

Biologically Important Areas for Protected Marine Species

Area of Interest (AOI) Nomination Form

Please send completed form to BIAReview@dcceew.gov.au.

Examples in italics can be deleted once the form is completed.

Contact Details:

Name:

Affiliation:

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Species Summary Table:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Stock/Population	EPBC Protected status. (Threatened, Migratory, Marine, Cetacean) List all that apply see: Species Profiles (SPRAT) (environment.gov.au)
<i>e.g., Neophoca cinerea</i>	<i>Australian sea lion</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Endangered, Marine</i>

Justification for Nomination:

Please provide justification for the AOI. For example, new scientific information is available/the species is subject to increasing threats from A, B, C/the BIA will inform/improve conservation planning by doing X, Y, Z.

Area of Interest (AOI) Summary Table:

Complete one row for each AOI being nominated.

AOI Number Number each separate AOI being nominated	AOI Name Species_BIA category_Location. Refer to BIA Protocol for BIA categories. Please use this naming convention for any additional files provided.	AOI Location Location name (e.g., closest town or landmark) and Latitude and Longitude WGS84, DD or DMS if available	AOI Description Provide a description of the AOI including how the AOI meets the BIA category definition (refer to the BIA Protocol). Describe the type of information used to support the nomination, e.g., sightings database name, published papers, books, reports etc and whether data includes behavioural information, is validated and validation method. List relevant references:	AOI Temporal Information Times of year AOI is used for the biologically important behaviour e.g., Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept. If not applicable state N/A
1	<i>Reproduction</i>	Seal Bay Kangaroo Island Lat: 35.9925S Long:137.3191E Or Lat: 35°59'33.0"S Long: 137°19'08.8"E	<p><i>Long term monitoring of a large (100+) Australian sea lion breeding colony occurs at Seal Bay. The AOI nomination is based on visual observations conducted by trained staff members annually between 2010 and 2022. Multiple mate-guarded females and at least XX pups were observed. Pups observed had black coats (indicating they were less than four weeks old).</i></p> <p><i>This observation is published in (Author, year, title, publication) and the raw data is held by XX. Observations were made and validated by trained staff and quality controlled prior to entry into the database. Pup identification was validated and used a well-known method (attached) to identify pups at early life stages. At this stage the pups are not capable of swimming and foraging on their own and so will have been born at the site.</i></p>	N/A

Area of interest map

Please provide a simple boundary map for each nominated AOI (e.g., a screen shot from google maps with an added boundary or attach kml or shapefile).

References and Supporting Information:

Please provide full references for information used in AOI Summary Table

Raw data may be requested by the Department to generate final BIA maps. Raw data may be provided by downloading and completing the DCCEEW **Species Observation Data Template** which can be accessed via the [Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data - DCCEEW](#)

Please note, by providing raw data you are agreeing to the data being used by the Department and resulting BIAs being made publicly available. Data sharing agreements may be entered into (contact BIAreview@dceew.gov.au to discuss).