

Australian Marine Parks Ocean Discovery and Restoration Program

Together we can achieve more for our oceans



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Join us to start the conversation about unlocking opportunities that help us to sustainably manage our Australian Marine Parks estate.



Australia is surrounded by magnificent oceans and a marine environment that's the envy of the world.



Australian Marine Parks cover **37%** of our oceans, with steps underway to increase coverage to **45%** through new marine parks in the Indian Ocean Territories.



Parks Australia manages **58** Australian Marine Parks located within Commonwealth waters – over **5.5 kilometres** from the coast.

Around **75%** of the Australian Marine Parks estate is unexplored.



Management of Sea Country with knowledge and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is integral to **improving environmental outcomes**.



The Australian Government has committed \$15m to co-invest with partners to amplify nationally significant outcomes of ocean discovery and restoration across sectors. Collaborative partnerships will enable larger scale impact and project results including cutting edge science discoveries, protection of iconic threatened species populations, research and restoration of unique, fragile ecosystems.

The Director of National Parks invites you to partner with us to help sustainably manage Australia's oceans through practical actions that support oceans health, wealth, equity and knowledge. You have the opportunity to help protect some of the Earth's most unique and wild island and ocean environments in

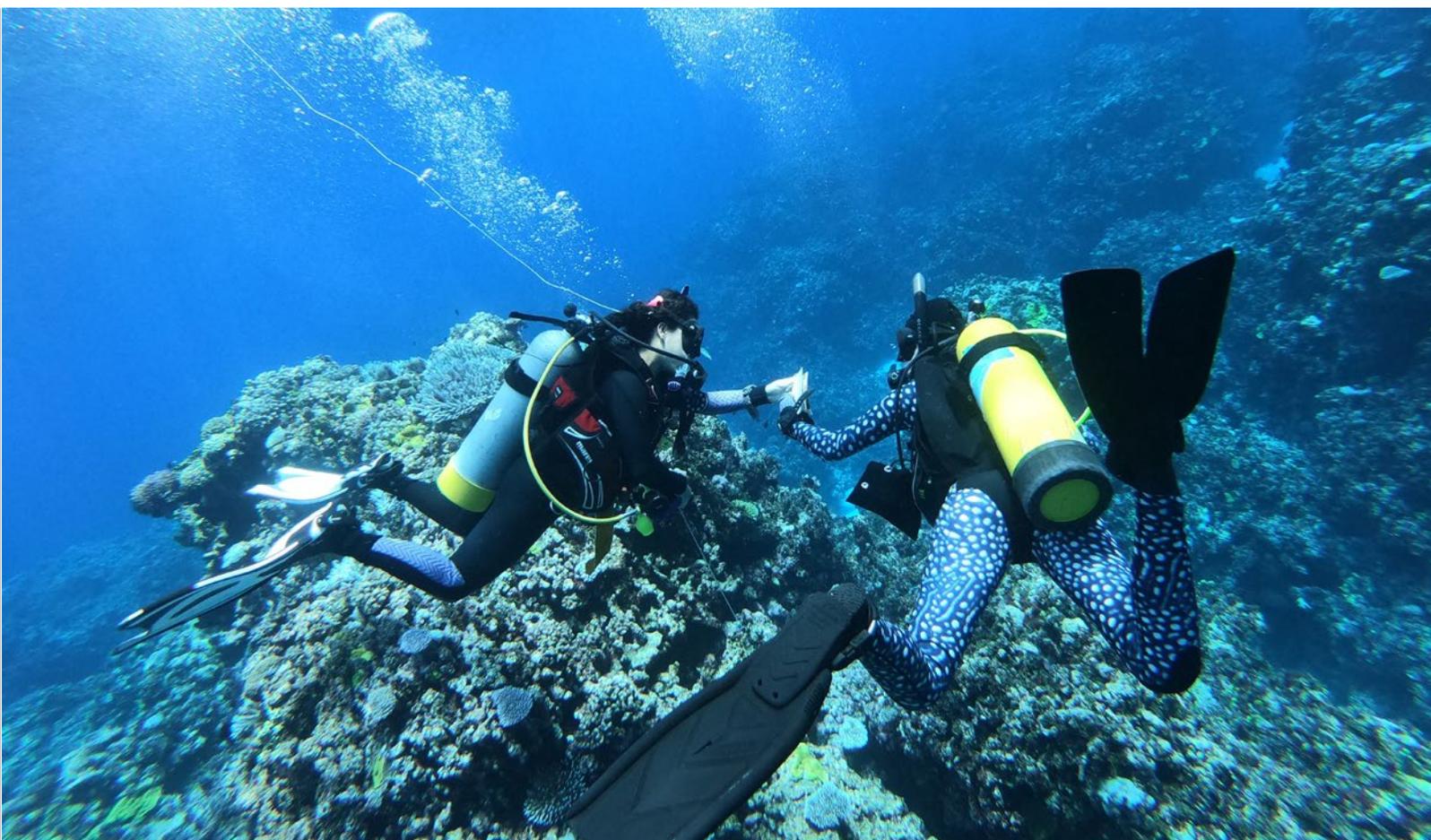
Australian Marine Parks so they endure for generations to come.

The Director of National Parks' approach for this Program is collaborative – working together, we can achieve more. Our partnerships have the potential to realise ground-breaking conservation efforts through support for innovation, access to research vessels, expertise, and promotion and delivery of good ideas and on-ground outcomes.

The Director of National Parks would like to hear from partners enthusiastic about delivering projects that will kick-start nation-inspiring science discovery and restoration initiatives.

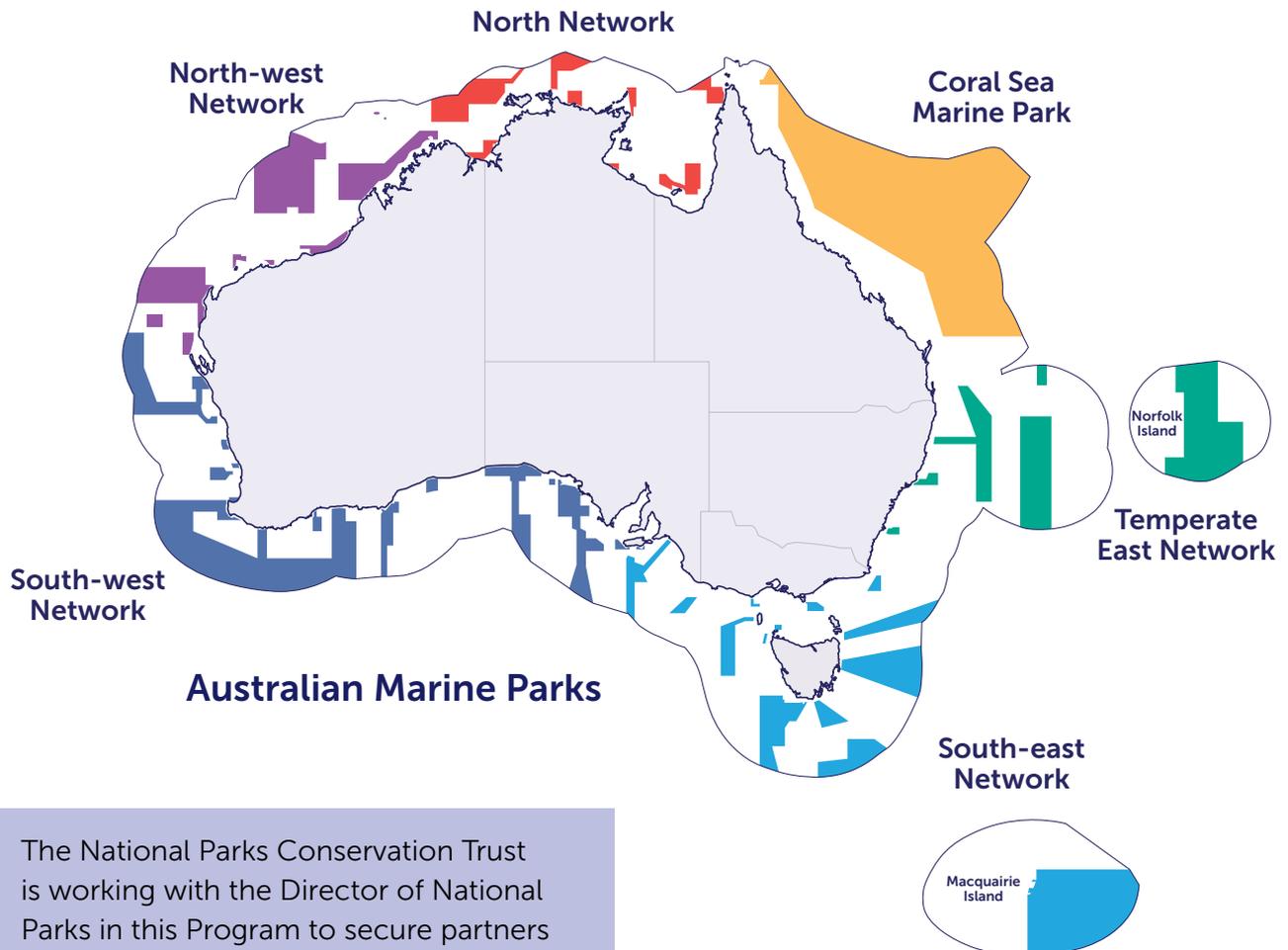
There two pathways that partners can follow to connect with their co-contribution:

- **Parks Proposals** – projects identified as priorities by the Director of National Parks for delivery in Australian Marine Parks; and
- **Partner Proposals** – projects partners identify as being consistent with the Project Criteria in the Partnership Call and the relevant Australian Marine Park management plan.



Marine parks help conserve marine habitats and the species that live within and rely on these habitats.

Marine parks also provide places for people to watch wildlife, dive, and go boating, snorkelling and fishing. Importantly, they support jobs in industries like tourism and fishing, and provide us with food and energy.



The National Parks Conservation Trust is working with the Director of National Parks in this Program to secure partners and offer an avenue for co-investment through a registered charity.

The National Parks Conservation Trust proudly supports new conservation initiatives in and around Commonwealth reserves, including Australian Marine Parks.

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Contact us to start an informal discussion about getting involved

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