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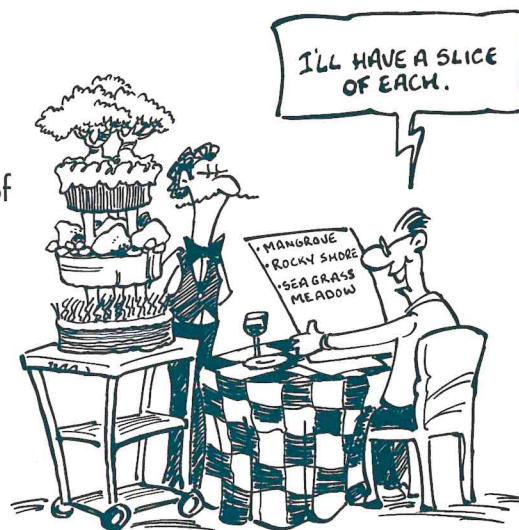
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A system of multiple-use marine conservation reserves is being established in WA waters. This leaflet helps to explain the terms used by marine reserve managers.

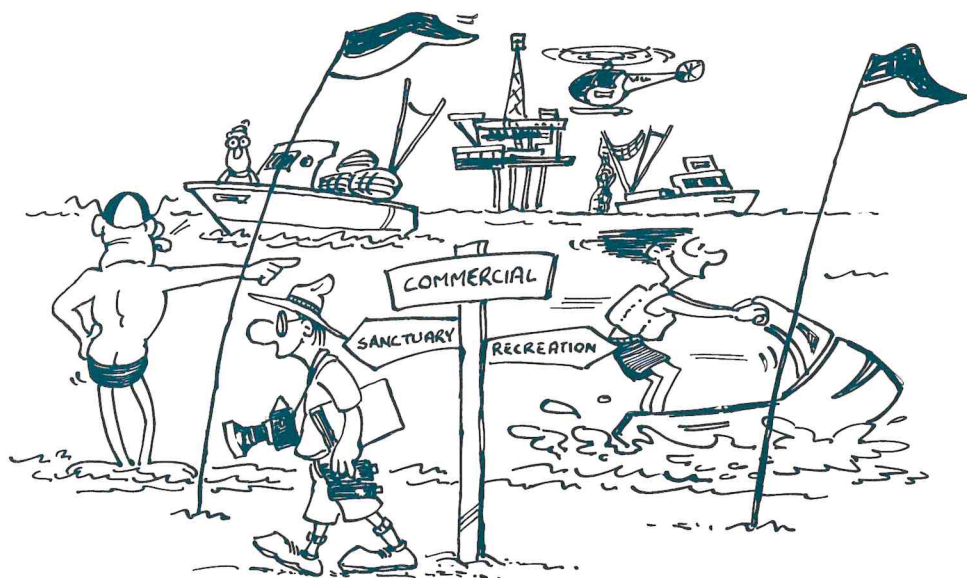
Representativeness

The Government is establishing a statewide system of marine conservation reserves which will include representative examples from all marine and coastal ecosystems in Western Australia.



Multiple-Use

The term 'marine reserve' often raises concerns that these are areas from which many recreational and most commercial activities are excluded. Although conservation is the primary objective of marine reserves in Western Australia, recreational and commercial uses are catered for provided these activities do not cause unacceptable changes to the environment and can be managed without undue conflict.



Zoning

Some human uses of marine reserves are passive and have little or no impact on the environment. Other activities cause potentially undesirable environmental impact and interfere with other users. Zoning is a management strategy used to minimise environmental damage and separate incompatible activities.



Integrated Management

Historically, human activities in marine and coastal environments have been managed by a number of separate agencies often with little coordination among the agencies and with limited involvement from the general community. Integrated management provides a framework for government and the community to consider the total impact of all human activities on each other and on the natural environment.



Sustainability

Sustainability means ensuring that current human usage does not overload the environment and reduce the options for present and future generations.

Public Participation

Community involvement in the planning and management of WA marine conservation reserves ensures that the diverse interests of the community are considered. Public consultation and involvement in marine reserve planning is a legal requirement in Western Australia and it is an essential ingredient for the successful establishment and management of a representative, multiple-use marine reserve system.



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