

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NO. R. 107

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003  
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE ALI WAL SHOAL MARINE PROTECTED  
AREA UNDER SECTION 22A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby publish for public comment the intention in terms of section 22B of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), to withdraw the existing Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area declared in *Government Gazette* 26433, Notice No. 697 of 4 June 2004, and the intention to declare under section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the proposed declaration is invited to do so within 90 days from the date of publication in the *Government Gazette* and by no later than 16h00 on the last day. Comments received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs, Branch Oceans and Coasts:

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**BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

## SCHEDULE

All geographic co-ordinates are determined in accordance with the *WGS 84* datum, and all bearings are true bearings as set out in Annexure 1 hereto.

### Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area in KwaZulu-Natal is a coastal and offshore Marine Protected Area lying between the Lovu and Mzimayi estuary, with the outer boundary being comprised of straight lines sequentially joining the following five coordinates: (A) 30° 51' S, 30° 7' E; (B) 31° 2' S, 30° 7' E; (C) 31° 2' S, 30° 22' E; (D) 30° 47' S, 30° 22' E; and (E) 30° 48' S, 30° 11.9' E; and linking the first to the last using the high water mark. The area includes the sea bed, water column and subsoil within these boundaries.

### Purpose

The purpose of declaring this Marine Protected Area is:

- (a) To contribute to a national and global representative system of marine protected areas by providing protection to the coastal and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems of this region;
- (b) to conserve and protect threatened ecosystems;
- (c) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems, including the sardine run;
- (d) to protect and promote a scenic area and its associated eco-tourism opportunities;
- (e) to facilitate species management by supporting fisheries recovery and enhanced species abundance in adjacent areas for intertidal resources, linefish and sharks;
- (f) to facilitate marine and coastal species management by protecting spawning and other aggregations of marine fish species;
- (g) to support the recovery of linefish by protecting spawning, nursery, foraging, aggregation and refuge areas for overexploited species;
- (h) to conserve and protect an area of life history importance for migratory species including seabirds, turtles, sharks and other fish;
- (i) to facilitate species management and sustainable use of linefish and enhance species abundance in adjacent areas; and
- (j) to protect and provide an appropriate environment for research and monitoring particularly research on fisheries recovery of linefish.

## Annexure 1:

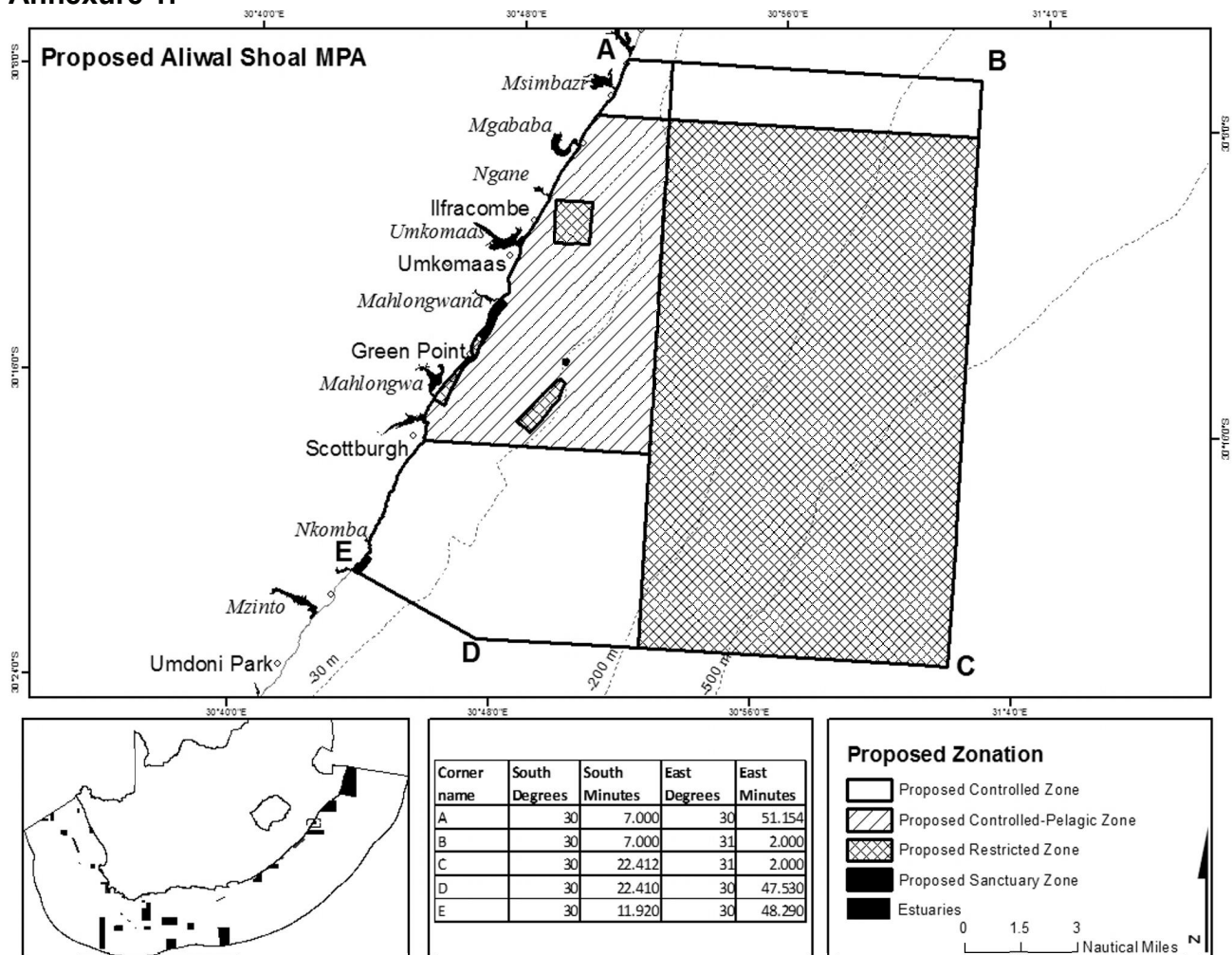


Figure 1: The proposed Aliwal Shoal MPA

Table 1: The exact geographic coordinates {WGS 84} of points A-E in Fig 1.

Corner name	Y (South)	X (East)	South Degrees	South Minutes	East Degrees	East Minutes
	Degrees	Degrees				
A	-30.1167	30.8048	30	7.000	30	51.154
B	-30.1167	30.8526	30	7.000	31	2.000
C	-30.3735	31.0333	30	22.412	31	2.000
D	-30.3735	31.0333	30	22.410	30	47.530
E	-30.1987	30.7922	30	11.920	30	48.290