

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE NAMAQUA NATIONAL PARK 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 Namaqua National Park 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 Namaqua National Park Marine Protected Area in the Northern Cape is an inshore Marine Protected Area in the 0 to 150 meter 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 coordinates: B, A, E, D and C, and the first coordinate joining the last along the high water mark, excluding estuaries. 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 coastal and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems of the Namaqua region, including threatened ecosystem types;
- (b) to protect coastal ecosystems through a contiguous conservation area that protects connected marine and terrestrial ecosystems, their associated biodiversity and ecological processes;
- (c) to protect and regulate a scenic area to support sustainable nature-based tourism and retain a land-ocean 'sense of place';
- (d) to protect cultural heritage sites including archeological middens and other features;
- (e) to facilitate species management by protecting nursery areas and allowing stock recovery of fish, limpets and west coast rock lobster and enhancing intertidal and subtidal resource abundance in adjacent areas; and
- (f) 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, and also to promote and contribute to environmental education.

Commencement

This notice takes effect on 1 August 2019.

Annexure

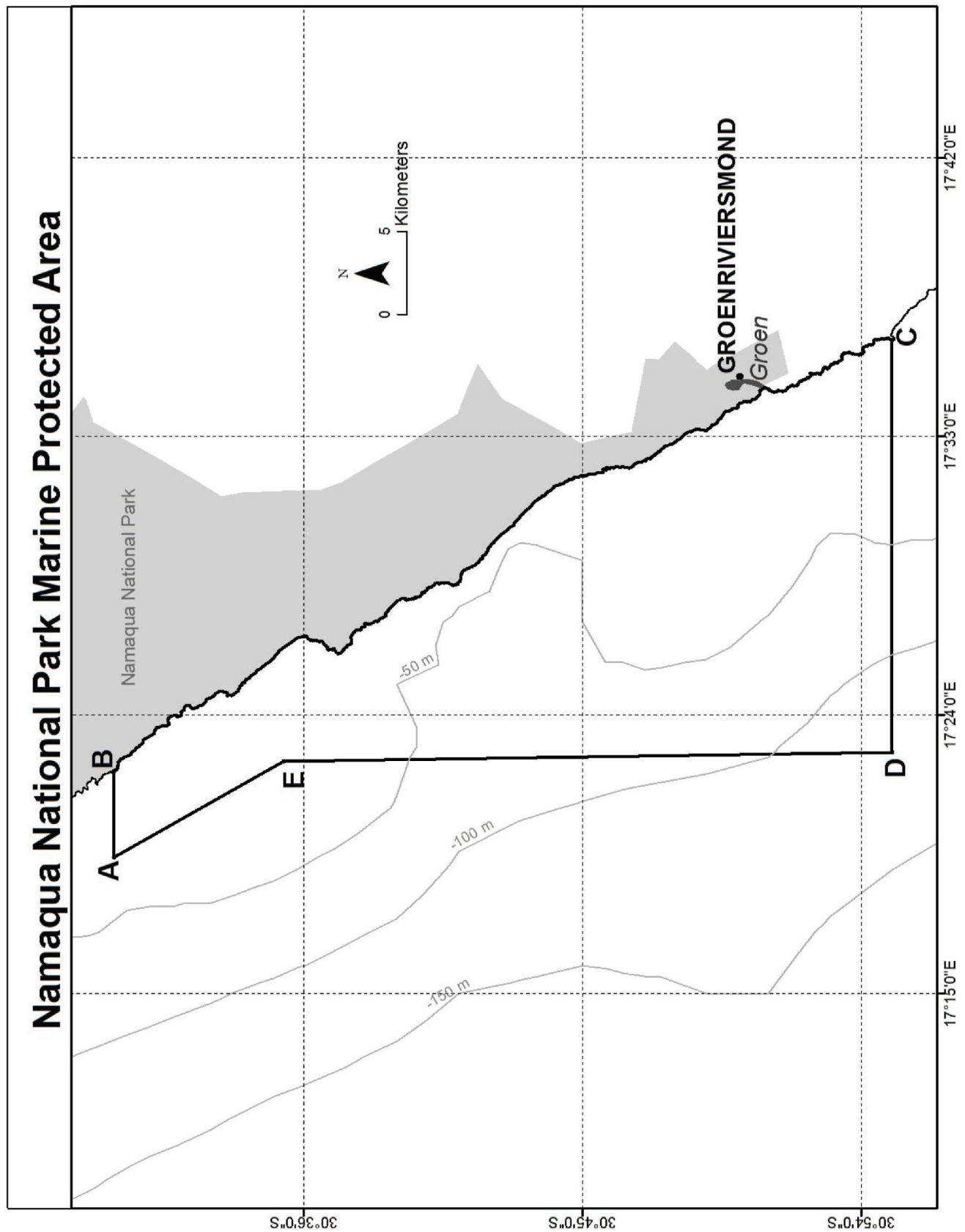


Fig. 1. The boundaries for the Namaqua National Park Marine Protected Area.

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

	POINT	X	Y
Namaqua National Park MPA	A	17.3236	-30.498001
Namaqua National Park MPA	B	17.3698	-30.498001
Namaqua National Park MPA	C	17.6022	-30.9167
Namaqua National Park MPA	D	17.3798	-30.9167
Namaqua National Park MPA	E	17.374906	-30.589061