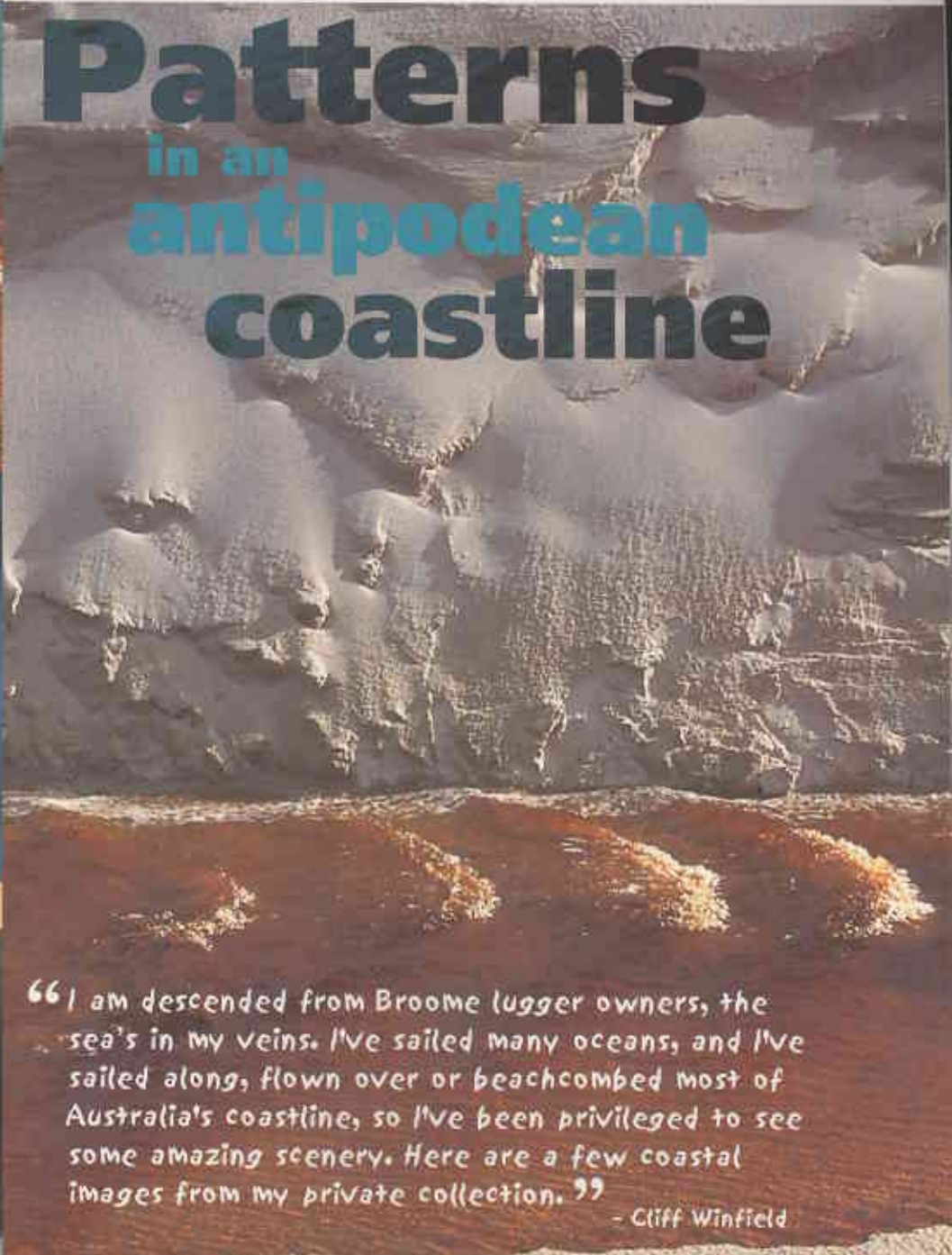


Patterns

in an
antipodean
coastline



"I am descended from Broome lugger owners, the sea's in my veins. I've sailed many oceans, and I've sailed along, flown over or beachcombed most of Australia's coastline, so I've been privileged to see some amazing scenery. Here are a few coastal images from my private collection."

- Cliff Winfield



Photo essay by Cliff Winfield with introduction by Sue Osborne

Our marine and coastal environments abound with the gifts of nature; from tropical reefs to cold ocean depths, from the smallest plankton to the largest whales and from the peace of sheltered bays to the awesome energy of waves pounding on majestic cliffs.

We value these gifts from a range of different cultural, recreational and commercial perspectives. But we all share the same gift of nature, not only among ourselves, but also with future generations.

While we cherish our freedom to use the marine environment and benefit from its resources, experience elsewhere shows that increasing levels of human use can lead to conflict, depletion of resources and eventually to environmental degradation.

As custodians, it is incumbent on all Western Australians to work together to ensure a sustainable future for one of our most treasured natural gifts.



Small bay near Cape Londonderry in the far north Kimberley.

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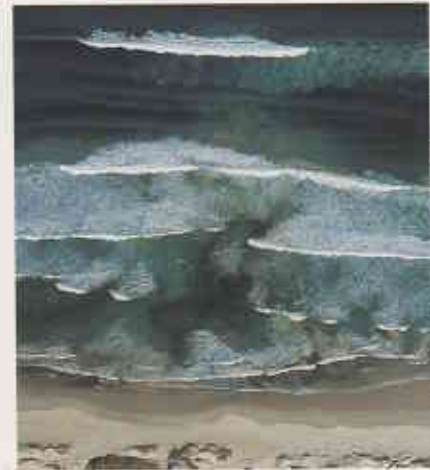
Insets from top: Gantheaume Point, Broome; Bremer Bay; surfing offshore from Kalbarri National Park; unnamed islets in Dampier Archipelago.



Australian sea lion.



Yampi Peninsula and Buccaneer Archipelago.



Warren Beach—D'Entrecasteaux National Park.



West shore of Garden Island.



Cliffs at Salmon Beach—D'Entrecasteaux National Park.



Cape Arid dunes.



Prison Island—Cocos (Keeling) Islands.



Mission Beach—Kalumburu.



Meelup sunset.

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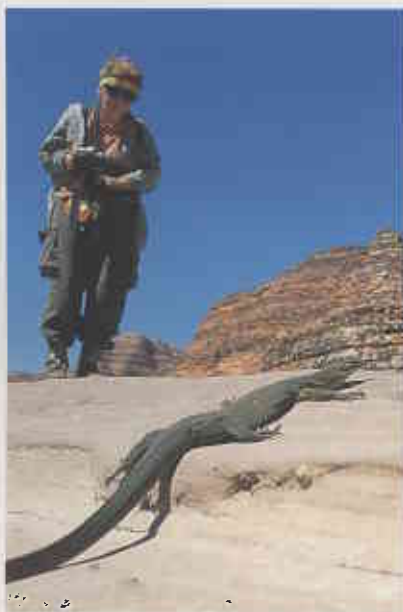
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