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SOCIAL & CULTURAL VALUE INTEGRATION

IN MSP FRAMEWORKS



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OUR PLACE OF RESEARCH

The Yagambah language people



PLACE OF MEETING

We acknowledge the Ainu people,
the traditional peoples of Japan

THE OCEAN IS OUR LAST FRONTIER.

BLUE ECONOMY BENEFITS

FEEDING THE WORLD

Through sustainable aquaculture.

DECARBONISATION

Through renewable energy.

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES

Through nurturing innovation.



WHAT ARE SOCIAL & CULTURAL VALUES?

People are deeply connected to the coasts and ocean.

This connection crosses environmental, social, cultural, spiritual, & economic elements.

Various values identified by McKinley et al. 2019 (<https://core.ac.uk/reader/222830600>)



WHO DO THEY IMPACT?

Stakeholders & rightsholders

- Indigenous peoples
- Coastal communities
- Providers
- Consumers
- Education
- Defense

DISHONOURING SOCIAL & CULTURAL VALUES

CULTURAL SITE DESTRUCTION

Juukan Gorge, Western Australia, legal explosion of 46,000-year-old cultural sacred site (far left)

COMMUNITY OPPOSITION

To emerging industries & blue growth





TOOLS SUPPORTING SOCIAL & CULTURAL VALUE (SCV) INTEGRATION

UNDRIP

ILO Convention 169

UNPFII

SRRIP

WBIPP

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Marine application



HOW CAN SECTORS INTEGRATE SUSTAINABLY?

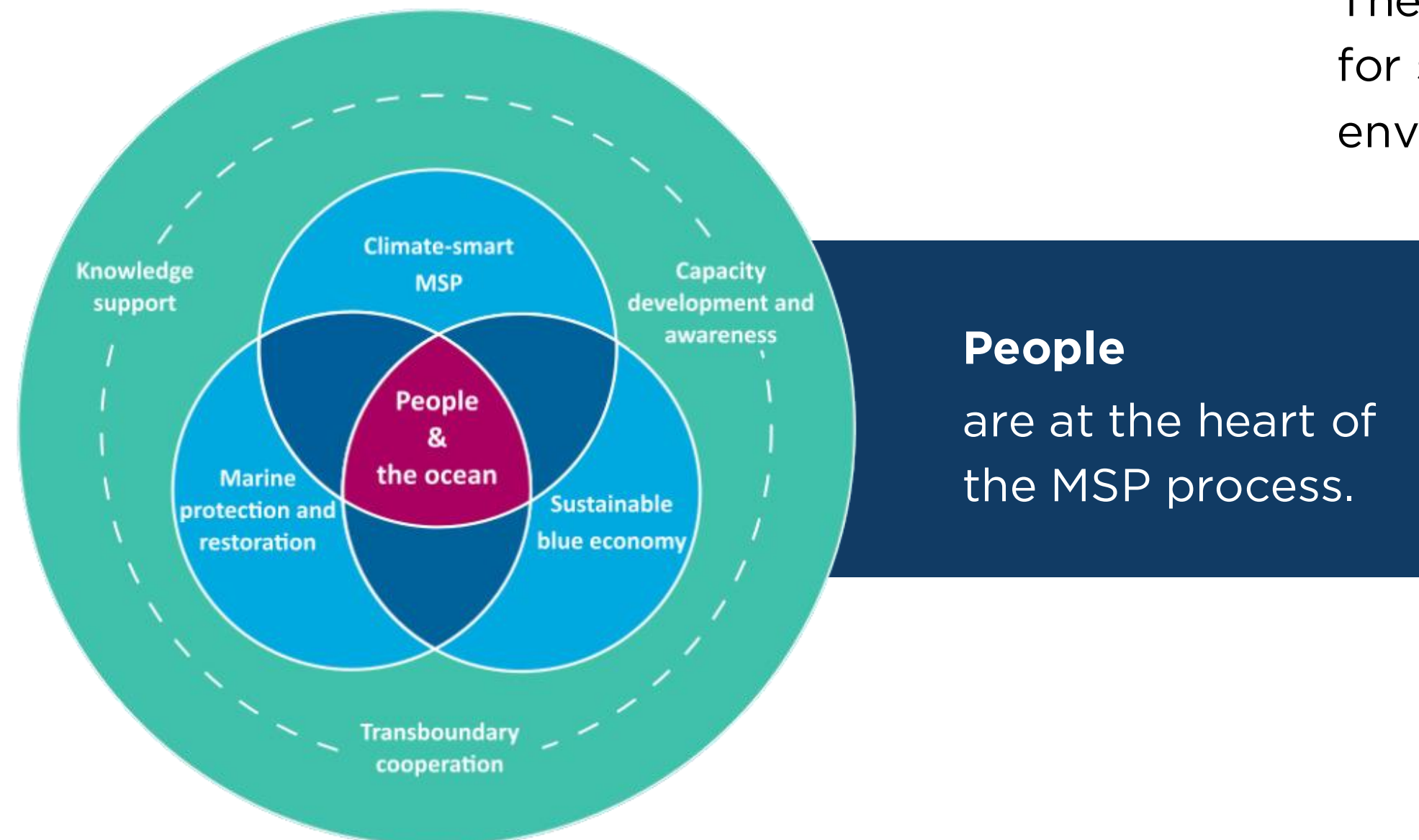
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ECONOMY**
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE

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MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP)

**a tool to integrate
people.**

The most endorsed management regime for sustainable development in the marine environment (McAteer et al., 2022)



Including social & cultural values in the decision-making process has enabled MSP to be integrated into Indigenous coastal & ocean management

DOES IT WORK? ▶

EXAMPLES OF SCV IN MSP



Algoa Bay, SA

Integrated TEK & customary practices into the MSP framework to promote sustainable and culturally sensitive management.



Rhode Island, USA

Ocean SAMP engages local communities and stakeholders in the planning process.

An underwater scene with a large shark swimming towards the right. In the background, several divers are visible, some appearing to be in a state of distress or entanglement. The water is a deep blue color.

**HOW CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE
EXAMPLES TO INCORPORATE SOCIAL &
CULTURAL VALUES INTO A MARINE
SPATIAL PLAN FOR AUSTRALIA?**

AUSTRALIA HAS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS CULTURE IN THE WORLD.

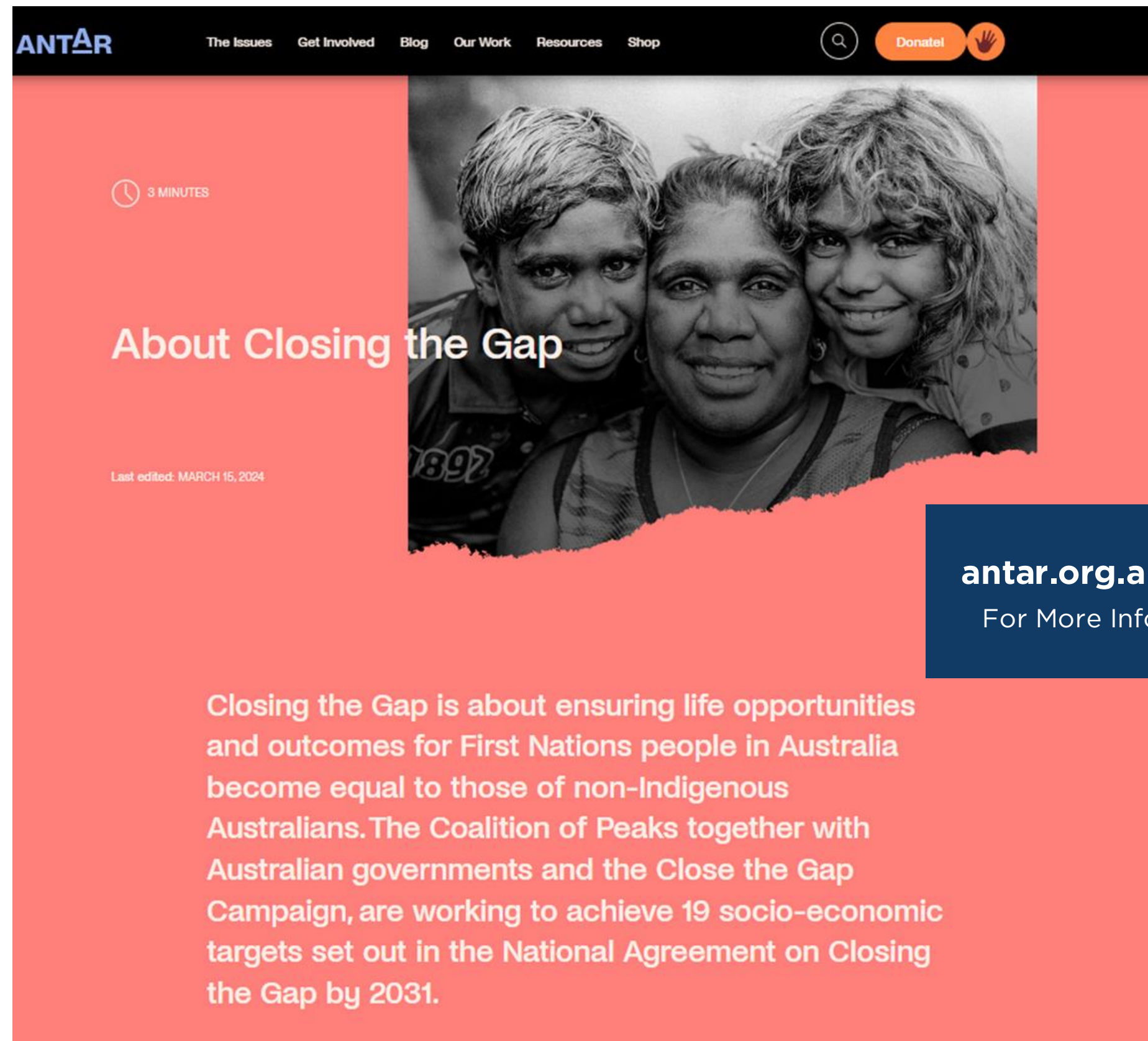
And no process to integrate this culture within
marine planning frameworks.





Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are made up of many different and distinct groups each with their own culture, customs, language and laws.




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For More Information



The screenshot shows the ANTA website with a navigation bar containing 'The Issues', 'Get Involved', 'Blog', 'Our Work', 'Resources', and 'Shop'. There is a search icon, a 'Donate!' button, and a hand icon. The main content area has a red background and features a black and white photograph of three Indigenous Australian people. The title 'About Closing the Gap' is displayed in white text. A clock icon indicates a 3-minute read time. Below the title, it says 'Last edited: MARCH 15, 2024'. A dark blue call-to-action box on the right contains the text 'antar.org.au/issues' and 'For More Information'. At the bottom, a paragraph of white text explains the goal of closing the gap by 2031.

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 3 MINUTES

About Closing the Gap

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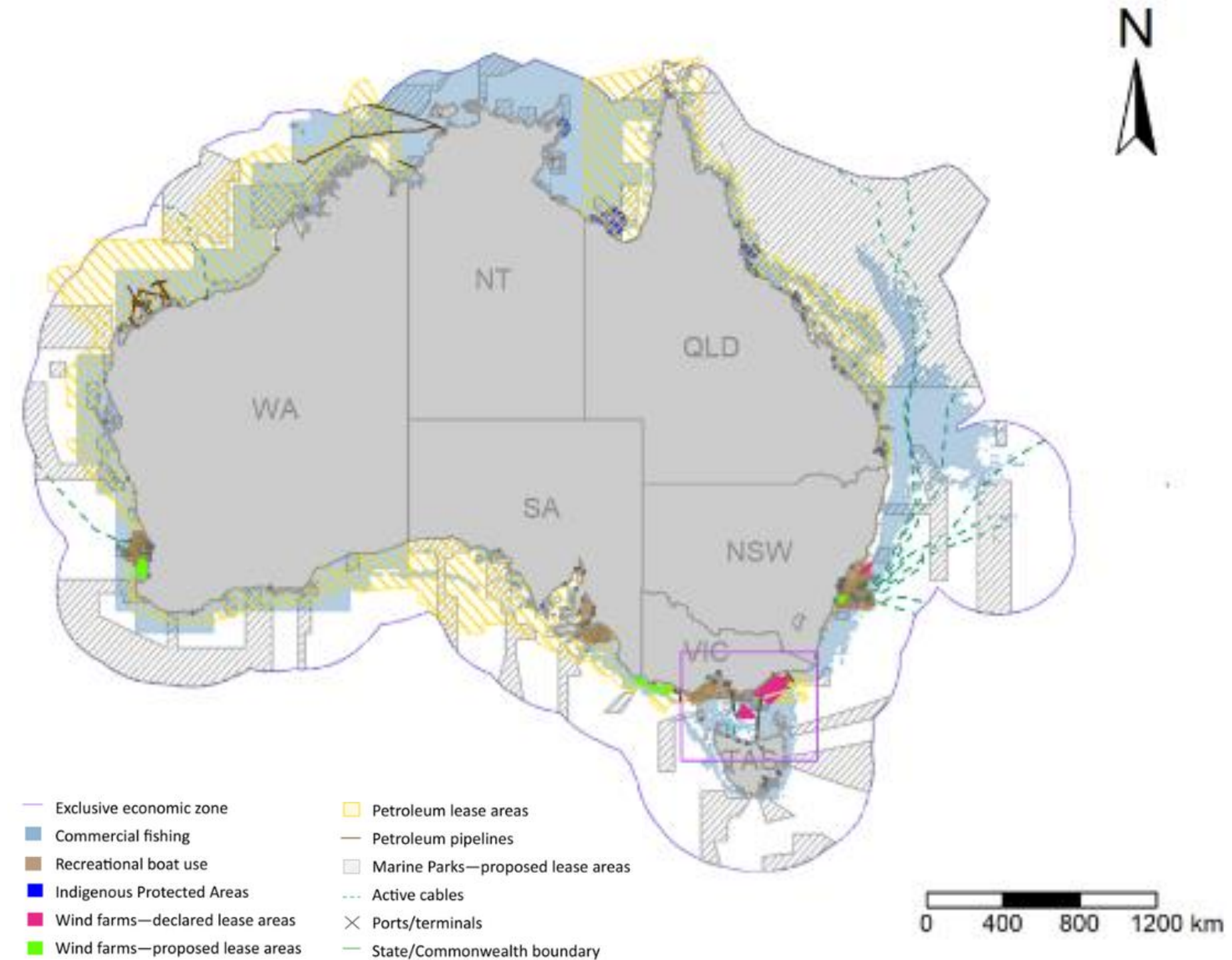
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Closing the Gap is about ensuring life opportunities and outcomes for First Nations people in Australia become equal to those of non-Indigenous Australians. The Coalition of Peaks together with Australian governments and the Close the Gap Campaign, are working to achieve 19 socio-economic targets set out in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap by 2031.

AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT

Australia's oceans are busy places

- Interest in the blue economy is growing (in part by commitment to decarbonize)
- Commitment to sustainably manage 100% of its ocean jurisdiction by 2025
- But...sectoral decision making dominates
- And...Australia is a federated system of states





HOW DOES THIS LANDSCAPE SUPPORT AN EQUITABLE SOCIAL & CULTURAL PROCESS?

MSP FOR AUSTRALIA

Need for an integrated approach to ocean management recognised by industries of the Blue Economy CRC

MSP Project aim: To develop an MSP Framework for Australia that can deliver tools, approached and forums to assist regulators and emerging industries to implement ecologically, economically and socially sound MSP in Australia's waters

<https://blueeconomycrc.com.au/>

The screenshot shows the website for the 2024 Marine Spatial Planning for a Blue Economy workshop. The header includes the Blue Economy CRC logo, navigation links (Home, About, Research, Education, News & Events, Contact), and a 'CONNECT WITH US' section with social media icons. Below the header is a dark blue banner with '2024 PARTICIPANTS WORKSHOP', 'REGISTER NOW!', 'ONLINE AGENDA', and 'FIND OUT MORE'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the title 'MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING FOR A BLUE ECONOMY'. Below this, there is a 'PROJECT IN BRIEF' section with a video thumbnail and a 'DOWNLOAD PROJECT PDF' button. The 'RESEARCH PROGRAM' section is titled 'Environment & Ecosystems'. The 'PROJECT LEADER' section features a photo of Professor Chris Fried, a member of the Blue Economy CRC. The 'MARCH 2024 PROGRESS UPDATE' section includes a 'DOWNLOAD PAPERS' button. The project ID '421002' is displayed at the bottom left.

2024 PARTICIPANTS WORKSHOP REGISTER NOW! ONLINE AGENDA FIND OUT MORE

MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING FOR A BLUE ECONOMY

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Development of a larger and diverse "blue economy" requires spatial planning that gives industries certainty of tenure and supports the management of risks. The long-term goal of spatial planning should be to link physical, environmental, cultural and heritage, resource potential, operational logistics and risks into a comprehensive decision support tool.

This proposal will advance marine spatial planning that supports equitable, environmentally sustainable and economically efficient outcomes.

The objective of this project is to deliver forums, tools and approaches to assist regulators and emerging industries to implement ecologically, economically and socially sound Marine Spatial Planning of Australia's offshore waters.

MSP is a public process of analysing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives that are usually specified through a participatory process.

The goals of MSP are derived from policy decisions about society's desired outcomes for the marine environment.

We will:

- (i) contribute to the development of a framework for planning approaches;
- (ii) characterise the data needs;
- (iii) characterise resources and sites for development, and
- (iv) assess cross-sector interactions and mitigation activities.

MARCH 2024 PROGRESS UPDATE

The Marine Spatial Planning for a Sustainable Blue Economy project released Supporting Papers in March 2024. Marine Spatial Planning offers countries an operational framework to maintain the value of their marine biodiversity while at the same time allowing sustainable use of the economic potential of their oceans. The comprehensive supporting papers cover the common approaches to MSP – both nationally and internationally, integration with indigenous Peoples and the context in Australia's Marine States.

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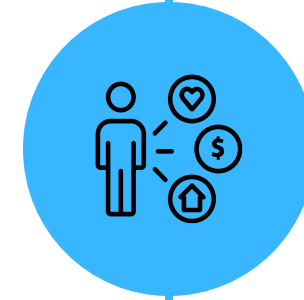
AN MSP FRAMEWORK FOR AUSTRALIA

WE ENGAGED FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND ENGOS TO IDENTIFY NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT.

- f2f and online meetings & focus group discussions
- 62 meetings with 177 stakeholders
- Advised by committees (heads of govt and cultural committee)
- Engagement strategies



NEXT STEPS



Meeting ATSI needs



**Needs & aspirations of Sea
Country Planning**



**Stakeholder engagement via
cultural process**

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Project team & partners | Indigenous and community representatives | Federal and state agencies | Industry partners

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INDIGENOUS OCEAN GOVERNANCE
IN AUSTRALIA

Marine Socio-Ecological Systems Symposium
Wednesday June 05, 2024 / 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

“(S07-P3) (ECOP) Safeguarding Indigenous oceanic custodianship: The evolution of...”

Jillian Conrad

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Be sure to check out more information on Indigenous ocean governance in Australia at the poster session!

