

SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

COMMUNIQUE – MEETING No. 27 13 October 2009

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 13 October 2009: Anthony Cheshire (chair), Peter Fairweather, Hugh Kirkman, Scoresby Shepherd, Martine Kinloch, Cath Kemper and Sean Connell. Apologies were received from Bronwyn Gillanders and Hazel Lindsay. At the meeting the SWG:

- Undertook a detailed assessment on the Design Principle selection criteria and key performance indicators (KPIs) on zoning arrangements in parks. This process provided re-enforcement for the application of the broader Design Principles (outer boundaries). The SWG outlined KPIs in relation to Design Principles, but noted that further work was required in relation to assessment of Connectivity and Linkages and Resilience and Vulnerability. The SWG reiterate the need to make effective use of community knowledge to augment identification of areas of ecological significance.
 - Endorsed the approach for the Encounter Report Card and identified areas to improve its approach as a template for the other marine park zoning plans. The SWG concluded that the approach should be applied for the evaluation of zoning proposals.
 - Committed to spend time entering ecological information based on their own scientific knowledge into South Australia's Marine Parks Information Tool (SAMPIT) at their November meeting.
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