

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE BROWNS BANK CORALS 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 Browns Bank Corals 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 Browns Bank Corals Marine Protected Area in the Western Cape is an offshore Marine Protected Area in the 250m to 570m depth range lying approximately 70 nautical miles south of Cape Agulhas. The Browns Bank Corals Marine Protected Area is comprised of three separate areas, indicated as Browns Bank North, Browns Bank Central and Browns Bank South, detailed in the Annexure as follows:

- (a) Browns Bank North is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: A, B, C and D;
- (b) Browns Bank Central is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: E, F, G and H; and
- (c) Browns Bank South is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: I, J, K, L and M.

The areas include 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 cold water corals and associated benthic ecosystems of the outer shelf and shelf edge;
- (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 ecosystem description and assessment, fisheries impacts and recovery and climate resilience; and also to promote and contribute to environmental education.

Commencement

This notice takes effect on 1 August 2019.

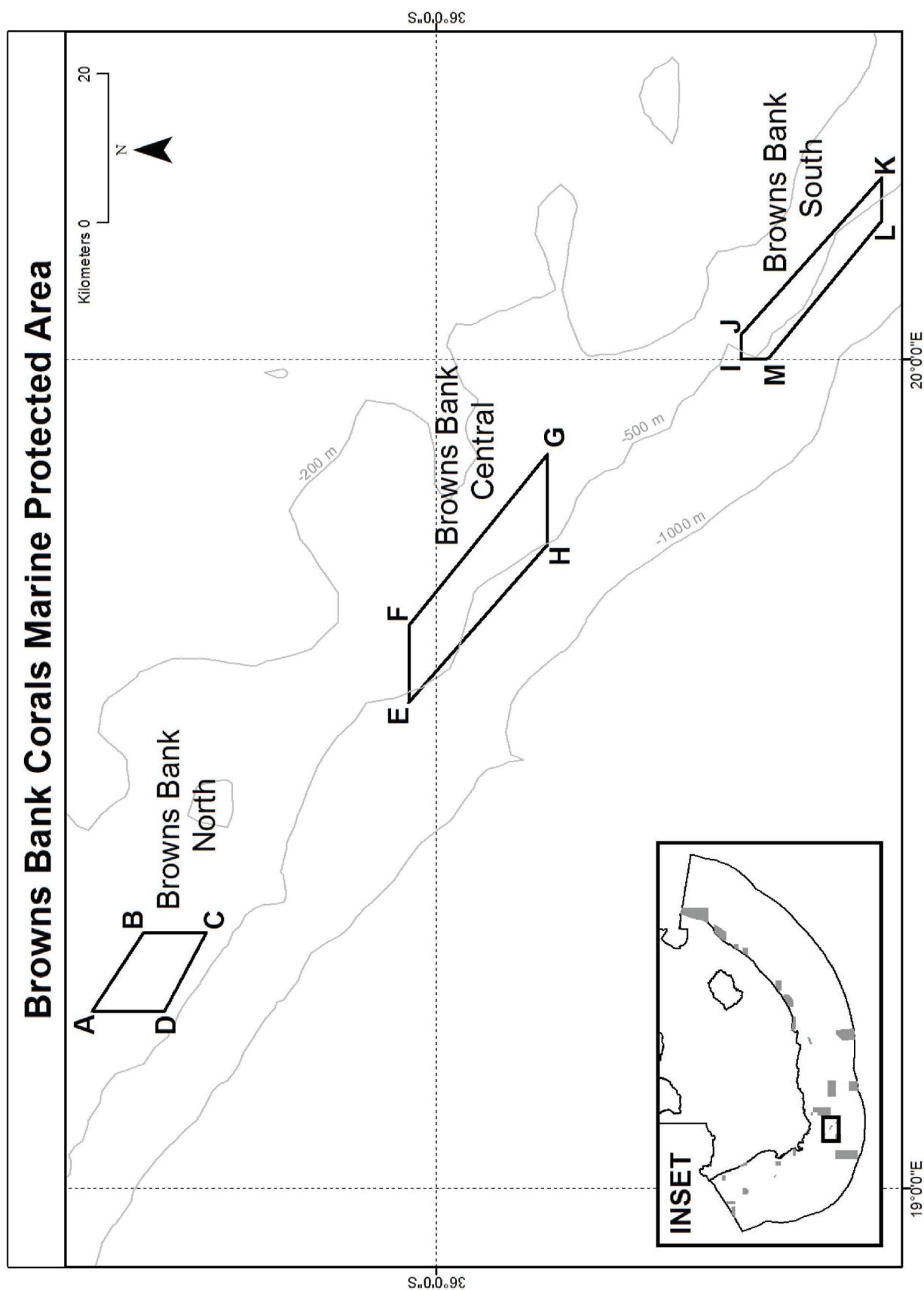
Annexure:**Fig. 1. The boundaries for the Browns Bank Corals Marine Protected Area.**

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

	POINT	X	Y
Browns Bank Corals 1	A	19.213333	-35.588333
Browns Bank Corals 1	B	19.308333	-35.65
Browns Bank Corals 1	C	19.308333	-35.725
Browns Bank Corals 1	D	19.213333	-35.675
Browns Bank Corals 2	E	19.585305	-35.967537
Browns Bank Corals 2	F	19.679504	-35.968
Browns Bank Corals 2	G	19.884831	-36.133726
Browns Bank Corals 2	H	19.775649	-36.134
Browns Bank Corals 3	I	19.999536	-36.366434
Browns Bank Corals 3	J	20.029585	-36.366434
Browns Bank Corals 3	K	20.218256	-36.533923
Browns Bank Corals 3	L	20.167024	-36.534
Browns Bank Corals 3	M	20.000029	-36.397962