

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC SEAMOUNTS 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 Southeast Atlantic Seamount 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 Southeast Atlantic Seamount Marine Protected Area is an offshore Marine Protected Area in the 2000 meter to 5000 meter depth range lying approximately 100 nautical miles west of Cape Point. The Southeast Atlantic Seamount Marine Protected Area is comprised of two separate areas, indicated as the Argentina and Protea Seamount and the Slope Seamount detailed in the Annexure as follows:

- (a) Argentina and Protea Seamount is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: A, B, C and D; and
- (b) Slope Seamount is bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: E, F, G and H.

The areas include the substrata, seabed, 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 benthic and pelagic habitats of seamounts and other associated ecosystem types of the slope and abyss;
- (b) to conserve and protect the ecologically sensitive biodiversity and the ecological processes associated with these ecosystems;
- (c) to conserve and protect an area of importance for migratory species including seabirds, turtles, sharks and other fish; and
- (d) to protect and provide an appropriate environment for research and monitoring particularly research on habitat description, habitat and climate resilience, mapping and monitoring; and also to promote and contribute to environmental education.

Commencement

This notice takes effect on 1 August 2019.

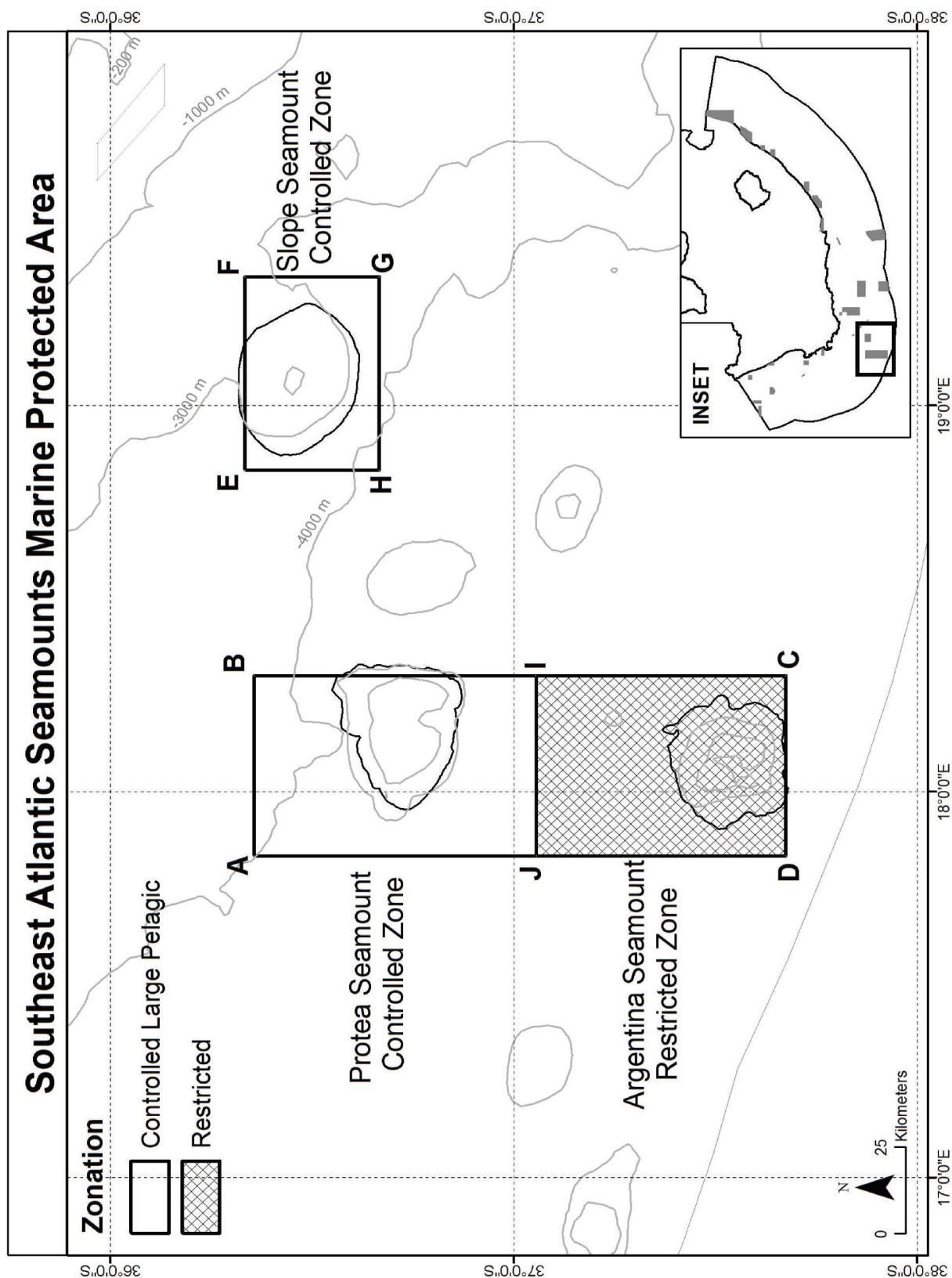
Annexure:

Fig. 1. The boundaries for the Southeast Atlantic Seamount Marine Protected Area

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

| | POINT | X | Y |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts East | E | 18.833313 | -36.333313 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts East | F | 19.333313 | -36.333313 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts East | G | 19.333313 | -36.666687 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts East | H | 18.833313 | -36.666687 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts West | A | 17.833333 | -36.356843 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts West | B | 18.3 | -36.356954 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts West | C | 18.3 | -37.673537 |
| Southeast Atlantic Seamounts West | D | 17.833333 | -37.673447 |