

Yorke Peninsula MARINE PARKS

*Incorporating the Eastern Spencer Gulf, Southern Spencer Gulf,
Lower Yorke Peninsula and Upper Gulf St Vincent Marine Parks*



**ENJOY LIFE IN OUR
MARINE PARKS.**



Government
of South Australia



Why we need Marine Parks

Southern Australia is lucky to have some of the most spectacular coastline in the world and an even greater variety of marine life than the Great Barrier Reef.

Our marine areas boast iconic species such as the southern right whale, bottlenose dolphin, leafy sea dragon, great white shark, Australian pelican, little penguin, Australian sea lion and giant cuttlefish.

Some of our marine life is found nowhere else on earth.

South Australia's marine environment is under pressure from population growth, development and pollution.

To help protect both our native species and the beautiful marine environment they call home, South Australia has created a system of marine parks as an investment in the state's future.



Enjoying marine parks

Over the years, more than 21 per cent of South Australia's land has been set aside for conservation in parks and reserves.

Our marine parks are much the same. They help protect and conserve our marine environment while allowing us to enjoy the beauty of the scenery and a variety of recreational activities many South Australians love such as fishing, boating, swimming, diving, surfing and paddling.

The majority of South Australian waters is still available for fishing.

South Australia already has a vibrant tourism industry and it is anticipated our marine parks will also offer the state economic benefits in the form of increased tourism and new regional business opportunities.

Let's respect and enjoy our marine parks so our marine environment and animals have a healthy future. Your marine life will be protected and so will theirs.

Eastern Spencer Gulf
Marine Park

Southern Spencer Gulf
Marine Park

Lower Yorke Peninsula
Marine Park

Upper Gulf St Vincent
Marine Park





the YORKE PENINSULA region

How marine parks protect our marine life

Many South Australian marine parks include feeding and breeding sites for some of our best-loved marine animals as well as fish and shellfish nursery areas.

Some of these areas, such as seagrass meadows, reefs and mangroves, are incredibly fragile and will benefit from the extra protection provided by sanctuary zones.

These areas only take up about six per cent of our waters and will not allow mining, trawling or fishing, giving marine animals a safe place to retreat and go about the business of breeding, caring for young and growing to adulthood.

Protecting nurseries and other critical habitats can only result in stronger, healthier fish populations in the long term, and what is good for fish is also good for the marine food chain and for both recreational and commercial fishing.

What does this mean for fishing?

Marine parks have been carefully designed to avoid popular recreational fishing areas; and access to jetties, boat ramps and popular beaches has not been affected.

The Government has also allowed two years for the restrictions on fishing to come into effect to enable people to prepare for the changes.

Marine parks - together with fisheries management - are an important investment for our future. Healthy fish means healthy fishing!

Tourism

Yorke Peninsula is one of South Australia's key tourism destinations, with its reputation for fine seafood, sun, surf and relaxed summer holidays. 'Yorkes' has been a popular centre for the state's surfers for many years, while Edithburgh jetty is always a hive of activity for fishers and divers.

Nurturing local marine life

The marine parks of Yorke Peninsula protect some of SA's most important marine habitats, including mangrove forests and fish breeding grounds and important bird breeding and feeding sites. With their beautiful beaches and undersea treasures, the parks are places of spectacular natural beauty.

Enjoying the region

Yorke Peninsula offers many excellent locations for beach, jetty and boat fishing, for recreational and commercial fishers alike. The region boasts spectacular coastal scenery as well as many great places to swim, snorkel, surf or dive or just relax on the beach, and colourful reef fish make it a winner for divers.

How will I know where to fish?

Zoning maps are available online at www.marineparks.sa.gov.au or by phoning 1800 006 120. Maps are also available for smart phones by downloading the MyParx app.



MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS

More than 40 species of migratory shorebirds have been recorded on Troubridge Island. The fragile sand island is an important feeding ground for species including black-faced cormorants, little penguins and crested terns.



REEF FISH

The area is rich in site-attached reef fish, such as the colourful harlequin fish and the blue groper, which can live in a relatively small area for up to several decades.



SPOTTED STINGAREE

Moderately common in shallow waters of SA, the spotted stingaree lives on sandy bottoms often amongst seagrass.

MARINE PARK 11

Eastern Spencer Gulf



All recreation
Enjoy all recreation including fishing.



Sanctuary zones
Enjoy diving, boating, surfing and non motorised watersports.



Restricted area
No public access (existing).



Existing Aquatic Reserves



Shore based recreational line fishing permitted in these parts of Sanctuary Zones and Restricted Areas.

Fast facts

- South Australia has 19 marine parks to help protect our marine life.
- The parks contain small sanctuary zones where fishing, mining, aquaculture and trawling are not permitted.
- Sanctuary zones take up about 6 per cent of state waters leaving plenty of places to wet a line, including from jetties, boat ramps and popular beaches.
- You can still travel through a sanctuary zone with fish and fishing gear on board, and anchor if you need to.
- Diving, boating, surfing and non-motorised watersports are all welcome in sanctuary zones.
- For more information and detailed zoning maps, please visit www.marineparks.sa.gov.au

Cape Elizabeth

• The Gap

• Tiparra

• Balgowan

Yorke Peninsula

• Chinaman Wells

Reef Point

• Point Pearce

Beatrice Rock



Goose Island

Point Pearce

Rocky Island

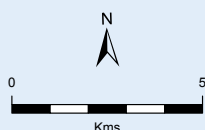
Bikini Islets

Wardang Island

Bird Point

• Port Victoria

Rifle Butts Beach





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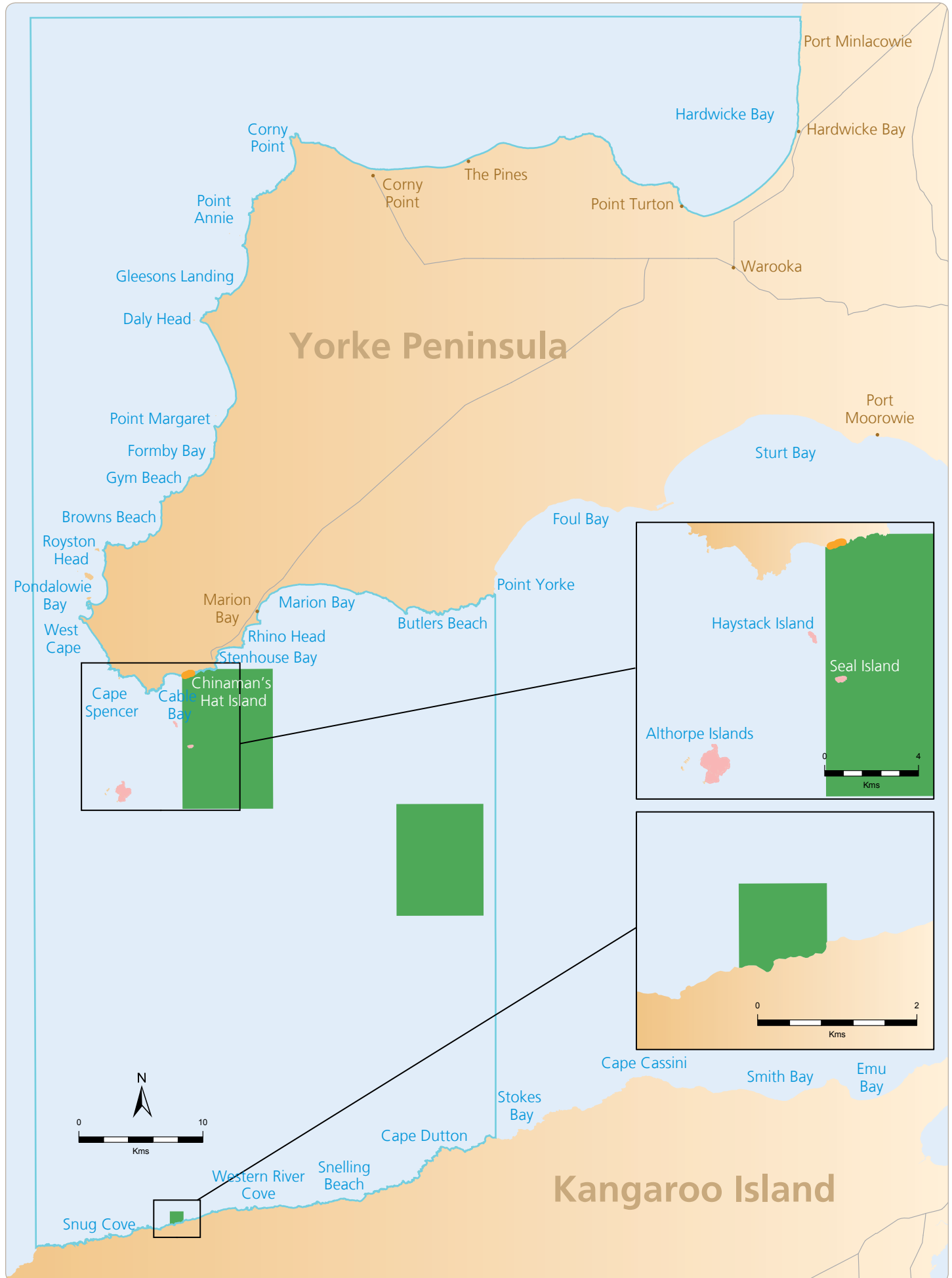
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(existing).



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MARINE PARK 13
Lower Yorke Peninsula





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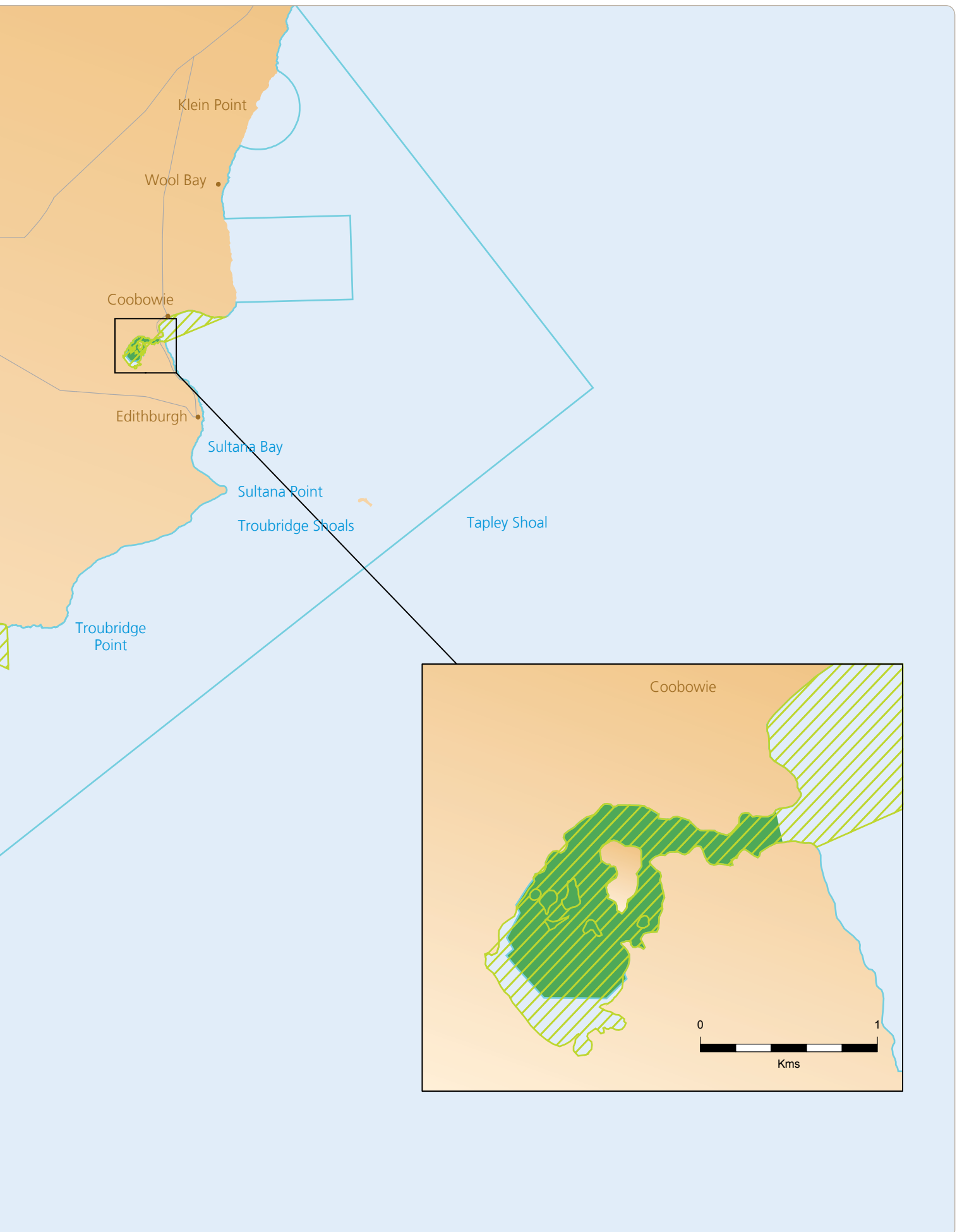
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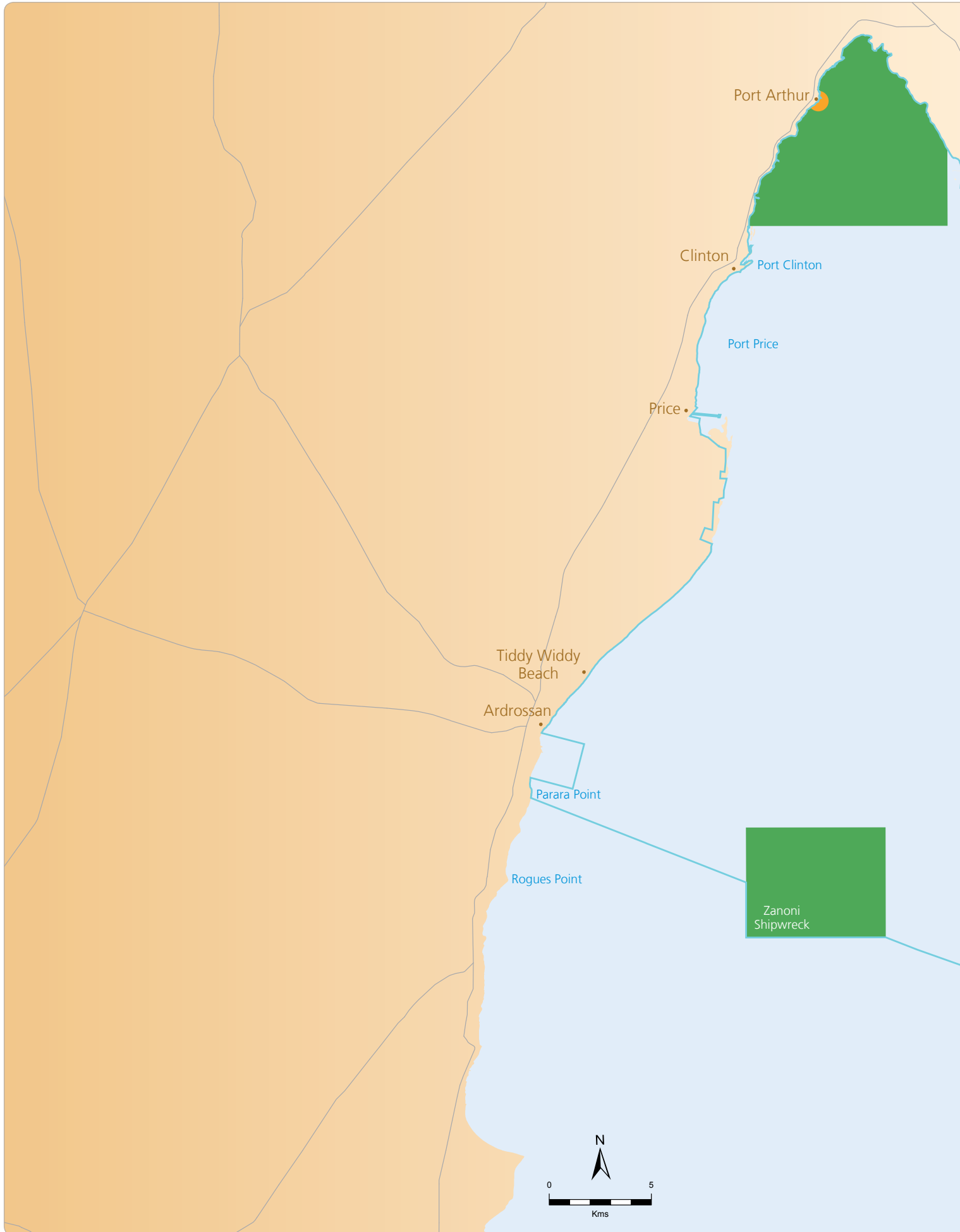
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MARINE PARK 14
Upper Gulf St Vincent





All recreation

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Sanctuary zones

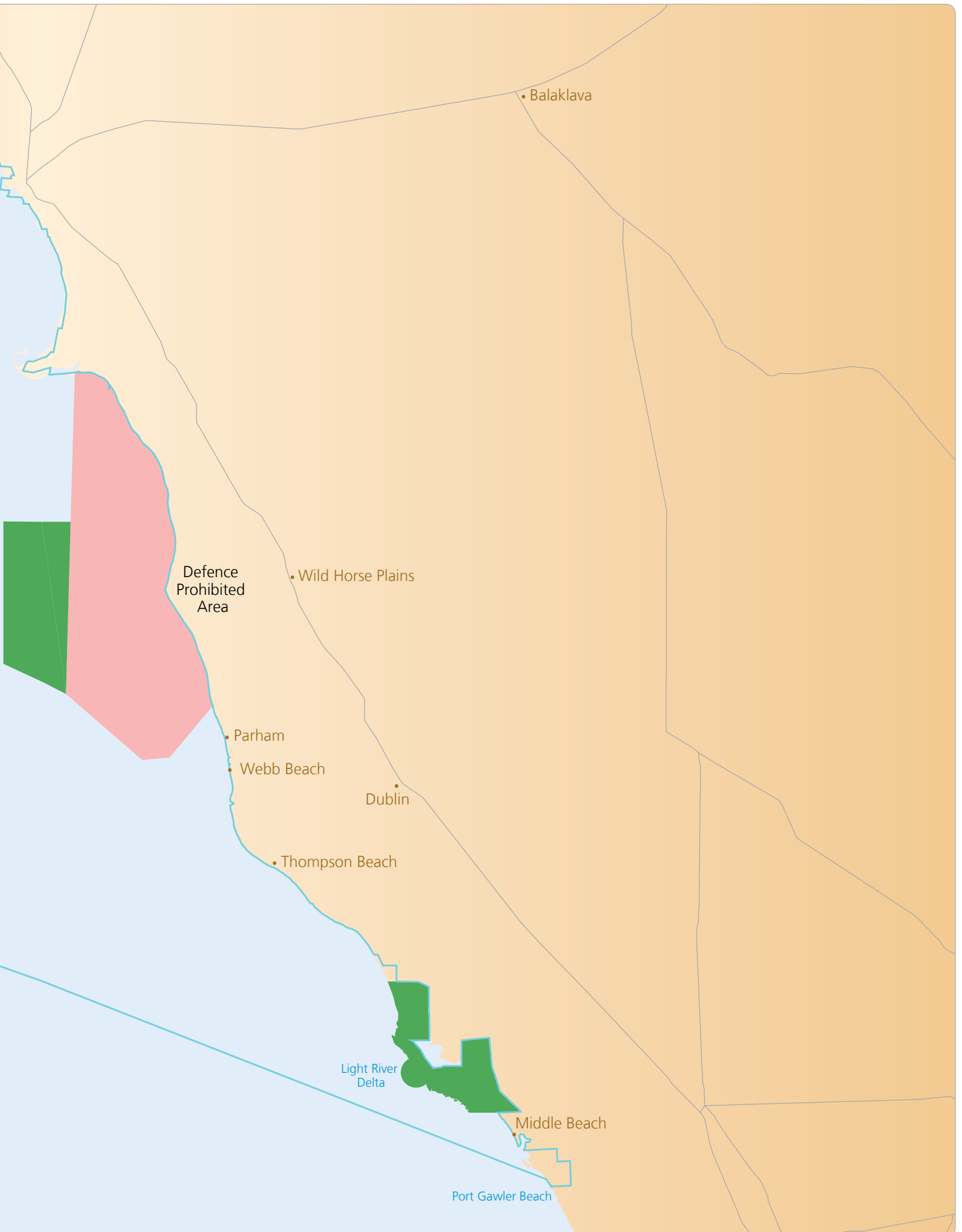
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Fishing with your family is just one of the many great things to enjoy in our 19 new marine parks. From swimming and diving to boating and fishing — you can enjoy all your favourite activities in marine parks. It's only in the sanctuary areas of marine parks — which take up about 6% of state waters — that fishing soon won't be permitted, to help protect fragile habitat and breeding sites for some of our best-loved marine life. There's more variety of marine life in Southern Australian waters than the Great Barrier Reef. Let's respect our marine parks so we can enjoy our marine life in the future.

For more information visit marineparks.sa.gov.au



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