

Fish and Fish Habitat Protection

South Coast Bioregion

Environmental Management Overview

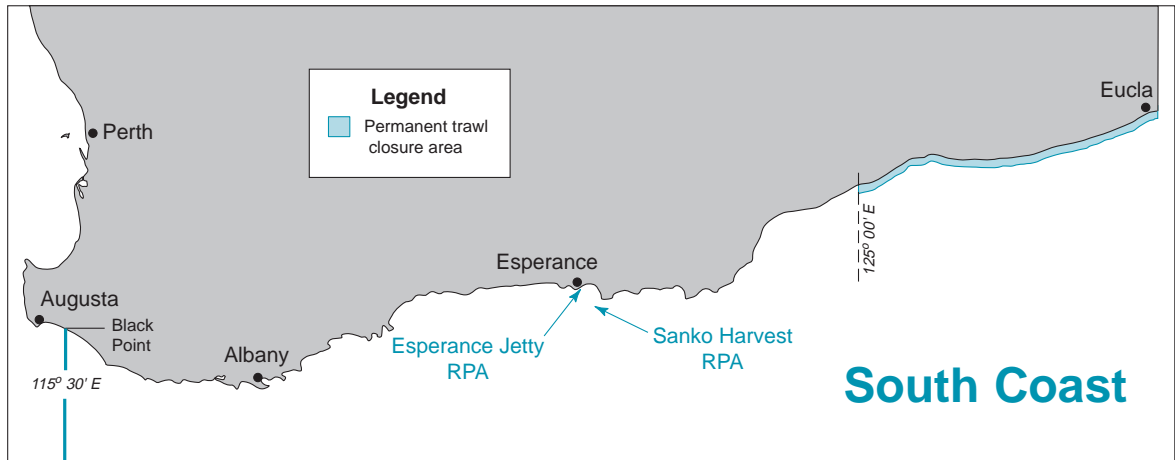
One new Fisheries Action Program project was funded in this region. This was:

- Community evaluation of fish stock health in coastal habitats of Albany (Edith Cowan University).

Fish Habitat Protection Overview

Along the south coast, fishing activities which can impact on marine habitats are limited to a small amount of scallop trawling off Esperance. There is a coastal trawling closure of State waters along the western Great Australian Bight sector, enacted under Commonwealth fisheries legislation, to ensure deep-sea trawlers do not venture into sensitive coastal areas (South Coast Habitat Protection Figure 1).

In addition, RPAs are in place to protect specific marine habitats of interest to the community (South Coast Habitat Protection Figure 1).



SOUTH COAST HABITAT PROTECTION FIGURE 1

Map showing areas permanently closed to trawl fishing and areas of protected fish habitat in the south coast bioregion.