

IUCN WCPA/SSC Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force

2020 Report



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52

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Mission statement

The goal of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas (MMPA) Task Force is to facilitate mechanisms to encourage collaboration, sharing information and experience to access and disseminate knowledge and tools for establishing, monitoring, and managing MMPAs and promoting effective spatial solutions and best practices for marine mammal conservation.

Projected impact for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

By bringing to the attention of managers, decision makers and the general public the presence and whereabouts of important marine mammal areas (IMMAs), we are facilitating the consideration of marine mammal habitats in decisions concerning marine spatial planning and the planning of human activities at sea that have or can have a negative impact on marine mammal status. IMMAs have also been brought to the attention of policy makers, having been the subject of Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Resolution 12.13. Most of this work, however, is still potential given the recent date in which IMMAs have been made public.

Targets for the 2017-2020 quadrennium

Act

Conservation actions: (1) complete Important Marine Mammal Area (IMMA) identification in the tropical and temperate Indian and South Pacific Oceans; (2) identify IMMAs for Australia–New Zealand and South East Indian Ocean.

Network

Membership: increase Task Force membership through addition of regional group coordinators.
Synergy: improve streamlining between the IMMA and the Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) processes.

Activities and results 2020

Act

Conservation actions

- i. An expert workshop to complete IMMA identification in the South East Tropical and Temperate Pacific Ocean could not be delivered due to COVID-19. The possible date has been postponed to the first semester of 2022. (KSR #26)
- ii. The review panel accepted 31 IMMAs for Australia–New Zealand and South East Indian Ocean, 2 candidate IMMAs (CIMMAs) and 13 Areas of Interest (Aoi), out of an initial 45 CIMMAs proposed by the workshop. Accepted areas can be found on the e-Atlas and the online searchable database. (KSR #26)

Network

Membership

- i. Chandra Salgado-Kent and Simon Childerhouse were recruited as regional group coordinators during a workshop held in Perth (Australia) on 10–14 February 2020, to identify IMMAs in the Australia–New Zealand and South East Indian Ocean region.

Synergy

- i. Twenty-five (25) IMMAs have been identified that could be KBA candidates. (KSR #29)

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Summary of activities 2020

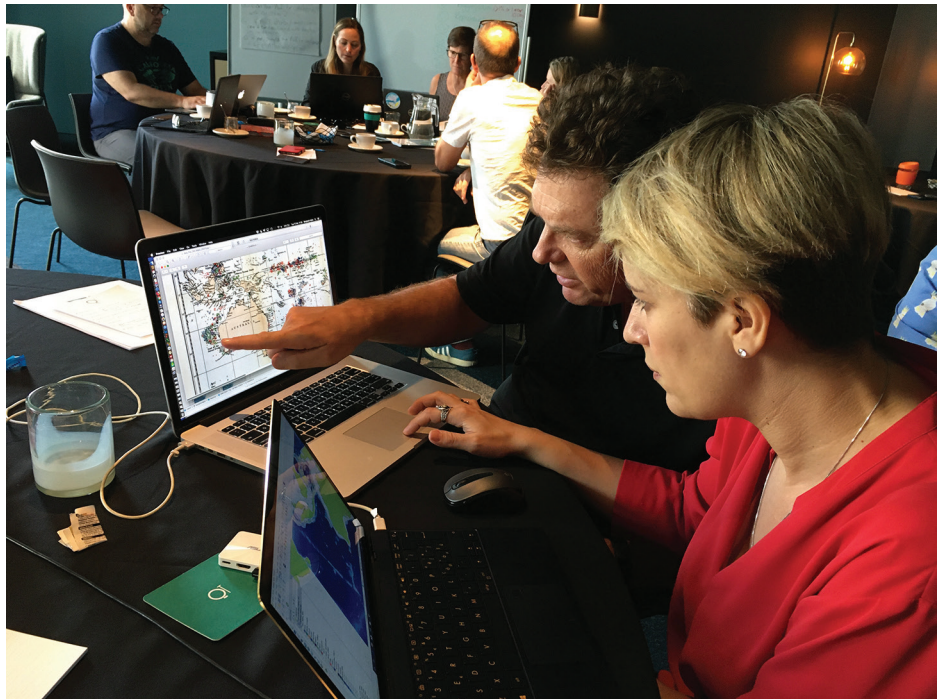
Components of Species Conservation Cycle: 2/5

Act 2 II

Network 2 II

Main KSRs addressed: 26, 29

KSR: Key Species Result



The Important Marine Mammal Area (IMMA) Workshop for Australia-New Zealand and South East Indian Ocean engaged 31 scientists in the 6th IMMA Workshop of the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force, February 2020, Perth, Australia.
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