

MARINE BIOREGIONAL PLANNING PROCESS: SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

This summary table provides stakeholders with information on the current status of the 'Marine Bioregional Planning Process' for all Commonwealth 'Marine Bioregional Planning Regions' (Marine Regions), including:

- A list of all Marine Regions in Australian Government (Commonwealth) managed waters
- Web site to each Marine Region
- Date when final Management Plans for each Marine Region will be released (*tentative*)
- Current progress in the planning of each Marine Region
- Key contact person for each Marine Region
- Map showing the location of each Marine Region

This table will be periodically updated in order to: (a) keep the fishing industry informed of the planning process, and (b) remind industry of upcoming public consultation periods, thereby providing industry with sufficient time to contribute to the planning process.

MARINE REGIONS	DATE MARINE BIOREGIONAL PLANS TO BE RELEASED	CURRENT PROGRESS IN PLANNING
<p>South East</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-east/index.html</p> <p>Contact in DEWHA: Sean Lane 02 6274 1925</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The South East Regional Marine Plan was released in May 2004 ○ A Marine Bioregional Plan revised to reflect <i>EPBC Act 1999</i> provisions will be completed by 2010 	<p>Note: in this region, Marine Bioregional Planning will be limited to a realignment of the South East Regional Marine Plan, completed in 2004, to the provisions of Section 176 of the <i>EPBC Act 1999</i></p>
<p>North</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north/index.html</p> <p>Contact in DEWHA: Annemarie Watt 02 6274 2656</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2009 	<p>Marine Bioregional Profile (i.e. information/data base)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed; awaiting approval for public release <p>Draft Marine Bioregional Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional assessment of threats commenced ○ Engagement of experts for scientific input commenced ○ Internal Marine Protected Area work commenced <p>Marine Bioregional Plan:</p>

<p>South West</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-west/index.html</p> <p>Contact in DEWHA: Barbara Musso 03 6208 2940</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2009 	<p>Marine Bioregional Profile (i.e. information/data base):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Released in October 2007 <p>Draft Marine Bioregional Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Stakeholder forums held in Perth and Adelaide in April 2008¹</u> ○ Regional assessment of threats commenced ○ Engagement of experts for scientific input commenced ○ Internal Marine Protected Area work commenced <p>Marine Bioregional Plan:</p>
<p>North West</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/north-west/index.html</p> <p>Contact in DEWHA: Rowan Wylie 03 6208 2930</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2010 	<p>Marine Bioregional Profile (i.e. information/data base):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft completed; undergoing departmental clearance <p>Draft Marine Bioregional Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional assessment of threats commenced ○ Internal Marine Protected Area work commenced <p>Marine Bioregional Plan:</p>
<p>East</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/east/index.html</p> <p>Contact in DEWHA: Sean Lane 02 6274 1925</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2010 	<p>Marine Bioregional Profile (i.e. information/data base):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft completed; undergoing departmental clearance <p>Draft Marine Bioregional Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional assessment of threats commenced ○ Internal Marine Protected Area work commenced <p>Marine Bioregional Plan:</p>

¹ An 'AFMA Management Brief' is available for the Perth and Adelaide meetings (contact: carolyn.stewardson@afma.gov.au)

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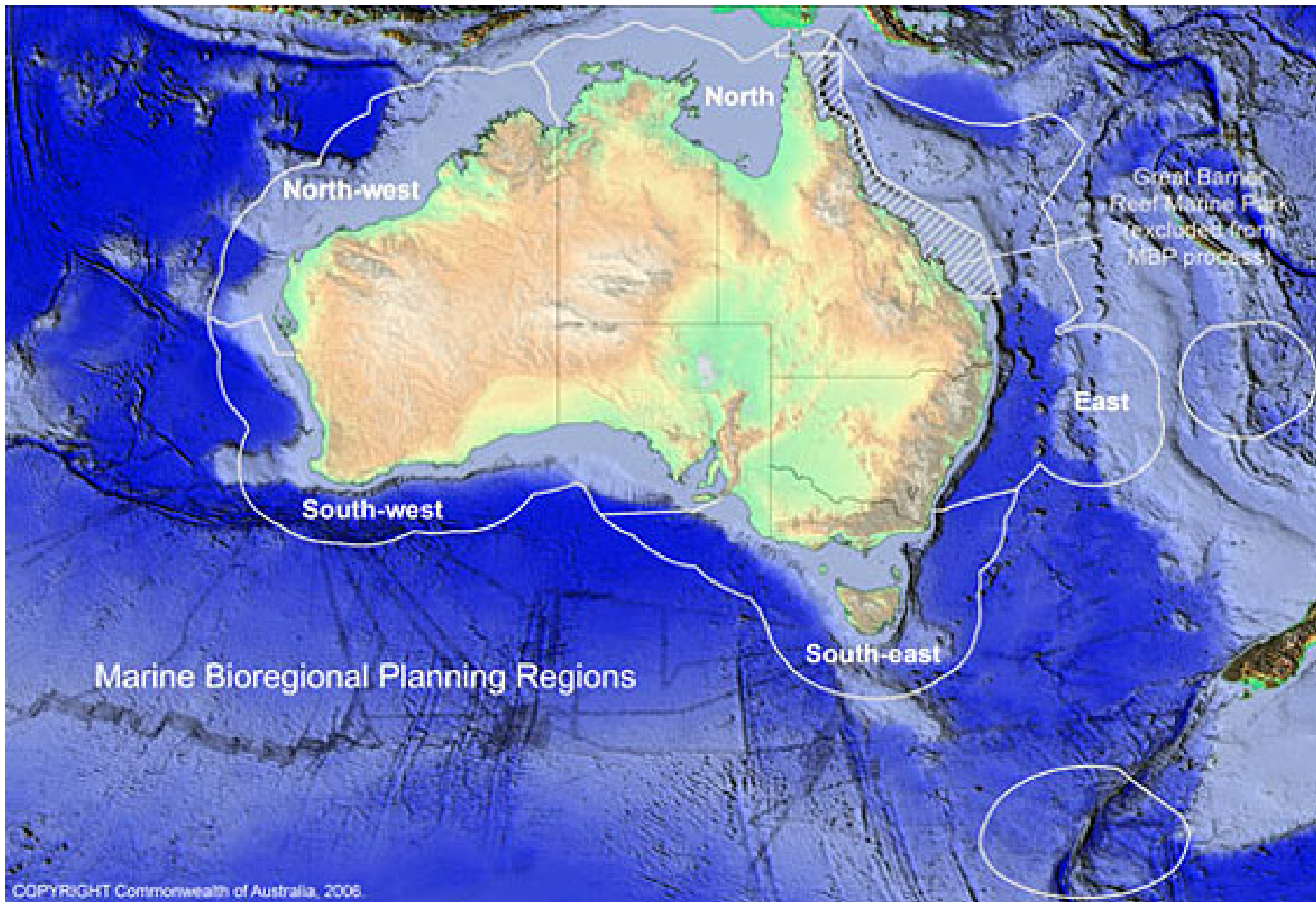


Figure 1 Marine Bioregional Planning Regions (© DEWHA web site). Note: The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (GBRMP) is declared and managed under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* and the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983*. The GBRMP is zoned under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003*.