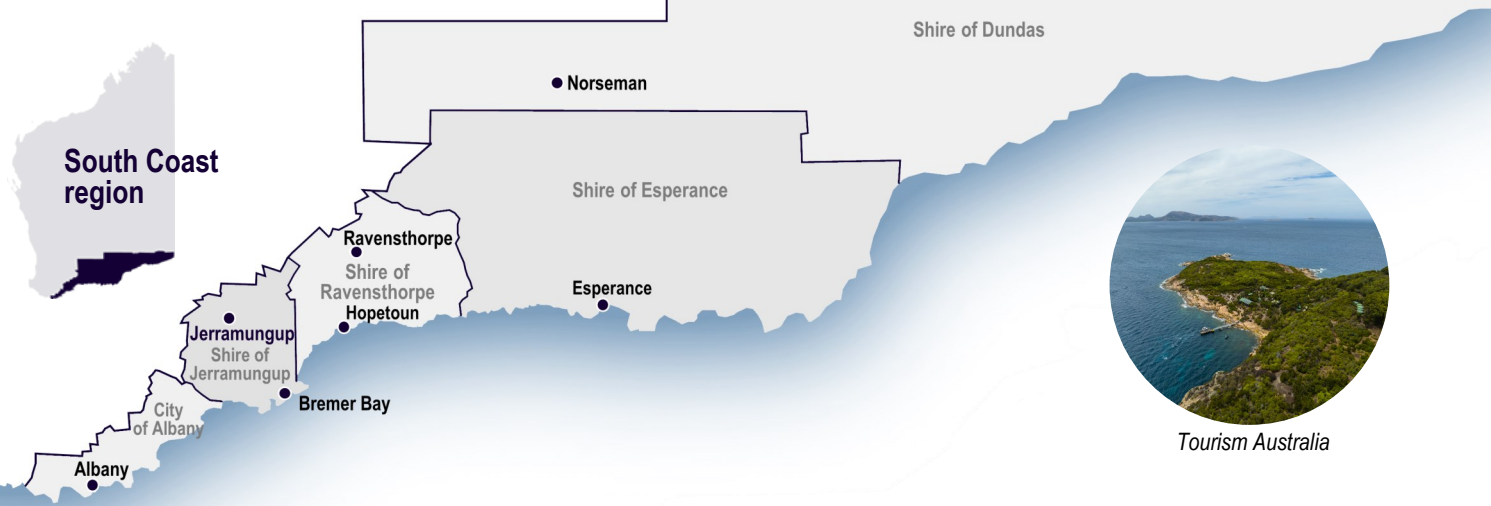


Proposed South Coast Marine Park

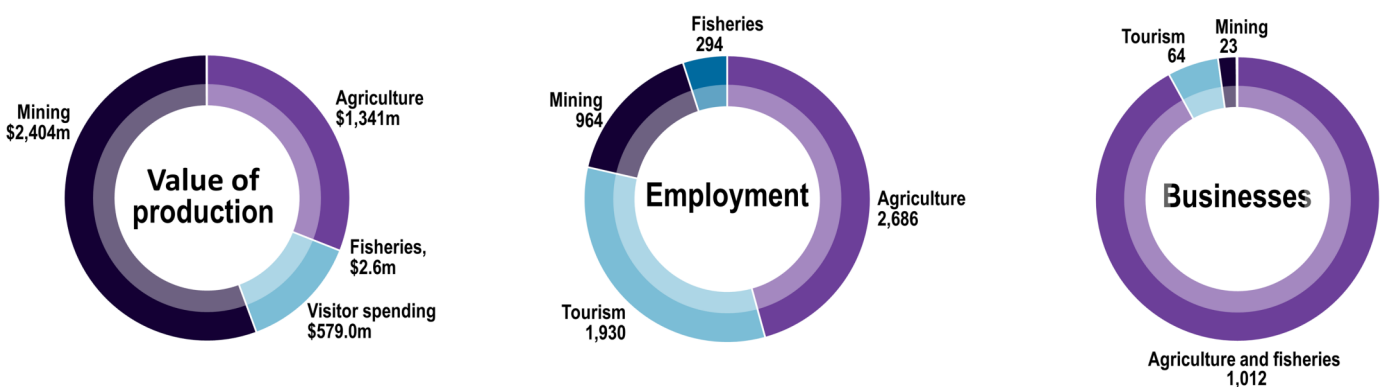
The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions commissioned ACIL Allen to undertake a socio economic profile of the South Coast region and a literature search of the impacts of marine parks in other parts of the world. The full evaluation can be found on DBCA's website at: www.dbca.wa.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Socio economic profile of the South Coast

The proposed South Coast Marine Park extends east from Bremer Bay to the border with South Australia. The land areas that lie adjacent to it are in the Shire of Dundas, Shire of Esperance, Shire of Hopetoun, and Shire of Ravensthorpe, and the City of Albany is nearby. Around two thirds of the population of this combined South Coast region live in the City of Albany.



The economy of the South Coast region is built on its natural resources with agriculture, fishing, mining and tourism all contributing important economic value, providing regional jobs, and supporting local businesses.



General findings on the benefits of marine parks in Australia on the environment, economies and communities

Tourism Western Australia

Ningaloo Marine Park



300 km of coastline

16 Sanctuary zones

99 per cent of recreational fishers intend to return to the Park

\$110 million contribution to the State economy mainly from tourism

Commercial fishing continues to operate

Immense cultural value to the Baiyungu, Thalanyji and Yinikurtura people

South Australian Marine Park Network

19 marine parks

83 Sanctuary zones

Five years after their establishment:

Increase in the catch per effort in key fisheries, e.g. abalone

Establishment of new tour operators

No change to:

Retail price of locally caught fish

Recreational fishing participation

Socio economic profile of region



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