

**South Australia is on the verge of making one of the most significant conservation decisions in the state's history.**



*SA needs marine sanctuaries*



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South Australia's coastal waters are amazing but under threat from overfishing, pollution and climate change.

We need marine sanctuaries to protect SA's special places. These are just a few...

## Far West Coast

**Nuyts Reef** - Located just off the coast, Nuyts Reef is a maritime wonder. Fed by a tropical body of water called the Leeuwin Current, Nuyts Reef is a spectacular environment with corals, sponges and seastars.

**West Coast Islands** - The islands, such as the Isles of St Francis, off SA's Far West Coast are a melting pot of marine life. The secluded bays sustain a huge abundance of life including White Sharks, Rays, Western Blue Groper, Southern Rock Lobster and seasonal visits by Leatherback Turtles.

## Giant Cuttlefish Coast

In the head waters of the Spencer Gulf a unique natural phenomenon takes place each year.

Every winter the Giant Cuttlefish congregate in their thousands to breed and spawn.

The Point Lowly area is the only location in the world where this truly unique natural event takes place.

**Up to 90% of marine life in South Australia is found no where else on Earth**

## Chain of Bays

**Sceale Bay** - From the Killer Whale to Little Patty, the world's smallest seastar, "Sceales" is a nursery for many of the state's most important fish species including mullet, whiting and flathead.

**Smooth Pool** - An enormous rock pool where you can dive and snorkel with Western Blue Groper and Harlequin Fish.

**Point Labatt** - One of just a few mainland breeding colonies of the endangered Australian Sea-lion.

## The Coorong

The Coorong National Park is globally significant. Each year, water birds from around the world migrate there to escape the harsh winter in the Northern hemisphere.

As the estuary of Australia's great Murray-Darling river system, the mixing of fresh and salty ocean water creates an environment extremely rare in South Australia.

The Murray Mouth area is a critically important refuge for many iconic species including Mullet.

Sandy beaches and high energy surf makes the region a popular spot for surfers.

## West and South Coast Kangaroo Island

Fed by nutrient-rich waters, Kangaroo Island's West and South Coast are an ocean wilderness, home to a vast array of animals and plants.

Seal Bay supports one of SA's critical breeding grounds for the endangered Australian Sea-lion.

North Casuarina Islet is the only known breeding location for Australian Fur-seals in the state.

The offshore reefs are home to many fish including Western Blue Groper, Harlequin and Western Blue Devils.



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# Why marine sanctuaries?

Marine sanctuaries are proven to:

- ↪ **Protect marine life**
- ↪ **Help fish stocks recover**
- ↪ **Generate economic and social benefits**



# What can you do?

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect South Australia's amazing marine environment.

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