

## SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 11 December 2007

#### Meeting 11: Tuesday 11 December 2007

Members of the Scientific Working Group would like to advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation that the following outcomes were achieved at its eleventh meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2007.

- ❖ SWG members present included Anthony Cheshire (Chair), Bronwyn Gillanders, Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd and Matthias Tomczak; apologies from Sean Connell, Peter Fairweather, and Cath Kemper.
- ❖ The SWG was informed about updates to the design principles guiding the development of South Australia's marine park boundaries and members provided advice on habitat and life-stage vulnerabilities principles in particular.
- ❖ The SWG moved to adopt the design principles related to its business once some suggested changes were carried out, and it considered that the biophysical principles 1 to 14 provided appropriate technical rigor to the marine parks program.
- ❖ Input to the *Draft Outer Boundaries Proposal for South Australia's Representative System of Marine Protected Areas* continued with a review of the design principles, data and information in section 3.
- ❖ The SWG was asked to identify significant biological and/or technical weaknesses in the *Draft Outer Boundaries Proposal* such that it suggested some changes to locations 9, 12, 13, 17 and 19 to capture key habitats and better link with protected areas, eg aquatic reserves and the Canunda National Park.
- ❖ Discussions also occurred about potential linkages between the SWG and the Marine Parks Council of South Australia (MPCSA), with the SWG proposing that a formal recommendation be made to the Minister to align the SWG and MPCSA through a review of the SWG's terms of reference.