

## SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP

### COMMUNIQUÉ – MEETING No. 36 12 October 2010

The following members were present at the Scientific Working Group (SWG) meeting held 12 October 2010: Anthony Cheshire (chair), Bronwyn Gillanders, Martine Kinloch, Peter Fairweather, Luciano Beheregaray, Sean Connell and Hugh Kirkman. Apologies were received from Hazel Vandeleur, Charlie Huveneers, Luciana Moller, Scoresby Shepherd and Cath Kemper.

The SWG would like to advise that at its meeting held 12 October 2010 the SWG:

- Discussed the activities and uses matrix developed for the zoning regulations. The SWG would like to recommend that the regulations relating to conducting research within marine parks be amended to:
  - allow for research in a General Managed Use zone without a permit
  - allow for observational studies within a Habitat Protection zone without a permit, however a permit should be required for experimental or manipulative research.
  - require a permit for research within sanctuary or restricted access zones acknowledging that scientific research would be broadly encouraged throughout marine parks as a basis for improving management of marine environments across SA State waters.
- Had a detailed discussion on the application of the Connectivity and Linkages Design Principle to marine park zoning which resulted in a set of criteria that could be used to assess the application of this principle.
- Agreed to develop a risk assessment on habitat vulnerability at a future meeting, with the aim of providing further advice on the application of the Resilience and Vulnerability Design Principle to marine park zoning.



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