

CARING FOR THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

• Reduce boat speed around dugongs, turtles and whales. Approach dugongs and turtles at slow speed and keep about 50 m distance. Stay 100 m from whales and do not go within 30° either side of their direction of travel.



• Dugongs, dolphins and turtles frequent seagrass banks and are at risk of being hit by boats. Each year animals are injured or killed by propellers. Note the location of seagrass banks and avoid crossing shallow areas.

• Propellers also destroy seagrass. These plants are the key ecological driver in Shark Bay and once removed, they can take decades to recover. If the tide is low and you cannot cross a bank without dragging your propeller through seagrass, turn back and go around.



• Coral anchors cause severe damage to coral and seagrass and should not be used. Anchor only in bare sand.

• Shark Bay is rich in bird life, including migratory and breeding seabirds. It is also Australia's most important nesting area for loggerhead turtles. Observe and conserve – do not disturb nesting turtles and seabird colonies.



• Fish for the future. Take only what you need. Observe statewide possession limits now in place. Quickly return undersize and unwanted fish to the water. Discard of all rubbish and fishing line appropriately.



Shark Bay, it's
in your hands...

When boating and fishing

DO

- Know zone boundaries and regulations
- Fish for the future: Fish for a feed, not for the freezer
- Watch for dugongs, dolphins and turtles
- Dispose of litter responsibly, especially fishing line and plastics
- Catch and release your fish carefully
- Dispose of fish offal 1 km offshore

DON'T

- Fish in Sanctuary Zones
- Spearfish on SCUBA or hookah
- Cross seagrass banks at low tide
- Use coral anchors
- Disturb wildlife
- Camp on islands

When driving and camping

DO

- Stay on tracks to protect our vegetation
- Dispose of rubbish appropriately
- Reduce tyre pressure when going off-road

DON'T

- Drive on algal mats along shorelines
- Damage root systems under mangroves
- Collect firewood or damage vegetation
- Take pets into the National Park

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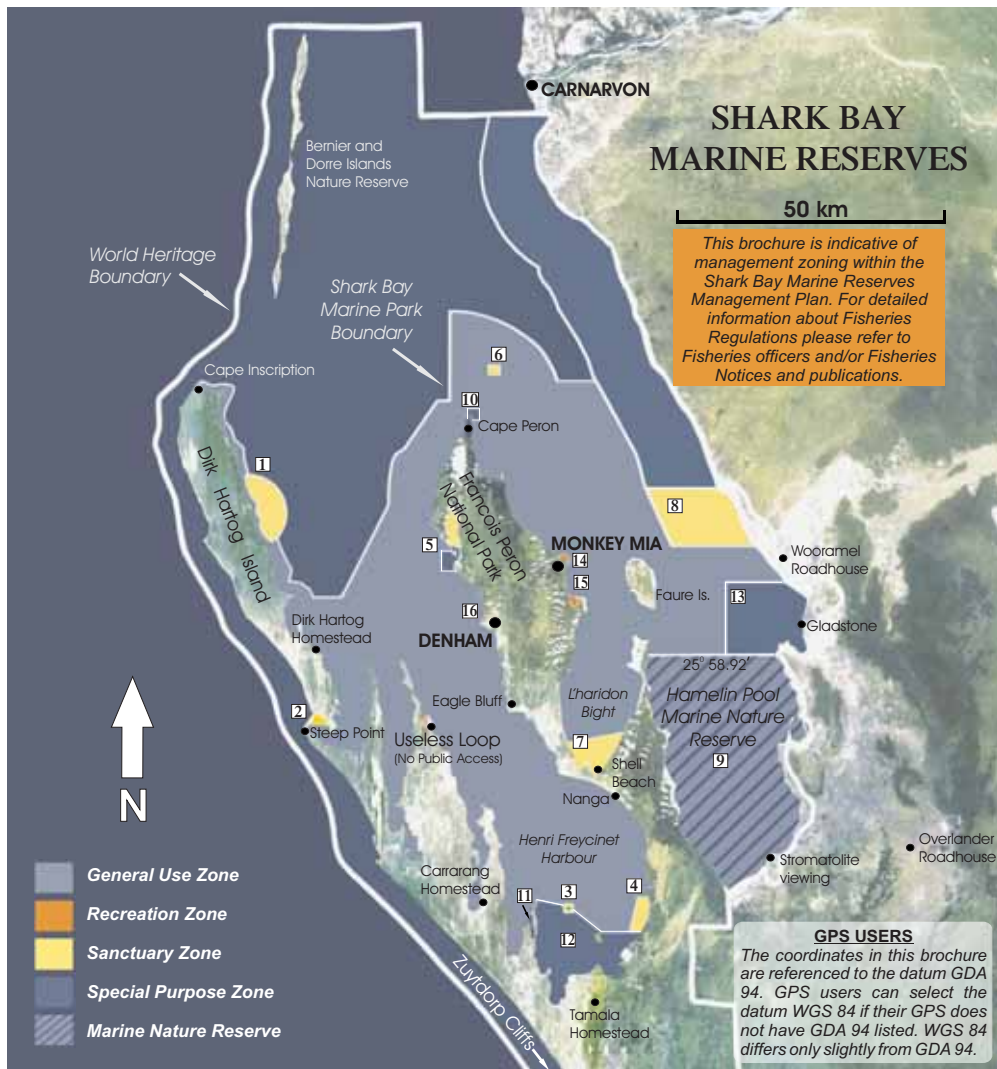
SHARK BAY MARINE PARK AND HAMELIN POOL MARINE NATURE RESERVE

Visitors' Guide



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Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve

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Protects the world's most diverse and abundant stromatolite community.

Includes all waters south of 25° 58.92' latitude.

All fishing prohibited.

Cape Peron Special Purpose Zone

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A 25° 30.83' 113° 29.98'
 B 25° 29.70' 113° 29.98'
 C 25° 29.70' 113° 31.63'
 D 25° 30.84' 113° 31.63'
 E 25° 30.84' 113° 31.01'

Boorabuggatta Special Purpose Zone

11

A 26° 29.33' 113° 36.89'
 B 26° 29.33' 113° 37.10'

Freycinet Special Purpose Zone

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A 26° 27.79' 113° 37.89'
 B 26° 29.05' 113° 41.11'
 C 26° 31.85' 113° 46.34'
 D 26° 31.92' 113° 51.98'

Sandy Point Sanctuary Zone

1

A 25° 43.24' 113° 04.27'

2.5 nm radius around Sandy Pt. Excludes waters within 0.5 nm of shore.

Tip: Enter Sandy Pt as waypoint. GPS will tell you how far away you are.

Big Lagoon Sanctuary and Special Purpose Zone

5

A 25° 45.92' 113° 27.25'
 B 25° 46.09' 113° 28.08'
 C 25° 46.72' 113° 27.47'
 D 25° 46.72' 113° 26.60'
 E 25° 48.54' 113° 26.60'
 F 25° 48.54' 113° 27.82'

Gladstone Special Purpose Zone

13

A 25° 50.54' 114° 8.73'
 B 25° 50.54' 114° 15.42'
 C 25° 58.92' 114° 11.76'
 D 25° 58.92' 114° 8.73'

Excludes waters 0.25 nm offshore between latitudes 25° 55.87' and 25° 57.16'.

Waters closed to boating:
 1 Sept - 15 Mar
 1 Dec - 31 Mar

Surf Point Sanctuary Zone

2

A 26° 7.35' 113° 10.89'
 B 26° 7.8' 113° 10.42'
 C 26° 7.8' 113° 12.18'

Tip: If fishing inside line between Steep Pt and Surf Pt you are required to be south of 26° 7.8' latitude.

Gudrun Wreck Sanctuary Zone

6

A 25° 24.85' 113° 31.01'
 B 25° 24.85' 113° 32.22'
 C 25° 25.96' 113° 32.22'
 D 25° 25.96' 113° 31.01'

Monkey Mia Recreation Zone

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A 25° 47.57' 113° 43.20'

800 m radius around NW corner of jetty. Waterskiing and jetskiing not permitted.

Tip: Enter point A as waypoint. GPS will tell you how far away you are.

Mary Anne Island Sanctuary Zone

3

A 26° 28.55' 113° 40.54'
 B 26° 28.55' 113° 41.65'
 C 26° 29.61' 113° 41.65'
 D 26° 29.61' 113° 40.54'

L'haridon Bight Sanctuary Zone

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A 26° 9.92' 113° 43.02'
 B 26° 8.30' 113° 50.28'

Dubaut Inlet Recreation Zone

15

A 25° 51.84' 113° 43.50'
 B 25° 51.90' 113° 43.50'

Eighteen Mile Beach Sanctuary Zone

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A 26° 25.92' 113° 51.86'
 B 26° 25.92' 113° 53.06'
 C 26° 31.92' 113° 51.98'
 D 26° 31.92' 113° 50.85'

Disappointment Reach Sanctuary Zone

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A 25° 37.92' 113° 53.15'
 B 25° 37.92' 114° 2.43'
 C 25° 45.92' 114° 9.83'
 D 25° 45.92' 113° 58.35'

Little Lagoon Recreation Zone

16

A 25° 53.95' 113° 31.25'
 B 25° 53.95' 113° 31.42'
 C 25° 54.24' 113° 31.40'
 D 25° 54.24' 113° 31.25'



Shark Bay

is one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders. The region is renowned for its unique and abundant marine life and the rugged beauty of its wild landscape.

Shark Bay Marine Park and the Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve were created in 1990 to help preserve the outstanding natural features of the region. The waters also comprise more than 70% of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, inscribed in 1991.

Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve was created to protect the stromatolites and microbial mats of Hamelin Pool. It is the highest level of protection that can be given to a marine area in Western Australia. All marine life in Hamelin Pool is totally protected. Fishing is prohibited.



Recreational fishing has long been a popular activity in the Shark Bay region. The Shark Bay Marine Park was declared to conserve Shark Bay's rich marine biodiversity while allowing public enjoyment of the region.



Within the Marine Park and Marine Nature Reserve some activities, including fishing, are restricted. These restrictions are in addition to normal

Department of Fisheries size, bag and area limits. In order to provide for a wide range of uses with minimal conflict, the Shark Bay Marine Park has also been divided into four types of Zone.

ZONING IN THE SHARK BAY MARINE PARK

Sanctuary Zones

- *All fishing and collecting prohibited*

Sanctuary Zones provide total protection for marine communities. They allow visitors to observe undisturbed marine life in its natural state. These Zones serve as nurseries and help replenish stocks in exploited areas.

Special Purpose Zones

- *Permitted activities vary for each Zone depending on the value being protected*

Special Purpose Zones protect specific features or habitats from particular threats. Permissible activities vary for each Zone depending on the Zone's purpose. In the Cape Peron, Big Lagoon and Boorabuggatta Special Purpose Zones, set netting and spearfishing are not permitted. Waterskiing and freestyle jetskiing are also not permitted in these areas.

Recreation Zones

- *Commercial fishing not permitted*

These Zones provide priority use for recreation activities. Commercial fishing, aquaculture, spearfishing, netting and drop netting for crabs are not permitted in Recreation Zones.

General Use Zone

- *Spearfishing on SCUBA or hookah prohibited*

This Zone is the major portion of the Marine Park. While these waters have high conservation value, they do not require special zoning protection given the existing levels of use and threats. However, **spearfishing on SCUBA or hookah is prohibited in the entire Marine Park.**

FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN SHARK BAY MARINE RESERVES

All fishing prohibited in:

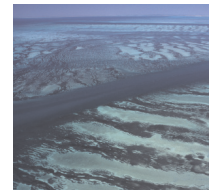
- Sanctuary Zones
- Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve



Fishing is permitted in all other areas, except the restrictions on the types listed below. These are in addition to normal Fisheries restrictions.

Netting (set, haul and throw) prohibited in:

- Sanctuary Zones
- Recreation Zones
- Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve
- In Cape Peron, Big Lagoon and Boorabuggatta Special Purpose Zones, only set netting is prohibited.



Drop nets for crabs prohibited in:

- Sanctuary Zones
- Recreation Zones
- Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve



Spearfishing prohibited in:

- Sanctuary Zones
- Recreation Zones
- Cape Peron, Big Lagoon and Boorabuggatta Special Purpose Zones
- Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve
- Spearfishing on SCUBA or hookah prohibited in all areas

