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- commercial fishing is permitted in the general use zone south of Point Maud and north of Tantabiddi in the marine park, and in the unclassified area of the marine management area;
- recreational fishing is permitted in the recreation and general use zones in the marine park and in the

Special Purpose (benthic protection) zone in the marine park (this is the only recreational fishing

I can conduct my activities?

How will the reserves affect where





Ningaloo Marine Park Zones

seare masselbe. areas tor marine life as well as helping to replenish marine park. Sanctuary zones are also important as retuge undisturbed' sites for comparisons with other areas of the and monitoring programs as they provide relatively and tourism. Sanctuary zones are important for research solely for nature conservation and low-impact recreation Sanctuary zones are 'look but don't take' areas managed

recreational fishers. protection for marine habitats but permit trolling by Special Purpose (benthic protection) zones provide

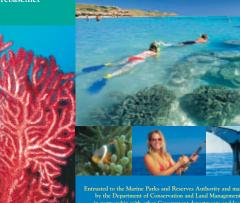
continued shore-based recreational fishing for finfish only. established next to some sanctuary zones to allow for Special Purpose (shore-based activities) zones have been

compatible with conservation values. recreation, including recreational fishing where this is Recreation zones are managed for nature conservation and

'SƏHLAHƏR while allowing for sustainable commercial and recreational General-use zones are managed for nature conservation

Area Special Conservation Areas Muiron Islands Marine Management

in marine parks. SOUCE ON TELEVISION OF TELEVISIO in these 'zones'. The unclassified area of the marine the Environmental Protection Authority, are permitted activities, assessed to be environmentally acceptable by to sanctuary zones in marine parks. Petroleum industry classified areas called conservation areas, which are similar The Muiron Islands Marine Management Area has



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Further information

reserves? What are marine conservation

management of commercial and recreational activities. wise use and enjoyment of these areas and enhanced tor marine tiors and rauna and their nabitats, to promote that are established to provide increased legal protection protected areas or MPAs) are special areas of the ocean Marine conservation reserves (also known as marine

of uses, including fishing and fourism, within reserves. adopted a multiple-use approach that allows for a variety marine sanctuaries). In other instances, governments have fishing or collecting is permitted (i.e. 'no take' areas or In some parts of the Australia MPAs are areas where no

zones, within their boundaries. vieuzones gnibuloni ,esypes, including sanctuary Marine Management Area, are multiple-use reserves that including Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Most existing marine conservation reserves in WA

also allows potentially conflicting activities to be separated. also essential for research and monitoring activities. Zoning conserve marine flora, fauna and habitats. These zones are including mining, in some zones is a key strategy to restriction of fishing and other extractive activities, in multiple-use marine reserves. The partial or total Zoning is an important part of the management framework





Islands Marine Management Area Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron

Muiron Islands, immediately to the north of the Reef. creating a new Marine Management Area around the Park to include the entire Vingaloo Reef, and is The State Government is extending Ningaloo Marine

adjacent Cape Range National Park. directly attributable to Ningaloo Marine Park and the the total spent by tourists in the Gascoyne Region is tourism study has estimated that \$127 million a year of the past 10 years, to more than 200,000 a year. A numbers are estimated to have more than doubled in based tourism and recreation attractions. Visitor Western Australia, as well as one of our great nature-Vingaloo Reef is a marine conservation icon in

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Protected Areas. Australia's National Representative System of Marine coast. The WA system of marine reserves is part of network of marine conservation reserves along our strategy to achieve these objectives is to establish a sustainable use of our coastal resources. A major conservation of the State's marine biodiversity and the The WA Government is committed to the

satety regulations. protection, oil spill response capability and maritime proposals, tisheries management, marine wildlife environmental impact assessment of development our marine environment include pollution control, Other complementary ways of conserving and managing

generations enjoy the same opportunities that exist together to promote wise use we can ensure that future environment is everyone's responsibility. By working The conservation and sustainable use of WA's marine

hip with other Government departments and loca





Management Area are vested (i.e. legally entrusted) in the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority a community-based body established by the State Government to oversee the Statewide system of marine conservation reserves

The Department of Conservation and Land

Management (CALM) is the primary day-to-day

manager of the marine reserves in partnership with

continue to manage commercial and recreational

for the marine reserves will be outlined in the

Management Area Management Plan.

fishing in the marine reserves in close cooperation

Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine

with CALM. The detailed management arrangements

the local community. The Department of Fisheries will

Effective management of the marine park and marine management area depends on the support, cooperation and participation of the local community Visitors also need to acknowledge, understand and support the objectives of the reserves. Local and state government organisations' activities inside and outside the park should be sympathetic to the purposes of the reserves. Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine

Management Area be managed?























Before fishing in the marine park, you should refer

to the permitted activities table and map on the

back of this brochure and check the fishing

regulations that apply in this area with the

PROTECTING THE KEY VALUES

entire Ningaloo Reef, which stretches

Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine

Management Area are located 1200 km north of

Perth in the Pilbara. The marine park includes the

approximately 300 km from Bundegi to Red Bluff.

The marine management area includes the Muiron

Department of Fisheries.

and Sunday Islands.











will be vital

involvement in management.

Premier's Ningaloo Research Fund.

action before undesirable impacts occur.

The primary focus of management in the initial years

after the marine reserves are gazetted will be the

implementation of the new zoning scheme and the

establishment of education, public participation, research

and monitoring programs. Ongoing local community

involvement in the management of the marine reserves

Education and public participation programs help to raise

community awareness, understanding and support for the

Research programs aim to develop an understanding of

reserves, provide baseline information for monitoring

programs and information to assist management. These

programs will be supported by the establishment of the

Monitoring programs detect changes in the environment

and provide the information to trigger management

the natural and social environment of the marine

marine reserves and promote community cooperation and



Whale sharks congregate in the reserve waters in one of the world's largest predictable aggregations. The whale shark is the world's largest living fish: mature adults can be more than 12 metres long, maintaining their size on a diet of plankton and other small creatures. Swimming with whale sharks, which are specially protected under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, has grown into a \$12 million a year industry in little more than a decade. This industry is managed through a code of conduct and a Whale Shark Interaction Management Plan to ensure that it is sustainable

Australia and is one of only a few large coral reefs in the world that are found so close to a continental landmass. It contains a huge diversity of fish (500 species), corals (over 200 species), molluscs (600 species) and many other marine species. The area is also famous for its abundant large marine fauna such as whale sharks, humpback whales, manta rays, turtles and dugong, all of which are significant attractions for the rapidly expanding marine tourism industry.



Ecological values Ningaloo Reef is the largest fringing coral reef in







Social values The variety and abundance of marine life in Ningaloo

Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area support important recreational and commercial activities

Marine nature-based tourism is a growing industry, focusing on charismatic animals such as whale sharks and marine mammals and underwater diving experiences.

Ningaloo Reef is popular for a wide range of other recreational activities including swimming, boating, snorkelling, wind surfing and surfing. Recreational use of coastal headlands, dunes and long white beaches for walking and camping is also a major value of the area. The added attractions of the adjacent Cape Range National Park contribute to the growth of tourism.

Recreational fishing is a popular activity, with fishers targeting both reef species such as emperors and cods. and pelagic species such as mackerel. There are a number of commercial fisheries operating within the marine park and marine management area, including wetline fisheries, the Exmouth Gulf Prawn fishery, and the Shark Bay snapper fishery, among others.

The waters surrounding the Muiron and Sunday Islands are highly prospective for hydrocarbons and exploration is anticipated to increase in this region

over the next decade.

The area is very significant to the Gnulli people. The area has a long history of occupancy by Indigenous communities and traditional use of the marine environment continues. Maritime heritage, panoramic seascapes and wilderness experiences are all inherent values of Ningaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area.

Use of the marine park and marine management area is likely to increase significantly during the next decade as Ningaloo's reputation as a quality tourism destination and conservation icon grows

What can you do to care for Ninaaloo Marine Park and Muiron Islands Marine Management Area?

KNOW your reserves, the boundaries, the regulations,

UNDERSTAND how your activities may affect the

INVOLVE yourself and others in caring for the marine

· Take your litter home with you when you leave.

· Avoid disturbing or feeding marine wildlife such as

Be active and take part in the Marine Community

Monitoring Program (contact CALM for details).

There has been extensive consultation since work on a new

management plan began in December 1999 including:

public comment on a framework for the review of

Ningaloo Marine Park and the proposed extensions

which included examining the scientific basis for the

• stakeholder consultation on a preliminary draft zoning

public comment on a revised draft zoning scheme;

· consultation on the Ningaloo Marine Park Draft

Management Plan and extensions to the park, with

more than 5600 submissions from organisations and

· extensive consultation, meetings and workshops with

the Coral Coast Parks Advisory Committee, made up

of a wide cross-section of the regional community; and

· Observe fishing restrictions, bag limits and size limits.

the zones and what you can do, and where

marine reserves.

birds or fish.

Consultation

scheme.

individuals

review, plan and zoning;

