

ISLANDS BETWEEN LANCELIN AND DONGARA RESERVED

The Under Secretary for Lands has recently notified the Department that in response to a report from this Department, a number of islands between Lancelin and Dongara are to be vested in the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee for the purpose of fauna conservation.

All staff, particularly sea-going inspectors, are requested to make special note of the islands concerned.

They are :-

Jurien Bay Group

- (a) Boullanger or Long Island.
- (b) Escape Island.
- (c) Whitlock Island.
- (d) Favorite Island.
- (e) Tern Islet.
- (f) Osprey Islet.

Green Islets Group

- (a) South Island.
- (b) North Island.
- (c) Buller Island.
- (d) Whittell Islet.

Cervantes Islands Group

- (a) North Island.
- (b) Middle Island.
- (c) South Island.

Wedge IslandSandland IslandFisherman Islands

- (a) North Island.
- (b) South Island.

Leeman-Green Head Group

- (a) Lipfert Island.
- (b) Milligan Island.
- (c) Snag Island.
- (d) Webb Islet.
- (e) Orton Rock.
- (f) Drummond Rock.

Ronsard Bay Islets

- (a) North Rock.
- (b) South Rock.

Essex Rocks Group

- (a) North Island.
- (b) Middle Island.
- (c) South Island.

Sandy Knoll Ledge

- (a) North Island.
- (b) South Island.

These Islands contain quite distinctive races of fauna as well as important colonies of ground nesting sea-birds which use the islands for breeding.

Perhaps their greatest value, however, lies in their reptilian fauna and the unique opportunities that exist there for scientists to study the effects of competition on the evolution of species and the causes of vulnerability of island populations.

The need to reserve the islands was first brought to our notice by honorary warden Julian Ford who has contributed most to our knowledge of them and their fauna.