans (also available within the Data Directory DRIMS#9542566)
N/A – No contact at or above impact threshold levels within 48 hours				

Hydrocarbon spill modelling results indicate the sensitive receptors listed below have the potential to be contacted by hydrocarbons beyond 48 hours of a spill:

- Ningaloo Coast North (incl. WHA, 2.5 days)
- Ningaloo Coast Middle (incl. WHA, 4 days)
- Muiron Islands (incl. MMA-WHA, 5 days)

Tactical Response plans for these locations can be accessed via the Oil Spill Portal - Tactical Response Plans.[4]

Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling specific to the spill event will be required to determine the regional sensitive receptors to be contacted beyond 48 hours of a spill.

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[2] Operational monitoring will be undertaken from the outset of a spill whether or not this threshold has been reached. Monitoring is needed throughout the response to assess the nature of the spill, track its location and inform the need for any additional monitoring and/or response techniques. It also informs when the spill has entered State Waters and/or control of the incident passes to WA DoT or AMSA.

[3] At 50g/m^2 containment and recovery and surface dispserant application operations are not expected to be particularly effective. This threshold represents a conservative approach to planning response capability and displaying the spread of surface oil.

[4] The Tactical Response Plans for the RPA's idenitifed contain the details of potential forward operating bases and staging areas. Incident Command Centre: For Level 1 incidents the in-field team and asset operator will lead the response on-scene. For level 2/3 Incident the Incident command centre will be located in Perth at Woodside's Building. The Woodside CICC is fully equipped with communications equipment and technology to ensure the coordination of response activities for the overall response.

Figure 4-1 illustrates the location of regional sensitive receptors in relation to the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Operational Area and identifies priority protection areas.

Consideration should be given to other stakeholders (including mariners) in the vicinity of the spill location. **Table 4-3** indicates the assets within the vicinity of the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Operational Area.

Table 4-3: Assets in the vicinity of the Nganhurra Operations Cessation Operational Area

Asset	Distance and Direction from Operational Area	Operator
Ngujima Yin FPSO	~ 4 km NE	Woodside
Ningaloo Vision FPSO	~ 8 km NE	Santos
Pyrenees FPSO	~ 9 km SE	BHP

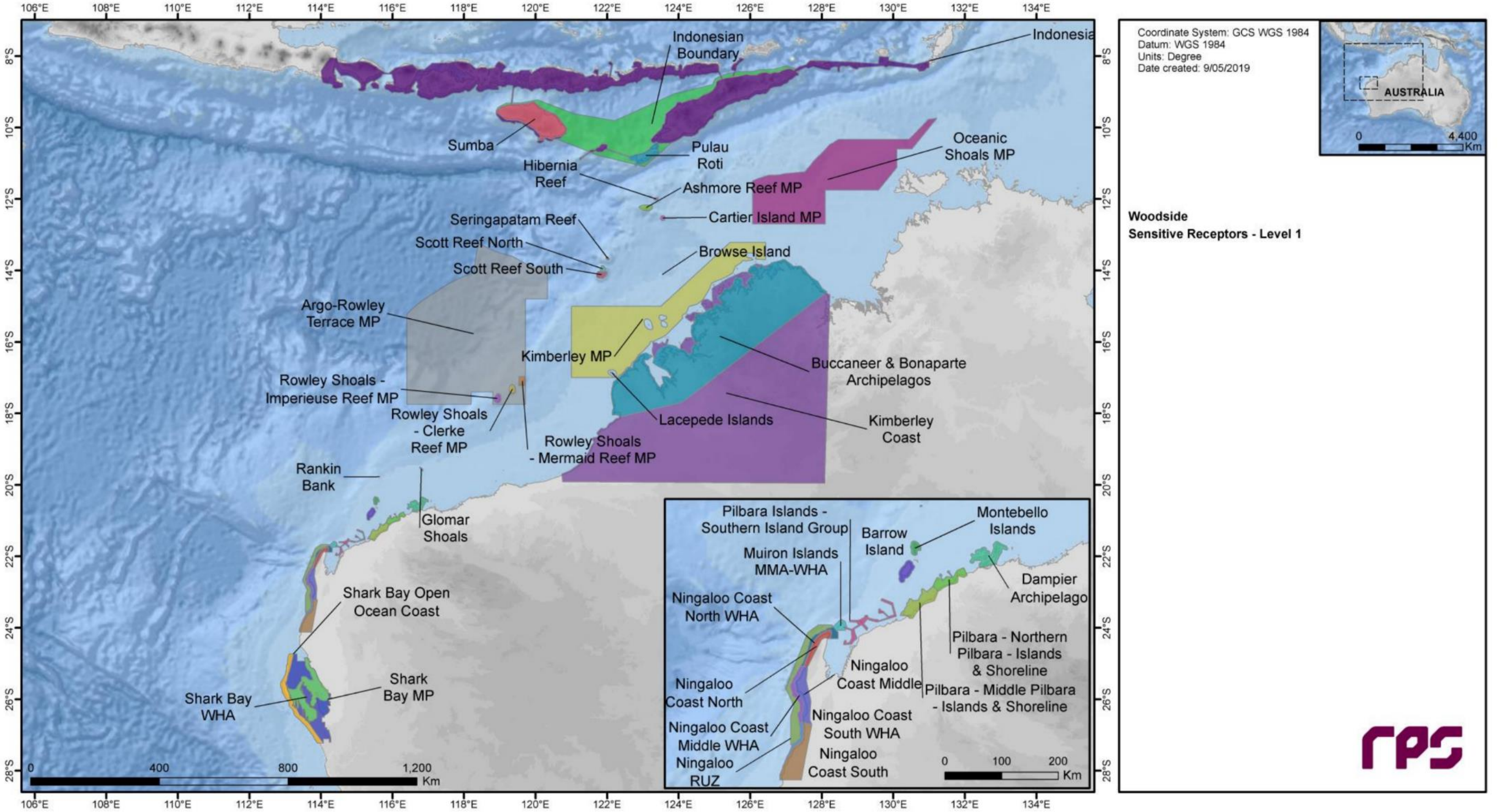

Figure 4-1: Regional sensitive receptors

5. DISPERSANT APPLICATION

Dispersant is not considered an appropriate response strategy for this activity as described in the Nganhurra Operations Cessation (WA-28-L) Environment Plan Appendix D (Woodside's Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Mitigation Assessment).

APPENDIX A – CREDIBLE SPILL SCENARIO AND HYDROCARBON INFORMATION

For more detailed hydrocarbon information see the
Hydrocarbon Data Directory

Credible Spill Scenarios

Scenario	Product	Maximum Volumes	Suggested ADIOS2 Analogue*
CS-01 (WCCS) **Unplanned hydrocarbon release caused by marine vessel collision**	Marine diesel (API 37.2°)	500 m^3	Diesel Fuel Oil (API 37.2°)
CS-02 **Loss of containment caused by refuelling hose failure, coupling failure or operator error**	Marine diesel (API 37.2°)	8 m^3	Diesel Fuel Oil (API 37.2°)

*Initial screening of possible ADIOS2 analogues was done by considering hydrocarbons with similar APIs. Suggested selection was based on the closest distillation cut to WEL hydrocarbon. Only hydrocarbons with distillation cuts that showed results for > 380°C were included in selection process.

Marine Diesel (Group 2 Oil)

Marine diesel (API 37.2°) is a mixture of volatile and persistent hydrocarbons with low proportions of highly volatile and residual components. In general, about 6% of the oil mass should evaporate within the first 12 hours (BP < 180 °C); a further 35% should evaporate within the first 24 hours (180 °C < BP < 265 °C); and a further 54% should evaporate over several days (265 °C < BP < 380 °C). Approximately 5% of the oil is shown to be persistent. The aromatic content of the oil is approximately 3%.

Under the test, variable-wind case, where the winds are of greater strength, entrainment into the water column is indicated to be significant. Approximately 2 days after the spill, around 45% of the oil mass is forecast to have entrained and a further 45% is forecast to have evaporated, leaving only a small proportion of the oil floating on the water surface. The residual compounds will tend to entrain beneath the surface under conditions that generate wind waves (> ~6 m/s) (refer to **Figure A-0-1**).

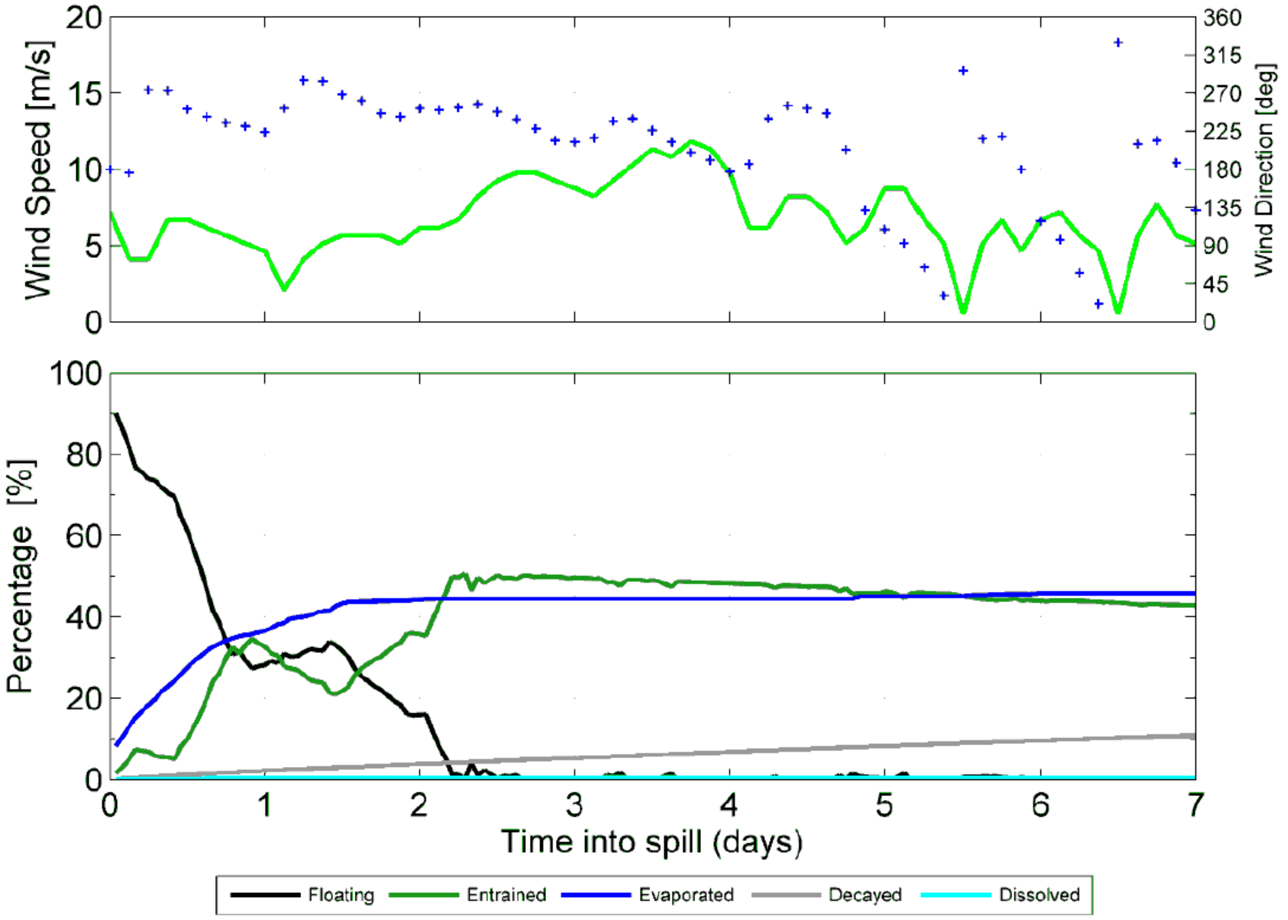

Figure A-0-1: Proportional mass balance plot representing the weathering of marine diesel spilled onto the water surface as a one-off release (50 m³ over one hour) and subject to variable wind at 27 °C water temperature and 25 °C air temperature

APPENDIX B – FORMS

Form No.	Form Name	Link
1	Record of Initial Verbal Notification to NOPSEMA Template	[redacted]
2	NOPSEMA Incident Report Form	[redacted]
3	Marine Pollution Report (POLREP – AMSA)	[redacted]
4	AMOSC Service Contract Note	[redacted]
5	Marine Pollution Report (POLREP – DoT)	[redacted]
6a	OSRL Initial Notification Form	[redacted]
6b	OSRL Mobilisation Activation Form	[redacted]
7	RPS Response Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling Request	[redacted]
8	Aerial Surveillance Observer Log	[redacted]

FORM 1

Record of initial verbal notification to NOPSEMA

(NOPSEMA ph: [redacted])

Date of call	
Time of call	
Call made by	
Call made to	

Information to be provided to NOPSEMA:

Date and Time of incident/time caller became aware of incident	
Details of incident	**1. Location** ________________ **2. Title**________________ **3. Hydrocarbon source** □ **Platform**________________ □ **Pipeline**________________ □ **FPSO**________________ □ **Exploration drilling**________________ □ **Well**________________ □ **Other (please specify)** ________________ **4. Hydrocarbon type**________________ **5. Estimated volume of hydrocarbon** ________________ **6. Has the discharge ceased?**________________ **7. Fire, explosion or collision?** ________________ **8. Environment Plan(s)** ________________ **9. Other Details**________________
Actions taken to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts	

Corrective actions taken or proposed to stop, control or remedy the incident	

After the initial call is made to NOPSEMA, please send this record as soon as practicable to:

1. **NOPSEMA** [redacted]
2. **NOPTA** [redacted]
3. **DMIRS** [redacted]

FORM 2

[insert NOPSEMA Incident Report Form when printing]

[redacted]

FORM 3

[insert Marine Pollution Report (POLREP – AMSA) when printing]

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FORM 4

[insert AMOSC Service Contract note when printing]

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FORM 5

[insert Marine Pollution Report (POLREP – DoT) when printing]

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FORM 6a

[insert OSRL Initial Notification Form when printing]

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FORM 6b

[insert OSRL Mobilisation Activation Form when printing]

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FORM 7

[insert RPS Response Oil Spill Trajectory Modelling Request form when printing]

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FORM 8

[insert Aerial Surveillance Observer Log when printing]

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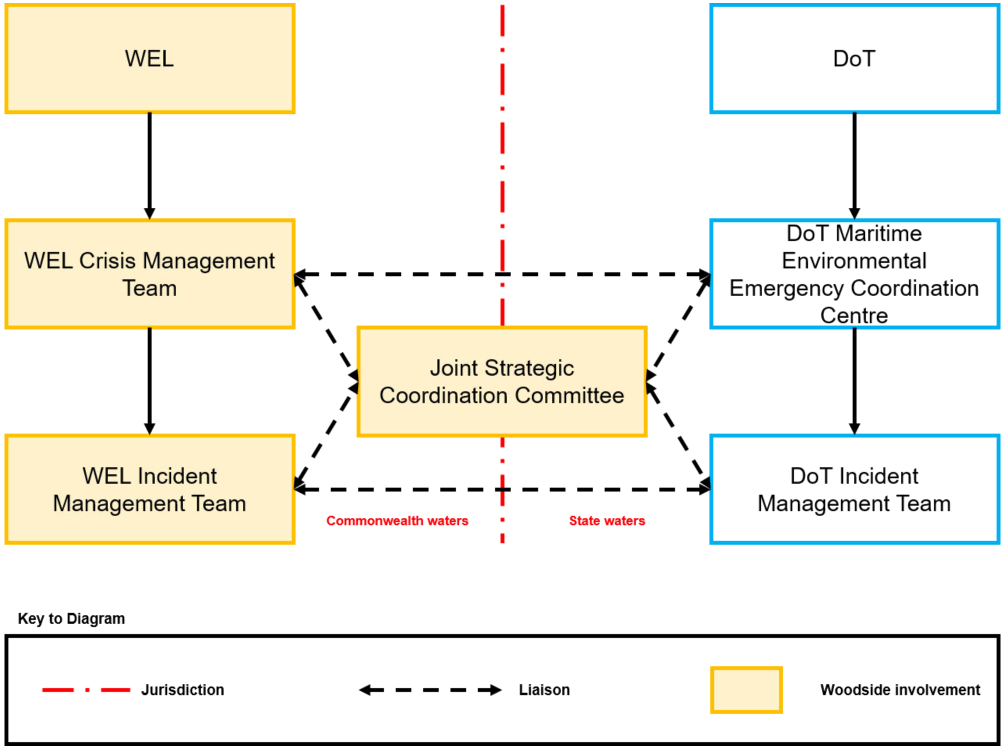
APPENDIX C – 7 QUESTIONS OF SPILL ASSESSMENT

WHAT IS IT? Oil Type/name Oil properties Specific gravity / viscosity / pour point / asphphaltines / wax content / boiling point	
WHERE IS IT? Lat/Long Distance and bearing	
HOW BIG IS IT? Area Volume	
WHERE IT IS GOING? Weather conditions Currents and tides	
WHAT IS IN THE WAY? Resources at risk	
WHEN WILL IT GET THERE? Weather conditions Currents and tides	
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO IT? Weathering processes	

APPENDIX D – TRACKING BUOY DEPLOYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

(Insert [redacted] when printing)

APPENDIX E – COORDINATION STRUCTURE FOR A CONCURRENT HYDROCARBON SPILL IN BOTH COMMONWEALTH AND STATE WATERS/SHORELINES[5]



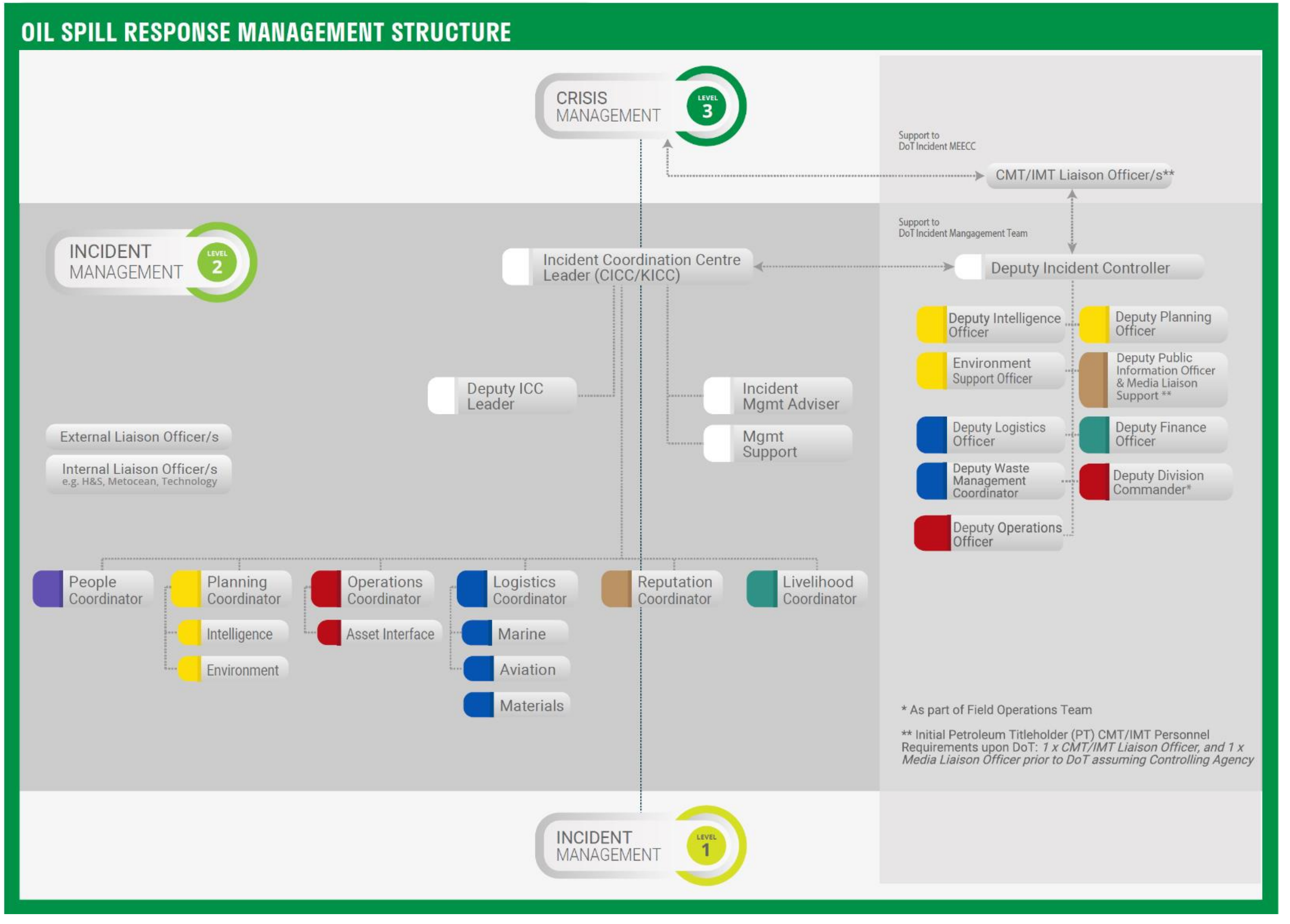
The Control Agency for a hydrocarbon spill in Commonwealth waters resulting from an offshore petroleum activity is Woodside (the Petroleum Titleholder).

The Control Agency for a hydrocarbon spill in State waters/shorelines resulting from an offshore petroleum activity is DoT. DoT will appoint an Incident Controller and form a separate IMT to only manage the spill within State waters/shorelines.

[5] Adapted from DoT Offshore Petroleum Industry Guidance Note, Marine Oil Pollution: Response and Consultation Arrangements July 2020. Note: For full structure up to Commonwealth Cabinet/Minister refer to Marine Oil Pollution: Response and Consultation Arrangements Section 6.5, Figure 3.

APPENDIX F – WOODSIDE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Woodside Incident Management Structure for Hydrocarbon Spill (including Woodside Liaison Officers Command Structure within DoT IMT if required).



APPENDIX G – WOODSIDE LIASON OFFICER RESOURCES TO DOT

Once DoT activates a State waters/shorelines IMT, Woodside will make available the following roles to DoT.

Area	WEL Liaison Role	Personnel Sourced from[6]:	Key Duties	#
DoT MEECC	CMT Liaison Officer	CMT Leader Roster	• Provide a direct liaison between the CMT and the MEECC. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the CMT Leader and State Marine Pollution Coordinator (SMPC). • Offer advice to SMPC on matters pertaining to PT crisis management policies and procedures.	1
DoT IMT Incident Control	WEL Deputy Incident Controller	CICC Leader Reserve List Roster	• Provide a direct liaison between the PT IMT and DoT IMT. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT IC and the DoT IC. • Offer advice to the DoT IC on matters pertaining to PT incident response policies and procedures. • Offer advice to the Safety Coordinator on matters pertaining to PT safety policies and procedures, particularly as they relate to PT employees or contractors operating under the control of the DoT IMT.	1
DoT IMT Intelligence	Intelligence Support Officer/ Deputy Intelligence Officer	AMOSC Staff Member or AMOSC Core Group	• As part of the Intelligence Team, assist the Intelligence Officer in the performance of their duties in relation to situation and awareness. • Facilitate the provision of relevant modelling and predications from the PT IMT. • Assist in the interpretation of modelling and predictions originating from the PT IMT. • Facilitate the provision of relevant situation and awareness information originating from the DoT IMT to the PT IMT. • Facilitate the provision of relevant mapping from the PT IMT. • Assist in the interpretation of mapping originating from the PT IMT. • Facilitate the provision of relevant mapping originating from the DoT IMT to the PT IMT.	1
DoT IMT Intelligence – Environment	Environment Support Officer	CMT Environmental FST Duty Managers Roster	• As part of the Intelligence Team, assist the Environment Coordinator in the performance of their duties in relation to the provision of environmental support into the planning process. • Assist in the interpretation of the PT OPEP and relevant TRP plans. • Facilitate in requesting, obtaining and interpreting environmental monitoring data originating from the PT IMT. • Facilitate the provision of relevant environmental information and advice originating from the DoT IMT to the PT IMT.	1
DoT IMT Planning-Plans/ Resources	Deputy Planning Officer	AMOSC Core Group/CICC Planning Coordinator Reserve List and Planning Group 3	• As part of the Planning Team, assist the Planning Officer in the performance of their duties in relation to the interpretation of existing response plans and the development of incident action plans and related sub plans. • Facilitate the provision of relevant IAP and sub plans from the PT IMT. • Assist in the interpretation of the PT OPEP from the PT.	1

[6] See [redacted]

Area	WEL Liaison Role	Personnel Sourced from[6]:	Key Duties	#
			• Assist in the interpretation of the PT IAP and sub plans from the PT IMT. • Facilitate the provision of relevant IAP and sub plans originating from the DoT IMT to the PT IMT. • Assist in the interpretation of the PT existing resource plans. • Facilitate the provision of relevant components of the resource sub plan originating from the DoT IMT to the PT IMT. **(Note this individual must have intimate knowledge of the relevant PT OPEP and planning processes)**	
DoT IMT Public Information-Media/ Community Engagement	Public Information Support and Media Liaison Officer/ Deputy Public Information Officer	Reputation (Media) FST Duty Manager Roster	• As part of the Public Information Team, provide a direct liaison between the PT Media team and DoT IMT Media team. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT and DoT media teams. • Assist in the release of joint media statements and conduct of joint media briefings. • Assist in the release of joint information and warnings through the DoT Information and Warnings team. • Offer advice to the DoT Media Coordinator on matters pertaining to PT media policies and procedures. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT and DoT Community Liaison teams. • Assist in the conduct of joint community briefings and events. • Offer advice to the DoT Community Liaison Coordinator on matters pertaining to the PT community liaison policies and procedures. • Facilitate the effective transfer of relevant information obtained from through the Contact Centre to the PT IMT.	1
DoT IMT Logistics	Deputy Logistic Officer	Services FST Logistics Team 2 Roster	• As part of the Logistics Team, assist the Logistics Officer in the performance of their duties in relation to the provision of supplies to sustain the response effort. • Facilitate the acquisition of appropriate supplies through the PTs existing OSRL, AMOSC and private contract arrangements. • Collects Request Forms from DoT to action via PT IMT. **(Note this individual must have intimate knowledge of the relevant PT logistics processes and contracts)**	1
DoT IMT Finance-Accounts/ Financial Monitoring	Deputy Finance Officer	CICC Finance Coordinator Roster	• As part of the Finance Team, assist the Finance Officer in the performance of their duties in relation to the setting up and payment of accounts for those services acquired through the PTs existing OSRL, AMOSC and private contract arrangements. • Facilitate the communication of financial monitoring information to the PT to allow them to track the overall cost of the response. • Assist the Finance Officer in the tracking of financial commitments through the response, including the supply contracts commissioned directly by DoT and to be charged back to the PT.	1

Area	WEL Liaison Role	Personnel Sourced from[6]:	Key Duties	#
DoT IMT Operations	Deputy Operations Officer	CICC Operations Coordinator Roster	• As part of the Operations Team, assist the Operations Officer in the performance of their duties in relation to the implementation and management of operational activities undertaken to resolve an incident. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT Operations Section and the DoT Operations Section. • Offer advice to the DoT Operations Officer on matters pertaining to PT incident response procedures and requirements. • Identify efficiencies and assist to resolve potential conflicts around resource allocation and simultaneous operations of PT and DoT response efforts.	1
DoT IMT Operations – Waste Management	Facilities Support Officer/ Deputy Waste Management Coordinator	Services FST Logistics Team 2 and WEL Waste Contractor Roster	• As part of the Operations Team, assist the Waste Management Coordinator in the performance of their duties in relation to the provision of the management and disposal of waste collected in State waters. • Facilitate the disposal of waste through the PT's existing private contract arrangements related to waste management and in line with legislative and regulatory requirements. • Collects Request Forms from DoT to action via PT IMT.	1
DoT FOB Operations Command	Deputy On-Scene Commander/ Deputy Division Commander	AMOSC Core Group	• As part of the Field Operations Team, assist the Division Commander in the performance of their duties in relation to the oversight and coordination of field operational activities undertaken in line with the IMT Operations Section's direction. • Provide a direct liaison between the PT FOB and DoT FOB. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT Division Commander and the DoT Division Commander. • Offer advice to the DoT Division Commander on matters pertaining to PT incident response policies and procedures. • Assist the Safety Coordinator deployed in the FOB in the performance of their duties, particularly as they relate to PT employees or contractors. • Offer advice to the Safety Coordinator deployed in the FOB on matters pertaining to PT safety policies and procedures.	1
			Total Woodside personnel initially required in DoT IMT	11

DoT Liaison Officer Resources to Woodside

Once DoT activates a State waters/shorelines IMT, DoT will make available the following roles to Woodside.

Area	DoT Liaison Role	Personnel Sourced from:	Key Duties	#
WEL CMT	DoT Liaison Officer (prior to DoT assuming Controlling Agency) / Deputy Incident Controller – State waters (after DoT assumes Controlling Agency)	DoT	• Facilitate effective communications between DoT's SMPC/ Incident Controller and the Petroleum Titleholder's appointed CMT Leader / Incident Controller. • Provide enhanced situational awareness to DoT of the incident and the potential impact on State waters. • Assist in the provision of support from DoT to the Petroleum Titleholder. • Facilitate the provision technical advice from DoT to the Petroleum Titleholder Incident Controller as required.	1
WEL Reputation FST (Media Room)/ Public Information – Media	DoT Media Liaison Officer	DoT	• Provide a direct liaison between the PT Media team and DoT IMT Media team. • Facilitate effective communications and coordination between the PT and DoT media teams. • Assist in the release of joint media statements and conduct of joint media briefings. • Assist in the release of joint information and warnings through the DoT Information & Warnings team. • Offer advice to the PT Media Coordinator on matters pertaining to DoT and wider Government media policies and procedures.	1
			Total DoT Personnel Initial Requirement to Woodside	2