

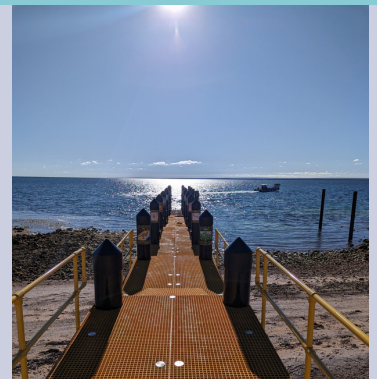
PROPOSED EXPANSION TO THE WARDANG ISLAND INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AREA

The surrounding sea and nearby coastline of the Wardang Island Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) is scattered with sites of cultural significance to the Narungga people. Narungga people are the traditional custodians of the land and sea of the Yorke Peninsula, including Wardang Island. Narungga people continue to care for the land and sea using cultural practices passed down. Many live in Point Pearce, where a small IPA ranger team is based.

The area includes important habitats for threatened species including: Little penguins, Australian sea lions, Ospreys and White-bellied sea eagles. Seagrass beds provide important spawning areas for many fish species.

Many locals and visitors use the area for recreational activities including fishing and camping.



WHAT IS AN INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA (IPA)?

- Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) are areas of land and sea Country managed by First Nations groups in accordance with Traditional Owners' objectives.
- IPAs deliver biodiversity conservation outcomes for the benefit of all Australians.
- They are managed through voluntary agreements with the Australian Government.
- Some IPAs are recognised as part of the National Reserve System, for protection of the nation's biodiversity and cultural heritage.
- IPAs provide a framework for First Nations communities to combine traditional and contemporary knowledge to collaboratively manage their land and sea Country.
- IPA projects are supported through multi-year funding agreements. Many Indigenous organisations also supplement this funding through fee-for-service or other income generating activities, as well as support from private sector and philanthropic organisations.



The proposed IUCN Categories match the existing categories for the marine park zoning, conservation parks and existing IPA. Category VI is proposed for the areas of Crown Land that are proposed to be added. This will still allow for use while protecting natural and cultural values.

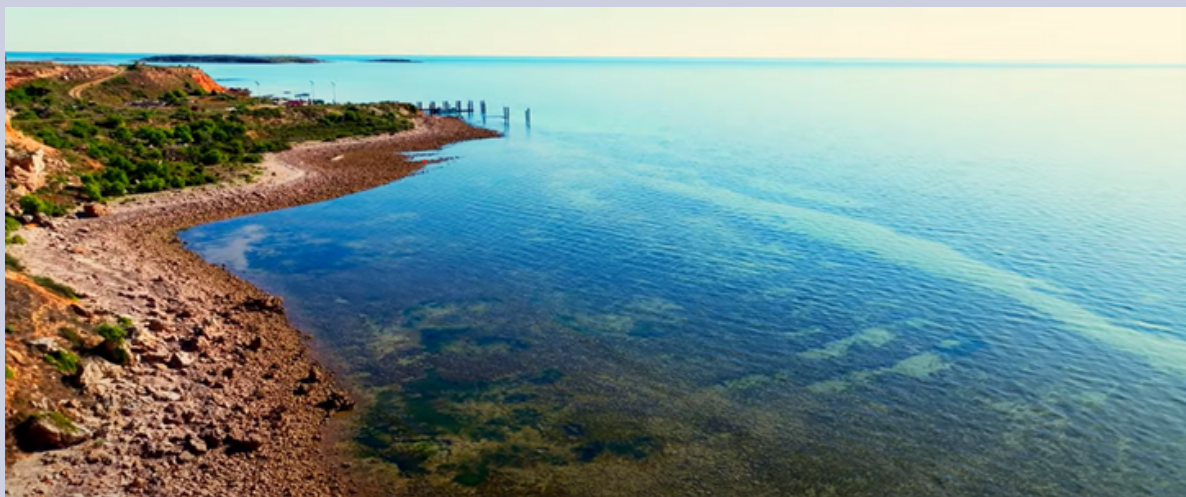
IUCN Category	Management Objective
II – National Park	Protected and managed to preserve its natural condition.
IV - Habitat/species management area	Managed primarily, including (if necessary) through active intervention, to ensure the maintenance of habitats or to meet the requirements of specific species.
VI - Managed resource protected area	Managed to ensure long-term protection and maintenance of biological diversity with a sustainable flow of natural products and services to meet community needs.



ABOUT THE PROPOSED EXPANSION

The Narungga people would like to expand the IPA so that the management and health of the surrounding sea and coastline is improved. This would allow the Wardang Island IPA ranger team to care for surrounding sea Country and the coastal areas north and south of the peninsula near Point Pearce.

Point Pearce Aboriginal Community, Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the Aboriginal Lands Trust are working closely with Yorke Peninsula Council, Northern & Yorke Landscape Board, PIRSA and the Department of Environment and Water on deciding the area to declare as part of the IPA and how it will be managed.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- there will be more rangers to manage the area
- there will be more research and monitoring to understand the marine environment and identify problems and opportunities
- threats like ghost nets and marine pests will be reduced so the sea will be healthier and able to support more marine life
- visitor access will be improved through better signage and track maintenance
- rubbish will be managed in coastal areas
- there will be increased tourism opportunities which will need to use local services
- people will still be able to fish in the same places as the marine park zoning will not change



WHAT'S NEXT?

Before the IPA can be dedicated, stakeholders will be consulted. Local communities, visitors, groups and individuals with an interest in the area, are being asked to share their views on the proposed boundary (see included map) and how it will be managed. Input will be considered by the Wardang Island IPA Management Committee before a decision is made.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation, or if you would like more information about the proposal, please contact the Aboriginal Lands Trust.

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