

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE ADDO ELEPHANT 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 to declare under section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the draft Addo Elephant 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.

Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Addo Elephant Marine Protected Area in the Eastern Cape is bounded by, at the northern / landward boundary, the high-water mark, as the eastern boundary a straight line between the points (5) 33°45.202'S; 026°31.772'E and (4) 33°52.500'S; 026°31.772'E, the southern boundary a straight line between the points (4) 33°52.500'S; 026°31.722'E and (3) 33°52.500'S; 025°42.000'E and the western boundary a straight line from the points (3) 33°52.500'S; 025°42.000'E to point (2) 33°48.167'S; 025°42.000'E and to the point (1) 33°46.792'S; 025°43.273'E and includes the estuary of the Sundays river from the river mouth upstream to the point (6) 33°37.665'S; 025°44.082'E (Figure 1 in Annexure 1). The Marine Protected Area includes the sea bed, water column and subsoil within these boundaries.

Purpose

The purpose for declaring this Marine Protected Area is:

- (a) To contribute to a national and global representative system of marine protected areas, by providing protection for species, habitats and ecosystem processes in a biodiversity hotspot, to form a contiguous conservation area between marine, estuarine and terrestrial habitats;
- (b) to facilitate fisheries management by protecting spawning stock, allowing stock recovery, enhancing stock abundance in adjacent areas, in particular linefish and abalone stocks ; allowing the development of sustainable aquaculture in a confined area; and
- (c) for the protection of fauna and flora or a particular species of fauna or flora and the physical features on which they depend, including the African Penguin and Cape Gannet.

Annexure 1:

Fig. 1. The proposed boundaries for the Addo Elephant Marine Protected Area

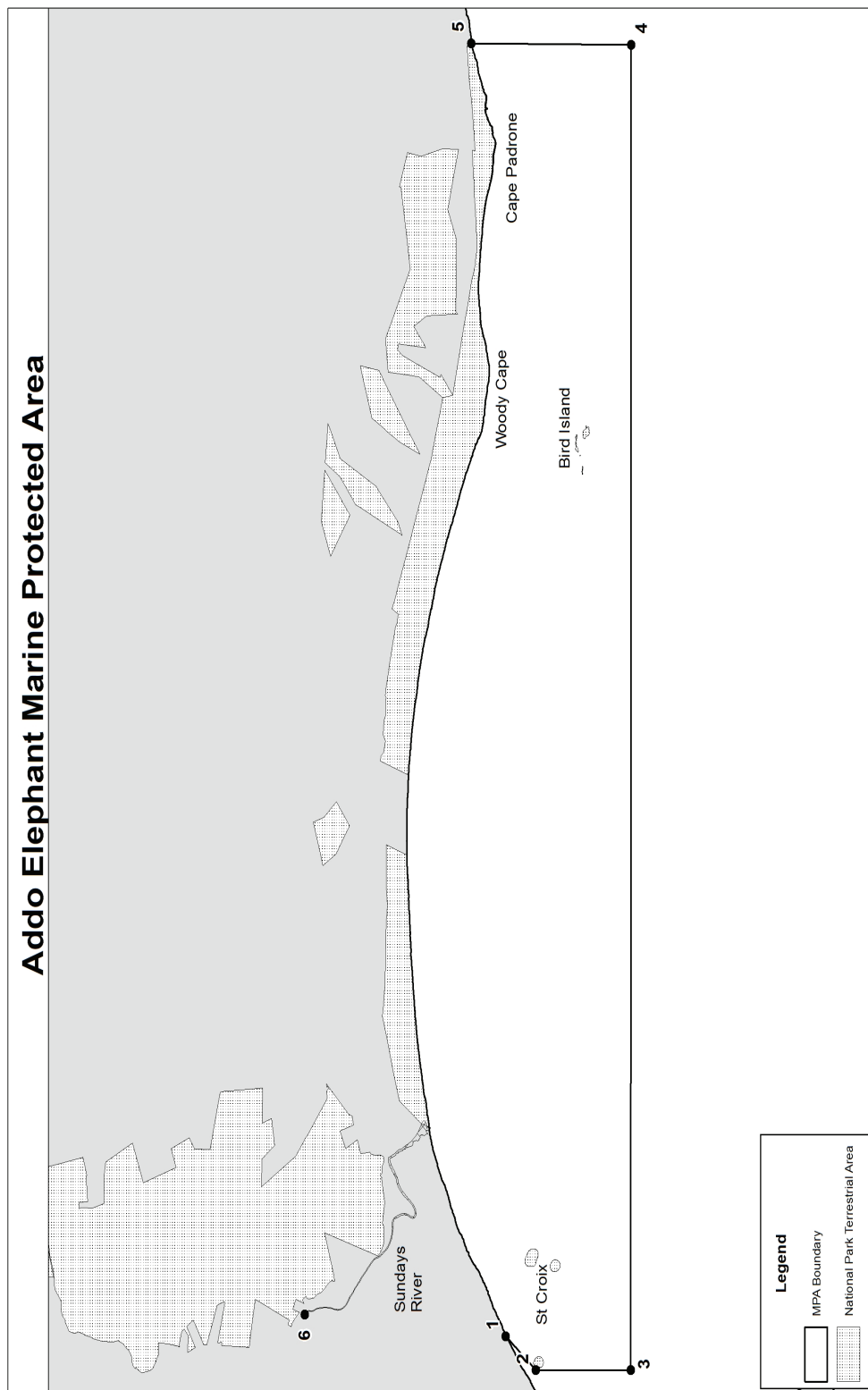


Table 1. The exact geographic coordinates (WGS 84) of points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Fig 1.

Point	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Decimal Degrees		Degrees Minutes	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	33°46' 47.52" S	25°43' 16.38" E	-33.77986667	25.72121667	33°46.792' S	25°43.273' E
2	33°48' 10.02" S	25°42' 0" E	-33.80278333	25.7	33°48.167' S	25°42.000' E
3	33°52' 30" S	25°42' 0" E	-33.875	25.7	33°52.500' S	25°42.000' E
4	33°52' 30" S	26°31' 46.32" E	-33.875	26.52953333	33°52.500' S	26°31.772' E
5	33°45' 12.12" S	26°31' 46.32" E	-33.75336667	26.52953333	33°45.202' S	26°31.772' E
6	33°37' 39.9" S	25°44' 4.92" E	-33.62775	25.7347	33°37.665' S	25°44.082' E