

M10 OFFSHORE REEFS — OCEAN REEF TO TRIGG

The area is bounded by the coast and includes an offshore reef which protects a series of smaller reefs. It is centred on Whitfords, about 22 km north-west of Perth (Figure 86).

The reefs are biologically rich and are unsurpassed locally as an underwater spectacle. Because the reefs have been heavily exploited, and as the area has educational value, it is considered essential that they be reserved and protected to conserve the marine communities, including the rare cowrie shell which is much sought by collectors. The area could be protected by allowing only line fishing.

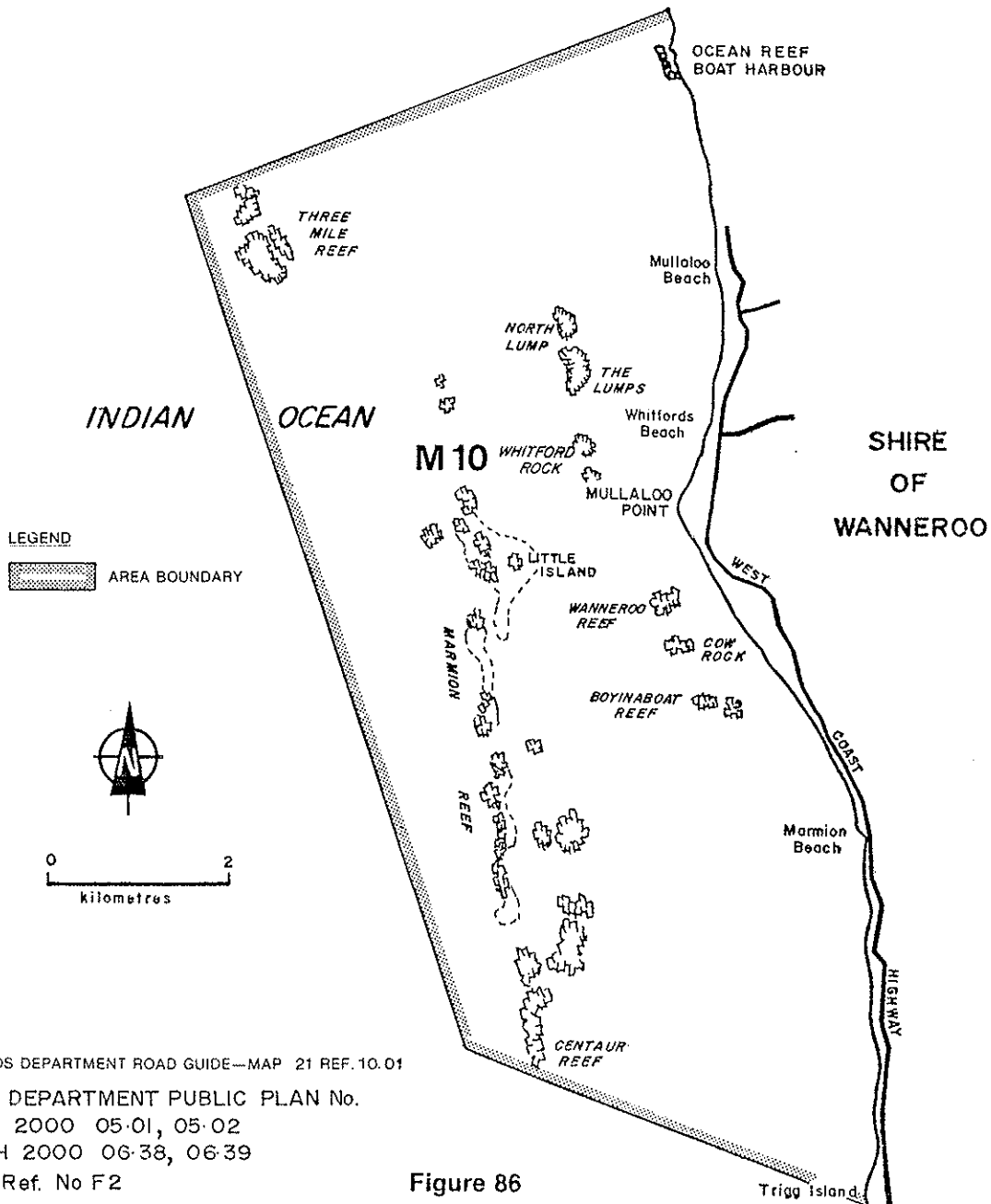
The area is affected by an MWB sewerage outfall and a boat ramp at Whitfords.

The Wanneroo Shire Council has suggested that reefs should be protected from Fremantle to Moore River, and that similar reserves should be established at Alkimos (5 km radius) and Wreck Point (4.5 km radius).

Recommendations

M10.1 The Environmental Protection Authority should commission a study of the Sorrento-Mullaloo reefs with the aim of recommending the establishment of an Aquatic Reserve.

M10.2 Marine life should be conserved through revision of regulations to prevent any fishing except by line.



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Figure 86



ROAD WORKS, INTERSECTION
OF WEST COAST HIGHWAY
AND OCEAN REEF ROAD,
OCEAN REEF.

(Facing West)

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OCEAN REEF
BOAT HARBOUR
TAKEN FROM Carpark
LOOKING NORTH WEST.

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LOOKING SOUTH OF
WHITFORDS TO
WHITFORD NOOES



1. WHITFORD DUNES
LOOKING NORTH
TO MULLALOO
FROM MERRIFIELD PLACE
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WHITFORD DUNES
LOOKING SOUTH.

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Housing &
Restoration work
on Blowout,
Whitfords, Merrifield Place
Looking North East.
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RESTORATION WORK
ON BLOWOUT

LOHMEYERS - MILLALOUS
MERRIFIELD PLACE,
(LOOKING NORTH)

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LOOKING NORTH
FROM MERRIFIELD PLACE
TOWARDS MULLALOO BEACH.

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LOOKING WEST SOUTHWEST,
FROM MERRIFIELD PLACE,
WHITFORDS TOWARD
WHITFORD ROCK AND
THE LUMPS.

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