The Committee discussed management program activities undertaken by Parks Australia since Meeting #7.

**Member attendance**

Russell Gueho (Chair), Andrew Hoey

Clive Wilkinson, Doug Sanderson

Craig Stephen and Christabel Warren

**Observers**

Jeremy Smith (AFMA), Nostrania (AFMA), Rachel Downs (AFMA)

**Apology**

Col McKenzie, Michelle Grady and Russ Babcock

Barbara Musso, A/g Branch Head, Marine and Island Parks Branch, provided an update to the committee on the updated 2022-23 Federal Budget; $10.8 million Sustainable Ocean Plan (includes $2.8 million measure with NT Government on 1st Nations traditional practice governance- Limmen Bight )the development of the Coral Sea Science Plan; progress of reengagement with

New Caledonia to renew collaborative management; Developing a program that engages 1st Nations people to help bring the two knowledge systems (western and traditional) together through a place based and codesigned model, and the finalising of an Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Policy (ICIP) within Parks Australia. There was also discussion on the 30 by 30 Policy and how this may be achieved and Round 4 of OMPG opening around April 2023 with $8.6 million funding.

Jeremy Smith, Manager of Northern Fisheries, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) provided an update on fisheries activity in Coral Sea Marine Park.

Dave Logan, Senior Marine Parks Officer of Science Branch, presented the progress of the draft AMP science plans and strategy.

**Assessments and Authorisations**

14 authorisations have been issued since Meeting #7. Authorisations issued since July 2018: 91. Current and historic authorisations information is available at: <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/activities/authorisations-issued/>.

**Compliance**

Three compliance incidents were recorded in the CSMP since July 2022.

View quarterly compliance reports at: <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/marine/management/programs/compliance/>.

**Marine Science**

Parks Australia is finalising the Australian Marine Park Science Strategy, which will be released soon.

Parks Australia has also continued to identify research and monitoring priorities and is drafting Science Plans and associated State of Knowledge Summaries - a quick reference guide for marine park managers, scientists, stakeholders and First Nations groups wanting to understand the values and pressures in the parks.

**Indigenous Engagement**

Parks Australia, with other relevant areas in the Department, recently progressed the development of an Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) Protocol with a supporting toolkit of resources. Development is expected to be finalised by the end of the year followed by targeted training of staff in early 2023.

**Communication, Education and Awareness**

CSMP staff provided a presentation on the CSMP island health project to the Raine Island Recovery Project Reference Group meeting in Cairns in November. Staff will also present about the CSMP and its management at the Australian Coral Reef Society Conference in Brisbane in late November.

**Grants**

Planning for Round 4 of Our Marine Parks Grants has commenced. Round 4 will be announced in 2023, with up to $8.6 million available for projects.

Applications are currently open for the $3 million Ghost Nets Innovative Solutions grants program.

**Tourism and Visitor Experience**

Increases in cruise ship activity continues to occur, focused on transiting the CSMP with a stop at South Islet (Willis Islets).

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting is proposed to be held in March-April 2023. For more information about the Coral Sea Marine Park or the Committee:

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