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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Offshore Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan (OSMP) provides the framework for environmental monitoring response to Level 2 and Level 3 offshore oil spills from petroleum activities undertaken by Beach Energy Ltd (Beach) in the Otway and Bass Basins.

The OSMP is a component of the environmental management framework, which also includes activity specific Environment Plans (EP), the Offshore Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) (CDN/ID 18986979.

The OSMP has been developed to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 22(10) of the Commonwealth *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* (OPGGS(E)R), Regulation 16 of the Victorian *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulations 2011* (OPGGSR) and Regulation 19 of the Tasmanian *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Environment) Regulations 2012* (P(SL)(ME)R).

The OSMP is to be read in conjunction with the relevant EP, OPEP and OSMP Addendum when considering the existing environment, values and sensitivities, credible oil spill risks and potential impacts, response activities and the decision processes that will apply in the event that a spill occurs. The relevant EP also describes any related performance standards, notification requirements and/or reporting compliance.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 Activities

This OSMP is relevant to all Beach petroleum activities within the Otway and Bass Basins regulated under the Commonwealth OPGGS(E)R, Victorian OPGGSR and Tasmanian P(SL)(ME)R. This includes, but is not limited to the following activity types:

- Operation of a facility or pipeline.
- Vessel activities.
- Drilling including plug and abandonment activities.

1.2.2 Oil Type

Spill risks from the above activities that could result in a Level 2 or Level 3 spill event include two oil types:

- Gas condensate.
- Marine diesel.

This OSMP is relevant to all oil types and states (i.e. fresh and weathered); and all distributions throughout the environment (e.g. surface, entrained, dissolved and shoreline).

1.2.3 Geographic Extent

This OSMP is relevant and applicable to all Commonwealth and State marine and coastal areas that are potentially at risk of exposure to oils in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 spill resulting from Beach's petroleum activities within the Otway and Bass Basins.

The spatial extent of any particular operational or scientific monitoring study will depend on the actual and/or potential area exposed by an individual spill event. Therefore, monitoring extent would only be finalised once a spill event has occurred and be at a sufficient scale to meet monitoring objectives.

1.3 Definitions/Acronyms

Definitions of terms used in this plan:

Terms/acronym	Definition/expansion
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council
ANZG	Australian and New Zealand Governments
API	American Petroleum Institute
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
BACI	Before After Control Impact
Beach	Beach Energy Ltd
Control Agency	The Control Agency for an oil spill response is the government agency or company assigned by legislation, administrative arrangement or within the relevant contingency plan to control response activities to an oil spill
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DEECA	(Victorian) Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (formerly Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions)
DJPR	(Victoria) Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions now DEECA
DPIPWE	(Tasmania) Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment now NRET
DTP	(Victoria) Department of Transport and Planning
EP	Environment Plan
EPBC Act	(Commonwealth) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
EMBA	Environment that may be Affected
EMLO	Emergency Management Liaison Officer
EMT	Emergency Management Team
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EUL	Environment Unit Lead
HSE	Heath, Safety and Environment
Incident Controller	The individual responsible for the management of all incident control activities across an incident (Note: for spill events where Beach is the Control Agency, this is the equivalent of the EMT Leader)

Terms/acronym	Definition/expansion
IMT	Incident Management Team
IvC	Impact versus Control
LCL	Lower control limit
LEL	Lower explosive limit
Level 2	Level 2 incidents are more complex in size, duration, resource management and risk and may require deployment of jurisdiction resources beyond the initial response (as per NatPlan)
Level 3	Level 3 incidents are generally characterised by a degree of complexity that requires the Incident Controller to delegate all incident management functions to focus on strategic leadership and response coordination and may be supported by national and international resources (as per NatPlan)
MBACI	Multiple Before After Control Impact
MNES	Matters of national environmental significance
Monitoring Provider	Service provider for environmental monitoring studies; may be one or multiple companies (as required)
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities
NatPlan	National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies
NRET	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRET) (formerly DPIPWE)
NOAA	(United States) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOPSEMA	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
OPGGS(E)R	(Commonwealth) Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009
OPGGSR	(Victoria) Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulations 2011
OSMP	Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan
OSRL	Oil Spill Response Limited
OPEP	Oil Pollution Emergency Plan
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PERMANOVA	Permutational multivariate analysis of variance
PSD	Particle size distribution
P(SL)(ME)R	(Tasmania) Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Environment) Regulations 2012
Ramsar	Convention on wetlands of international importance
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SD	Standard deviation
SMART	Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SOP	Standard operating procedures
SQGV	Sediment quality guideline value
Statutory Authority	The Statutory Authority has the statutory responsibility for marine pollution incidents in their area of jurisdiction
TOC	Total organic carbon
TPH	Total petroleum hydrocarbon
UCL	Upper control limit

Terms/acronym	Definition/expansion
USEPA	United States Environment Protection Authority
VOC	Volatile organic compound

2 OSMP Framework

2.1 Overview

This OSMP provides the framework for Beach's environmental monitoring response to Level 2 and Level 3 offshore oil spills from their petroleum activities undertaken in the Otway and Bass Basins.

This OSMP lists a series of possible studies (with types of sampling techniques and parameters) that may be undertaken in the event of a spill. This OSMP is not intended to be prescriptive, but to provide a flexible framework such that the finalised monitoring studies are fit for purpose and tailored to the specific location, oil type, environmental sensitivities, and the nature and scale of the individual spill.

This OSMP incorporates regulatory guidance from the following documents:

- Guidance note – Oil pollution risk management (NOPSEMA 2021)
- Information paper – Operational and scientific monitoring programs (NOPSEMA 2020).

2.2 Objectives

The objectives of this OSMP are:

- Identify and describe the operational and scientific monitoring that may be implemented in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 oil spill to the marine or coastal environment.
- Demonstrate an appropriate degree of readiness to implement this monitoring in the event of an oil spill to the marine or coastal environment.

2.3 Types of Monitoring

Oil spill monitoring has been divided into two types, operational and scientific, which are undertaken for two distinct, but closely related, purposes (NOPSEMA 2020).

Operational monitoring (also known as Type I or response phase monitoring) which collects information about the spill and associated response activities to aid planning and decision making during the response or clean-up operations. Operational monitoring may include both initial response phase monitoring (i.e. rapid qualitative and observational data gathering for situational awareness) and advanced response phase monitoring (i.e. quantitative measurement) (Hook et al. 2016). Operational monitoring typically finishes when the spill response is terminated.

Six operational monitoring studies have been identified (see Section 4):

- O1: Oil characterisation and behaviour
- O2: Water quality
- O3: Sediment quality
- O4: Marine fauna surveillance
- O5: Dispersant efficacy

- O6: Fish tainting.

Operational monitoring studies complement the Monitoring and Evaluate response strategy described in the relevant OPEP. This response strategy may include spatial surveillance techniques and spill trajectory predictions. Operational monitoring (e.g. Study O5) can also be directly related to a particular response strategy (i.e. Chemical Dispersants) (see Section 2.4).

Scientific monitoring (also known as Type II or recovery phase monitoring) which is focussed on non-response objectives and evaluating environmental impact and recovery from both the spill event itself as well as from any response activities. Results from scientific monitoring studies may also be used to identify and recommend remediation requirements where required. Scientific monitoring may continue for extended periods after a spill response is terminated.

Seven scientific monitoring studies have been identified (see Section 5):

- S1: Water quality impact assessment
- S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
- S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
- S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
- S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
- S6: Fisheries impact assessment
- S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment.

Operational and scientific monitoring studies may occur simultaneously (i.e. scientific monitoring can start before a response operation is completed). There may also be an information flow between studies, for example data from operational monitoring may be used to trigger the initiation of scientific studies.

Different oil types, spill locations, and volumes require different studies to form a fit–for–purpose operational and scientific monitoring program that is able to determine the extent, severity, and persistence of environmental impacts from the oil spill.

2.4 Study Design and Standard Operating Procedures

Where appropriate, sampling design and procedures will be aligned with existing standards or guidance notes. These include, but are not limited to:

- Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al. 2016)
- Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018)
- Parks Victoria Standard Operating Procedure for Biological Monitoring of Subtidal Reefs (Edmunds and Hart 2005)
- Parks Victoria Standard Operating Procedure for Biological Monitoring of Intertidal Reefs (Hart and Edmunds 2005)
- Industry Recommended Subsea Dispersant Monitoring Plan (American Petroleum Institute 2013)

- Dispersant Application Monitoring Field Guide Tier I Visual Observation (OSRL 2015)
- Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies (NOAA 2006).

References to relevant standard operating procedures are provided within study tables in Section 4 and 5.

Consideration has also been given to the scopes and procedures within the Industry OSMP that is currently under preparation by APPEA (APPEA 2021).

2.5 Baseline Environmental State

Baseline monitoring provides information on the condition of ecological receptors prior to or spatially independent (e.g. if used in control chart analyses) of a spill event. This is of importance for scientific monitoring where the ability to detect changes between pre-impact and post-impact conditions is necessary.

Given the large aerial extents of predicted oil exposure (or EMBA) from worst-case spill scenarios, and the inherent spatial and temporal variability in the environment, an ongoing or pre-impact baseline monitoring program is not planned.

However, Appendix B provides a database of known literature and studies relevant to environmental receptors within the Otway and Bass Basins that may provide suitable baseline data and/or contextual information in the event of a spill.

In addition, there are also operational and scientific monitoring studies that are suited to pre-impact baseline monitoring (Table 2-1). Therefore, in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 oil spill, reactive pre-impact monitoring should, where practicable, be implemented to gather additional data on the current state of the environment.

Table 2-1: Study scopes appropriate for post-spill pre-impact sampling (reactive baseline)

Study	Pre-impact sampling	Post-impact sampling
Operational monitoring		
O1: Oil characterisation and behaviour		✓
O2: Water quality	✓	✓
O3: Sediment quality	✓	✓
O4: Marine fauna surveillance		✓
O5: Dispersant efficacy		✓
O6: Fish tainting		✓
Scientific monitoring		
S1: Water quality impact assessment	✓	✓
S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	✓	✓
S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	✓	✓
S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	✓	✓
S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	✓	✓
S6: Fisheries impact assessment		✓
S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	✓	✓

2.6 Links to Response Options

The objectives of individual operational monitoring studies are typically associated with one or more specific response strategies (Table 2-2).

Table 2-2: Operational monitoring and response strategies

Response strategy	Study O1 Oil characterisation and behaviour	Study O2 Water quality	Study O3 Sediment quality	Study O4 Marine fauna surveillance	Study O5 Dispersant efficacy	Study O6 Fish tainting
Source control	✓	✓	✓			
Monitor and evaluate	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Assisted natural dispersion	✓	✓		✓		✓
Chemical dispersants	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Containment and recovery	✓			✓		
Protection and deflection	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Shoreline clean-up	✓		✓	✓		
Oiled wildlife response	✓			✓		

2.7 Links to Environmental Values and Sensitivities

The types of environmental values and sensitivities (including matters of national environmental significance) known to occur in the Otway and Bass Basins and the related operational and scientific monitoring studies area shown in Table 2-3.

For the identification and descriptions of values and sensitivities present within an environment that may be affected (EMBA) for a particular activity, refer to the description in the relevant EP.

For an identification of key areas at risk, the associated environmental values and sensitivities and the links to relevant operational and scientific monitoring studies, refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum.

Table 2-3: Environmental values and sensitivities and related operational and scientific monitoring studies

Environmental value and sensitivities	Matters of national environmental significance	Value or sensitivity present in region		Operational Monitoring						Scientific Monitoring						
		Otway Basin	Bass Basin	Study O1	Study O2	Study O3	Study O4	Study O5	Study O6	Study S1	Study S2	Study S3	Study S4	Study S5	Study S6	Study S7
				Oil characterisation and behaviour	Water quality	Sediment quality	Marine fauna surveillance	Dispersant efficacy	Fish tainting	Water quality impact assessment	Sediment quality impact assessment	Subtidal habitats impact assessment	Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	Marine fauna impact assessment	Fisheries impact assessment	Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Protected areas																
Australian Marine Parks	✓[1]	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓				✓		✓
State marine protected areas		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
State terrestrial protected areas		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓			✓		✓
Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar wetlands)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓
Ecological features																
Key ecological features	[2]	✓	×		✓					✓		✓				
Threatened ecological communities	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓	✓			

Environmental value and sensitivities	Matters of national environmental significance	Value or sensitivity present in region		Operational Monitoring						Scientific Monitoring						
		Otway Basin	Bass Basin	Study O1	Study O2	Study O3	Study O4	Study O5	Study O6	Study S1	Study S2	Study S3	Study S4	Study S5	Study S6	Study S7
				Oil characterisation and behaviour	Water quality	Sediment quality	Marine fauna surveillance	Dispersant efficacy	Fish tainting	Water quality impact assessment	Sediment quality impact assessment	Subtidal habitats impact assessment	Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	Marine fauna impact assessment	Fisheries impact assessment	Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Threatened and migratory species	✓	✓	✓				✓							✓		
Invertebrates		✓	✓											✓	✓	
Fish		✓	✓											✓	✓	
Sharks		✓	✓				✓							✓		
Cetaceans		✓	✓				✓							✓		
Pinnipeds		✓	✓				✓							✓		
Turtles		✓	✓				✓							✓		
Birds		✓	✓				✓							✓		
Subtidal benthic habitats		✓	✓									✓				
Intertidal benthic habitats		✓	✓										✓			
Wetlands of national importance		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		

Environmental value and sensitivities	Matters of national environmental significance	Value or sensitivity present in region		Operational Monitoring						Scientific Monitoring						
		Otway Basin	Bass Basin	Study O1	Study O2	Study O3	Study O4	Study O5	Study O6	Study S1	Study S2	Study S3	Study S4	Study S5	Study S6	Study S7
				Oil characterisation and behaviour	Water quality	Sediment quality	Marine fauna surveillance	Dispersant efficacy	Fish tainting	Water quality impact assessment	Sediment quality impact assessment	Subtidal habitats impact assessment	Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	Marine fauna impact assessment	Fisheries impact assessment	Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Cultural and heritage features																
World Heritage properties	✓	×	×		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Commonwealth Heritage places		×	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓			✓
National Heritage places	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓			✓
Indigenous Protected Areas		✓	✓			✓					✓		✓			✓
Areas of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity		✓	✓			✓					✓		✓			✓
Shipwrecks		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓				✓
Socioeconomic features																
Commercial fisheries		✓	✓						✓						✓	

Environmental value and sensitivities	Matters of national environmental significance	Value or sensitivity present in region		Operational Monitoring						Scientific Monitoring						
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Tourism and recreation		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Other infrastructure		✓	✓		✓					✓						✓
Coastal settlements		✓	✓		✓	✓					✓		✓	✓		✓
Shipping		✓	✓		✓					✓						✓
Petroleum industry		✓	✓		✓					✓						✓

Notes:

1. Commonwealth marine areas are listed as a MNES under the EPBC Act. Marine protected areas are marine areas which are recognised to have high conservation value.
2. Key ecological features are not MNES and have no legal status in their own right; however, they may be considered as components of the Commonwealth marine area.

3 Implementation

3.1 Overview

This section outlines the following:

- Roles and responsibilities for personnel involved in implementing operational and scientific monitoring.
- Communications and notification to key external stakeholders.
- Review and revision schedule for this OSMP.
- Environmental performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria related to this OSMP.

3.2 Roles and Responsibilities

Beach is responsible for the implementation and adherence to the requirements of this OSMP for events where they are the Control Agency. Key roles and responsibilities are identified in Table 3-1. Depending on the scale of the event, individual people may perform multiple roles; similarly, multiple people may share the same role. The Emergency Response Team (EMT) Leader (or delegate) is the key position responsible for overseeing the implementation of this OSMP (Table 3-1).

For oil spill events where the Control Agency is not Beach (e.g. vessel spills in Commonwealth waters), the relevant Control Agency would be responsible for the initiation and implementation of response phase (i.e. operational) monitoring requirements (AMSA 2019). It is noted that implementation may be delegated to another agency or company (including Beach) to provide services. Beach maintains the responsibility to initiate and implement the recovery phase (i.e. scientific) monitoring, in conjunction with support agencies, local government and statutory authorities where relevant.

Where the OSMP is activated the EMT Environment Leader will work in collaboration with the Monitoring Provider Program Manager. The Monitoring Provider Program Manager (over 20 years' experience and training) will manage the monitoring programs advised by Monitoring Provider Study Leads (a monthly log of the Monitoring Provider personnel is provided to Beach to ensure that they have the appropriate levels of training and experience). The Monitoring Provider Study Leads will direct any offshore monitoring that may be required in the event of an oil spill. Beach personnel will provide the resources to allow the monitoring to be undertaken in a safe manner.

Table 3-1: Roles and responsibilities for OSMP implementation

Role	Timing	Responsibilities
Emergency Management Team (EMT) Leader	Emergency response	• Overall responsibility for providing and coordinating operational emergency management activities. • Equivalent to role of Incident Controller. • Overall responsibility for implementation of this OSMP during an oil spill response. • Overall responsibility for ensuring safe operations during OSMP implementation.
EMT Environment Leader	Emergency response Ongoing	• Implementation of the OSMP. • Initiation of operational and scientific monitoring studies. • Termination of operational and scientific monitoring studies. • Interface with EMT, Planning and Logistics Leaders and Monitoring Provider.

Role	Timing	Responsibilities
		• Activation of Monitoring Provider/s. • Day-to-day coordination of operational and scientific monitoring. • Review and approval of operational and scientific monitoring plans and data reports. • Interface with external agencies including NOPSEMA, DEECA (Vic) and NRET (Tas).
EMT Planning Leader (or delegate)	Emergency response	• Interface with EMT Environment Leader for OSMP implementation (as required). • Provides operational monitoring data to EMT to support response planning.
EMT Logistics Leader (or delegate)	Emergency response	• Interface with EMT Environment Leader for OSMP implementation (as required). • Support (as required) for implementing operational monitoring (e.g. site access etc.). • Support (as required) for mobilising plant and equipment (e.g. vessels, air support, vehicles etc.).
Emergency Management Liaison Officer (EMLO)	Emergency response	• Interface between Beach EMT and State Control Agency Incident Management Team (IMT).
Monitoring Provider – Program Manager	Emergency response Ongoing	• Work in collaboration with the EMT Environment Leader to implement the OSMP studies. • Interface with Monitoring Provider Study Leads and EMT Environment Leader. • Manage the monitoring programs advised by Monitoring Provider Study Leads. • Provide Beach with a monthly log of the Monitoring Provider personnel available to implement the OSMP.
Monitoring Provider – Study Lead	Emergency response Ongoing	• Interface with Monitoring Provider Program Manager and/or EMT Environment Leader . • Implementation of individual monitoring studies (as required). • Prepare monitoring plans and sampling procedures. • Review and approve data reports. • Ensure compliance with requirements of this OSMP.
Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel	Emergency response Ongoing	• Undertake field sampling and observations. • Ensure compliance with requirements of this OSMP.
Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel	Emergency response Ongoing	• Prepare data reports. • Ensure compliance with requirements of this OSMP.

3.3 Capability, Training and Competency

Personnel involved in implementing this OSMP may be sourced from both internal (i.e. Beach) and external (e.g. Monitoring Provider) resources. The number of personnel needed to fulfil roles for any given event depends on the event's circumstances. Depending on the scale of the event, individual people may perform multiple roles; similarly, multiple people may share the same role.

3.3.1 Capability

A capability needs assessment for the implementation of the OSMP studies is included in the OSMP Addendum specific to each EPs activities and relevant spill scenarios. The capability needs assessment identifies the minimum number of personnel to manage and implement the OSMP studies and the type of platforms (vessel, aircraft, or vehicles) required to perform the studies. The studies have been grouped where appropriate to ensure effective use of resources.

3.3.2 Training and Competency

Training and competency for Beach EMT roles are described within the Offshore OPEP. This training matrix includes OSMP Awareness training for all relevant personnel.

Minimum competency requirements for individuals to fulfil OSMP-specific roles are identified within the operational and scientific monitoring study tables (Section 4 and 5). Minimum competencies can vary from degree qualified and experienced personnel (e.g. typical requirement for Study Leads) to an awareness level (e.g. typical for immediate response phase field sampling).

3.3.2.1 Internal Resources

Internal capability within Beach includes offices and personnel based in Perth (Western Australia), Adelaide (South Australia), Melbourne (Victoria) and New Plymouth (New Zealand). Internal resources with appropriate environmental and/or oil spill response competencies will fulfil the OSMP-related roles of:

- EMT Leader
- EMT Environment Leader

Internal Beach personnel may also perform Monitoring Provider (Study Lead, Field Personnel and Office Personnel) roles and responsibilities, particularly during first-response operational monitoring.

3.3.2.2 External Resources

External personnel will primarily perform Monitoring Provider (Program Manager, Study Lead, Field Personnel and Office Personnel) roles and responsibilities, particularly during scientific monitoring.

External resources and capability are reviewed prior to an activity commencing to ensure appropriate agreements / activations are in place (see Section 3.7).

3.4 Monitoring

This OSMP lists a series of possible operational and scientific monitoring studies (with types of sampling techniques and parameters) that may be undertaken in the event of a spill; these studies are outlined in Sections 4 and 5. This OSMP is not intended to be prescriptive, but to provide a flexible framework such that the finalised monitoring studies are fit for purpose and tailored to the specific location, oil type, environmental sensitivities, and the nature and scale of the individual spill.

In the event of a Level 2 and Level 3 oil spill, a series of steps beginning with the preparation of an appropriate Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) is implemented (Figure 3-1). While the decision to initiate and terminate a particular study is the responsibility of Beach (EMT Environment Leader), the SAP, field survey and reporting is primarily undertaken by the

Monitoring Provider (Beach personnel may undertake or assist with operational monitoring, particularly during initial response phase).

Figure 3-1 also shows the flow of information (grey dashed lines) between the operational and scientific monitoring streams and associated OPEP processes.

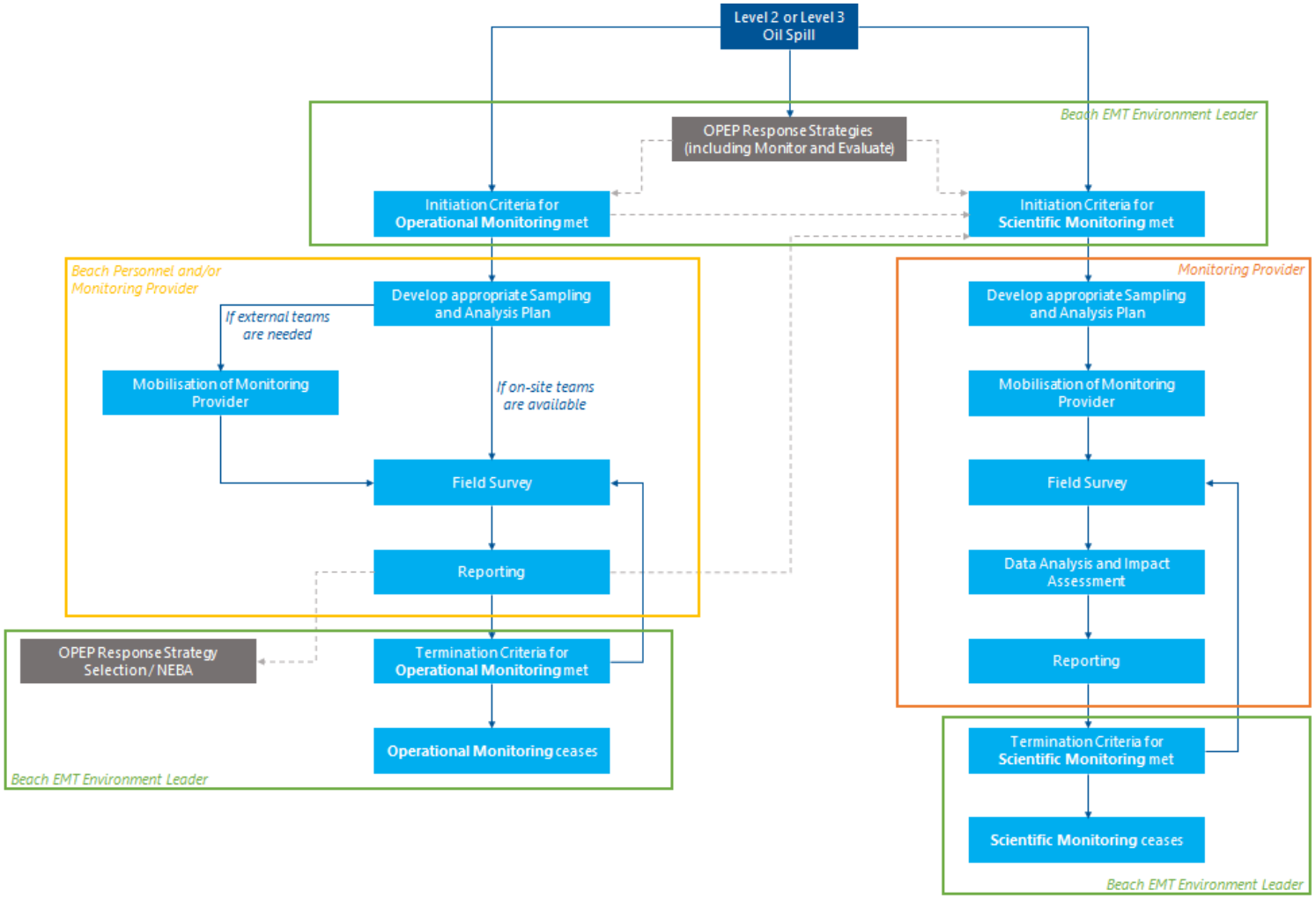

Figure 3-1: Implementation process for operational and scientific monitoring

3.5 Communication and Notification

Stakeholder (including regulators) consultation and external notification requirements are described in the activity-specific EPs. This includes the requirement to consult with:

- Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) (Victoria) and/or Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania in the event that an oil spill is likely to impact State waters.
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), in the event that an oil spill is likely to impact matters of national environmental significance.
- Director of National Parks, in the event that an oil spill and/or response activity are likely to impact an Australian Marine Park.
- Cultural heritage and Native Title consultation, in the event that an oil spill and/or response activity are likely to impact culturally significant sites or interests.

Consultation may also be undertaken with the above agencies or additional agencies (e.g. Heritage Victoria) in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 oil spill with respect to input and/or review of a spill-specific Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for scientific monitoring studies.

3.6 Review and Revisions

This Offshore OSMP and any associated OSMP Addendums are subject to review, and revised, if necessary, on an annual basis to incorporate the following:

- Significant change in the oil spills risks associated with Beach activities and/or facilities within offshore waters.
- Significant environmentally relevant changes (e.g. changes to relevant legislation, stakeholder information, MNES, State/Commonwealth management plans, or availability of new literature).
- Findings from internal or external audits or exercises.
- Lessons learned following any actual spill event.

Review records will be detailed in Beach Document Information and History tables (Section 7). Subsequent revisions to the OSMP (addendums or supporting guides and procedures) will be actioned and closed-out as soon as practicable following the review.

As part an EP, Regulation 41 of the OPGGS(E)R also provides for the revision of the OSMP at least 14 days before the end of the period of five years from the most recent approval of an associated EP.

3.7 Environmental Performance Outcomes

Environmental performance outcomes, standards and measurement criteria related to this OSMP have been defined in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2: Environmental Performance Outcomes, Standards and Measurement Criteria

Environmental Performance Outcome	Control Measure	Environmental Performance Standard	Responsible Person	Measurement Criteria
Undertake oil spill response in a manner that will not result in additional impacts to marine environment, coastal habitat, and oiled wildlife.	NOPSEMA accepted Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan	Operational and scientific monitoring capability shall be maintained in accordance with the OSMP: • A month prior to the commencement of drilling a review of the contracted OSMP provider/s capability will be undertaken by Beach to ensure that the OSMP requirements can be met by the contracted OSMP provider/s. • During drilling the contracted OSMP provider/s will provide a monthly report to show that capability as detailed in the OSMP is maintained. • Contracted OSMP provider/s capability to meet the requirements detailed in the OSMP will be tested prior to commencing drilling.	Senior Crisis, Emergency & Security Advisor.	Outcomes of internal audits and tests demonstrate preparedness.

4 Operational Monitoring

4.1 Overview

The following sections outline the individual operational monitoring studies that may be implemented in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 oil spill to the marine or coastal environment. The tables describe the objective, initiation and termination criteria, timing, monitoring (types of sampling techniques and parameters), reporting, resources and competencies.

The studies are presented separately below; however, in practice they may be undertaken simultaneously.

Six operational monitoring studies have been identified:

- O1: Oil characterisation and behaviour
- O2: Water quality
- O3: Sediment quality
- O4: Marine fauna surveillance
- O5: Dispersant efficacy
- O6: Fish tainting.

The operational monitoring studies described in this OSMP complement the Monitor and Evaluate response strategy described in the OPEP in providing information to support decision-making around response activity.

Note: due to the rapid weathering characteristics of gas condensate and marine diesel, operational monitoring studies O1, O2, O3 and O4 are not considered relevant for a pipeline rupture or vessel collision event where there is only a short period of oil release. The time that would elapse between a spill occurring and monitoring personnel being on site would render the data collected unnecessary in informing response strategies. Studies O1, O2, O3 and O4 are, therefore, only actioned (once initiation criteria are met) as a result of a loss of well control incident.

4.1.1 General Design Considerations

An event-specific sampling and analysis plan (SAP), appropriate to the nature and scale of the event, should be developed and in place before conducting field sampling. The following items should be considered when developing the SAP:

- Nature and scale of the spill (e.g. surface or subsea release, instantaneous or ongoing release, etc.).
- The environment which may be affected (e.g. subtidal or intertidal, depth, presence of other sensitive receptors, etc.).
- Program design aims, which may include but not limited to the determination of the extent of oil, and the spatial and temporal distribution of the oil.
- The sampling plan should have flexibility to be adjusted based on conditions in the field and as new information about the even becomes available.

- The number of sites and samples to be collected should be spill-specific and take into account level of effort, potential logistical limitations, weather conditions, sample holding times, freight/transport options etc. that if not properly managed can compromise sample integrity.
- Where time permits, appropriate QA/QC samples should be collected to allow assessment of local variability and ascertain potential for introduction of sample contamination throughout the collection and analysis process.
- Appropriate QA/QC protocols for sample handling, storage and transport should be included to limit the potential for contamination and ensure sample integrity meets laboratory requirements.
- Monitoring frequency should consider weathering of the spilled oil, with frequency decreasing as the rate of change in the spilled oil decreases (i.e. monitoring effort is concentrated towards the beginning of a spill).
- Subsea sampling in the vicinity of project infrastructure should be designed to avoid damage to or entanglement with this infrastructure.
- Health and safety factors associated with working in a range of environments with consideration of prevailing weather.

4.2 Study O1: Oil Characterisation and Behaviour

An overview of the key components of Study O1 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	To provide an assessment of the oil properties and visual observations of the behaviour and weathering of the spilled oil.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O1 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O1 may increase overall environmental impact.
Timing	• Where required, the Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 4 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Where required, an initial SAP to be available within 12 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Field surveys to commence within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study O1: • Vessel or shore-based.

Component	Description

	• Collection of an oil sample:
	  ◦ Surface skimming (sampling pole with container).
	  ◦ Oleophilic absorbent pads.
	• Behaviour and weathering:
	  ◦ Visual observations.

Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures (SOP) that may be implemented under Study O1: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study O1: • Physical properties (e.g. viscosity, pour point, density, wax content). • Chemical properties (e.g. hydrocarbon characterisation, volatile content). • Oil component concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Visual records of extent and state (e.g. colour/optical effect on surface, form (slick, emulsion, mousse etc), presence waxy residue).
Guidelines	N/A
Reporting	• Results from laboratory sampling reported as available to EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider or Responder Personnel. • Vessels. • Analytical laboratory services.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with oil sampling and recording techniques.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

4.3 Study O2: Water Quality

An overview of the key components of Study O2 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	To provide a rapid assessment of the presence, type and concentrations of oil (and dispersant chemicals where relevant) in offshore and intertidal waters.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O2 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O2 may increase overall environmental impact.
Timing	• Where required, the Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 4 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Where required, an initial SAP to be available within 12 hours of initiation criteria being met . • Field surveys to commence within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study O2:
	• Surface water sample collection
	  ◦ Sampling pole with container
	  ◦ Hose with peristaltic pump
	• Sub-surface water sample collection
	  ◦ Niskin bottle (or similar)
	  ◦ Hose with peristaltic pump
	• In-situ profiles
	  ◦ Physio-chemical profiles
	  ◦ Fluorometer

Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study O2: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016) SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study O2: • Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH) • Physical parameters (e.g. temperature, salinity, DO, pH) • Fluorescence

Component	Description
	• Dispersant chemicals (if applied)
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study O2: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018) • Oil spill modelling (NOPSEMA 2019)
Reporting	• Results from in-situ sampling reported daily to the EMT Environment Leader. • Results from laboratory sampling reported as available to EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider. • Vessels. • Analytical laboratory services.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with oil and water sampling and recording techniques.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

4.4 Study O3: Sediment Quality

An overview of the key components of Study O3 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	To provide a rapid assessment of the presence, type and concentrations of oil (and dispersant chemicals where relevant) in offshore, intertidal and shoreline sediments.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the OPEP Monitor and Evaluate response strategy indicates potential and/or actual sediment contact **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O3 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O3 may increase overall environmental impact.

Component	Description
Timing	• Where required, the Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 4 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Where required, an initial SAP to be available within 12 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Field surveys to commence within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study O3:
	• Subtidal sample collection
	  ◦ Grab or core sampler
	• Intertidal/shoreline sample collection
	  ◦ Cores or auger
	  ◦ Sediment box

Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study O3: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study O3: • Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Dispersant chemicals (if applied). • Total organic carbon. • Physical parameters (e.g. PSD).
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study O3: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018). • Oil spill modelling (NOPSEMA 2019).
Reporting	• Results from in-situ observations reported daily to the EMT Environment Leader. • Results from laboratory sampling reported as available to EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider. • Vessels (island access). • Vehicles (mainland access). • Analytical laboratory services.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with sediment sampling and recording techniques.

Component	Description

	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

4.5 Study O4: Marine Fauna Surveillance

An overview of the key components of Study O4 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	To provide a rapid assessment of the presence, type and location of oiled marine fauna.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O4 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O4 may increase overall environmental impact.
Timing	• Where required, the Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 4 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Where required, an initial SAP to be available within 12 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Field surveys to commence within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study O4:
	• Systematic surveillance
	  ◦ Aerial observations from fixed-wing or helicopter
	  ◦ Vessel-based observations
	  ◦ On-ground shoreline observations
	• Unmanned surveillance
	  ◦ UAV and/or satellite
	• Opportunistic / incidental observations
	• Carcass collection and tissue sampling

Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study O4: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.

Component	Description
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be recorded under Study O4 where possible: • Presence and identification (species group / species) of oiled fauna. • State of oiled fauna. • Presence and state of any carcass.
Guidelines	N/A
Reporting	• Results from in-situ observations reported daily to the EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider. • Vessels. • Aircraft. • Vehicles.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with the fauna observation and recording techniques.
	  ◦ Oiled, injured, and diseased fauna handling to be undertaken by trained personnel.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Aircraft
	  ◦ Current registration with CASA.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

4.6 Study O5: Dispersant Efficacy

An overview of the key components of Study O5 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the effectiveness of dispersant application and reduce surface VOCs (where relevant).
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** the Chemical Dispersant response strategy from the OPEP has been selected for use .
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O5 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or**

Component	Description
	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O5 may increase overall environmental impact.
Timing	Study O5 is to be undertaken at the same time as the Chemical Dispersant response strategy.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling and surveillance may be implemented under Study O5:
	• Visual observations
	  ◦ Aerial or vessel based
	• Oil and water sampling
	  ◦ Water sampling techniques as per Study O1 (e.g. niskin bottle, hose with peristaltic pump, etc.)
	  ◦ Fluorometer
	  ◦ Underwater video surveillance
	• Air quality monitoring
	  ◦ In-situ detectors

Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study O5: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). • Industry Recommended Subsea Dispersant Monitoring Plan (American Petroleum Institute 2013). • Dispersant Application Monitoring Field Guide Tier I Visual Observation (OSRL 2015). • Special Monitoring of Applied Response Technologies (NOAA 2006). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study O5: • Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Fluorescence. • VOCs and %LELs .
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study O5: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018). • Oil spill modelling (NOPSEMA 2019). • Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants (Safe Work Australia 2018).
Reporting	• Results from in-situ observations reported daily to the EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider . • Vessels. • Aircraft.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with vessel-based and/or aerial-based oil spill monitoring.

Component	Description
	◦ Familiarisation with relevant sampling techniques (e.g. sub-surface video surveillance, use of fluorometer, water sample collection, air quality monitoring). • Vessel provider ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category. • Aircraft ◦ Current registration with CASA. • Analytical laboratory ◦ NATA accredited.

4.7 Study O6: Fish Tainting

An overview of the key components of Study O6 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	To provide an assessment of the potential of fish tainting in areas of recreational and/or commercial fisheries.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from Study O2 has confirmed exposure to offshore waters above the ANZG (2018) 99% species protection levels **and** this exposure occurred in waters that intersect with active fisheries **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• Any related scientific monitoring studies have been initiated by the EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that continuation of monitoring under Study O6 will not result in a change to the scale or location of active response options **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that agreement has been reached with the Jurisdictional Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the response **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has advised that continuation of monitoring under Study O6 may increase overall environmental impact.
Timing	• Where required, the Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 4 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Where required, an initial SAP to be available within 12 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Field surveys to commence within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study O6: • Systematic fish sample collection ◦ Olfactory evaluation ◦ Tissue collection • Opportunistic carcass collection and tissue sampling.
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study O6:

Component	Description
	• Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). • Managing Seafood Safety after an Oil Spill (Yender, Michel and Lord 2002). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study O6: • Odour and appearance. • Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH).
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study O6: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018). • Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
Reporting	• Results from laboratory sampling and sensory analysis reported as available to EMT Environment Leader. • Final report prepared within one-week of termination criteria being met and report provided to EMT Environment Leader.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider. • Vessels. • Analytical laboratory services.

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Familiarisation with oil and water sampling and recording techniques.
	• Monitoring Provider – Olfactory Assessment
	  ◦ Trained and/or experienced olfactory analysts.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

5 Scientific Monitoring

5.1 Overview

The following sections outline the individual scientific monitoring studies that may be implemented in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 oil spill to the marine or coastal environment. The tables describe the objective, initiation and termination criteria, timing, monitoring (types of sampling techniques and parameters), reporting, resources and competencies.

The studies are presented separately below; however, in practice they may be undertaken simultaneously.

Seven scientific monitoring studies have been identified:

- S1: Water quality impact assessment
- S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
- S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
- S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
- S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
- S6: Fisheries impact assessment
- S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment.

Scientific monitoring generally has objectives relating to attributing cause-effect interactions of the spill or the spill-response activities with changes to the surrounding environment. Where impacts are identified, the studies also have the objective of identifying and recommending remediation activities and monitoring for recovery. Consequently, such studies are required to account for natural or sampling variation, and study designs must be robust and produce defensible data. Scientific monitoring is typically conducted over a wider study area, extending beyond the spill footprint, and a longer time period, extending beyond the spill response.

5.1.1 General Design Considerations

Guidance on various experimental monitoring approaches for scientific monitoring (e.g. use of baseline data in 'before versus after' analyses, and alternative approaches such as 'control versus impact' and 'gradient approach') is provided in Appendix A.

Termination criteria for some of the scientific monitoring modules require the use of guidelines and/or benchmark values. Where available, Australian guidelines (e.g. ANZG 2018) or regionally relevant data is used. Where these are unavailable for a selected parameter, toxicity screening benchmarks developed by the USEPA in response to the Deepwater Horizon incident (e.g. USEPA 2015), or other international guidelines (e.g. USEPA 2017) may be adopted.

5.2 Study S1: Water Quality Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S1 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, offshore and intertidal water quality from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the Study O2 has confirmed exposure to offshore or intertidal waters **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.

Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that:
	  ◦ Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **or**
	  ◦ Hydrocarbon concentrations in offshore waters are below relevant ANZG (2018) 99% species protection levels or other applicable benchmark values **and**
	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that:
	  ◦ Relevant water quality parameter (e.g. chemicals from dispersant) concentrations in offshore waters have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **or**
	  ◦ Relevant water quality parameter (e.g. chemicals from dispersant) concentrations in offshore waters are below relevant ANZG (2018) 99% species protection levels or other applicable benchmark values **and**
	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that water quality values within protected areas (i.e. Australian Marine Parks, Ramsar wetlands or State marine protected areas) have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state **and**
	• Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.

Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 48 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 72 hours (3 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.

Spill Extent / Behaviour	Monitoring Design
• Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance	• Gradient approach
• Spill plume has dissipated away from source	• Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
• Nearshore spill or spill reaches shoreline	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available)

Component	Description	
		• IvC • Gradient approach
	• Spill interacts with area of biological importance (e.g. bay/shoal/island)	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC
Scope	All areas (intertidal, offshore) and water depths are included within the scope for Study S1. Note: where Management Plans for protected area (e.g. Australian Marine Parks, State marine protected areas, Ramsar wetlands) exist, the SAP will include consideration of any specific sampling and/or values that require monitoring.	

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S1:
	• Surface water sample collection
	  ◦ Sampling pole with container
	  ◦ Hose with peristaltic pump
	• Sub-surface water sample collection
	  ◦ Niskin bottle (or similar)
	  ◦ Hose with peristaltic pump
	• In-situ profiles
	  ◦ Physio-chemical profiles
	  ◦ Fluorometer
	• Visual records of any damage or change due to response activities	

Sampling Frequency	• Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.	
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S1: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.	
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S1: • Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Physical parameters (e.g. temperature, salinity, DO, pH). • Fluorescence. • Dispersant chemicals (if applied) and/or other water quality parameters as necessary to identify any impacts from response activities.	
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study S1: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018). • Oil spill modelling (NOPSEMA 2019). • Acute and Chronic Screening Benchmarks for Water and Sediment Quality (USEPA 2015). • National Recommended Water Quality Criteria - Aquatic Life (USEPA 2017).	
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey.	

Component	Description
	◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels • Analytical laboratory services
Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice. ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP. • Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques. • Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experienced in water quality data analysis. • Vessel provider ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category. • Analytical laboratory ◦ NATA accredited.

5.3 Study S2: Sediment Quality Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S2 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, offshore, intertidal and shoreline sediment quality from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the Study O3 has confirmed exposure to shoreline sediments **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that: ◦ Hydrocarbon concentrations in sediments have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **or**

Component	Description
	◦ Hydrocarbon concentrations in sediments are below relevant ANZECC/ARMCANZ SQGV (Simpson et al. 2013) other applicable benchmark values **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that: ◦ Relevant sediment quality parameter (e.g. chemicals from dispersant) concentrations have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **or** ◦ Relevant sediment quality parameter (e.g. chemicals from dispersant) concentrations in are below relevant ANZECC/ARMCANZ SQGV (Simpson et al. 2013) other applicable benchmark values **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that sediment quality values within protected areas (i.e. Australian Marine Parks, Ramsar wetlands or State marine protected areas) have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state **and** • Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 48 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 72 hours (3 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. Spill Extent / Behaviour — Monitoring Design • Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance — • Gradient approach • Spill plume has dissipated away from source — • Gradient approach; • Lines of Evidence • Nearshore spill or spill reaches shoreline — • BACI (if appropriate baseline data available); • IvC; • Gradient approach • Spill interacts with area of biological importance (e.g. bay/shoal/island) — • BACI (if appropriate baseline data available); • IvC
Scope	All areas (shoreline, intertidal, offshore) are included within the scope for Study S2. Note: where Management Plans for protected area (e.g. Australian Marine Parks, State marine protected areas, Ramsar wetlands) exist, the SAP will include consideration of any specific sampling and/or values that require monitoring.
Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S2: • Subtidal sample collection ◦ Grab or core sampler • Intertidal/shoreline sample collection

Component	Description
	◦ Cores or auger ◦ Sediment box • Visual records of any damage or change due to response activities.
Sampling Frequency	• Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S2: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S2: • Oil concentrations (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Dispersant chemicals (if applied). • Total organic carbon. • Physical parameters (e.g. PSD).
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study S2: • ANZECC/ARMCANZ SQGV (Simpson et al. 2013). • Oil spill modelling (NOPSEMA 2019). • Acute and Chronic Screening Benchmarks for Water and Sediment Quality (USEPA 2015).
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey ◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels (island access) • Vehicles (mainland access) • Analytical laboratory services
Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice. ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP. • Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques.

Component	Description

	• Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experience in sediment quality data analysis.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

5.4 Study S3: Subtidal Habitats Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S3 are provided below:

Component	Description	
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, subtidal habitats from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.	
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the OPEP Monitor and Evaluate response strategy or Study O2 or O3 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to near-bottom waters or sediments **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.	
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that disturbance parameters (e.g. species composition, percent cover) and health parameters (e.g. leaf condition) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that subtidal habitat quality values within protected areas (i.e. Australian Marine Parks, Ramsar wetlands or State marine protected areas) have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state **and** • Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.	
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 72 hours of the initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 120 hours (5 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.	
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.	
	Spill Extent / Behaviour	Monitoring Design

Component	Description	
	• Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance	• Gradient approach
	• Spill plume has dissipated away from source	• Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Nearshore spill or spill reaches shoreline	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Spill interacts with area of biological importance (e.g. bay/shoal/island)	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Lines of Evidence
Scope	Soft and hard substrate subtidal benthic habitats and their associated organisms covered by Study S3 include: • Hard (scleractinian) corals, turf and coralline algae • Sponges and other filter feeders • Macroalgae (including turf and encrusting coralline algae) and seagrasses; • Kelp • Large and conspicuous (i.e. epifaunal) motile invertebrates (e.g. crustaceans and molluscs) Note: where Management Plans for protected area (e.g. Australian Marine Parks, State marine protected areas, Ramsar wetlands) exist, the SAP will include consideration of any specific sampling and/or values that require monitoring.	

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S3:
	• Dive / towed video / drop camera / ROV surveys
	  ◦ Transects
	  ◦ Quadrats
	  ◦ Sediment grab (for soft-bottom habitat)
	• Remote sensing
	• Biological sample collection
	• Records of any damage or change due to response activities	

Sampling Frequency	• Survey timing should coincide with that appropriate for the habitat and/or community of interest. • Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.	
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S3: • Parks Victoria Standard Operating Procedure for Biological Monitoring of Subtidal Reefs (Edmunds and Hart 2005). • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.	
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S3: • Habitat/substrate type	

Component	Description
	• Abundance and percent cover • Diversity • Distribution • State (e.g. evidence of stress, necrosis, leaf condition etc.) • Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH)
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study S3: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018).
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey ◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels • ROV

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Commercial dive qualifications.
	  ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques.
	  ◦ Experienced in commercial ROV operations.
	• Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experience in identification, analysis and interpretation of benthic habitat data.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	  ◦ Suitable for commercial diving operations.

5.5 Study S4: Intertidal and Coastal Habitats Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S4 are provided below:

Component	Description	
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, intertidal and coastal habitats from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.	
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the OPEP Monitor and Evaluate response strategy or Study O2 or O3 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to near-bottom waters or sediments **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.	
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that disturbance parameters (e.g. species composition, percent cover) and health parameters (e.g. leaf condition) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that intertidal habitat quality values within protected areas (i.e. Ramsar wetlands or State marine protected areas) have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state **and** • Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.	
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 72 hours of the initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 120 hours (5 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.	
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.	
	Spill Extent / Behaviour	Monitoring Design
	• Spill plume concentrated around source, dissipating with distance	• Gradient approach
	• Spill plume has dissipated away from source	• Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Nearshore spill or spill reaches shoreline	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Spill interacts with area of biological importance (e.g. bay/shoal/island)	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Lines of Evidence

Component	Description
Scope	Intertidal and coastal habitats covered by Study S4 include: • Mangroves • Saltmarsh • Macroalgae and seagrass (only those occurring in the intertidal zone) • Invertebrates (molluscs, crustaceans) and other rocky, muddy and sandy shore biota occurring in the intertidal zone • Shoreline/coastal areas Note: where Management Plans for protected area (e.g. Ramsar wetlands) exist, the SAP will include consideration of any specific sampling and/or values that require monitoring.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S4:
	• Ground / dive / snorkel / drop camera
	  ◦ Transects
	  ◦ Quadrats
	  ◦ Sediment grab (for soft-bottom habitat)
	• Remote sensing
	• Biological sample collection
	• Records of any damage or change due to response activities

Sampling Frequency	• Survey timing should coincide with that appropriate for the habitat and/or community of interest. • Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S4: • Parks Victoria Standard Operating Procedure for Biological Monitoring of Intertidal Reefs (Hart and Edmunds 2005). • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S4: • Habitat/substrate type • Abundance and percent cover • Diversity • Distribution • State (e.g. evidence of stress, necrosis, leaf condition etc.) • Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH) • Condition and quality of coastal environment (e.g. evidence of disturbance to sediment profile or environmental values from response [shoreline clean-up, oiled wildlife] activities)
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study S4: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018).
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey.

Component	Description
	◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels (island access) • Vehicles (mainland access)
Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 10 years experience in environmental practice. ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP. • Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques. • Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experience in identification, analysis and interpretation of benthic habitat data. • Vessel provider ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.

5.6 Study S5: Marine Fauna Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S5 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, marine fauna from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the Study O4 has confirmed exposure to marine fauna **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that disturbance parameters (e.g. population size, breeding success) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that protected marine fauna (i.e. threatened or migratory species) have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state (including any assessment against management requirements in Conservation Advices and/or Recovery Plans) **and**

Component	Description
	• Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 72 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 96 hours (4 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.
	Spill Extent / Behaviour / **Monitoring Design**
	• Spill reaches shoreline with known roosting/breeding/nesting/haul-out habitat / • BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • Control chart (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Spill intersects with area of biological importance (e.g. foraging areas) / • BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • Control chart (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
Scope	Marine fauna covered by Study S5 include: • Seabirds and shorebirds • Marine megafauna (pinnipeds, reptiles, sharks, cetaceans) Note: where Conservation Advice and/or Recovery Plans exist for protected marine fauna, the SAP will include consideration of any specific sampling and/or values that require monitoring.

Sampling Technique	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S5:
	• Systematic surveillance (e.g. transects)
	  ◦ Aerial observations from fixed-wing or helicopter
	  ◦ Vessel-based observations
	  ◦ On-ground shoreline observations
	• Unmanned surveillance
	  ◦ UAV and/or satellite
	• Tissue sample collection and analysis
	• Opportunistic / incidental observations
	• Carcass collection and tissue sampling
	• Records of any damage or change due to response activities

Component	Description
Sampling Frequency	• Survey timing should coincide with that appropriate for the marine fauna of interest. • Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S5: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S5: • Nest/burrow presence • Abundance (adults, juveniles, fledging/hatchling etc) • Density • Distribution • State (e.g. evidence of stress, oil cover, injured etc.) • Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH) • Presence and state of any carcass
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study S4: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018).
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey ◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels • Aircraft • Vehicles • Analytical laboratory services

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques.

Component	Description
	◦ Oiled, injured, and diseased fauna handling to be undertaken by trained personnel. • Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area. ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice. ◦ Experience in identification, analysis and interpretation of biota data. • Vessel provider ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category. • Analytical laboratory ◦ NATA accredited.

5.7 Study S6: Fisheries Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S6 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the presence of, and recovery from, oil taint in commercially or recreationally important fish species and/or any impacts associated with response activities.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from Study O6 has confirmed the presence of fishing tainting **or** • Allegations of damage are received from commercial fisheries or government agencies **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that: ◦ Fish or shellfish show no presence of tissue taint **or** ◦ PAH levels in fish and shellfish tissue have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **or** ◦ PAH levels in fish and shellfish tissue are at or below regulatory levels of concern **and** • Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 72 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Field surveys to commence within 120 hours (5 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.
	Spill Extent / Behaviour — Monitoring Design

Component	Description	
	• Offshore spill	• Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Nearshore spill or spill reaches nearshore areas	• BACI (if appropriate baseline data available) • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S6:
	• Systematic fish sample collection
	  ◦ Olfactory evaluation
	  ◦ Tissue collection
	• Opportunistic carcass collection and tissue sampling
	• Records of any damage or change due to response activities	

Sampling Frequency	• Survey timing should coincide with that appropriate for the fish species of interest. • Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider. • Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.	
Standard Operating Procedures	The following references are provided as guides for standard operating procedures that may be implemented under Study S5: • Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook (Hook et al 2016). • Managing Seafood Safety after an Oil Spill (Yender, Michel and Lord 2002). SOP will be confirmed by the Monitoring Provider during preparation of the SAP.	
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S6: • Odour and appearance. • Chemical analysis of tissue samples (e.g. TRH, BTEX, PAH, MAH). • Fish health indicators and biomarkers (e.g. liver enzymes, PAH metabolites).	
Guidelines	The following references are provided as guidelines or thresholds that may be appropriate for comparison of results during Study O1: • Australian and New Zealand Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters Quality (ANZG 2018). • Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.	
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each field survey ◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.	
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Olfactory Analysis Panel • Vessels • Analytical laboratory services	

Component	Description

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques.
	• Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experience in analysis and interpretation of biota data.
	• Monitoring Provider – Olfactory Assessment Panel
	  ◦ Trained and/or experienced olfactory analysts.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.
	• Analytical laboratory
	  ◦ NATA accredited.

5.8 Study S7: Heritage and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment

An overview of the key components of Study S7 are provided below:

Component	Description
Objective	Determine the impact to, and recovery of, heritage and socioeconomic features from oil exposure and/or any impacts associated with response activities.
Initiation trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) has confirmed that a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore oil spill has occurred **and** data from the OPEP Monitor and Evaluate response strategy or Study O2 or O3 indicates potential and/or actual exposure to known areas of heritage or socioeconomic features **or** • Allegations of damage are received from other users (e.g. tourism operators, heritage groups) s or government agencies **or** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) advises that either full or partial implementation of the study is to commence.
Termination trigger	• The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) considers that considers that disturbance parameters (e.g. hydrocarbon visibility and concentration, condition/quality, area usage levels) have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state and/or control sites **and** • The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) in conjunction with relevant government agency, considers that heritage and/or socioeconomic features have not been impacted or have returned to within the expected natural dynamics of baseline state **and** • Agreement has been reached with the Statutory Authority relevant to the spill to terminate the monitoring.

Component	Description
Timing	• Monitoring Provider/s will be activated (refer to the relevant OSMP Addendum for the petroleum activities) within 24 hours of initiation criteria being met. • An initial SAP, prepared by the Monitoring Provider, to be available within 72 hours of initiation criteria being met. • Consultation with relevant agencies to commence as soon as practicable after initiation criteria are met. • Desktop and/or field surveys to commence within 96 hours (4 days) of initiation criteria being met. Note: the initial SAP may be revised following consultation with relevant agencies and/or as required due to the nature of an ongoing spill event, changing operational requirements and/or results from data collected to date. Note: timing of mobilisation and field surveys is dependent on safe operating conditions (e.g. weather, sea state, etc.) and operational access to sites.
Monitoring Design	The following are monitoring designs recommended for different spill extents/behaviour; final design will be confirmed during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.
	Spill Extent / Behaviour — Monitoring Design
	• Offshore spill — • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
	• Nearshore spill or spill reaches nearshore areas — • IvC • Gradient approach • Lines of Evidence
Scope	Heritage and socioeconomic features covered by Study S7 include: • Cultural heritage features (e.g. World, Commonwealth or National heritage listed places). • First Nation heritage features (e.g. Indigenous Protected Areas, areas with artefacts or other cultural sensitivity). • Underwater cultural heritage features (e.g. shipwrecks, sunken artefacts). • Socioeconomic features (e.g. tourism and recreational activities, commercial shipping, other marine users). Note: commercial fisheries are included within Study S6.

Sampling Techniques	Sampling techniques will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of sampling may be implemented under Study S7:
	• Desktop assessment
	  ◦ Identification of heritage and/or socioeconomic features at risk based on direct or indirect change to ambient environmental conditions (e.g. water and sediment quality) or values .
	  ◦ Notifications to any relevant government agencies (e.g. Heritage Victoria, DCCEEW etc.) as required.
	  ◦ Assessment of each affected feature and development of appropriate monitoring and management recommendations and develop appropriate.
	• Field data collection
	  ◦ Visual inspection and records of any changes to condition, exposure to oil, changes in behaviour or use etc.
	  ◦ Systematic surveillance (e.g. transects) using aerial, vessel or on-ground observations as appropriate.
	  ◦ Records of any damage or change due to response activities.

Sampling Frequency	• Initial sampling frequency will be determined by during preparation of the SAP by the Monitoring Provider.

Component	Description
	• Ongoing sampling frequency will be determined by the Monitoring Provider in consultation with the EMT Environment Leader following each monitoring and reporting event until termination criteria are met.
Standard Operating Procedures	SOP for heritage and socioeconomic studies will be developed in consultation with the appropriate government agency with responsibility for protection of features.
Parameters	Sampling parameters will vary depending on the individual event and final monitoring design. The following types of parameters may be analysed under Study S6: • Visual appearance. • Condition (e.g. evidence of oil cover, damage etc.). • Use of parameters from other studies as required (e.g. water and sediment quality monitoring).
Guidelines	N/A
Reporting	• Data report to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the completion of each desktop or field survey ◦ The data report will also contain on-going trend analysis allowing for the tracking of impacts and recovery, identification/recommendations on any remediation works or active management (including changes to existing sampling or additional sampling required) that should be considered. • Final impact assessment report (addressing impacts from spill event and any relevant response activities) to be provided to EMT Environment Leader following the termination criteria being met.
Key Resources	• Monitoring Provider • Vessels

Key Competencies	• Monitoring Provider – Study Lead
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Familiarisation with relevant requirements of the OSMP and OPEP.
	• Monitoring Provider – Socioeconomic and Heritage Specialist
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental or social science from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 10 years' experience in environmental/social practice.
	  ◦ Experienced in interpretation and management of heritage, social and economic data.
	• Monitoring Provider – Field Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques.
	• Monitoring Provider – Office Personnel
	  ◦ Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering from a recognised institution or equivalent tertiary study in technical area.
	  ◦ Minimum 5 years' experience in environmental practice.
	  ◦ Experience in analysis and interpretation of heritage, social and economic data.
	• Vessel provider
	  ◦ Certificate of survey with appropriate service category.

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Appendix A Approaches for Scientific Monitoring Design

This appendix provides guidance (as provided in APPEA 2019) on survey design approaches that may be utilised for scientific monitoring:

- Impact versus Control (IvC)
- Gradient of Impacts
- Before-After-Control-Impact (BACI)
- Control Chart
- Lines of Evidence

The design of monitoring studies should ensure, as far as possible, that the planned monitoring activities are practicable and that the objectives of the study will be met. The design must result in the collection of meaningful data and, where practicable, data that are sufficiently powerful to detect ecologically relevant changes.

The final survey design(s) can depend on a variety of factors, included but not limited to:

- Scale and pattern of potential effects of the spill.
- Availability of baseline data and/or ability to rapidly obtain baseline data.
- Time frame available to gather pre- and post-spill data.
- Availability of operational monitoring data.
- Availability of appropriate control sites.
- Statistical approach proposed for data analysis.
- Range of possible chronic and acute effects on the parameters of concern, based on the characteristics of the spill.
- Monitoring frequency required to ensure short-and long-term impacts are detected.
- Legislative requirements.
- Available resources and equipment to conduct the work in terms of personnel, logistics, and access.

Note: data collection can depend on several constraints (as outlined above) and on access given logistical and safety constraints applicable to a spill event. Therefore, the survey designs recommended within the implementation guides for each scientific monitoring module, may not be able to be implemented exactly as intended. For example, there may be inadequate number of control sites because of the size of the spill and therefore data collected from an expected BACI design may need to be analysed as a gradient approach etc.

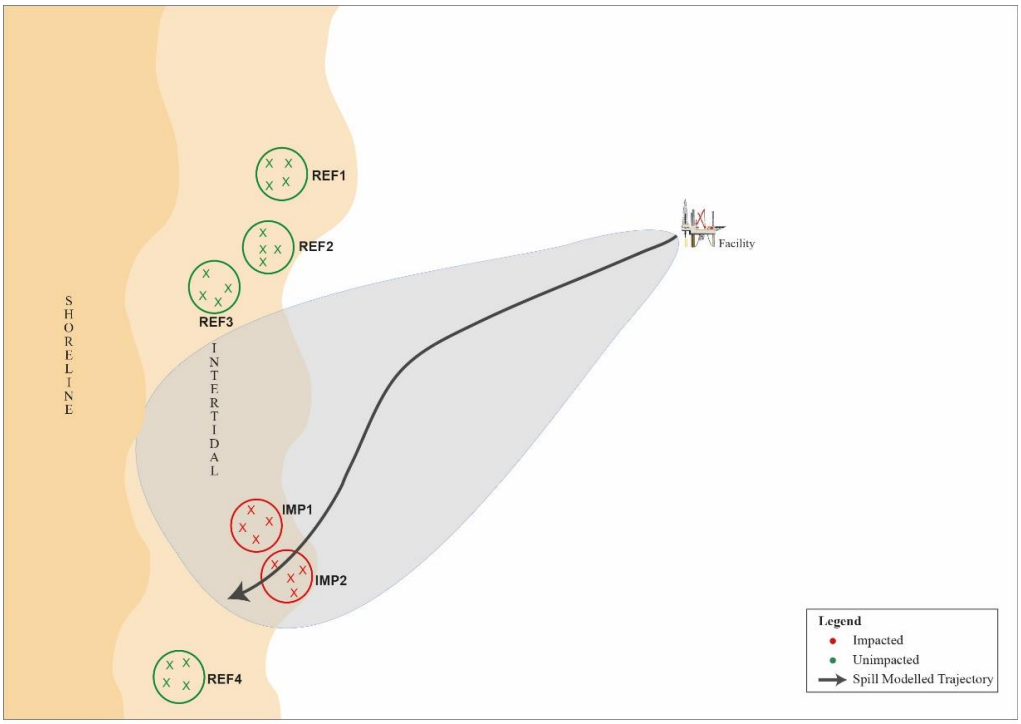
A. 1. Before-After-Control-Impact (BACI) Approach

Where appropriate baseline data are available, consideration should be given to developing a beyond BACI monitoring program design (Underwood 1991; 1994) or similar extended BACI design (MBACI), which monitors a range of control and impact sites, and can do so over time (Figure A-1). Where robust, appropriate baseline data for exposure sites are not

available, pre-exposure sampling of locations that lie within the hydrocarbon spill trajectory should be prioritised to obtain baseline data prior to hydrocarbon exposure.

Exposure sites should be selected first, encompassing a representative selection of locations within the area affected by hydrocarbons. Where practicable, the monitoring program design may consider stratified sampling along environmental gradients (e.g. level of hydrocarbon exposure etc.). Comparable control sites beyond the area affected by hydrocarbons should then be selected, with monitoring conducted at all sites. Clearly obtaining control sites pre-exposure can be challenging and is heavily reliant on predicting the extent of hydrocarbon movement.

The suggested statistical analysis of data collected using the BACI approach includes a univariate or multi-factorial analysis of variance (ANOVA) and equivalent non-parametric tests, all of which will compare between treatment (impact versus reference) and time (before versus after). Components of variation may help partition a sum of squares into different sources and describe the importance of factors within tests.



(Source: APPEA 2019)

Notes:

1. A modification to the beyond BACI design, is known as an MBACI design. MBACI designs incorporate multiple impact locations, whereas beyond BACI designs include only one impact location.
2. The above design consists of four reference/control locations and two impact locations, with four nested sites in each. The number of replicates (e.g. quadrats or transects) per site should be set based on resourcing, and /or the results of the power analysis (if applicable).
3. The area affected by the spill is indicated by the grey shaded area, or the area of influence.
4. Design assumes the area of influence has been affected equally.

Figure A-1: Example of an MBACI design for shoreline and/or intertidal communities

A. 2. Impact versus Control (IvC) Approach

For some locations and receptors, baseline data may not exist, may not be recent and applicable, or was collected using methods that are unrepeatable in the current study. If there is a lack of baseline information that can feed into a BACI design, an IvC approach can be used to assess impacts. However, due to the unknown status of the parameter before impact, there is a higher likelihood of encountering Type I error (falsely concluding that an impact has occurred) with this approach. For example, if the status of the parameter to be measured was already naturally lower at impact sites than control sites before the impact occurred, but this was not measured, a conclusion may be reached using the IvC approach that an impact has occurred when it may be natural variation. For this reason, sampling designs should always try to collect or use baseline data (i.e. aim for a BACI design), and if an IvC design is used, it is important to ensure that the control sites are comparable to the impact sites in every way possible except for the presence or absence of the studied effect (hydrocarbon). This may include, but not be limited to, site physical aspect, substrate, current regimes, and community composition.

Because of the higher likelihood of Type I error, it is also useful to collect additional data on relevant physical environmental parameters that are likely to be different at impact and control sites and may affect the conclusion of the assessment. Biological information may also be relevant, such as degree of sub-lethal and lethal impacts to populations. These parameters can be examined later for any potential co-variance with the observed changes in the parameter of interest, to understand whether hydrocarbons or natural variation affected the outcome. The physical and biological information can therefore augment and act as additional evidence to help interpret conclusions from any IvC analyses. As with the BACI approach, when using the IvC approach it is important to understand the scale of natural variation that may affect the outcome of the assessment by replicating sites within sampling locations and replicating samples within each site.

The suggested statistical approach for analysing the data collected using the IvC approach is a multi-factorial ANOVA (to account for nested data), including PERMANOVA and non-parametric tests, to test whether the level of variation among treatments (IvC) is greater than the level of variation within treatments. Components of variation may help partition variance into different sources and help infer whether the effect of hydrocarbons or spatial variation was responsible for any detected change in the receptors.

A. 3. Gradient Approach

The gradient approach can be used in some instances where a lack of suitable control sites prohibits using a BACI or IvC approach. Sampling should be established along a gradient of predicted effect (based on input of data from operational monitoring, surveillance or modelling), with sites established at various distances from the source of impact or along a gradient of magnitudes of concentrations of hydrocarbons. The gradient approach can also be used in combination with a BACI or IvC approach to help infer the cause of a detected impact and describe thresholds of impacts at which a response appears to have occurred. The gradient approach also provides a 'line of evidence' that the source of potential impact (hydrocarbons) was responsible for the observed effect, rather than natural variation. However, care should be taken to ensure awareness of any natural gradients in the parameter measured and take these into account when interpreting the data.

When designing a study using a gradient approach, relevant operational and scientific monitoring data (e.g. water and sediment quality), and modelling should be considered. Prior knowledge or prediction of the likely gradient of effect will greatly improve the efficiency of the sampling design by minimising the collection of data points that provide no additional information in the analysis (e.g. data points showing similar or no effects that do not help to characterise the gradient of effect), though noting these may aid in statistical power of gradient description so shouldn't necessarily be discouraged.

Typically, the level of observed impact will decline at distance from the source of a hydrocarbon release, with this decline likely to be exponential (i.e. large changes close to a release that quickly decrease in severity); therefore, sampling effort can be distributed along the gradient of effect in a way that best characterises the changes in the parameter measured.

If possible, multiple (> two) sites could be sampled at each distance along the gradient (if logistics and time permit) to provide an understanding of small-scale variation. Sites should also be sampled at distances where no environmental effect is predicted or observed, if possible, to characterise the full extent of the effect's gradient.

The suggested statistical analysis for the gradient approach includes correlation analysis between impact (measurements of hydrocarbon/stress; x-axis) and measurement parameter (biological response; y-axis), and associated regression analyses, may include least-squares regression line and hypotheses testing to determine if the trend is significantly different from zero.

A. 4. Control Chart Approach

The control chart approach is applicable in the following circumstances:

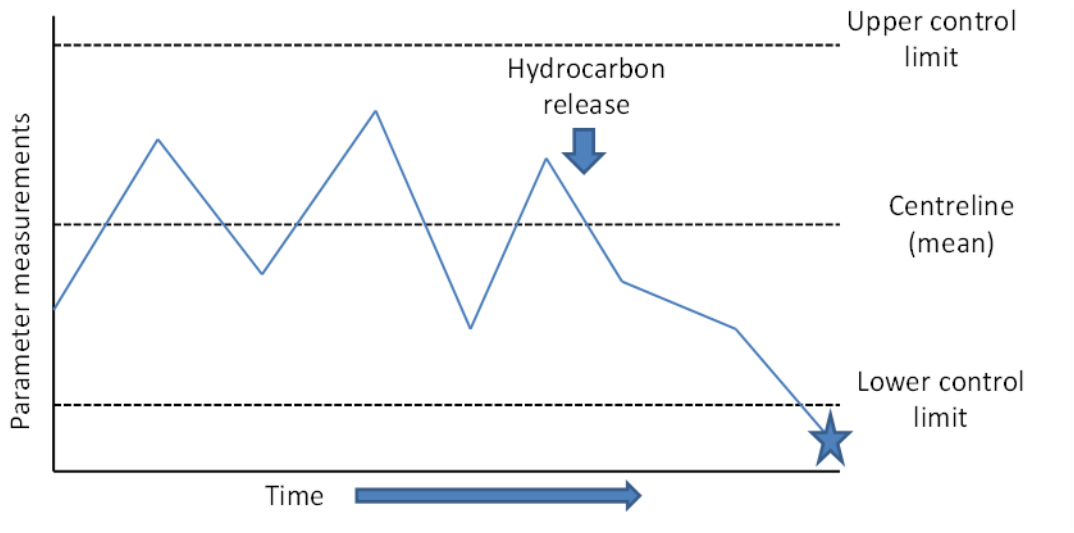
- When long-term (multi-year) datasets exist for the measured parameter.
- When a large amount of natural variation exists in the measured parameter.
- When predicting the expected range of outcomes from an impact.

One of the causal criteria described in the lines of evidence approach is 'strength of association' (Hill 1965), exemplified by a 'larger decline in individuals in areas affected by hydrocarbon than in control areas'. The control chart approach takes this causal criterion a step further and uses rules to establish whether a detected change in a parameter at impact sites is outside what would be expected to occur naturally. This technique requires tracking a parameter over time and determining whether an observed change is within the bounds of what has been observed to occur naturally at that impact site or at control sites.

A control chart has a central line for the mean, an upper control limit (UCL; e.g. typically 3 standard deviations [SD] above the mean), and a lower control limit (LCL; e.g. typically 3SD below the mean), which are typically all determined from historical data (Gotelli and Ellison 2004). The mean line can be constructed using data from i) historical data of an impact site prior to it being affected by hydrocarbons (i.e. what the mean used to be), or ii) control locations, whereby either historical or recent data is used for comparison to other sites (i.e. a control site historical data compared to impact site). The approach is then based on calculating the mean (ongoing) for an impact site to compare against the control chart. Any observations outside the UCL and LCL suggest that increased variation has been observed that are inconsistent with other data and may post a simple way to detect change in a system (Figure A-2).

In addition, if ongoing data collection is possible following a potential impact, the control chart approach can be used to examine the direction of change and whether this is consistent or inconsistent with other data. These data and interpretation may provide a weight of evidence of a directional change in a given parameter.

The control chart approach is only useful if there is an adequate knowledge of natural variability in a given parameter whether from historical sources or similar sites/locations. Control chart approaches can be a powerful tool for detecting impacts for systems that are naturally highly variable.



(Source: APPEA 2019)

Note: The star represents a measurement beyond the likely anticipated variation, which needs to be investigated.

Figure A-2: Example Control Chart showing Centreline (mean), Upper Control Limit (3 SD above mean), Lower Control Limit (3 SD below mean), and Measurements

A. 5. Lines of Evidence Approach

The lines of evidence approach is applicable in the following circumstances:

- Can be combined with any of the above monitoring designs to provide inferential evidence of an effect.
- Are useful to support evidence of effect if there are limited (or only one) impact locations.
- Are useful to support evidence of effect if the effect radiates outward from source.
- Are useful to infer cause of change if limited or no baseline data exist.
- Are useful to infer cause of change if limited or no control sites exist.

When a sampling design is suboptimal, or if conclusions from more formal tests are inconclusive, a lines of evidence approach can be used to help infer the cause of an observed change (i.e. attribute change to the hydrocarbon release or to other causes, such as natural variation). Within the lines of evidence approach, inference is developed based on carefully structured arguments. A weakness of this method is that the evidence may be largely circumstantial because it is based on correlations (Downes et al. 2002), which does not necessarily imply causation. Each causal argument may be weak when considered independently but combined they may provide strong circumstantial evidence and support for a conclusion (Downes et al. 2002).

This approach was originally developed in medicine (Hill 1965) but has been used more recently in ecological studies (e.g. Downes et al. 2002; McArdle 1996; Suter 1996; Beyers 1998; Fabricius 2004). Causal criteria have been developed for categorizing arguments from studies on disease on humans (Hill 1965), and these can be applied to ecological arguments (Hill 1965). With lines of evidence, there is a need to seek evidence not only to support the impact prediction, but evidence to rule out plausible alternative predictions, such as that the observed difference was due to natural processes (Downes et al. 2002; Beyers 1998).

In the lines of evidence approach, a set of descriptions should be developed for all or some of the causal criteria listed in Table A-1 before the survey is undertaken (see Downes et al. 2002 for further criteria and examples). Data would then be collected that allows each line of evidence to be tested or objectively questioned. The final assessment of whether an impact is likely to have occurred should be based on the 'weight of evidence' from examining multiple lines of evidence.

Example generalised lines of evidence descriptions are provided in Table A-2. These should be modified and tailored to individual scientific monitoring module, as required and each parameter investigated.

Table A-1: Causal criteria and description in the context of ecological impact Assessment

(Source: Hills 1965, in APPEA 2019)

Causal criterion	Description
Strength of association	A large proportion of individuals are affected in the impact area relative to control areas
Consistency of association	The association was observed by other investigators at other times and places
Specificity of association	The effect is diagnostic of exposure
Temporality	Exposure must precede the effect in time
Biological gradient	The risk of effect is a function of magnitude of exposure
Biological plausibility	A plausible mechanism of action links cause and effect
Experimental evidence	A valid experiment provides strong evidence of causation
Coherence	Similar stressors cause similar effects
Analogy	The causal hypothesis does not conflict with existing knowledge of natural history and biology

Table A-2: Causal criteria and example lines of evidence descriptions that could be used to assess whether a change in a measured parameter was due to the effects of a hydrocarbon release

(Source: APPEA 2019)

Causal criterion	Evidence supportive of a hydrocarbon release impact	Evidence unsupportive of a hydrocarbon release impact
Strength of association	Larger decline in individuals in areas affected by hydrocarbon than in control areas	Similar declines in individuals in areas affected by hydrocarbon and control areas
Consistency of association	Consistent finding of declines in a range of biota in areas affected by hydrocarbon	Inconsistent declines in biota in areas affected by hydrocarbon (e.g. declines in one species but not in other similar species)
Specificity of association	Number of individuals affected correlates with hydrocarbon concentrations	No correlation between number of individuals affected and hydrocarbon concentration
Temporality	Decline in individuals immediately preceded by contact with hydrocarbon	Decline in individuals occurred before or long after hydrocarbon contact

Causal criterion	Evidence supportive of a hydrocarbon release impact	Evidence unsupportive of a hydrocarbon release impact
Biological gradient	Changes in individuals aligned with exposure to hydrocarbon spills or concentrations	Decline in individuals occurs with increasing distance from a hydrocarbon spill or hydrocarbon concentrations
Biological plausibility	Evidence from literature of sensitivity to detected hydrocarbon concentration for species where declines are observed	Evidence from literature suggests lack of sensitivity to detected hydrocarbon concentration for species where declines are observed
Experimental evidence	A valid experiment provides strong evidence of causation	Not applicable (N/A)
Coherence	Evidence of a decline in species abundance, habitat, and food source with increasing hydrocarbon exposure	Evidence of a decline in species abundance, but no other evidence of expected declines associated with exposure
Analogy	Apparent declines in hatchling numbers despite no apparent decline in numbers of adults	Apparent declines in hatchling numbers associated with decreased numbers of adults

Appendix B Baseline Information

A database of known literature and studies relevant to environmental receptors within the Otway and Bass Basins that may provide suitable baseline data and/or contextual information in the event of a spill.

Source	Description	Relevant Scientific Monitoring Study
Group / Agency		
Birdlife Australia	Shorebirds 2020	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Parks Victoria	Signs of Healthy Parks program, including:	
	• Subtidal Reef Monitoring Program ○ Popes Eye Component of the Port Phillip Heads MNP ○ Reef Biota at Beware Reef Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Bunurong Marine National Park and Surrounding Coast ○ Reef Biota at Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Jawbone Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Marine Protected Areas in the Twofold Shelf region ○ Reef Biota at Merri Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Phillip Island ○ Reef Biota at Point Addis Marine National Park ○ Reef Biota at Port Phillip Bay Marine Sanctuaries ○ Reef Biota at Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park ○ Reef Biota at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary ○ Reef Biota at Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park ○ Reef Biota on the Western Victorian Coast ○ Reef Biota within the Twofold Shelf Bioregion ○ Reef Surveys at Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary ○ The Reef Biota at Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary ○ Western Victorian Coast	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
	• Intertidal Reef Monitoring Program ○ Intertidal Reef Biota of Central Victoria's Marine Protected Areas ○ Intertidal Reef Biota of Northern Port Phillip Bay Marine Sanctuaries ○ Reef biota in Central Victoria and Port Phillip Bay Marine Sanctuaries	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
	• Shallow Water Habitat Mapping at Victorian Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries ○ Eastern Victoria ○ Western Victoria	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment

Source	Description	Relevant Scientific Monitoring Study

	• Mapping the Benthos in Victoria's Marine National Parks
	  ◦ Cape Howe Marine National Park
	  ◦ Discovery Bay Marine National Park
	  ◦ Point Addis Marine National Park
	  ◦ Point Hicks Marine National Park
	  ◦ Twelve Apostles Marine National Park
		S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
		S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment

	• Reef Life Survey	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment

	• Community-based monitoring programs, including:
	  ◦ Intertidal Rocky Shore Monitoring
	  ◦ Seagrass Monitoring
	  ◦ Subtidal Reef Monitoring
		S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
		S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment

	• Marine Natural Values Study, including:
	  ◦ Marine Protected Areas of the Otway Bioregion
	  ◦ Marine Protected Areas of the Central Victoria Bioregion
	  ◦ Marine Protected Areas of the Victorian Embayments Bioregion
	  ◦ Marine Protected Areas of the Victorian Embayments Bioregion
	  ◦ Marine Protected Areas of the Flinders and Twofold Shelf Bioregions
		S1: Water quality
		S2: Sediment quality
		S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
		S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
		S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

	Other publications, including:	
	• Marine Habitat Mapping Project	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
	• Species diversity and composition of benthic infaunal communities found in Marine National Parks along the outer Victorian coast	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
	• Managing Hooded Plover in Victoria	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
	• Birds as Environmental Indicators	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
	• Rocky Shores of Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries on the Surf Coast Shire – Values, uses and impacts	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
	• Identification of threats to natural values in Victoria's Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
	• Monitoring the macroinvertebrates and soft sediments in the Marine National Parks in Western Port	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
	• Mud Islands Seagrass and Coastline Mapping 2011-12	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
	• Yaringa and French Island MNP Habitat Mapping	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment

Source	Description	Relevant Scientific Monitoring Study
Victorian National Parks Association	Reefwatch	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment
Journals		
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Appendix C OGV Drilling Program OSMP Addendum

Addendum

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Addendum: Offshore Gas Victoria Drilling Program

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document is an addendum to the Offshore Operational and Scientific Monitoring Plan (OSMP) (CDN/ID S4100AH717908) to incorporate the Offshore Gas Victoria Drilling Program Environment Plan (OGV Drilling Program EP) (V-1000-P1-RP-0002). It provides a description of the:

- Planning Areas.
- Environmental values and sensitivities of key areas within the Planning Areas and the operational and scientific monitoring studies that may be relevant to these areas.
- Priority planning areas for scientific monitoring.
- Environmental monitoring implementation plan.

1.2 Planning Areas

The Planning Area is defined as an area where a change to ambient environmental conditions may potentially occur as a result of planned or unplanned activities. It is noted that a change does not always imply that an adverse impact will occur; for example, a change may be required over a particular exposure value or over a consistent period of time for a subsequent impact to occur.

For the OGV Drilling Program there is an Otway Planning Area and a Bass Planning Area as shown in Figure 1-1. These Planning Areas were developed based on a combination of the diesel and condensate loss of containment planning areas that was developed based on the spill modelling to the low thresholds. More detail on the spill modelling is available in Section 7.12.4 of the OGV Drilling Program EP.

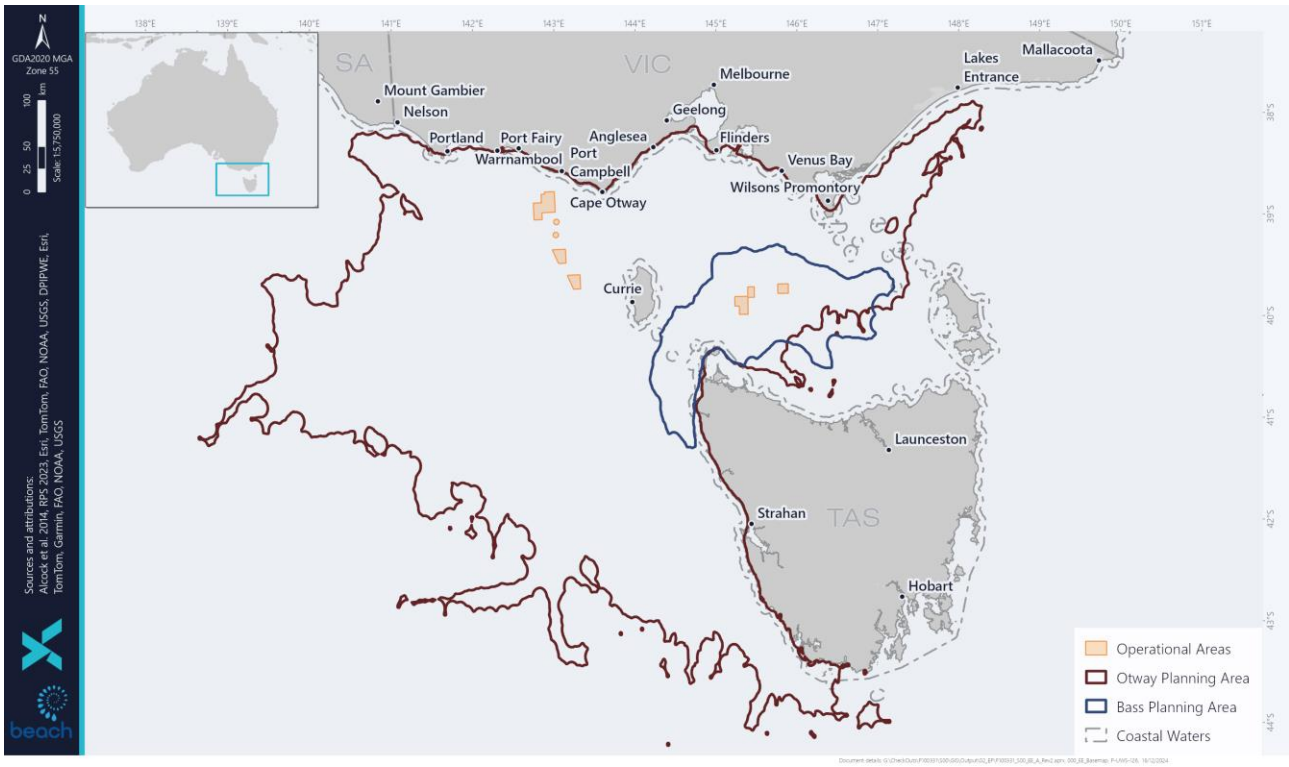

Figure 1-1: Offshore Gas Victoria Drilling Program Operational and Planning Areas

2 Environmental Values and Sensitivities

Section 6 of the OGV Drilling Program EP describes the existing environment within the Planning Areas and any relevant values and sensitivities of that environment. The information presented in this section is based on the relevant values and sensitivities identified within the Planning Areas.

The information is presented here as context for spill monitoring awareness and planning. It does not restrict the implementation of any monitoring of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) or other features that may be affected by an actual spill event that are beyond the area of predicted oil exposure, i.e. once the relevant initiation criteria are met for an operational and/or scientific study, these can be implemented irrespective of previous modelling outcomes.

Table 2-1 provides a summary of environmental values and sensitivities of identified key areas within the Planning Areas.

2.1 Monitoring Studies Relevant to Key Areas within the Planning Areas

Table 2-1 identifies the monitoring studies relevant to the environmental values and sensitivities of the identified key areas within the Planning Areas. Key areas were determined as:

- World Heritage Properties.
- National and Commonwealth Heritage Places.
- Australian Marine Parks.
- State marine protected areas.
- State terrestrial protected areas where there is a coastal component which may be impacted by a spill event.
- Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar-listed wetlands).
- Nationally Important Wetlands.
- Threatened Ecological Communities where there is a coastal component which may be impacted by a spill event.
- Indigenous Protected Areas.
- Threatened or migratory species with a spatially defined biologically important area (BIA).
- Key Ecological Features (KEFs).
- Victorian Desalination Plant intake.

Table 2-1: Identification of Values and Sensitivities and Relevant Monitoring Studies for Key Areas within the Planning Areas

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
World Heritage Properties			
Tasmanian Wilderness	• Important cultural landscape for Tasmanian Aboriginal people. • Important and significant natural habitats where threatened species of animals and plants of outstanding universal value. • Unique and exceptional testimony to an ancient, ice age society, represented by Pleistocene archaeological sites. • Orange-bellied parrot listed as one of the attributes.	Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
National Heritage Places			
Great Ocean Road and Scenic Environs	• Great Ocean Road is a significant reminder of the participation of Australian servicemen in the First World War. • The scenic environs include all views from the Great Ocean Road and Great Ocean Walk, including the Twelve Apostles, the Bay of Islands and Bay of Martyrs. • The coastline from Lorne to Kennett River is among the world's most dramatic cliff and ocean scenery able to be viewed from a vehicle.	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee: Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2020-2025	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape	• Approximately 21,000 ha representing the best evidence of an Aboriginal economic adaptation of a semi-sedentary way of life with people moving seasonally up and down the north-west coast of Tasmania, leaving remnants of hut depressions and shell middens.	N/A	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Commonwealth Heritage Places			
HMAS Cerberus Marine and Coastal Area	• One of the largest coastal spit systems on the Victorian coast and one of the most dynamic shorelines, providing habitat for migratory and resident waders and shorebirds as well as a large diversity of invertebrates. • Seagrass meadows and mangroves are major habitats. Marine mammals including Australian fur-seals and bottlenose dolphins utilise the area.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• Cultural values likely exist but have not yet been identified or documented.		S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Swan Island and Naval Waters	• The largest emergent sand accumulation feature in Port Phillip Bay, supporting many waterbirds and fish species. • Cultural values likely exist but have not yet been identified or documented.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Australian Marine Parks			
Apollo Marine Park	• Ecosystems, habitats, and communities associated with the Western Bass Strait Shelf Transition and the Bass Strait Shelf Province and associated with the seafloor features: deep/hole/valley and shelf. • Important migration area for blue, fin, sei and humpback whales. • Important foraging area for black-browed and shy albatross, Australasian gannet, short-tailed shearwater, and crested tern. • Cultural and heritage site - wreck of the MV City of Rayville.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Beagle Marine Park	• Ecosystems, habitats, and communities associated with the Southeast Shelf Transition and associated with the seafloor features: basin, plateau, shelf, and sill. • Important migration and resting areas for southern right whales. • It provides important foraging habitat for the Australian fur seal, killer whale, great white shark, shy albatross, Australasian gannet, short-tailed shearwater, Pacific and silver gulls, crested tern, common diving petrel, fairy prion, black-faced cormorant, and little penguin. • Cultural and heritage sites including the wreck of the steamship SS Cambridge and the wreck of the ketch Eliza Davies.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Boags Marine Park	• Ecosystems, habitats, and communities associated with the Bass Strait Shelf Province and associated with the seafloor features: plateau and tidal sandwave/sandbank.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• Important foraging habitat for the shy albatross, Australasian gannet, short-tailed shearwater, fairy prion, back-faced cormorant, common diving-petrel, and little penguin.		S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Franklin	• Examples of ecosystems, habitats and communities associated with the Tasmanian Shelf Province and the Western Bass Strait Shelf Transition and associated with sea-floor features: shelf, deep/hole/valley, escarpment, and plateau. • Important foraging area for shy albatross, short-tailed shearwater, Australasian gannet, fairy prion, little penguin, common diving petrel, black-faced cormorant, and silver gull. • White sharks also forage in the AMP.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Huon	• Ecosystems, habitats, and communities associated with the Tasmanian Shelf Province, Tasmania Province and associated with seafloor features: canyon, seamount, pinnacle, saddle, shelf, and terrace. • Features with high biodiversity and productivity: seamounts south and east of Tasmania. • Important foraging area for black-browed, Buller's and shy albatrosses, great-winged petrel, short-tailed shearwater and fairy prion, Australian fur seal and killer whale. • Important migration area for humpback whale	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

Nelson	• Examples of ecosystems, habitats and communities associated with the West Tasmanian Transition and associated with sea-floor features: abyssal plain/deep ocean floor, canyon, knoll/abyssal hill, plateau, and slope.
	• Important migration area for:
	  ◦ Humpback whale.
	  ◦ Blue, fin and sei whales (likely migration).
		South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality
			O3: Sediment quality
			O4: Marine fauna surveillance
			S1: Water quality impact assessment
			S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
			S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

Tasman Fracture	• Examples of ecosystems, habitats and communities with the Tasman Province, the Tasmanian Shelf Province and West Tasmania Transition and associated with sea-floor features: abyssal plain/deep ocean floor, basin, canyon, knoll/abyssal hill, pinnacle, plateau, ridge, saddle, shelf, slope, terrace, and trench/trough.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies

	• Important whale migration for humpback whale.
	• Important foraging areas for:
	  ◦ New Zealand fur-seal.
	  ◦ Wandering, black-browed and shy albatrosses; white-chinned petrel; common diving-petrel; short-tailed shearwater; and fairy prion.
	  ◦ White shark.
			S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
			S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

Zeehan	• Examples of ecosystems, habitats and communities associated with the Tasmania Province, the West Tasmania Transition and the Western Bass Strait Shelf Transition and associated with the seafloor features: abyssal plain/deep ocean floor, canyon, deep/hole/valley, knoll/abyssal hill, shelf, and slope. • Important migration area for blue and humpback whales. • Important foraging habitat for black-browed, wandering, and shy albatrosses, and great-winged and cape petrels.	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
State Marine Protected Areas			
Victoria Marine Protected Areas			
Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary	• Intertidal reef platforms with a high diversity of invertebrate fauna and flora. • Subtidal reefs that support diverse and abundant flora, including kelps, other brown algae, and green and red algae. • Calcarenite and basalt reefs extending from The Bluff that are of regional geological significance. • Intertidal habitats that support resident and migratory shorebirds, including threatened species. • Subtidal habitats that support sedentary fish and are also used by migratory fish and marine mammals. • Marine habitats and species that are of scientific interest and valuable for marine education. • Opportunities for recreation, including visits to subtidal communities that are easily accessible from the shore.	Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• An important landmark and area for gathering fish and shellfish for the Wathaurong people. • Remnants from *the Earl of Charlemont*, a heritage-listed shipwreck.		
Bunurong Marine Park / Marine National Park	• Extensive intertidal rock platforms and subtidal rocky reefs with a geology and form that is uncommon along the Victorian coast. • Abundant and diverse marine flora and fauna including over 22 species of marine flora and fauna recorded, or presumed to be, at their eastern or western distributional limits. • Highest diversity of intertidal and shallow subtidal invertebrate fauna recorded in Victoria on sandstone. • High proportion of the common invertebrates occurring along the Victorian coast. • High diversity of vegetation communities, many of which are considered rare, depleted, or endangered within the region. • Important coastal habitat for several threatened species. • Eagles Nest, a prominent rock stack, recognised as a site of national geological and geomorphological significance. • One of the richest Mesozoic fossil areas in Victoria. • Numerous places and objects of significance to Indigenous people. • Two historical shipwrecks listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. • Opportunities for cultural values investigation in an area protected from human disturbance. • Extensive subtidal reefs with magnificent underwater seascapes, offering numerous opportunities for diving and snorkelling. • Highly accessible intertidal rock platforms offering opportunities for rock-pooling, marine education, and interpretation. • Coastline offering opportunities for swimming, surfing, boating, fishing, and rock-pooling in a natural setting.	Bunurong Marine National Park Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Discovery Bay Marine National Park	• Range of marine habitats representative of the Otway bioregion. • Indigenous culture based on spiritual connection to sea country and a history of marine resource use.	Discovery Bay Marine National Park. Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• Wrecks of two wooden sailing barques, the Jane, and the Ann, are thought to be in the vicinity of the park. • Opportunities to view marine life and spectacular scenery from nearby lookouts and from within the park.		S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary Point Addis Marine Sanctuary Point Danger Marine Sanctuary	• Sandy beaches, subtidal soft sediments, subtidal rocky reefs, rhodolith beds and intertidal reefs. • Eagle Rock, a rock stack of geological significance. • A high diversity of algal, invertebrate and fish species. • Evidence of a long history of Indigenous use, including many Indigenous places and objects adjacent to the park and sanctuaries near dunes, headlands, estuaries, and creeks. • Tourism and recreational activities including surfing, snorkelling and scuba diving.	Management Plan for Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary	• Sanctuary protects two small reefs and a wide variety of microhabitats. • Dense growths of bull kelps and other seaweed. • Abundance of soft corals, sponges, and other marine invertebrates, and over 56 species of fish. • Seals rest on the outer island of the reef. • Two shipwrecks (the Grange and Woolamai) • Subtidal soft sediments, subtidal rocky reefs, and intertidal reefs. high diversity of algal, invertebrate and fish species. • Evidence of a long history of Indigenous use. • Tourism and recreational activities including snorkelling and seal watching.	Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Merri Marine Sanctuary	• Habitats including intertidal reef, sand, shallow reef, and rocky overhang. • Habitats support many species of algae, invertebrates, fish, and shorebirds.	Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• Islands adjacent to the sanctuary provide nesting and roosting areas for many species including little penguins, little pied cormorants, short-tailed shearwaters, and pacific gulls.		S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary	• Among the most diverse intertidal and rocky reef communities in Victoria. • Numerous subtidal pools and boulders in the intertidal area that provide a high complexity of intertidal basalt substrates and a rich variety of microhabitats. • Subtidal reefs that support diverse and abundant flora including kelps, other brown algae, and green and red algae. • Sandy bottom habitats that support large beds of *Amphibolis* seagrass and patches of green algae. • Diverse habitats that support sedentary and migratory fish species. • A range of reef habitats that support invertebrates including gorgonian fans, seastars, anemones, ascidians, barnacles, and soft corals. • Distinctive basalt causeway that provides habitat for numerous crab, seastar and gastropod species. • Intertidal habitat that support resident and migratory shorebird species including threatened species.	Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Point Hicks Marine National Park	• Diversity of habitats, including subtidal and intertidal reefs, subtidal soft sediment, and sandy beaches. • Very high diversity of fauna, including intertidal and subtidal invertebrates. • Co-occurrence of eastern temperate, southern cosmopolitan and temperate species, as a result of the mixing of warm eastern and cool southern waters. • Marine mammals such as dolphins, whales, Australian fur-seals and New Zealand fur-seals.	Point Hicks Marine National Park Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	• Transient reptiles from northern waters, including turtles and sea snakes. • Threatened fauna, including whales and several bird species. • Outstanding active coastal landforms within and adjoining the park, such as granite reefs and mobile sand dunes. • Places of significance to Indigenous people. • Diverse and rich maritime and posts settlement history, including shipwrecks and evidence of shipping history. • Opportunities for a range of remote nature based recreational and educational activities within a pristine environment.		S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park	• Spectacular dive sites such as the Lonsdale and Nepean Walls and popular recreational dive locations. • Intertidal rock platforms at Cheviot Beach and Point Lonsdale the coastal landscape of Point Nepean in Point Nepean National Park. • Bottlenose dolphin populations sites listed under the Ramsar Convention for their importance for migratory wading birds (Swan Bay, Mud Islands). • Distinctive bird-dominated island ecosystem of Mud Islands. • Sheltered environments such as the seagrass meadows of Swan Bay.	Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
The Arches Marine Sanctuary	• The Arches Marine Sanctuary protects 45 ha of ocean directly south of Port Campbell. It has a spectacular dive site of limestone formations, rocky arches, and canyons. • The sanctuary is also ecologically significant, supporting habitats such as kelp forests and a diverse range of sessile invertebrates on the arches and canyons. • These habitats support schools of reef fish, seals, and a range of invertebrates such as lobster, abalone, and sea urchins.	Management Plan for Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Twelve Apostles Marine Park	• The area is representative of the Otway Bioregion and is characterised by a submarine network of towering canyons, caves, arches, and walls with a large variety of seaweed and sponge gardens plus resident	Management Plan for Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
	schools of reef fish. The park contains areas of calcarenite reef supporting the highest diversity of intertidal and sub-tidal invertebrates found on that rock type in Victoria. • The park includes large sandy sub-tidal areas consisting of predominantly fine sand with some medium to coarse sand and shell fragment. Benthic sampling undertaken within the park in soft sediment habitats at 10 m, 20 m and 40 m water depths identified 31, 29 and 32 species respectively based upon a sample area of 0.1 m^2. These species were predominantly polychaetes, crustaceans, and nematodes with the mean number of individuals decreasing with water depth. • No visible macroalgae species were present within these soft sediment areas. These sandy expanses support high abundances of smaller animals such as worms, small molluscs, and crustaceans; larger animals are less common.		O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Wilsons Promontory Marine Reserve / Marine National Park	• Granite habitats, which are unusual in Victorian marine waters, including extensive heavy reefs with smooth surfaces, boulders and rubble and low-profile reefs. • Biological communities with distinct biogeographic patterns, including shallow subtidal reefs, deep subtidal reefs. • Intertidal rocky shores, sandy beaches, seagrass, and subtidal soft substrates. • Abundant and diverse marine flora and fauna, including hundreds of fish species and invertebrates such as sponges, ascidians, sea whips and bryozoans. • 68 species of marine flora and fauna recorded, or presumed to be, at their eastern or western distributional limits. • Important breeding sites for a significant colony of Australian fur-seals. • Important habitat for several threatened shorebird species, including species listed under international migratory bird agreements. • Seascape, cultural places, and objects of high traditional and cultural significance to Indigenous people; cultural lore and interest maintained by the Gunai/Kurnai and Boonwurrung people. • Historic shipwrecks, many of which are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.	Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park and Wilsons Promontory Marine Park Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment

Key Area Location / Feature	Summary of Environmental Values and Sensitivities	Relevant Management Plan / Conservation Advice / Recovery Plan	Relevant Operational and Scientific Monitoring Studies
Tasmania Marine Protected Areas			
Kent Group National Park	• Richness in nutrients that supports a unique diversity of marine life. • Important refuge for seabirds. • Sanctuary for the Australian fur-seals.	Kent Group Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Murkay Islets Conservation Area	• Important habitat for significant bird species including short-tailed shearwater, black-faced cormorant, pacific gull, and orange-bellied parrot.	N/A	O2: Water quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Shell Islets Conservation Area	• Important breeding and foraging habitat for several seabird, shorebird and wader species including Caspian tern, red-necked stints, and sanderlings.	N/A	O2: Water quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
State Terrestrial Protected Areas			
Victoria Terrestrial Protected Areas			
Aire River Heritage River / Natural Features Reserve	• Mainland or island-based protected areas with a coastal interface that may be used as habitat for marine fauna (birds, pinnipeds etc.) and/or unique flora and vegetation associations. • Documented significance to Aboriginal peoples.	Aire River Estuary Management Plan 2015-2023 Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance

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Cape Liptrap Coastal Park	• Where access is allowed, recreational activities may be present.	Cape Liptrap Coastal Park Management Plan	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Discovery Bay Coastal Park Cape Nelson State Park		Discovery Bay Parks, Mount Richmond National Park, Cape Nelson State Park, Discovery Bay Coastal Park and Cape Nelson Lighthouse Reserve Management Plan	
French Island National Park		French Island National Park Management Plan	
Great Otway National Park Stony Creek Reference Area		Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Management Plan	
Lady Julia Percy Island Reserve		N/A	
Lake Connewarre Reserve		N/A	
Lawrence Rocks Reserve		N/A	
Mornington Peninsula National Park		Mornington Peninsula and Arthurs Seat State Park Management Plan	
Phillip Island Nature Park		N/A	
Point Nepean National Park		Point Nepean National Park Master Plan	
Port Campbell National Park Bay of Islands Conservation Park		Port Campbell National Park and Bay of Islands Coastal Park Management	
Seal Islands Reserve		N/A	
Swan Bay – Edwards Point Reserve		Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park Management Plan	
Wilsons Promontory National Park		Wilsons Promontory National Park Management Plan.	

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Wilsons Promontory Islands Southern Wilsons Promontory Anser Island Reference Area			
Tasmania Terrestrial Protected Areas			
Albatross Island Nature Reserve Black Pyramid Rock Nature Reserve Reid Rocks Nature Reserve West Moncoeur Island Nature Reserve	• Mainland or island-based protected areas with a coastal interface that may be used as habitat for marine fauna (birds, pinnipeds etc.) and/or unique flora and vegetation associations. • Documented significance to Aboriginal peoples. • Where access is allowed, recreational activities may be present.	Small Bass Strait Island Reserves Draft Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area		Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area Management Plan	
Calm Bay State Reserve		N/A	
Cape Sorell Historic Site		N/A	
Cape Wickham Conservation Area		N/A	
Cataraqui Point Conservation Area		N/A	
Christmas Island Nature Reserve		N/A	
City of Melbourne Bay Conservation Area		N/A	
Councillor Island Nature Reserve		N/A	

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Four Mile Beach Regional Reserve		N/A	
Hunter Island Conservation Area		N/A	
Lavinia State Reserve		Lavinia Nature Reserve Management Plan (in draft)	
Mount Heemskirk Regional Reserve		N/A	
Nares Rocks Conservation Area		N/A	
New Year Island Game Reserve		N/A	
Ocean Beach Conservation Area		N/A	
Porky Beach Conservation Area		N/A	
Red Hut Point Conservation Area		N/A	
Sea Elephant Conservation Area		N/A	
Seal Rocks Conservation Area/State Reserve		N/A	
Southwest Conservation Area/National Park		Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan 2016	
Stokes Point Conservation Area		N/A	
Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Wetlands)			
Glenelg Estuary and Discovery Bay Wetlands	• The site contains three broad systems of wetlands: freshwater wetlands, the Glenelg Estuary and beach and dune system. The site also contains	Glenelg Estuary and Discovery Bay Wetlands Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality

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	regionally and internationally rare wetland types, including intact fen peatlands and a humid dune slack system. • Several threatened flora and fauna species are supported by the site, including 95 waterbird species and 14 diadromous fish species. • Other components include: hydrology, vegetation type and extent, as well as fish and waterbird diversity and abundance. Ecosystem services include: special features (dune slacks), supporting a diversity of wetland types, supporting threatened species, providing physical habitat for waterbirds and ecological connectivity. • The site is of great significance to the Gunditjmara people as part of their *Koonang* (sea) and *Bocara Woorrowarook* (river forest) country. Recreational and tourism activities are popular in the area including recreational fishing, camping, walking, and sightseeing.		O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Lavinia	• The site is an important refuge for a collection of regional and nationally threatened species, including the nationally endangered, orange-bellied parrot. • Other critical components of the site include: wetland vegetation communities, regional and national rare plant species, regionally rare bird species, Kind Island scrubtit, water and sea birds, migratory birds, striped marsh frog and the green and gold frog • The site is currently used for conservation and recreation, including boating, fishing, camping and off-road driving. There are artefacts of Indigenous Australian occupation.	Lavinia Nature Reserve Management Plan (in draft)	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula	• The site provides important habitat for many threatened species and is the most important area in Victoria for migratory wading birds. The orange-bellied parrot is known to winter in Port Phillip Bay following their breeding season in Tasmania. • Important fish breeding habitat is also present in Swan Bay and Limeburner's Lagoon. • The site also boasts many social and cultural values, including to at least two indigenous language groups. Mud Island is part of Boonwurrung country. The remainder of the site is part of Wathaurong country. Important indigenous sites include burial sites, middens, and artefacts, some of which are at least 5,000 years old.	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment

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Western Port	• The site contains many habitats including large shallow intertidal mudflats, seagrass meadows, fringing saltmarsh and mangroves which support a large diversity of birds, fish and invertebrates. • The site contains four wetland types including marine subtidal aquatic beds (underwater vegetation), intertidal mud, sand or salt flats, intertidal marshes and intertidal forested wetlands. • Over 20,000 waterbirds utilise the site most years. • The site is located within the traditional lands of the Boonwurrung people, who maintain a strong connection to the waters and the land. • Commercial fishing has been banned within the site and is now considered a 'Recreational Fishing Haven.' • The Port of Hastings is within the site which services approximately 200 ships per year.	Western Port Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Nationally Important Wetlands			
Aire River/Lower Aire River Wetlands	• These wetlands consist of three shallow freshwater lakes, brackish to saline marshes and an estuary on the Aire River floodplain. This floodplain occurs at the confluence of the Ford and Calder Rivers with the Aire River. It is surrounded by the Otway Ranges and dune-capped barrier along the ocean shoreline. • The Lower Aire River Wetlands have extensive beds of Common Reed and groves of Woolly Tea-tree which can support large numbers of water birds. These wetlands act as a drought refuge for wildlife. • Lake Hordern is considered to be of State significance for its geomorphology.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Anderson Inlet	• One of the largest estuaries in Victoria. • Twenty-three species of waterbirds have been recorded at Anderson Inlet including internationally significant numbers of eastern curlew, double-banded plover, sharp-tailed sandpiper, and red-necked stint as well as nationally significant numbers of pacific golden plover and greenshank.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

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			S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Lake Connewarre	• The site supports over 150 bird species, some of which are migratory and threatened. The orange-bellied parrot is known to utilise the site. • Lake Connewarre is within the Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar site; refer to description under Ramsar Wetlands.	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Lavinia Nature Reserve	• Lavinia Nature Reserve (King Island, Tasmania) includes the Sea Elephant River Estuary and associated mudflats, areas of coastal swamp, lagoons, and areas of drier marsh inland from the coast. • The wetland area supports species and communities which are threatened in both Tasmania and/or globally. • Refer to description under Ramsar Wetlands.	Lavinia Nature Reserve Management Plan (in draft)	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Mud Islands	• The site contains diverse habitats including salt marshes, mudflats, sand dunes and seagrass meadows which support an abundance of birds, fish, and marine invertebrates. • Over 70 species of birds have been recorded in the site displaying various behaviours including foraging, breeding, and roosting, most notably the white-faced storm-petrel. • Mud Islands wetland is within the Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar site; refer to description under Ramsar Wetlands.	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Powlett River Mouth	• Thirty-one significant bird species have been recorded within the estuary, wetlands, and coastal zone.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality

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	• Orange-bellied parrots have been recorded feeding within the site. • Twenty-two fish species have been recorded in the Powlett River, including the threatened Australian grayling. • The dunes near the river mouth have records of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance, containing several shell middens.		O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Princetown Wetlands	• These wetlands consist of swamps of varying salinity on the floodplains of the Gellibrand River and its tributary, the Serpentine (Latrobe) Creek. Wetland types present are a deep freshwater marsh, semi- permanent saline marshes and a shallow freshwater marsh. • The Princetown Wetlands have extensive beds of Common Reed *Phragmites australis* and meadows dominated by Beaded Glasswort which can support large numbers of water birds. • A series of relict spits adjacent to the Gellibrand Estuary and a number of levee banks at various sites have State significance for their geomorphology.	N/A	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Swan Bay & Swan Island	• Swan Bay & Swan Island is within the Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar site; refer to description under Ramsar Wetlands.	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Western Port	• Refer to description under Ramsar Wetlands.	Western Port Ramsar Site Management Plan	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality O4: Marine fauna surveillance S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment

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			S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Threatened Ecological Communities			
Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	• This ecological community is the assemblage of native plants, animals and micro-organisms associated with the dynamic salt-wedge estuary systems that occur within the temperate climate, microtidal regime (<2 m), high wave energy coastline of western and central Victoria. The ecological community currently encompasses 25 estuaries in the region defined by the border between South Australia and Victoria and the most southerly point of Wilsons Promontory.	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	• Giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*) is a large brown alga that grows on rocky reefs in cold temperate waters off south east Australia. The kelp grows up from the sea floor 8 m below the sea surface and deeper, vertically toward the water surface. It is the foundation species of this TEC in shallow coastal marine ecological communities. The kelp species itself is not protected, rather, it is communities of closed or semi-closed giant kelp canopy at or below the sea surface that are protected. • The largest extent of the ecological community is in Tasmanian coastal waters; some patches may also be found in Victoria and South Australia. • Surveys along the Otway Shelf from Warrnambool to Portland did not locate giant kelp at any site. • Surveys of The Arches Marine Sanctuary and Twelve Apostles Marine National Park have not located giant kelp. • The species has been recorded in Discovery Bay National Park forming part of a mixed brown algae community. • An assemblage dominated by the species has been recorded from Merri Marine Sanctuary occupying a very small area (0.2 ha) of rocky reef.	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh	• The coastal saltmarsh community consists mainly of salt-tolerant vegetation including grasses, herbs, sedges, rushes and shrubs.	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality

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	Succulent herbs, shrubs and grasses generally dominate, and vegetation is generally less than 0.5 m in height. • The saltmarsh community is inhabited by a wide range of infaunal and epifaunal invertebrates and low and high tide visitors such as fish, birds, and prawns. • It is often important nursery habitat for fish and prawn species. Insects are also abundance and an important food source for other fauna. The dominant marine residents are benthic invertebrates, including molluscs and crabs		S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment
Indigenous Protected Areas			
Preminghana	• Rich and storied connection with Aboriginal peoples as well as significant natural values.	Preminghana Healthy Country Plan	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment S5: Marine fauna impact assessment S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment
Threatened or Migratory Species with BIAs			
Fish			
White shark	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging, breeding BIAs	Recovery Plan for the White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*)	O4: Marine fauna surveillance S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Cetaceans			
Pygmy blue whale	• Endangered, migratory • Foraging BIAs • Typically forage in the Otway region between January and April	Conservation Management Plan for the Blue Whale 2015-2025	O4: Marine fauna surveillance S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Southern right whale	• Endangered, migratory • Migration and reproduction BIAs • Presence may occur from April to October	National Recovery Plan for the Southern Right Whale	O4: Marine fauna surveillance S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Birds			
Antipodean albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging BIA		O4: Marine fauna surveillance S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Black-browed albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory		

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	• Foraging BIA	National Recovery Plan for Albatrosses and Petrels Conservation Advice *Pterodroma Mollis* soft-plumaged petrel Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	
Buller's albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging BIA		
Campbell albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging BIA		
Indian yellow-nosed albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging BIA		
Northern giant petrel	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging BIA		
Shy albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging, breeding BIAs • Critical habitat at Albatross Island, The Mewstone, Pedra Branca		
Southern giant petrel	• Endangered, migratory • Foraging BIA		
Wandering albatross	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging, breeding BIAs		
Soft-plumaged petrel	• Vulnerable • Foraging, breeding BIAs		
Short-tailed shearwater	• Migratory • Foraging, breeding BIAs		
Sooty shearwater	• Vulnerable, migratory • Foraging, breeding BIAs		
Wedge-tailed shearwater	• Migratory • Breeding BIAs		
Key Ecological Features			
Bonney Coast Upwelling	• The Bonney Coast upwelling is a predictable, seasonal upwelling bringing cold nutrient rich water to the sea surface and supporting	N/A	• O2: Water quality • O3: Sediment quality

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	regionally high productivity and high species diversity in an area where such sites are relatively rare and mostly of smaller scale. • In addition to whales, many endangered and listed species frequent the area, possibly also relying on the abundance of krill that provide a food source to many seabirds and fish. • The high productivity of the Bonney coast upwelling is also capitalised on by other higher predator species such as little penguins and Australian fur-seals feeding on baitfish.		• O4: Marine fauna surveillance • S1: Water quality impact assessment • S2: Sediment quality impact assessment • S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment • S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Seamounts South and East of Tasmania	• Considered an area of high productivity which results in increased aggregations of marine life and increasing biodiversity. • Seamounts provide variable habitat including hard substrate on summits and slopes which act as attachment points for sessile invertebrates, as well as soft sediment supporting infauna species. • Seamounts can sometimes influence and intensify currents, creating localised upwelling and turbulent mixing. Accelerated water flows are thought to create upwellings of nutrient rich waters from the seafloor.	N/A	• O2: Water quality • O3: Sediment quality • O4: Marine fauna surveillance • S1: Water quality impact assessment • S2: Sediment quality impact assessment • S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
Upwelling East of Eden	• Of importance due to its high productivity and aggregations of marine life. • The episodic mixing of nutrient enrichment events drive phytoplankton blooms that are the basis of productive food chains including zooplankton, copepods, krill and small pelagic fish. • The upwelling supports regionally high primary productivity which in turn support fisheries and biodiversity, including top order predators, marine mammals, and seabirds. This area is one of two feeding areas for blue whales and humpback whales, known to arrive when significant krill aggregations form. The area is also important for other cetaceans, seals, sharks, and seabirds.	N/A	• O2: Water quality • O3: Sediment quality • O4: Marine fauna surveillance • S1: Water quality impact assessment • S2: Sediment quality impact assessment • S5: Marine fauna impact assessment
West Tasmanian Canyons	• An area of high productivity and aggregations of marine life. • These canyons can influence currents, act as sinks for rich organic sediments and debris, and can trap waters or create upwellings that result in productivity and biodiversity hotspots. • Sponges are concentrated near the canyon heads, with the greatest diversity between 200-350 m depth. Sponges are associated with	N/A	• O2: Water quality • O3: Sediment quality • S1: Water quality impact assessment • S2: Sediment quality impact assessment • S5: Marine fauna impact assessment

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	abundance of fishes and the canyons support a diversity of sponges comparable to that of seamounts.		
Marine Users			
Victorian Desalination Plant	• The Victorian Desalination Plant takes in seawater for the desalination plant.	N/A	• O2: Water quality

3 Priority Planning for Scientific Monitoring

Priority planning for scientific monitoring has been developed based on two elements: (i) sensitive areas that may be exposed within a short period of time, and (ii) study scopes that have a short lead time on preparing an initial Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for implementation.

Priority planning areas for potential scientific monitoring have been identified where the following criteria are met:

- Predicted time to exposure is ≤48 hours **or** distance from the Operational Areas is ≤100 km **and**
- Any of the following sensitive environmental receptors are present:
    - Australian Marine Parks.
    - State Marine Protected Areas.
    - Internationally or National Important Wetlands.
    - Sheltered tidal flats.
    - Mangrove or saltmarsh habitat.
    - Known breeding/calving/nesting aggregation areas for protected fauna.
    - Known breeding/haul-out areas for pinnipeds.
    - Threatened ecological communities.
    - Seaweed collection.
    - Cultural Heritage including First Nations **and**
- Time given for preparation of an initial SAP for a particular scientific monitoring study is ≤48 hours.

Note, the time requirement is based upon the shortest time allowed (i.e. 48 hours) for the Monitoring Provider to prepare an initial SAP for a scientific monitoring study (as defined in the Offshore OSMP).

The selection of sensitive environmental receptors is consistent with the receptors used in determining the onshore priority response planning areas within the OPEP, with the addition of marine protected areas (both Commonwealth and State) and seaweed collection areas.

The priority planning areas and relevant priority scientific monitoring scopes identified for spill scenarios that are relevant to the OGV Drilling Program EP are detailed in Table 3-1. A series of checklists have been developed for these priority planning areas to assist in implementing the priority scientific monitoring studies in these areas (Appendix A). The checklists also identify other relevant scientific studies that may be implemented at the site but are not identified as priority scientific monitoring studies.

Table 3-1: Priority Planning Areas and Scientific Studies for the OGV Drilling Program EP Activities

Sensitive Environmental Receptor	Priority Planning Area	Priority Scientific Studies
Australian Marine Parks	Apollo Marine Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Boags Marine Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Zeehan Marine Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
State Marine Protected Areas	Kent Group National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Merri Marine Sanctuary	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	The Arches Marine Sanctuary	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Wilsons Promontory Marine Reserve / Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Internationally Important Wetlands	Lavinia	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Nationally Important Wetlands	Aire River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Lavinia State Reserve	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Lower Aire River Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Princetown Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Sheltered tidal flats	None	
Mangrove habitat	None	
Saltmarsh habitat	Curdies Inlet	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Gellibrand River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Lower Aire River Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Port Campbell River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Princetown Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment

Sensitive Environmental Receptor	Priority Planning Area	Priority Scientific Studies
	Yellow Rock River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Known breeding/calving/nesting aggregation areas for protected fauna	Albatross Island (critical habitat for Shy Albatross)	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Hunter Island Group (breeding BIA for Short-tailed Shearwater and Little Penguin	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Muttonbird Island (breeding BIA for Wedge-tailed Shearwater)	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Victorian and north-west Tasmanian Coast (reproduction BIA for Southern Right Whale)	S1: Water quality impact assessment
Known breeding/haul-out areas for pinnipeds	Marengo Reefs (Australian Fur Seal haul-out)	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Moonlight Head (Australian Fur Seal haul-out)	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Threatened ecological communities (Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community)	Curdies River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Hopkins River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Johanna River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Lower Aire River Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Port Campbell Creek	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Princetown Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Wilsons Promontory Marine Reserve / Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Threatened ecological communities (Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia)	Curdies Inlet	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Hopkins River	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Port Campbell Creek	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	West and North West coast of Tasmania	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Curdies Inlet	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment

Sensitive Environmental Receptor	Priority Planning Area	Priority Scientific Studies
Threatened ecological communities (Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh)	Lower Aire River Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	North West coast of Tasmania	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Port Campbell Creek	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Princetown Wetlands	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
	Wilsons Promontory Marine Reserve / Marine National Park	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Seaweed farming	West coast of King Island	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
Cultural Heritage	Preminghana Indigenous Protected Area	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment
National Heritage	Great Ocean Road and Scenic Environs	S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment

4 Implementation Plan

4.1 Activation

In the unlikely event of a Level 2 or Level 3 offshore spill event, operational and scientific monitoring studies will be initiated once the relevant criteria have been met (as defined in the Offshore OSMP). The EMT Environment Leader (or delegate) will contact the Monitoring Provider Program Manager who will initiate their response.

4.1.1 Immediate Response

Once notified, the Monitoring Provider Program Manager will confirm the availability of Study Leads, and specific sampling and analysis plans (SAPs) will be prepared based on the requirements of the individual spill event. Based on initiated studies and SAPs, personnel, equipment, and mobilisation will commence.

4.2 Roles and Responsibilities

The key roles and responsibilities for implementation of the OSMP are defined in the Offshore OSMP.

Key personnel with OSMP responsibilities during the OGV Drilling Program are listed in Table 4-1.

The Monitoring Provider and associated personnel will be identified and activated on a case-by-case basis. RPS have confirmed they have a pool of suitably trained and competent personnel to utilise in the event of a Level 2 or Level 3 hydrocarbon spill event.

Table 4-1: Key Personnel for OSMP implementation

Role	Name	Contact Details
Beach		
Emergency Management Team (EMT) Leader	As per the on-call EMT Roster (refer to OPEP for details)	
EMT Environment Leader	As per the on-call EMT Roster (refer to OPEP for details)	
RPS		
Program Manager	As per the on-call EMT Roster (refer to OPEP for details)	

4.3 Capability, Training, and Competency

Table 4-2 details the capability assessment for the implementation of the OSMP studies. It identifies the minimum number of personnel to manage and implement the OSMP studies and platforms (vessel, aircraft, or vehicles) required to perform the studies. The studies have been grouped where appropriate to ensure effective use of resources.

The number of resources identified is based on the extent of the Planning Area as detailed in Section 1.2.

RPS have confirmed they have a pool of suitably trained and competent personnel to fulfil the requirements of the OSMP.

4.4 Sampling and Analysis Plans for Scientific Monitoring

Study S1 (water quality) and S2 (sediment quality) have implementation times of 72 hours once the study has been activated (refer to Offshore OSMP). Due to the short implementation time, draft standard operating procedures (SOP) have been prepared and are attached in Appendix B.

As the implementation times for the other scientific studies are longer (4–5 days), specific SAPs including SOP will be developed post-event by the Monitoring Provider. These will be based on the details provided in the Offshore OSMP and made fit for purpose to the nature and scale of the actual spill event.

4.5 Study Logistics

All field logistics in regard to survey timing, scheduling and scope are subject to safe operating conditions in accordance with Beach (and/or their Monitoring Providers) health, environment, and safety policies. This includes the requirements for any additional qualifications and training for field personnel (e.g. medicals, BOSIET, HUET, ADAS Level 2, Coxswains etc.)

4.6 Survey Schedule

Survey scheduling (in terms of locations and sampling order) will be at the discretion of the Study Lead considering existing and predicted oil distributions, proximity to environmental sensitivities and forecasted weather/sea state conditions.

4.7 Permits

The worst-case spill scenarios for the OGV Drilling Program may extend into Commonwealth, Victorian, Tasmanian and NSW waters. The permits generally required by the governments are listed in Table 4-3.

Permit applications require details on the samples to be collected (including timing, species, numbers, methods to be used etc.), and can take up to approximately six weeks for approval. However, in the event of an oil spill, this process is likely to expediated and/or given exemptions.

The Monitoring Provider will confirm the need for any permits during the development of an initial SAP once a spill event has occurred.

Table 4-2: OSMP Capability Needs Assessment for the OGV Drilling Program

Scope Description	Operational / Scientific Study	Study Lead	Field / Office Personnel	Platform
Program Manager	All	One Program Manager: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >20 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	N/A	N/A
Oil, water and sediment sampling	O1: Oil characterisation and behaviour O2: Water quality O3: Sediment quality (offshore and intertidal) S1: Water quality impact assessment S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Two vessel personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques • Familiar with oil, water and sediment sampling and recording techniques including insitu profiling). One of the vessel personnel: • Familiar with oil visual observations. Two office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • > 5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in water and sediment quality data analysis	One vessel
Dispersant efficacy	O5: Dispersant efficacy *Note: aerial surveillance requirements are detailed within the Monitor and Evaluate response within the OPEP*	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Two vessel personnel: • Familiar with vessel-based oil spill monitoring • Familiar with relevant sampling techniques (e.g. sub-surface video surveillance, use of fluorometer, water sample collection) One vessel personnel: • Experience with ROV/UVA scopes • Experience with air quality monitoring	One vessel
Fish tainting, impact and recovery	O6: Fish tainting S6: Fisheries impact assessment	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	One vessel personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques (biological tissue sampling, sensory analysis)	One vessel

Scope Description	Operational / Scientific Study	Study Lead	Field / Office Personnel	Platform
			One vessel personnel: • Familiar with oil and water sampling and recording techniques (hydrocarbon sensory assessment, field biological tissue sampling) • Trained and/or experienced olfactory analysts One office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • > 5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experience in analysis and interpretation of biota data	
Intertidal and subtidal habitat impact and recovery	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Four vessel personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Commercial dive qualifications • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques One vessel personnel: • Experienced in commercial ROV operations Two mainland personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques Two office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in identification, analysis and interpretation of benthic habitat data and sediment quality data analysis	One vessel One vehicle
Coastal habitat impact and recovery	O3: Sediment quality (shoreline) S2: Sediment quality (shoreline) impact assessment S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Four mainland personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques Two of the mainland personnel: • Familiar with sediment sampling and recording techniques Two office personnel:	Two vehicles

Scope Description	Operational / Scientific Study	Study Lead	Field / Office Personnel	Platform
			• Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice Experienced in identification, analysis and interpretation of benthic habitat data and sediment quality data analysis	
Marine fauna surveillance, impact and recovery	O4: Marine fauna surveillance S5: Marine fauna impact assessment *Note:* *Aerial surveillance requirements are detailed within the Monitor and Evaluate response within the OPEP* *Oiled, injured, and diseased fauna handling to be undertaken by trained personnel resources are detailed in Oiled Wildlife Response within the OPEP*	Two Study Leads (one for seabirds/shorebirds and one for marine megafauna (marine mammals, sharks, reptiles): • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Four vessel personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques • Familiar with fauna observation and recording techniques One of the vessel personnel: • Familiar with tissue sampling, storage and preservation One of the vessel personnel: • Experienced with ROV/UVA scopes Four field personnel seabird/shorebird: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques Two office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experience in identification, analysis and interpretation of biota data Two office personnel: • Experienced with remote sensing scopes	One Vessel Two vehicles
Heritage and socio-economic	S7: Heritage and socio-economic impact assessment	One Study Lead: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering (or equivalent) • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Familiar OSMP and OPEP, as relevant	Desktop Assessment - One office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental or social science or equivalent • >10 years' experience in environmental/social practice • Experienced in interpretation and management of heritage, social and economic data	N/A
			Field Sampling -	One Vessel

Scope Description	Operational / Scientific Study	Study Lead	Field / Office Personnel	Platform
			Four vessel personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Commercial dive qualifications • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques One vessel personnel: • Experienced in commercial ROV operations Two mainland personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in the relevant sampling and/or recording techniques One office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental or social science or equivalent • >10 years' experience in environmental practice • Experienced in interpretation and management of heritage, social and economic data Two office personnel: • Bachelor degree in environmental science/engineering or equivalent • >5 years' experience in environmental practice	Two vehicles

Table 4-3: Permits that may be required for scientific monitoring

Permit	Relevance	Legislation	Government Agency
Commonwealth			
General Permit Application for: • threatened species and ecological communities • migratory species • whales and dolphins • listed marine species	Required for matters for scientific sampling for matters listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).	EPBC Act	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
Access to Biological Resources in a Commonwealth Area for Non-Commercial Purposes	An applicant must obtain written permission from each Access Provider. The Access Provider must state permission for the applicant to: • enter the Commonwealth area. • take samples from the biological resources of the area. • remove samples from the area.	EPBC Act	DCCEEW
Victoria			
Application for a scientific permit to conduct research in areas managed under the *National Parks Act 1975*	Required for any research activity in marine and intertidal parks protected under Victorian legislation.	National Parks Act 1975	Victoria Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
Application for a scientific permit	Required for any research involving fauna subject to the *Wildlife Act 1975*.	Wildlife Act 1975	Victoria DEECA
Tasmania			
Application for a scientific permit to collect or disturb native fauna	A scientific permit is usually required for any research involving the collection or disturbance of protected wildlife, and the collection of protected wildlife products in Tasmania.	Nature Conservation Act 2002	Tasmania Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRET)
Fishery Permit Application	A Fishery Permit Application is required for the taking of marine fish (including marine invertebrates) for scientific research.	Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995	Tasmania DNRET
Animal Ethics Committee approval	If intending to take or disturb living vertebrate or higher invertebrate wildlife, then Animal Ethics Committee approval from a licensed institution is required.	Animal Welfare Act 1993	Tasmania DNRET

Appendix A Scientific Monitoring Priority Planning Area Summaries

A. 1. Aire River

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	None identified	

A. 2. Albatross Island

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the island in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of the island in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	National Recovery Plan for Albatrosses and Petrels	Oil spills identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).
	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	Oil spill identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).

A. 3. Apollo Bay Marine Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Surface, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	Strategy 3 is based on protection of conservation values from detrimental impacts from environmental incidents; includes requirements for reporting and collaboration with government agencies during response Listed outcomes include: • Impacts associated with environmental incidents are identified and managed appropriately. • Systems for timely reporting of and collaboration on responses to environmental incidents are effective
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General actions to monitor changes in condition and extent

A. 4. Boags Marine Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Surface, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	Strategy 3 is based on protection of conservation values from detrimental impacts from environmental incidents; includes requirements for reporting and collaboration with government agencies during response Listed outcomes include: • Impacts associated with environmental incidents are identified and managed appropriately. • Systems for timely reporting of and collaboration on responses to environmental incidents are effective

A. 5. Curdies Inlet

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the bay Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat Priority actions include those around habitat loss, disturbance and modification, including monitoring progress of recovery through mapping, extent and condition assessments

A. 6. Gellibrand River

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the bay Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition

A. 7. Great Ocean Road and Scenic Environs

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the heritage place in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of heritage place in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area, If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee: Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2020-2025	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat to the coastal environment General activities to monitor changes in condition of the Otway Coast estuaries (Skenes Creek, Kennett River, Wye River) No specific management actions

A. 8. Hopkins River

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the bay Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat Priority actions include those around habitat loss, disturbance, and modification, including monitoring progress of recovery through mapping, extent and condition assessments

A. 9. Hunter Island Group

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the island group in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island group. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of the island group in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island group. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	None for the Short-tailed Shearwater	
	None for the Little Penguin	
	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	Oil spill identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).

A. 10. Johanna River

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the bay Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition

A. 11. Kent Group National Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the national park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the national park. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of the national park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the national park. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Kent Group Management Plan	No specific management actions
	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	Oil spill identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).

A. 12. Lavinia Wetland

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	King Island Biodiversity Management Plan	No specific management actions
	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat. Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes.

A. 13. Lower Aire River Wetlands

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition

A. 14. Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	No specific management actions
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General actions to monitor changes in condition and extent

A. 15. Merri Marine Sanctuary

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	No specific management actions

A. 16. Muttonbird Island

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of island in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of island in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the island If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	None for the Short-tailed Shearwater	
	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	Oil spill identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).

A. 17. Port Campbell Creek

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat Priority actions include those around habitat loss, disturbance and modification, including monitoring progress of recovery through mapping, extent and condition assessments

A. 18. Preminghana Indigenous Protected Area

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the protected area in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of protected area in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area, If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Preminghana Healthy Country Plan	No specific management actions

A. 19. Princetown Wetlands

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of wetland in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the wetland If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition

A. 20. Seaweed Collection

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of area in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area where seaweed collected Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of area in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the area where seaweed collected If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	NA	

A. 21. The Arches Marine Sanctuary

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Sanctuary in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Sanctuary. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and the Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	No specific management actions

A. 22. Victorian and North-west Tasmanian Coast (Southern Right Whale reproduction BIA)

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Surface, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the BIA in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the BIA. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Draft National Recovery Plan for the Southern Right Whale *Eubalaena australis*	Oil spill identified as a threat, potential for greatest impact on southern right whales within or near reproductive BIAs No specific management actions identified

A. 23. Twelve Apostles Marine National Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and the Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	No specific management actions
	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat Priority actions include those around habitat loss, disturbance and modification, including monitoring progress of recovery through mapping, extent and condition assessments
	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed General activities to monitor changes in condition

A. 24. West and North West coast of Tasmania

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of the coastline in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the State waters. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of coastline in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the State waters, If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
• Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
• Management Plans	Approved Conservation Advice for Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat. No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed. General actions to monitor changes in condition and extent.
	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat. Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes
	Wildlife Conservation Plan for Seabirds	Oil spill identified as a threat. For offshore petroleum activities in Commonwealth waters, the titleholder is responsible for managing oil spill response (being accountable under the OPGGS Act and Environment Regulations).

A. 25. Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Shoreline, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP. Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP. Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park. If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore beach profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark. Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation.
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S4: Intertidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Wilsons Promontory National Park Management Plan	No specific management actions
	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat. Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes.
	Approved Conservation for the Assemblages of species associated with open-coast salt-wedge estuaries of western and central Victoria ecological community	Change in water quality (although listed from other sources) is identified as a threat. No specific actions for a post-impact change in water quality listed. General activities to monitor changes in condition.

A. 26. Yellow Rock River

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the bay Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of inlet in relation to the spill source, a linear sampling design is considered appropriate, with samples taken along an inshore-offshore gradient and including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the inlet If shoreline sampling is required, cross-shore profiles from intertidal to above high-water mark Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S4: Intertidal and coastal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	Conservation Advice for Subtropical and Coastal Saltmarsh	Pollution from oil spill events are identified as a threat Actions for this TEC include identifying coastal saltmarsh as important habitat in all oil spill contingency planning and monitor the application of protocols on the management of spills involving saltmarshes

A. 27. Zeehan Marine Park

Element	Description	
Potential oil exposure	Surface, Entrained, Dissolved	
Priority scientific studies	S1: Water quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 1 and B. 2 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
	S2: Sediment quality impact assessment	Refer to B. 3 for SOP Given location of Marine Park in relation to the spill source, a linear / grid sampling design is considered appropriate, including samples from both within and external to the boundaries of the Marine Park Sample design to be confirmed by Monitoring Provider prior to implementation
Other scientific studies that may be implemented at the site	S3: Subtidal habitats impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S5: Marine fauna impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
	S7: Heritage and socioeconomic impact assessment	SOP to be developed post-spill; refer to Offshore OSMP for relevant guides
Management Plans	South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Management Plan 2013-2023	Strategy 3 is based on protection of conservation values from detrimental impacts from environmental incidents; includes requirements for reporting and collaboration with government agencies during response Listed outcomes include: • Impacts associated with environmental incidents are identified and managed appropriately. • Systems for timely reporting of and collaboration on responses to environmental incidents are effective

Appendix B Standard Operating Procedures for Water and Sediment Sampling

The Monitoring Provider will review and confirm / update these SOP to ensure they are fit for purpose for the nature and scale of the spill event prior to the SAP being finalised and sampling commencing.

B. 1. Water Sampling – Surface Waters

The number of water samples will be determined on an ad hoc basis, depending on the nature of the spill, the distribution of the spill in relation to sensitive receivers, the availability of resources on site (i.e. vessel availability) and coordination with others responding to the spill (e.g. Australian Maritime Safety Authority).

Triplicate seawater samples will be collected from impact and control sites. Surface water samples will be collected using a marine grade stainless steel bucket from an available support vessel. Subsurface water samples will be collected using Niskin bottles deployed to the appropriate sample depth. The appropriate sample depth should be determined on site in consultation with other agencies, with regard to the modelled distribution of entrained hydrocarbons and a consideration of potential sensitive receivers. Samples will be collected at a range of depths. As a minimum, samples will be collected from 0.5 m below the surface, 0.5 m above the seabed, and in mid water.

Surface water sampling should be conducted as per the following instructions:

1. Prior to deployment, liaise with the vessel crew to ensure that all personnel are familiar with the planned operation.
2. After reviewing the Decon 90 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), clean the sampling bucket using Decon 90, ensuring you are wearing appropriate PPE, including:
    a. high visibility clothing
    b. safety boots
    c. Personal Floatation Device (PFD) if working on the deck
    d. hard hat (if working on the deck)
    e. safety glasses
    f. nitrile gloves.
3. Rinse the sample bucket thoroughly with deionised water once cleaned with Decon 90.
4. Confirm with the deck supervisor and vessel master that the vessel is on station and is prepared for sampling to proceed.
5. Ensure the sampling location is free of potential sources of contamination, including:
    a. grease and oils
    b. overhead wires
    c. exhaust fumes (e.g. incinerators, engine exhaust, cigarette smoke, etc.)
    d. vessel discharges (e.g. ballast water, grey water, sullage, etc.)
6. Ensure the sampling location is free of entanglement risks (e.g. propellers, thrusters, etc.).
7. Ensure the sampling location is safe (guard rails in place, life ring available), and that weather conditions are suitable for sampling.
8. Prepare the sample containers by labelling them appropriately and completing any required field documentation.
9. Ensure one end of the rope is securely attached to the sampling bucket and the other end to the vessel.
10. Lower the bucket into the water, let the bucket fill and haul it back on board.
11. Once the sample is on board, put on a clean pair of nitrile gloves and collect the water samples using the laboratory sample containers provided. Attempt to collect primarily water in the larger bottles and primarily oil in the smaller bottle. Do not sample rinse the bottles and cap them immediately upon collecting the sample.
12. Once collected, ensure that samples are clearly labelled and stored in the refrigerator.
13. Clean the sampling bucket using Decon 90 (see item 2 above for details) and rinse with deionised water.

B. 2. Water Sampling – Subsurface Waters

Subsurface water sampling will be conducted using Niskin bottles, deployed at appropriate depths. The three 10 L Niskin bottles have Teflon coating and external springs making them suitable for trace and heavy metals and hydrocarbons. The

number of Niskin bottles casts and the amount of bulk water needed will depend on the sampling design. Ensure all staff review and sign the water quality sampling JHA.

Niskin samples will be collected in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Prior to deployment, liaise with the vessel crew to ensure that all personnel are familiar with the planned operation.
2. After reviewing the Decon 90 Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), clean the Niskin bottles using Decon 90, ensuring you are wearing appropriate PPE, including:
    a. high visibility clothing
    b. safety boots
    c. Personal Floatation Device (PFD) if working on the deck
    d. hard hat (if working on the deck)
    e. safety glasses
    f. nitrile gloves
3. Rinse the Niskin bottles thoroughly with deionised water once cleaned with Decon 90. If possible, fill the Niskin bottles with uncontaminated seawater and allow then to sit prior to sampling.
4. Confirm with the deck supervisor and vessel master that the vessel is on station and is prepared for sampling to proceed.
5. Ensure the sampling location is free of potential sources of contamination, including:
    a. grease and oils
    b. overhead wires
    c. exhaust fumes (e.g. incinerators, engine exhaust, cigarette smoke etc.)
    d. vessel discharges (e.g. ballast water, grey water, sullage, etc.).
6. Ensure the sampling location is free of entanglement risks (e.g. propellers, thrusters, etc.).
7. Ensure the sampling location is safe (guard rails in place, life ring available), and that weather conditions are suitable for sampling.
8. Ensure one end of the rope is securely attached to the sampling bucket and the other end to the vessel.
9. Ensure the winch line is clean, smooth and has no broken wires or other things that could obstruct the messenger going down the line.
10. Attach the clump weight to the end of the winch line, approx. 10 – 20 kg (consider current at site).
11. Attach the bottom or deepest bottle 1.5–3 m above the weight.
12. Ensure top air bleed is closed, nozzle is pulled out and the bottle is open or set to sample.
13. Before firing the bottles at depth, allow the bottles to flush with sea water for 1–2 minutes at the sample depth.
14. Send the messenger down the line with enough force that it is going to travel directly down the line.
15. You can keep your hand on the line to feel each bottle close. You should be able to feel a tug on the line as the bottle fires.
16. Raise winch line slowly to retrieve bottles.
17. Take care when removing bottles from the winch line as they will be heavy, and care should be taken not too accidently open the bottles.
18. Decant sea water from the Niskin bottle directly into sample containers.
19. When using carboys, carboys should be rinsed three times with a small amount of the sample water prior to filing with the sample.
20. Prepare the sample containers by labelling them appropriately and completing any required field documentation.
21. Lower the bucket into the water, let the bucket fill and haul it back onboard.
22. Once the sample is onboard, put on a clean pair of nitrile gloves and collect the water samples using the laboratory sample containers provided. Attempt to collect primarily water in the larger bottles and primarily oil in the smaller bottle. Do not sample rinse the bottles and cap them immediately upon collecting the sample.
23. Once collected, ensure samples are clearly labelled and stored in a refrigerator.
24. Clean the sampling bucket using Decon 90 (see item 2 above for details) and rinse with deionised water.

B. 3. Sediment Sampling

Sediment samples will be collected using a van Veen sediment grab (or similar sediment sampling device). Prior to taking a grab sample clean the grab using detergent and a scrubbing brush. Be sure to remove any material adhering to the grab. Ensure all staff review and sign the grab sampling JHA. Sediment samples will be collected in accordance with the following procedure:

Note that the vessel crew will operate the grab with assistance from RPS staff and the winch will be operated by vessel crew. Prior to taking a grab sample clean the grab using detergent and a scrubbing brush. Be sure to remove any material adhering to the grab.

1. Prior to deployment, liaise with the vessel crew to ensure that all personnel are familiar with the planned operation and that clear lines of communication are available.
2. Prepare the grab on the deck, making sure it is securely attached to the vessel winch cable. Mouse any shackles to ensure pin does not come undone under load. Be VERY careful around the grab - always keep clear of the grab jaws. Assume that they may trigger at any time.
3. Take care when the grab is off the deck. NEVER stand under the grab. Check all shackles, etc. before lifting grab off deck. Use strops if required to stabilise the grab.
4. Lower the grab to the seabed, it will trigger when the cable goes slack.
5. Bring the grab to the surface and ensure the sample is sufficient. If the grab begins to swing, lower the grab into the sea to dampen the motion.
6. Open the jaws of the grab slightly to allow emptying of surplus water from the sediment sample but try not to let the fine sediments wash away.
7. Once drained of all free water, open grab completely and empty contents onto a tarpaulin on the deck. Note: due to the mechanics of the grab when opening, surface sediments may be concentrated towards the middle of the sample.
8. Collect a sample of the surface sediments by scraping the 250 ml sample jars through the sediments. Be mindful of contamination sources and ensure that all staff handling samples are wearing clean nitrile gloves.
9. Securely stow the grab onboard when not in use.

B. 4. Cleaning and Care

Niskin bottles should be cleaned with Decon 90 before the sampling trip. Once in the field the bottles should be soaked in sea water. This can be done by attaching the Niskin bottles to the winch line and lowering off the vessel. If time permits, allow the bottles to soak for at least one hour. Avoid touching the internal parts of the Niskin bottle or sampling bucket. Ideally Niskin bottles should be stored upright in racks on the vessel. Take care to store equipment away from potential sources of contamination.

B. 5. Chain of Custody

All samples submitted for analysis will be accompanied by a Chain of Custody (CoC) form. The CoC form will accompany samples during transport and delivery. The form will be signed with the time and date recorded by each individual responsible for the samples including RPS staff and laboratory personnel. Upon each exchange, the CoC form is countersigned and duplicated by the relinquisher. The recipient retains the original. When samples are received by the laboratory, a duplicate of the original will be issued to RPS confirming arrival. The CoC allows RPS to track the samples and ensure that samples arrive at the intended destinations on schedule.

B. 6. Sample Transport and Storage

Water and sediment samples should be transported as soon as practicable to a nominated laboratory (refer to the OSMP Implementation Plan) in appropriate containers (eskies) with ice bricks. The holding times for all samples are 7 days. Samples must be provided to the analytical laboratory within this time period. Liaise with RPS staff regarding sample transport, etc., as outlined in the personnel section of the OSMP Implementation Plan.

The proposed analyses to be undertaken by the primary analytical laboratory are total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) for both sediments and water.