

**SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP  
COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 62  
10 December 2013**

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held on 17 September 2013: Peter Fairweather (chair), Luciano Beheregaray, Bronwyn Gillanders, Charlie Huveneers, and Hazel Vandeleur. Apologies were received from Anthony Cheshire, Sean Connell, Milena Fernandes, Hugh Kirkman, Luciana Moller, and Scoresby Shepherd.

The SWG wishes to advise the Minister of the following key outcomes of the meeting:

- Because SWG was not quorate for this meeting then general discussions were pursued rather than actionable SWG business;
- SWG regretted the illness of the Minister that kept him from attending this meeting and wished him a speedy recovery, as well as hoping to meet him at a future meeting;
- SWG was updated about the unit structure and Implementation Plan for the marine parks network, including discussing issues of priorities and budgeting;
- SWG was updated about the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) Blueprint and discussed its contents, with a promise of further advice about it prior to the next meeting;
- SWG put forward some specific ideas for research projects that could occur in the network and would serve to strengthen how we interpret the findings of the MER program. More ideas were canvassing from all members prior to the next meeting; and
- SWG members raised other issues to do with marine park operations or the business of SWG.



Professor Peter G. Fairweather

Chair, Scientific Working Group

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