

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE CHILDS BANK 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 Childs Bank 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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Environmental Affairs
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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 Childs Bank Marine Protected Area in the Northern Cape is an offshore Marine Protected Area in the 180 m to 450 m depth range lying approximately 70 nautical miles east of Hondeklipbaai. The Child's Bank Marine Protected Area is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following five coordinates: (A) 40° 30' S, 15° 36'E; (B) 40° 30' S, 16° 0' E; (C) 31° 0' S 16° 0' E; (D) 31° 0' S, 15° 45'E; and (E) 31° 54' S, 15° 36'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 benthic ecosystems of the outer shelf and shelf edge of this region;
- (b) to conserve and protect the Childs Bank feature and associated ecosystems including cold water coral colonies;
- (c) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems; and
- (d) to protect and provide an appropriate reference environment for research and monitoring particularly research on fisheries impacts and recovery.

Annexure 1:

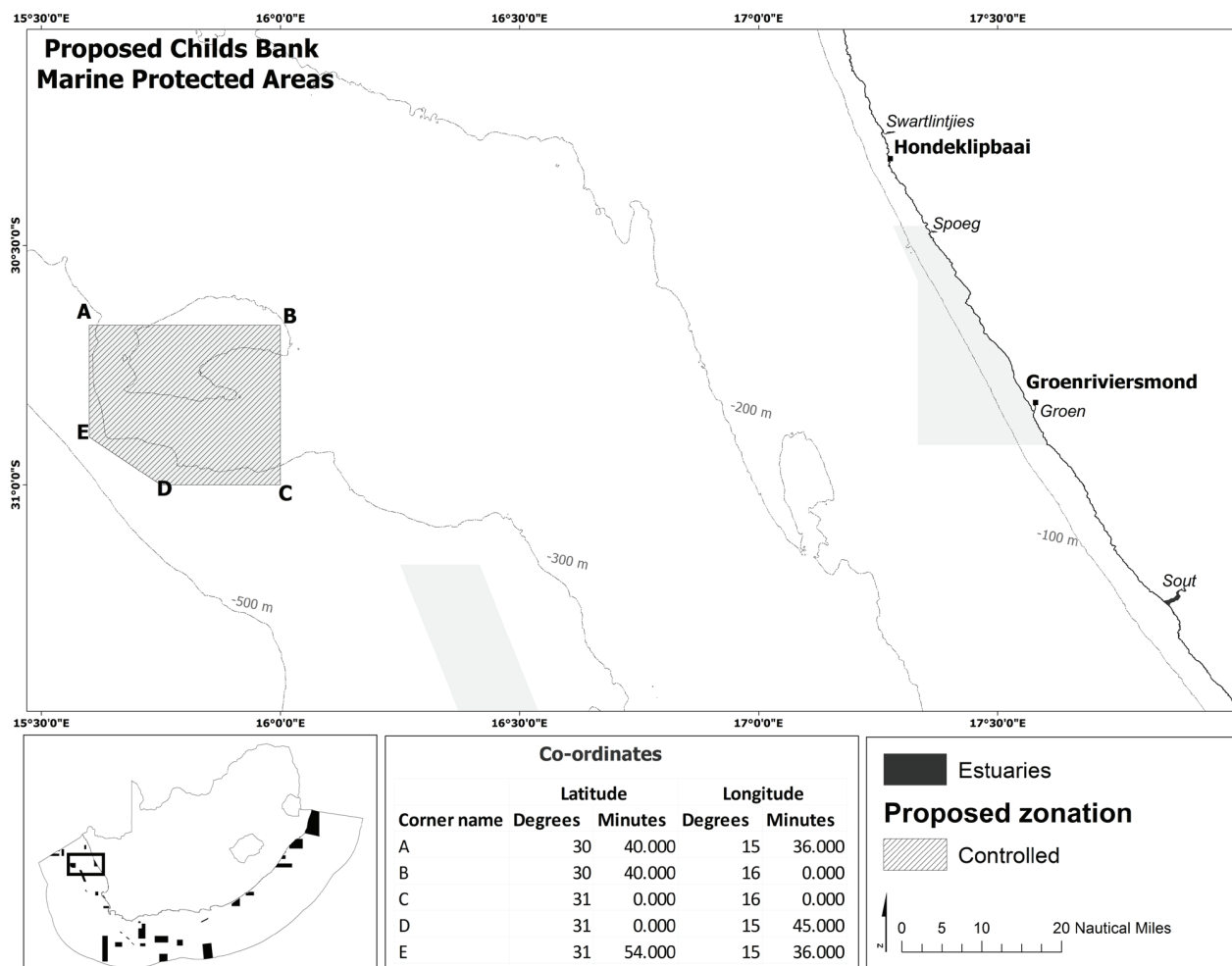


Figure1. The proposed boundaries for the Childs Bank Marine Protected Area.

Table1. The exact geographic coordinates (WGS 84) of points A-E in Fig 1.

Corner name	X (East) Decimal Degrees	Y (South) Decimal Degrees	X (East) Degrees	X (East) Minutes	Y (South) Degrees	Y (South) Minutes
A	15.6000	-30.6667	15	36.000	30	40.000
B	16.0000	-30.6667	16	0.000	30	40.000
C	16.0000	-31.0000	16	0.000	31	0.000
D	15.7500	-31.0000	15	45.000	31	0.000
E	15.6000	-30.9000	15	36.000	31	54.000