

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK 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 Namaqua National Park 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 Namaqua National Park Marine Protected Area in the Northern Cape is an inshore Marine Protected Area in the 0 to 150 m depth range between the Spoeg River in the north and Island Point in the south, adjacent to and south of the Namaqua National Park. The Namaqua National Marine Protected Area is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following five coordinates: (A) 30° 27.5400' S, 17° 16.8600' E; (B) 30° 27.5400' S, 17° 20.8458' E; (C) 30° 55.0020' S, 17° 36.4200' E; (D) 30° 55.0020' S, 17° 19.9980' E; and (E) 30° 55.0020' S, 17° 36.4200' E. The 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 to the coastal and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems of the Namaqua region;
- (b) to conserve and protect threatened ecosystems;
- (c) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems;
- (d) to protect and regulate access to a scenic area which contributes to eco-tourism;
- (e) to protect the cultural heritage of archeological middens;
- (f) to facilitate species management by protecting nursery areas for fish species and allowing stock recovery and enhancing intertidal and subtidal resource abundance in adjacent areas; and
- (g) to protect and provide an appropriate reference environment for research and monitoring, including archaeological research, climate change research and research to assess biodiversity state and resource recovery.

Annexure 1:

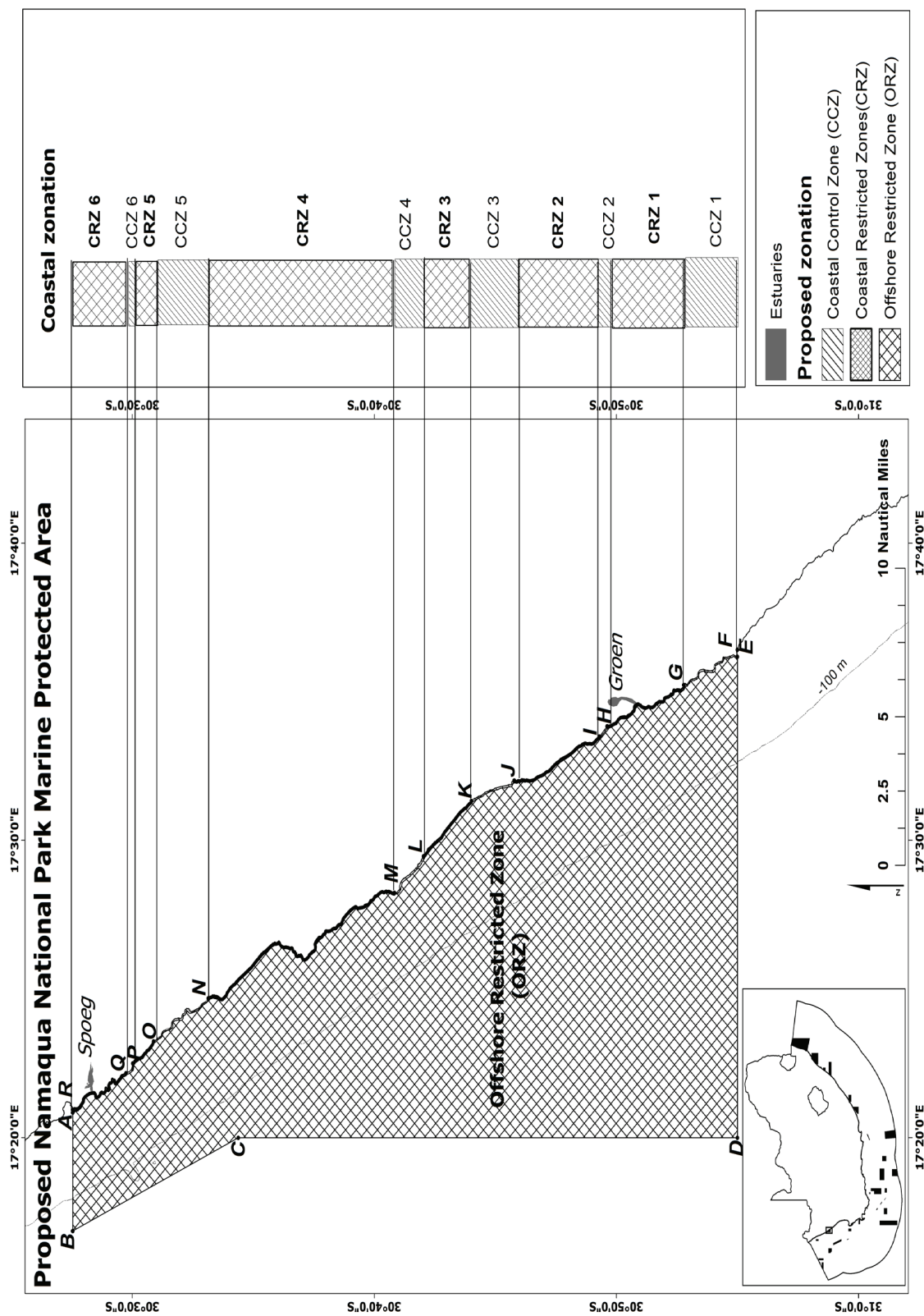


Fig. 1. The proposed boundaries for the Namaqua National Park Marine Protected Area.

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

Corner	Latitude		Longitude		Zonation	
	Degrees	Minutes	Degrees	Minutes	Restricted	Controlled
A	30	27.5400	17	20.8458	ORZ	
B	30	27.5400	17	16.8600		
C	30	34.3800	17	19.9980		
D	30	55.0020	17	19.9980		
E	30	55.0020	17	36.1794		
F	30	55.0020	17	36.4200	CRZ 1	CCZ 1
G	30	52.7886	17	35.2344		
H	30	49.6188	17	33.8454	CRZ 2	CCZ 2
I	30	49.2918	17	33.5016		
J	30	45.7830	17	32.0178	CRZ 3	CCZ 3
K	30	44.0058	17	31.3314		
L	30	42.0300	17	29.4672	CRZ 4	CCZ 4
M	30	40.8342	17	28.2378		
N	30	33.1404	17	24.6900	CRZ 5	CCZ 5
O	30	30.8784	17	23.2404		
P	30	30.0210	17	22.5036	CRZ 6	CCZ 6
Q	30	29.7384	17	22.1694		
R	30	27.5400	17	20.9400		