



## Commonwealth Fact Sheet



### AUSTRALIAN MARINE PARKS

*If your project involves activities within Australian Marine Parks, you may require an authorisation before commencing operations.*

#### 1. What are Australian Marine Parks?

Australian Marine Parks are areas established under Australian environment law to protect and conserve biodiversity and other natural, cultural, socio-economic and heritage values. They protect Australia's marine environment while also providing opportunities for sustainable use of marine resources.

Australian Marine Parks are generally located between 3 and 200 nautical miles from the Australian coastline (marine parks closer to shore are generally managed by state and territory governments). Information about the locations of Australian Marine Parks and activities allowed in them is available on the Parks Australia [website](#).

#### 2. What approvals do I need to conduct activities in Australian Marine Parks?

##### All activities

Different types of authorisations may apply, depending on the nature of the activity and the marine park zone in which it occurs. For full information on authorisation of activities in Australian Marine Parks see the Parks Australia [website](#).

A map of Australian Marine Parks is available on the Parks Australia [website](#).

##### Offshore Petroleum Activities

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is the assessor for offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas activities in Commonwealth waters. This includes

petroleum activities within Australian Marine Parks, however there is a requirement that Parks Australia is consulted on activities prior to a submission to NOPSEMA. Relevant information about these activities on the Parks Australia [website](#).

See our MPFA Factsheet on the [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006](#).

#### 3. More information

##### Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

If you have questions regarding Australian Marine Parks, please send an email to [marineparks@environment.gov.au](mailto:marineparks@environment.gov.au) or call 1800 069 352.

##### Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

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