



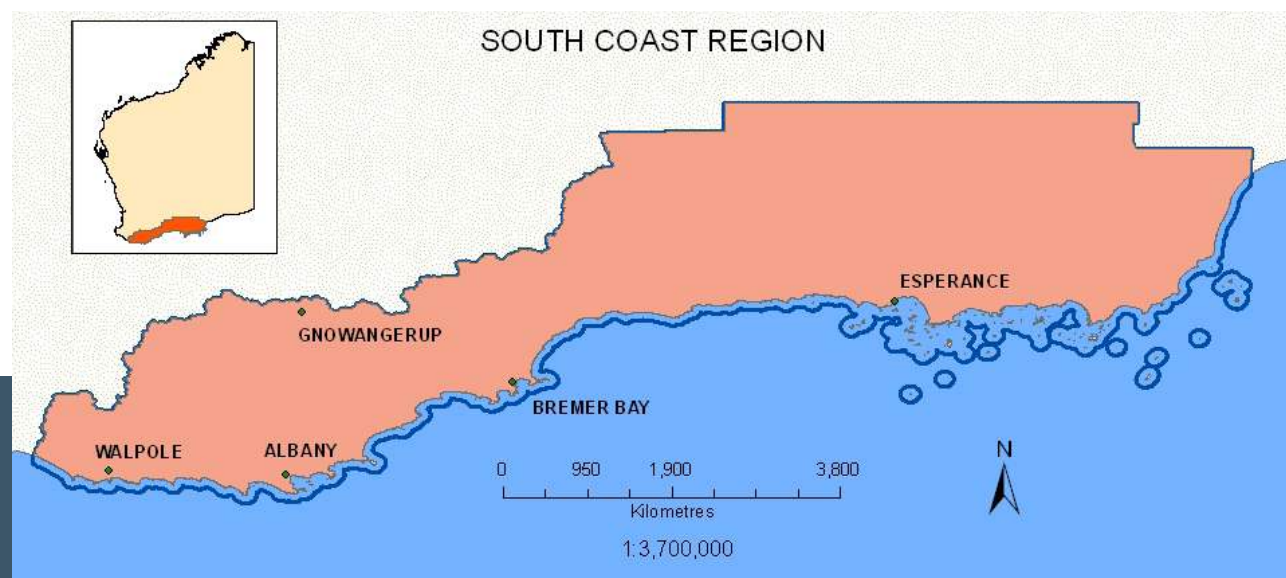
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The South Coast NRM Region of Western Australia covers an area of approximately 8.6 million hectares which incorporates 8,000 hectares of islands and coastal waters up to three nautical miles seaward (Figure 2.1). The region extends from east of Esperance to Walpole along the coast and further inland by approximately 150 kilometres. The region encapsulates a spectacular and diverse range of landscapes from tall forests in the west, pristine coastlines in the south, all of Southern WA's mountain peaks and many wetlands, waterways and estuaries.

The South Coast NRM boundary is primarily defined by water catchment boundaries which improves the management of issues related to catchment hydrology and its effects on water availability, vegetation and land condition.

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SOUTHERN PROSPECTS

2019-2024



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Welcome to our Future

Welcome to Southern Prospects - a strategy to guide investment in natural resource management on the South Coast of Western Australia for the period 2019-2024.

Southern Prospects provides a common focus for the communities of the South Coast Natural Resource Management region to work collectively towards the vision of looking after where we live - communities caring for their environment.

The South Coast community faces many challenges in the future management of the region's natural resources. Through working together, history has shown that the dedicated and passionate South Coast community can work together to achieve great things. We do this by employing the values embedded in Southern Prospects in all the things we do.

“We acknowledge the Noongar/Nyungar peoples of the South Coast region as the traditional custodians of this land and we pay our respect to their Elders past and present. We recognise their deep connections to land, sea and community.”



Natural Resource Management (NRM) is the sustainable management of natural resources, including land, water, marine and biological systems, that underpins social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing for current and future generations. Southern Prospects 2019-2024 has been developed to provide an overview of the region, the role of South Coast NRM and details of each of the bridging and biophysical themes. A summary of the 25+ year aspirations, 1-5 year outcomes and key actions to deliver the Strategy over the next five years are shown in the diagram. The aspirations, outcomes and actions have been mapped according to a Pathways Approach that visualises the sequencing of these actions, decision and review points against the timeframe of the Strategy.

Partnerships and networking are critical to the achievement of long-lasting positive outcomes for land, water, coastal and marine environments and biodiversity. The South Coast region has a record of successful and enterprising groups and individuals engaged in NRM, capable of tackling the challenges facing the region. All of the South Coast NRM Reference Groups have reviewed Southern prospects to ensure it aligns with the community's strategic priorities over the next five years to help guide the focus for investment and collective action.

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2044

Delivery of key actions underpin achievement of aspirations

2024

Key actions align to NRM outcomes

2019



ASPIRATION: Healthy, resilient and sustainable communities sharing a strong 'sense of place' and accepting a shared responsibility to provide a legacy of healthy, natural environment for future generations

OUTCOMES:

- R1** Improved understanding through state of the environment reporting
- R2** South Coast community supported to be environmentally sustainable
- R3** Improved resilience and increased capability
- R4** Key challenges addressed through facilitated change management
- R5** Improved awareness, recognition, education and training
- R6** Improved community engagement and leadership

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vision: looking after where we live - communities caring for their environment



land

ASPIRATION: Improved and protected land resources through sustainable land use, matched to land capability

OUTCOMES:

- L1** Improved knowledge and understanding of priority land assets
- L2** Improved climate change adaptation and mitigation responses
- L3** Land degradation is reduced through effective on-ground works for soil health
- L4** Impacts of invasive species are reduced
- L5** Integrated land use planning with NRM
- L6** Sustainable industries developed for food, fibre and energy



biodiversity

ASPIRATION: Natural ecosystems, habitats and landscapes support viable and strongly resilient populations of native species and communities

OUTCOMES:

- B1** Improved knowledge and understanding
- B2** Demonstrate improved biodiversity outcomes
- B3** Improved climate change mitigation and adaptation
- B4** Threatened and significant species, communities and habitats are protected
- B5** The area of land restored or protected is increased
- B6** Impacts of invasive species are reduced
- B7** Improved dieback management
- B8** Support appropriate fire management



water

ASPIRATION: South Coast, rivers, estuaries, wetlands and water resources are recognised as precious and are maintained, protected, and/or restored with social, cultural, economic and ecological values

OUTCOMES:

- W1** Improve knowledge and understanding
- W2** Increased knowledge and awareness of climate change mitigation and adaptation
- W3** The condition of impacted and degraded waterways is improved
- W4** Low impacted and pristine waterways are protected
- W5** Ramsar Wetlands are protected
- W6** Sustainable urban and rural water resource management and use



coastal and marine

ASPIRATION: Our Coastal and Marine systems are improved by reducing key threats through a community-led approach that embraces social, cultural, economic and ecological values

OUTCOMES:

- C1** Improved knowledge and understanding
- C2** Marine pests are monitored and managed
- C3** Improved climate change mitigation and adaptation responses
- C4** Improved condition of coastal and marine systems
- C5** Improved coastal and marine partnerships and planning



cultural heritage

ASPIRATION: All NRM actions in the South Coast region recognise and respect natural heritage values. Aboriginal practices, spiritual and cultural values are considered across all NRM themes, to support conservation and protection of our natural environment

OUTCOMES:

- H1** Improved information
- H2** Improved understanding of climate change
- H3** Protection of heritage places
- H4** Sustainable Aboriginal enterprises established
- H5** Improved applications of traditional ecological knowledge
- H6** Improved Aboriginal community capacity
- H7** Improved awareness and education
- H8** Develop agreed protocols

bridging theme outcomes

H3 Protection of heritage places

H5 Improved application of traditional ecological knowledge

R5 Improved awareness, recognition, education and training



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