

# Marine parks permits for commercial photography and filming

## When will I need a permit?

A permit will be required for commercial photography, film making, videotaping or otherwise recording images or sound undertaken for fee or reward in marine park sanctuary zones. This applies if the activity is on assignment for another party, if it is for selling or hiring the imagery or if it is for the promotion of a product or service.

News services (television, radio, print and internet) preparing for news coverage do not require a permit.

A marine parks permit is not required for activities authorised under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* or the *Wilderness Protection Act 1992*. These activities will be considered as part of internal Government referral processes.

In addition, not additional permit will be required for a filming or photography activity that occurs in conjunction with another activity for which a marine parks permit has been issued. For example, photography undertaken as part of a tourism operation, or underwater filming with a research permit will only require one marine parks permit.

Issuing of permits will support safe practices for photographers and film makers and will help ensure that their activities do not damage sensitive ecosystems in marine parks or restrict the access of other users. The cumulative impacts of all activities in specific locations can also be considered and the process will inform on-going adaptive marine parks management.

## How do I get a permit?

Application forms for commercial filming and photography are available at this link:

[www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/permits](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/marineparks/permits)

Assessment of applications will include consideration of:

- consistency with the management plan for the marine park
- potential impacts on the marine environment
- potential impacts on others, including consideration of the scale of the activity, number of persons involved, expected duration
- opportunities for promotion and education about marine parks and their values and marine conservation generally
- depiction of activities which are contrary to the objects of the *Marine Parks Act 2007*, or are offensive or defamatory.

## What will a permit cost?

Application fees are payable for commercial filming and photography permits. Details about fee payment are available on the [permit application form](#).

## What is the term for permits?

Permits will be issued for a maximum of 12 months, unless otherwise agreed.

## What are my responsibilities?

It is your responsibility to obtain and comply with any other approvals or permits required, such local Council approvals.

Every permit will be issued with conditions. It is your responsibility to ensure that these conditions are met. Breaches of any conditions may result in cancellation of the permit and termination of the activity.

## More information

**If you have a question, contact:**

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