

Australia creates world's biggest marine park

The world's largest network of marine parks will cover 3.1 million sq km, more than a third of Australian waters. Commercial fishing and oil and gas exploration will be limited in the most sensitive areas

North-west Network: Home to whale shark and world's largest population of humpback whales

North Network: Nesting and resting areas for marine turtle species, migratory seabirds and large population of dugongs

Coral Sea

Reserve:

Renowned for diversity of big predatory fish and sharks. All Coral Sea reefs protected



EXISTING
reserves

Perth Canyon

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
(Established 1975)

Canberra

South-west Network:

Breeding and feeding ground for southern right whales, blue whales and Australian Sea Lion. Includes Perth Canyon – underwater area bigger than Grand Canyon

600km
375 miles

South-east Network:
(2007)

Temperate East Network:

Home to endangered grey nurse shark, white shark and black cod

Macquarie Island

