

# NATURE LIKE NOWHERE ELSE

Activating Nature-based Tourism in South Australia

## Marine Parks Marine Experiences



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## Marine Park Locations

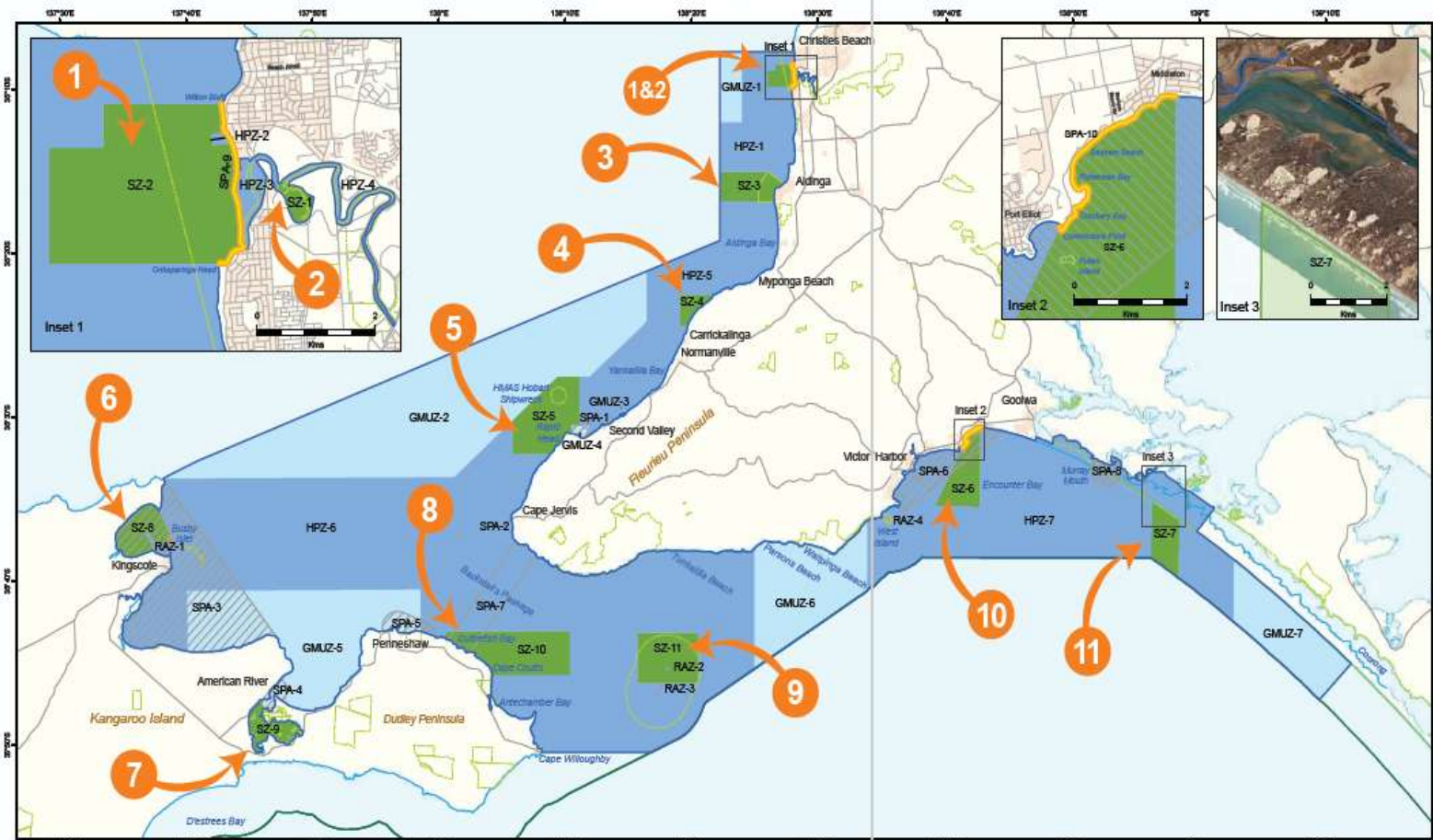
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## Key

- Restricted Access Zone
- Sanctuary Zone
- Habitat Protection Zone
- General Managed Use Zone
- Special Purpose Area (Shore-based recreational fishing)
- Commonwealth Marine National Park or Sanctuary Zone
- Special Purpose Area (Shore-based recreational line fishing)
- Built Up Area
- Existing Reserves under other Acts
- Coastal Waters of the State
- Coastline (median high water)
- State border



# Marine Park 15 - Encounter



**Marine Park Zoning**

- Restricted Access Zone (Existing)
- Sanctuary Zone
- Habitat Protection Zone
- General Managed Use Zone

**Topographic**

- Built Up Area
- Marine Park Boundary
- Existing Reserves under other Acts
- Coastal Waters of the State
- Coastline (median high water)
- Jetty
- Major Road

**Special Purpose Area (Harbor Activities)**

**Special Purpose Area (Murray Mouth Dredging)**

**Special Purpose Area (Submarine Cables and Pipelines)**

**Special Purpose Area (Shore-based recreational line fishing)**

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**Coorong Beach North SZ**  
Part of an internationally listed Ramsar wetland site, this zone is a cross section of typical Coorong habitats including beach, dunes and shallow lagoons. Important site for migratory birds.

**Encounter SZ**  
Iconic southern right whale gathering site and calving area.

**The Pages SZ and RAZ**  
One of the most important Australian sea lion breeding colonies in the State. Important site for sea birds.

**Sponge Gardens SZ**  
One of only two known deep sea trenches in SA waters and home to huge sponges often more than a metre in diameter.

**Pelican Lagoon SZ**  
Regionally unique coastal lagoon. Unique shallow sponge beds in tidal channels. Key nursery area for a wide variety of fish. Important area for local and migratory shorebirds.

**Noarlunga Reef SZ**  
Home to a large variety of fish. Extensive aquatic recreation area with ongoing education and research potential. Extensive underwater marine dive trail. Part of the important Onkaparinga estuary.

**Onkaparinga Wetland SZ**  
Regionally important sedge wetland and estuarine habitat that's home to a range of bird life. Acts as a filter system for the environment and shelters juvenile fish.

**Aldinga Reef SZ**  
Iconic reef that's been a reserve since 1971. Excellent research opportunities. One of the best dive sites in SA.

**Carrickalinga Cliffs SZ**  
Shallow reefs fringing the cliffs support some of the highest diversity of fish species recorded in Southern Australia.

**Rapid Head SZ**  
Home to the iconic leafy sea dragon. Important headlands, boulder beach and seagrass habitats.

**Bay of Shoals SZ**  
Highly important nursery area for a wide range of marine animals. Tidal flats provide an important feeding area for local and migratory shorebirds.







## Enjoy fishing in our marine parks

Fishing restrictions apply only to sanctuary zones. Use our interactive map to find out where you can fish.



- [Boating](#)
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- [Fishing](#)
- [Shark cage diving](#)
- [Snorkelling](#)
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### Enjoy

Over the years, we have developed a range of activities in parks and reserves.

Our marine parks offer a range of environmental and recreational activities such as:

The majority of our marine parks offer a range of activities such as:

South Australia's marine parks offer the state's best opportunities for enjoying the sea.

Below is a list of tour operators who are licensed to operate in marine parks (including some sanctuary zones):

- [Adventure Bay Charters](#)
- [Adventure Kayaking](#)
- [Baird Bay Eco Tours](#)
- [Big Duck Tours](#)
- [Calypso Star Charters](#)
- [Chinta Air](#)
- [Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries](#)
- [Fowlers Bay Eco Tours](#)
- [KI Marine Adventures](#)
- [KI Ocean Safari](#)
- [Narungga Fishing Charters](#)
- [Oceanic Victor](#)
- [Port Noarlunga SNUBA](#)
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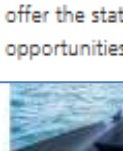
## Good Living starts here

Sign up to our Good Living blog for more great stories about our marine life.



## Pop-up Centre

Visit the pop-up marine discovery centre, an interactive and fun display at the Port Lincoln Library. Until end December.



## Tour operators

Learn more about the tour operators who are licensed to conduct tours in our marine parks.



### Shark cage diving

The Neptune Islands are the setting for one of the world's greatest underwater experiences.



### Plants & animals

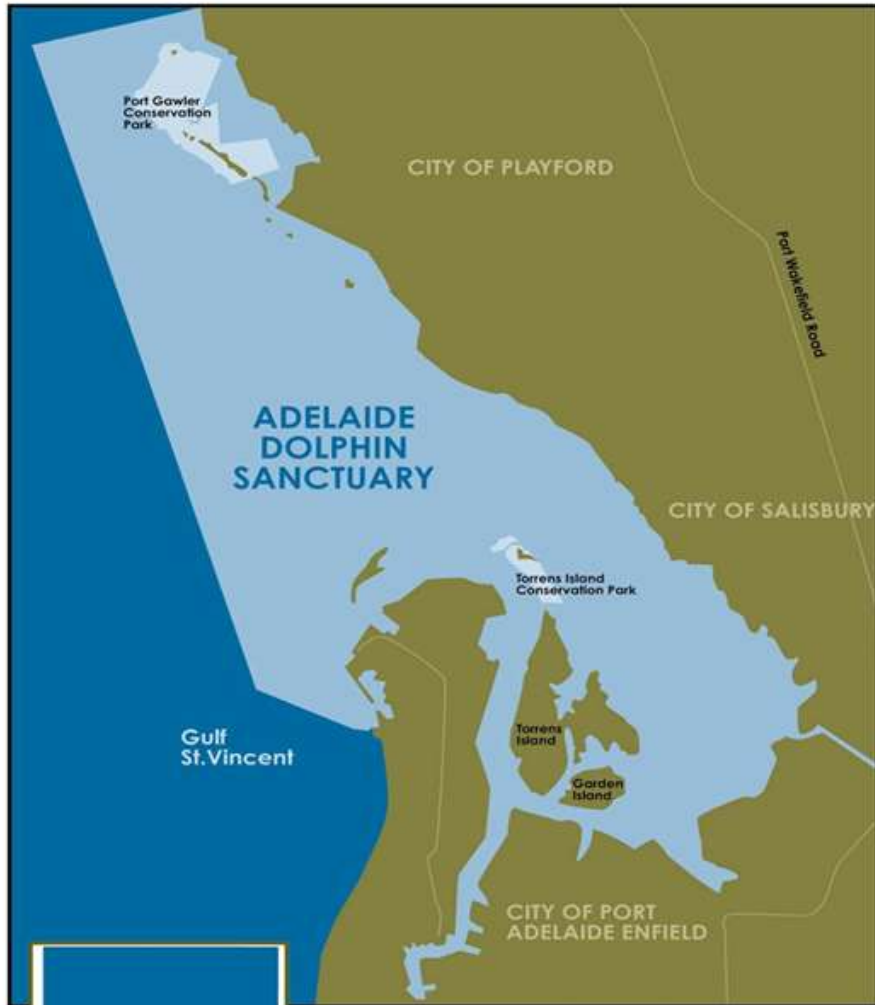
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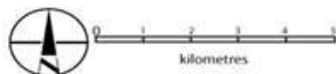
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## Map of Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary



Torrens Island, Garden Island, Mutton Cove and the land known as Bird Island are included in the Sanctuary.



## BOATING SAFETY **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

Whales, Dolphins & Seals **Personal Water Craft = 300m**

### DO NOT APPROACH

- Marine mammal with young
- Whales or dolphins from in front or behind

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## South Australia's Nature-based Tourism Goals

- Standout walking journeys across the landscape
- Unrivalled native wildlife experiences in Adelaide
- **Marine wildlife experiences without equal**
- **Cutting edge sensory experiences that leave a lasting impression**





**Far West Coast Marine Park**  
View southern right whales at the head of Bight



**West Coast Bays Marine Park**  
Seven with Australian sea lions and bottlenose dolphins



**Investigator Marine Park**  
Dive the iconic Top Gullart Isles



**Sir Joseph Banks Group Marine Park**  
Fish for King George whiting



**Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park**  
Dive with cuttlefish in this iconic location

**Franklin Harbor Marine Park**

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**Southern Spencer Gulf Marine Park**

**Thorny Passage Marine Park**

**Gambier Islands Group Marine Park**



**Neptune Islands Group (Ban and Valerie Taylor) Marine Park**  
Go shark cage diving



**Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary**  
Visit a resident pod of about 20 bottlenose dolphins



**Encounter Marine Park**  
Immerse yourself snorkeling or spearfishing



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**Western Kangaroo Island Marine Park**  
Get close to long-nosed fur seals



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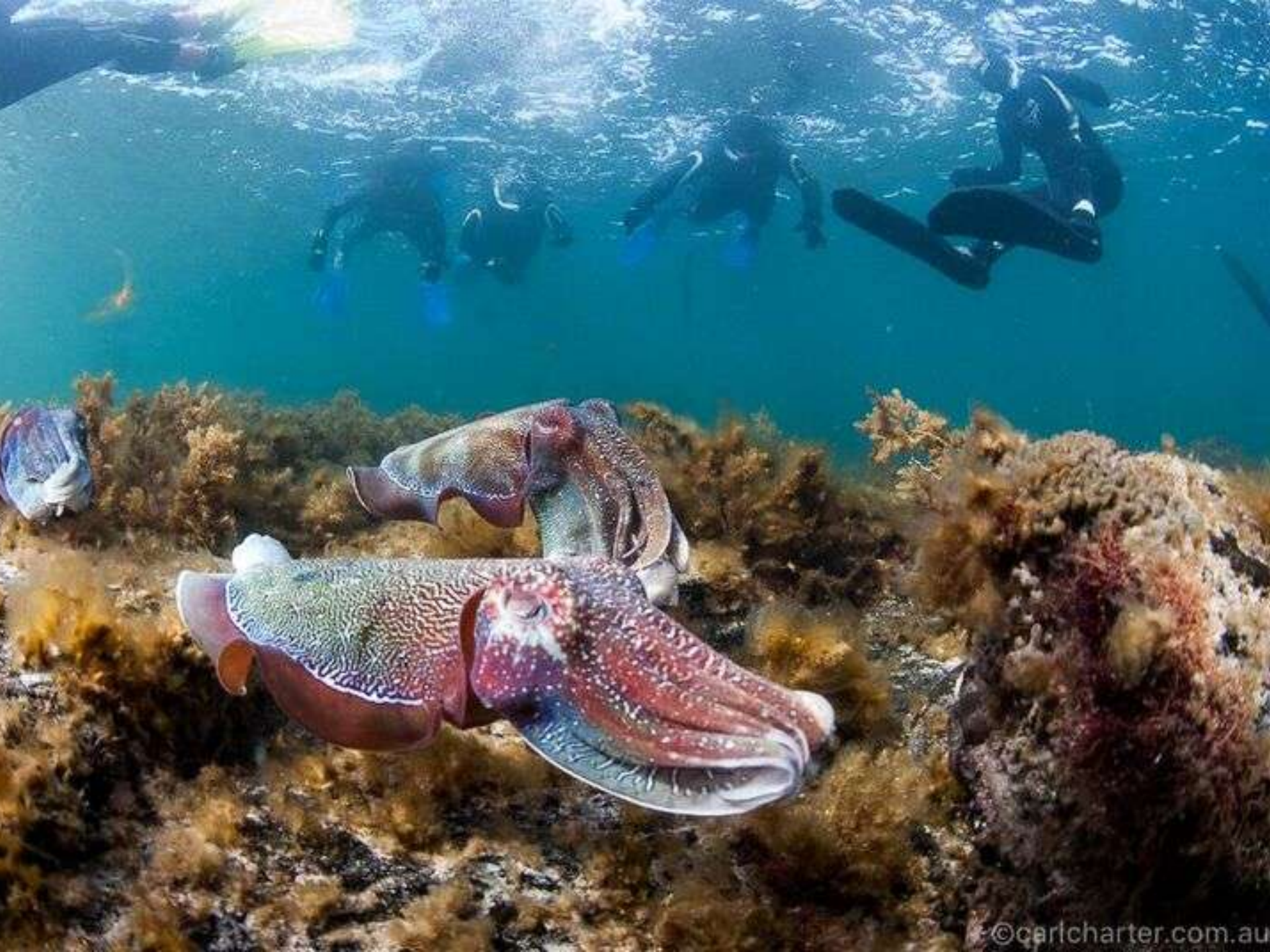
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# South Australian White Shark Tour Licensing Policy

*An adaptive policy framework to guide licensing and to support a socially responsible, environmentally sustainable and economically progressive white shark tourism industry in South Australia.*



## **Sustainable Policy Support Neptune Island Group Marine Park**

The Government is working with licensed operators and other partners to:

- ensure great white shark tourism activities are safe and sustainable
- continue to support conservation
- become a leading example of best practice in nature-based tourism

The White Shark tourism industry contributes an estimated \$13M to State's economy annually and supports ~80 jobs



## Draft Marine Mammal Tours Permitting Policy Applicable across several marine parks

- So too the Government is working in partnership with marine mammal tour operators
- Granting of permits for marine mammal tours that are conducted in the best interests of marine mammal conservation
- Policy covers dolphins, whales, Australian sea lions and Long-nosed fur seals







## Your say on growing marine-based tourism in marine parks

### Top five areas identified for change:

1. Red tape reduction
2. Access to common promotional platforms for SA, sectors and regions
3. Support on where small business should prioritise spending, i.e. international markets
4. Government fees and charges to obtain permits
5. Marketing to increase attractiveness of nature-based tourism opportunities

## Opportunities in Marine Parks





## Key messages

- South Australia has a spectacular marine environment: 44% of state waters are within the marine parks network and 6% are in sanctuary or restricted access (no-take) zones
- South Australia's 19 marine parks and Adelaide Dolphin Sanctuary are zoned to manage numerous activities and uses (no-take in sanctuary zones)
- Since 2004 the Government has made a significant investment in planning and managing our marine parks – an investment foundation for NBT
- The Government is committed to fostering a strong and diverse NBT industry within marine parks, providing support and ensuring clear, safe and sustainable practices
- Now is the time to be actively immersed in our magnificent marine parks



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