



# Proposed Dampier Archipelago Marine Park and Cape Preston Marine Management Area

A history of the planning process



# 1. Compilation of ecological and social information

- Marine biological surveys:
  - August 1999 and May 2000
  - Habitat mapping
  - Wildlife distribution
  - Oceanography
- Social surveys:
  - 1999 and 2000
  - Recreational human usage
  - Commercial activities
- Information published in CALM's *Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston Regional Perspective* report (2000).



## 2. Analysis of community issues

- In 2000, CALM interviewed approximately 106 key stakeholders from the local area.
- *An Analysis of Issues Relating to the Proposed Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston Marine Conservation Reserve* (Osborne and Monks, 2000).



### 3. Advisory Committee develops draft Indicative Management Plan

- Community-based Advisory Committee was appointed in May 2000.
- Mix of local and Perth-based members.
- Advisory Committee met nine times between August 2000 and February 2003.
- Decided on
  - reserve category
  - boundaries
  - zoning scheme
  - management strategies





# Ecological values

- Within the Pilbara Nearshore (PIN) bioregion (IMCRA, 1997)
- WA Museum Survey → richest known area of marine biodiversity in WA
- Wide range of habitats, including:
  - mangroves
  - macroalgal and seagrass communities
  - coral reefs
  - mudflats
  - soft sediment communities
  - intertidal reef platforms
- Important fauna:
  - Turtles
  - Marine mammals
  - Invertebrates
  - Seabirds
  - Fish



# Social values

- Aboriginal heritage
- Ports and shipping
- Industry
- Recreational fishing
- Pearling and aquaculture
- Commercial fishing
- Nature-based tourism
- Recreational activities
- Maritime history
- Research
- Education



## 4. Sector Reference Groups (SRGs)

- Identified to facilitate community input into the Advisory Committee.
- Nine sectors identified:
  - Aboriginal interests
  - Conservation
  - Tourism
  - Industry
  - Aquaculture and pearling
  - Commercial fishing
  - Recreational fishing
  - Other recreational use
  - Maritime heritage
- Two way flow of information:
  - SRGs provided with regular updates of Advisory Committee meeting outcomes, often with requests for feedback.
  - Feedback from SRGs given to the Advisory Committee for consideration.



## 5. Broader community consultation undertaken by CALM

- Between 2000 & 2003 CALM undertook extensive community consultation.
- Visual and manned displays at Wickham, Dampier, Karratha Shopping Centres.
- Visual displays at local community libraries (Karratha, Dampier, Roebourne, Wickham, Port Hedland, South Hedland, Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Pannawonica), and local workplaces.





## 5. Community consultation (cont...)

- Three calls for comment regarding the zoning scheme (March 2002, July 2002 and November 2003).
- Three public meetings held to facilitate input and discussion on proposed zoning.
- Numerous briefings and presentations to local community groups (such as local fishing clubs).
- A number of media releases resulting in articles in local and state newspapers, newsletters and television and radio interviews.



# Calls for comment on zoning scheme

## 1. March 2002

- First draft of zoning scheme
- Posted to 77 stakeholders
- 57 submissions (74%) received

- 7 commercial fishing
- 1 aquaculture
- 5 tourism
- 5 conservation
- 32 recreational fishing
- 1 pearling
- 3 industry
- 1 science
- 2 indigenous





# Calls for comment on zoning scheme

2. July 2002

- Second draft of zoning scheme
- Posted to 105 stakeholders
- 45 submissions (43%) received

- 1 aquarium fishing
- 2 major industry
- 2 science
- 35 recreational users
- 2 petitions (recreational), signed by 36 and 88 people
- 2 charter tour operators
- 1 conservation
- 2 government



# Calls for comment on zoning scheme

## 3. January 2003

### – Third draft

- proposed Delambre Island sanctuary zone
- consultation with seven individuals who had made submissions on this zone in last round of comment

### – Written summary of advisory committee recommendations (including changes to zoning scheme) posted to 105 stakeholders – advice only.





# Calls for comment on zoning scheme

## 4. November 2003

- Fourth draft of zoning scheme
- Posted to 106 stakeholders
- 21 responses (20%) received

- 2 recreational fishing
- 1 pearling
- 4 industry
- 4 conservation
- 2 tourism
- 1 commercial fishing
- 2 aquarium fishing
- 2 recreational users
- 2 science
- 1 indigenous



## 6. Development of the Indicative Management Plan (IMP)

- Content and direction of the IMP developed by Advisory Committee in conjunction with the community.
- Draft IMP finalised by CALM in July 2003 based on recommendations of Advisory Committee.
- Concern regarding low level of input received by Aboriginal stakeholders.
- Contention surrounding waters of Nickol Bay and waters of the Dampier Port.
- Noting these concerns, Advisory Committee presented draft IMP to the MPRA for consideration.



# 7. First Advice provided by the MPRA

- Draft plan was formally endorsed on 21 August 2003.
- Recommended changes:
  - ecological management targets
  - minor text adjustment to the zoning section
- On 29 August 2003, the MPRA advised the Minister for the Environment:
  - to proceed with the release of the plan for public comment
  - that CALM and DoF should determine the appropriate boundary in the northern part of Nickol Bay
  - to seek advice from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure regarding the Dampier Port boundaries
  - to initiate further consultation with the Traditional Owners in the area



## 8. The decision by the Minister for the Environment

- The Minister requested that CALM do an additional request for comment on the proposed zoning scheme (November 2003).
- Zoning scheme forwarded to SRGs and stakeholders for a further round of consultation.
- Comment period closed 5 December 2004.



## 9. Second Advice provided by the MPRA

- MPRA considered the additional input.
- MPRA considered that no further amendments to the plan were necessary.
- MPRA forwarded advice to the Minister on 4 February 2004 confirming original advice that the plan be released for public comment.





## 10. Ministerial concurrence

- Further consultation with stakeholders was undertaken in Karratha in late April 2004.
- Involved the Member for Burrup and staff from the offices of the Minister for the Environment, and the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- On 28 June 2004, the Minister for State Development provided his approval to release the plan for public comment subject to several amendments being made to the text of the plan.



## 10. Ministerial concurrence (cont...)

- The Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries requested changes to the zoning scheme of the proposed Dampier Archipelago Marine Park.
- After Ministerial liaison it was decided to make amendments to the IMP.



# 11. Release of the Indicative Management Plan

- On 11 January 2005, the Minister for the Environment released the IMP for public comment.
- The public submission period closed on 10 May 2005.





