

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003  
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE PROTEA BANKS 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 Protea Banks 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 detailed in Annexure 1 hereto.

### Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Protea Banks Marine Protected Area in KwaZulu-Natal is an offshore Marine Protected Area in the 20m to 3000m depth range with the southern portion lying adjacent to the existing Trafalgar Marine Protected Area. The Protea Banks Marine Protected Area is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following six coordinates: (A) 30° 19.587' S, 30° 56.660' E; (B) 30° 20.233' S, 30° 56.660' E; (C) 30° 30' S, 30° 42' E; (D) 31° 30' S, 30° 42' E; (E) 31° 30' S, 30° 58.672' E; and (F) 30° 18' S, 30° 58.672' E and linking to the offshore boundary of the existing Trafalgar Marine Protected Area. 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 offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems of this region;
- (b) to conserve and protect submarine canyons, deep reefs, cold water coral reefs and other habitats of the shelf edge and slope;
- (c) to conserve and protect threatened ecosystems;
- (d) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems such as the sardine run;
- (e) to protect a scenic area with significant eco-tourism opportunities;
- (f) to support the recovery of linefish and shark species by protecting spawning and other aggregations; and
- (g) to facilitate species management and sustainable use of linefish to enhance species abundance in adjacent areas.

## Annexure 1:

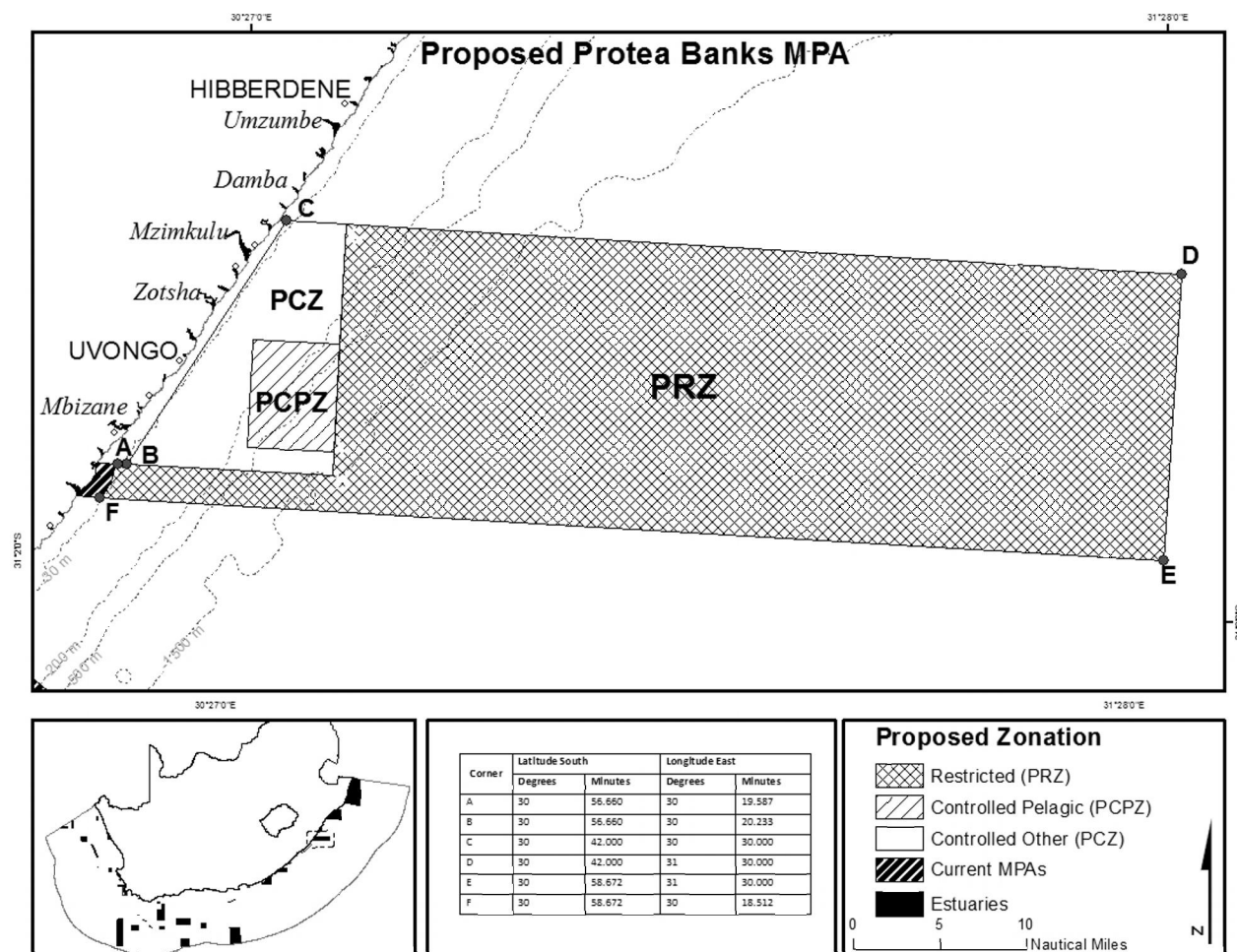


Fig. 1. The proposed boundaries for the Protea Banks Marine Protected Area.

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

Corner name	X (East) Decimal Degrees	Y (South) Decimal Degrees	X (East) Degree s	X (East) Minutes	Y (South) Degrees	Y (South) Minutes
A	30.3265	-30.9443	30	19.587	30	56.660
B	30.3372	-30.9443	30	20.233	30	56.660
C	30.5000	-30.7000	30	30.000	30	42.000
D	31.5000	-30.7000	31	30.000	30	42.000
E	31.5000	-30.9779	31	30.000	30	58.672
F	30.3085	-30.9779	30	18.512	30	58.672