

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE CHILDS BANK MARINE PROTECTED AREA IN
TERMS OF SECTION 22A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Nomvula Paula Mokonyane, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby declare, in terms of 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.



**NOMVULA PAULA MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

SCHEDULE

All geographic co-ordinates are determined in accordance with the *WGS 84* datum,.

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 meter to 450 meter depth range lying approximately 70 nautical miles west of Hondeklipbaai. The Child's Bank Marine Protected Area is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: A, B, C, D, E and F. The area includes the substrata, sea bed, subsoil and water column within these boundaries.

Purpose

The purpose for declaring this Marine Protected Area is:

- (a) To contribute to a national, regional and global representative system of marine protected areas by conserving and protecting the Childs Bank feature and associated benthic ecosystems of the outer shelf and shelf edge of this region, including cold water coral colonies;
- (b) to conserve and protect the ecologically sensitive biodiversity and the ecological processes associated with these ecosystems thereby facilitating seabed management and supporting eco-certification and its associated economic benefits; and
- (c) to protect and provide an appropriate reference environment for research and monitoring particularly research on fisheries, petroleum or mining impacts and recovery; and also to promote and contribute to environmental education.

Commencement

This notice takes effect on 1 August 2019.

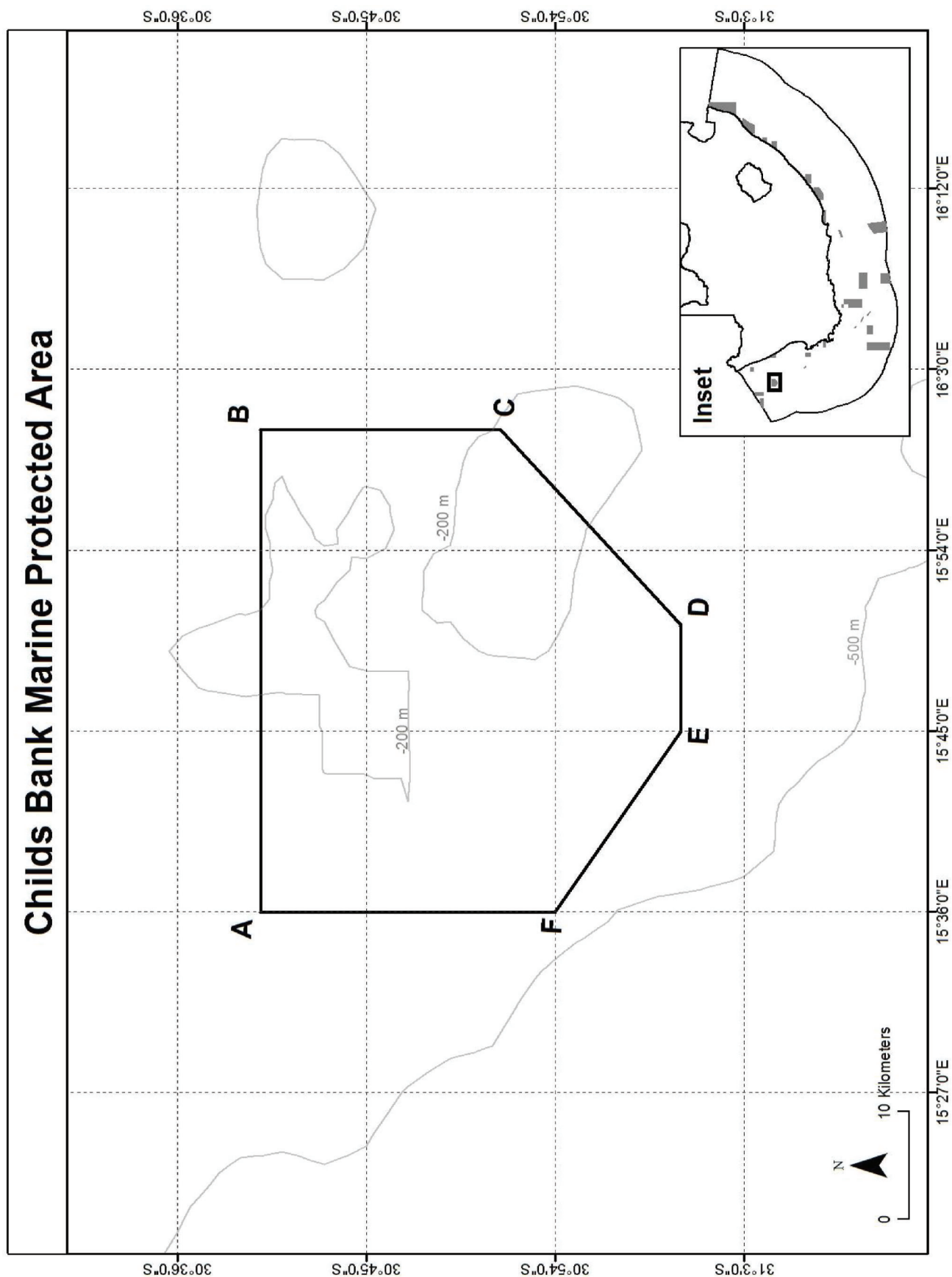
Annexure:**Figure1. The boundaries for the Childs Bank Marine Protected Area.**

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

	POINT	X	Y
Childs Bank MPA	A	15.6	-30.666667
Childs Bank MPA	B	16	-30.666667
Childs Bank MPA	C	16	-30.855985
Childs Bank MPA	D	15.837719	-31.000003
Childs Bank MPA	E	15.749998	-31.000004
Childs Bank MPA	F	15.6	-30.9