

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE ROBBEN ISLAND 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 Robben Island 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:

By post to: **The Deputy Director-General**
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 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 Robben Island Marine Protected Area in the Western Cape is an offshore marine protected area lying adjacent to the existing Table Mountain Marine Protected Area and bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following four coordinates: (A) 33° 45' S, 18° 0' E; (B) 33° 45' S, 18° 24' E; (C) 33° 54' S, 18° 24.06' E; and (D) 33° 54' S, 18° 0' E. The area includes the sea bed, water column and subsoil within these boundaries, and links to the northern boundary of the existing Table Mountain Marine Protected Area.

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 to coastal, island and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems in this region;
- (b) to conserve and protect threatened ecosystems;
- (c) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems;
- (d) to contribute to the conservation and protection of African penguin, bank and Cape cormorants and other threatened seabird and shorebird species;
- (e) to protect an area of significant cultural heritage, a scenic area with tourism value, a South African National Heritage site and a World Heritage Site; and
- (f) to facilitate species management by supporting fisheries recovery and enhanced species abundance in adjacent areas for west coast rock lobster, abalone and other overexploited species.

Annexure 1:

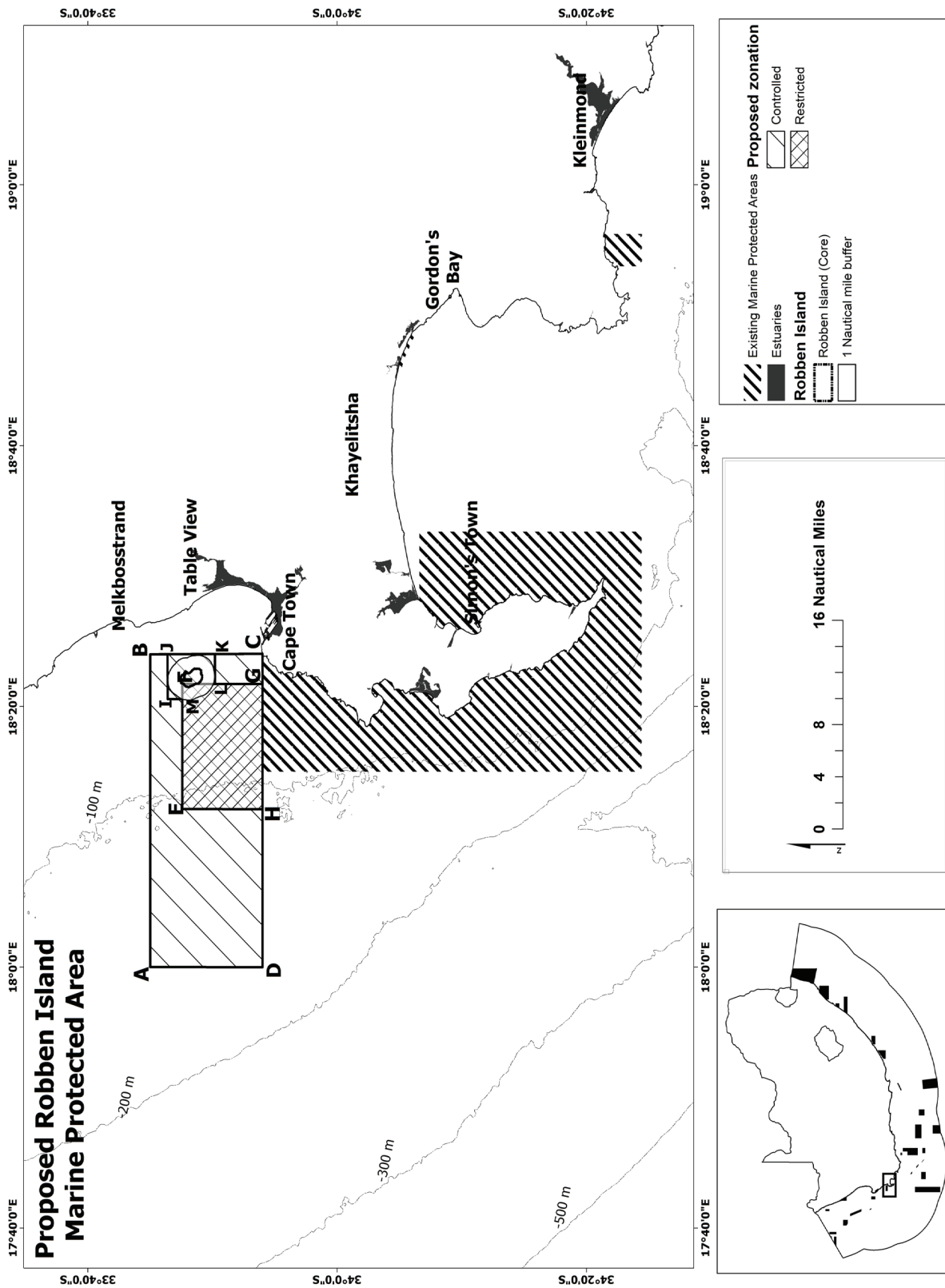


Fig. 1. The proposed boundaries for the Robben Island Marine Protected Area.

Table 1. The exact geographic coordinates (WGS 84) of points A-M in Fig. 1.

	Corner name	Latitude		Longitude	
		Degrees	Minutes	Degrees	Minutes
Robben Island Controlled Zone 1 (RICZ1)	A	33°	45.000000000 'S	18°	0.000000000 'E
	B	33°	45.000000000 'S	18°	24.000000000 'E
	C	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	24.060000000 'E
	G	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	F	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	E	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	12.120000000 'E
	H	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	12.120000000 'E
	D	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	0.000000000 'E
Robben Island Controlled Zone 2 (RICZ2)	I	33°	46.380000000 'S	18°	20.580000000 'E
	J	33°	46.380000000 'S	18°	24.000000000 'E
	K	33°	50.160000000 'S	18°	24.000000000 'E
	L	33°	50.220000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	F	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	M	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	20.580000000 'E
Robben Island Restricted Zone (RIRZ)	E	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	12.120000000 'E
	F	33°	47.580000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	G	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	21.720000000 'E
	H	33°	54.000000000 'S	18°	12.120000000 'E