A vibrant underwater photograph showing a large, branching red sea fan (gorgonian) in the foreground. Below it is a coral reef with various species of coral, including some with white, yellow, and brown patterns. The water is a deep blue in the background, with a few small, dark fish swimming.

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

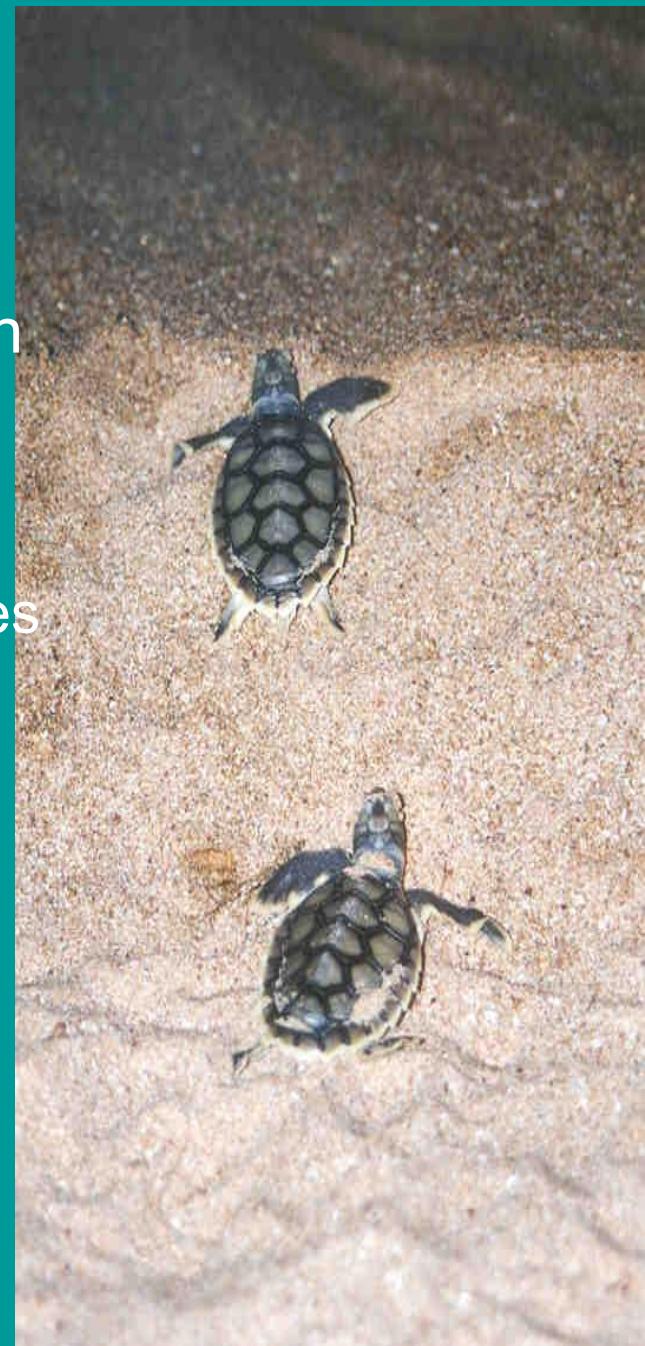
- Community-based Advisory Committee was appointed in May 2000.
- Mix of local and Perth-based members.
- Advisory Committee met nine times between August 2000 and February 2003.
- Decided on
 - reserve category
 - boundaries
 - zoning scheme
 - management strategies



Ecological values

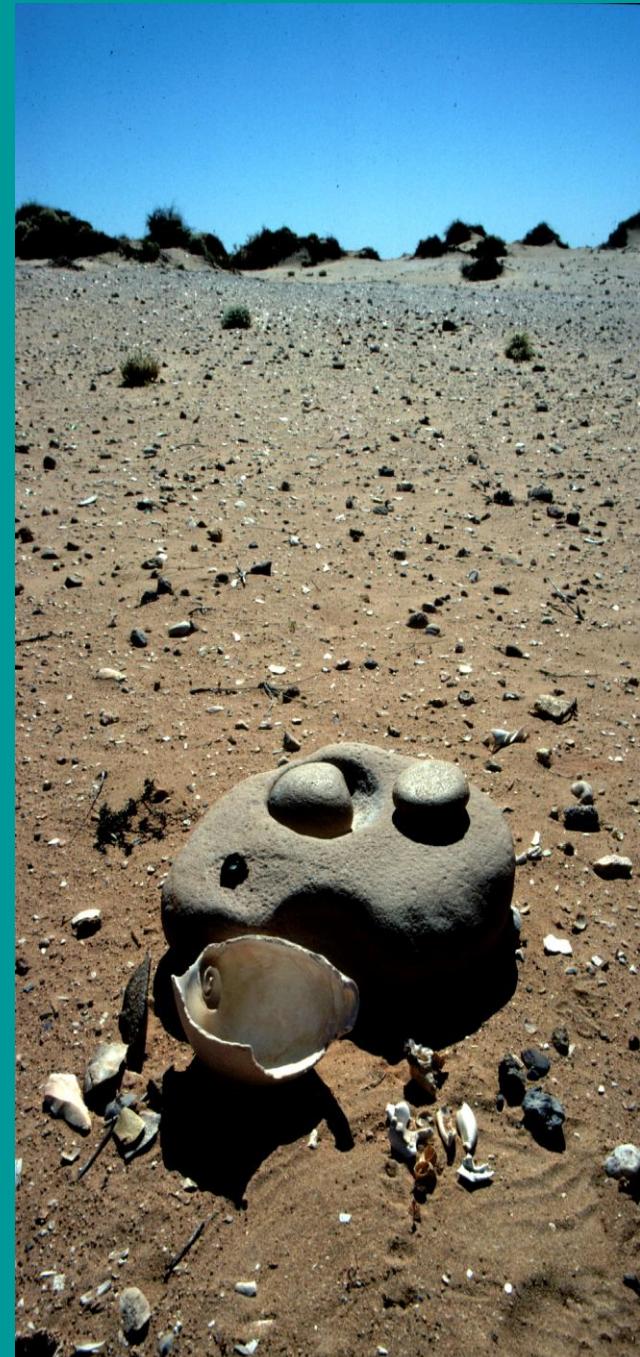
- Within the Pilbara Nearshore (PIN) bioregion (IMCRA, 1997)
- WA Museum Survey → richest known area of marine biodiversity in WA
- Wide range of habitats, including:
 - mangroves
 - macroalgal and seagrass communities
 - coral reefs
 - mudflats
 - soft sediment communities
 - intertidal reef platforms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

– Turtles	- Seabirds
– Marine mammals	- Fish
– Invertebrates	



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.



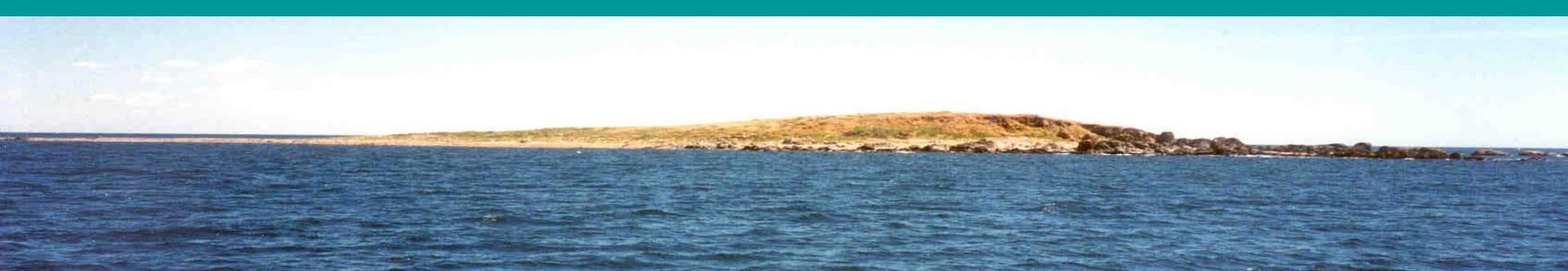
9. Second Advice provided by the MPRA

- 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.



