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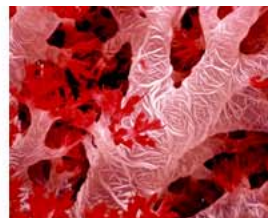


Maritime Science in WA Seminar

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Inpex, Total



Darwin LNG



Browse Basin

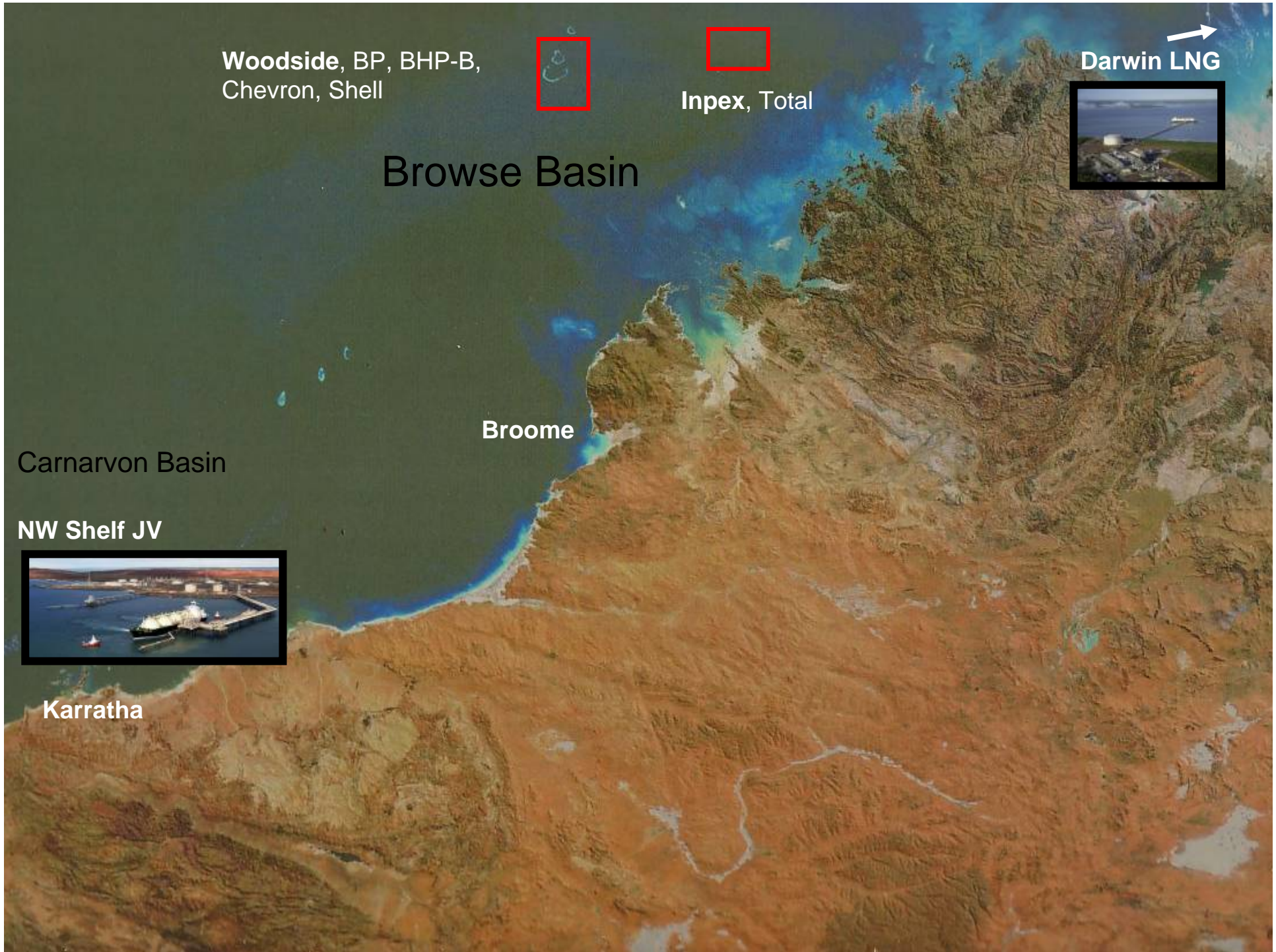
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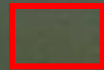
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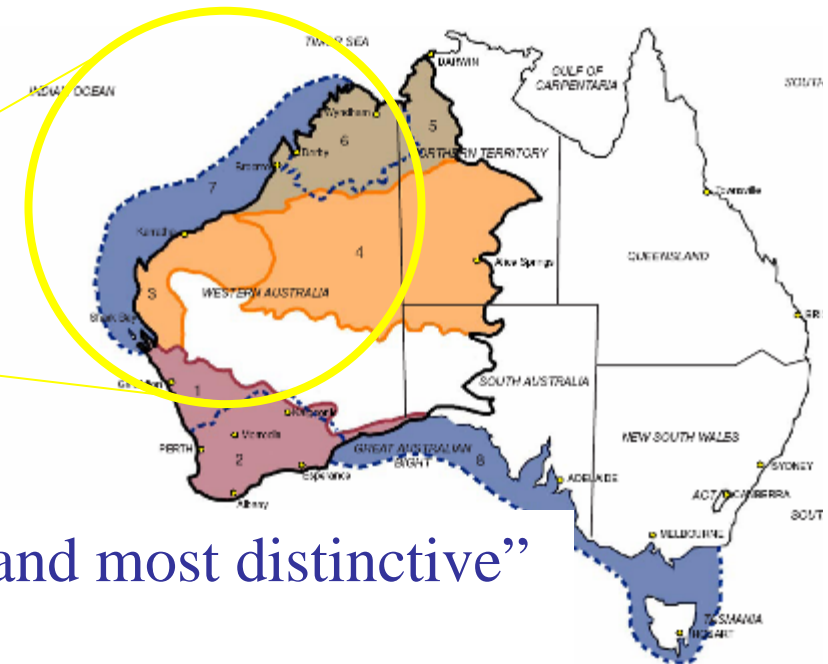
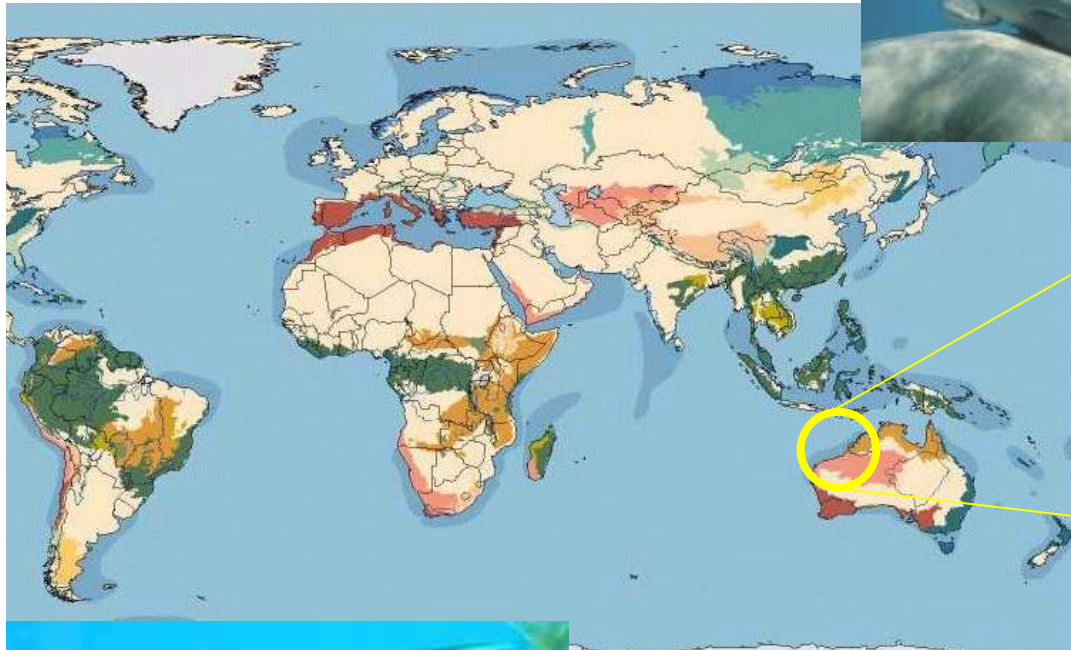
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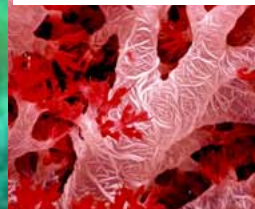




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- 2. Southwest Australia Rivers and Streams
- 3. Carnarvon Xeric Shrublands
- 4. Great Sandy-Tanami Deserts
- 5. (part of) Northern Australia and Trans-Fly Savannas
- 6. Kimberley Rivers and Streams
- 7. Western Australia Tropical Marine
- 8. (part of) Southern Australia Marine



Joint Position Statement on Kimberley Liquefied Natural Gas Development

The Kimberley Land Council, Environs Kimberley, the Australian Conservation Foundation, WWF-Australia, the Conservation Council of WA, and The Wilderness Society (Signatories) jointly make the following statement:

The Signatories acknowledge the outstanding, globally-significant, and largely unprotected natural and cultural values of the Kimberley marine and coastal environment.

The Signatories believe that if Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and associated development occurs in the Kimberley, it must provide opportunities and mechanisms for Kimberley Traditional Owners, the KLC, key environmental groups, Governments, and commercial proponents to work together to protect the Kimberley's unique cultural and environmental values.

The Signatories acknowledge the significant potential for beneficial outcomes for Kimberley Traditional Owners from LNG and associated development, subject to the principles espoused in this statement.

Each of the Signatories believes that a comprehensive understanding of the cultural and environmental values of the Kimberley must form the basis for resource development, that activities must be undertaken to clearly identify these values, and that all interested parties must work together to ensure that values identified as part of this process are appropriately managed and protected.

In light of these principles, the Signatories have jointly committed to the following:

1. Advocating for development of a range of standards to be applied to responsible resource development in the Kimberley, which build upon and where possible exceed international standards for natural resource development and other major projects (i.e. "world's best practice"), to ensure that any gas development in the Kimberley provides the maximum possible protection of environmental and cultural values.
2. Working with Government and commercial proponents to promptly develop and implement a cumulative impact assessment of LNG-related development in the Kimberley which includes a comprehensive assessment of the Kimberley's cultural and environmental values, and to ensure that this assessment underpins any decisions by Governments to approve any such development or not.
3. Advocating for and supporting the development of effective regional cultural and environmental management plans which include practical activities and will provide broad scale protection for the Kimberley's environmental and cultural values, and working to ensure that all development in the Kimberley is consistent with these plans.

4. Advocating to avoid, mitigate, and limit the detrimental impacts of any LNG-related development in the Kimberley on the environment, including CO₂ and other emissions, and the impacts of development on fresh and salt water, marine and coastal habitats, and plant and animal species.
5. Ensuring that Kimberley Traditional Owners, as the original owners of the land and sea, play a key role in all land management programs in the Kimberley in order to achieve environmental and cultural management benefits.
6. Recognising key environmental groups' right to call for a single hub, while ensuring that Government and commercial proponents provide Kimberley Traditional Owners (through the KLC) with sufficient information regarding any proposed LNG-related development, including a single hub, as would enable them to give their considered assessment and advice regarding development options and impacts and, if they deem it appropriate, Traditional Owners' informed consent to the development.
7. Ensuring that LNG-related development is managed in a single enduring development plan that maximises the sharing of infrastructure and minimises the environmental footprint of development.
8. Avoiding, mitigating and limiting the detrimental impact of LNG-related development in the Kimberley on Traditional Owners.
9. Ensuring that the approach taken to LNG-related development in the Kimberley is inclusive of Kimberley Traditional Owners; has a significant positive impact on Aboriginal peoples' lives, including with respect to the alleviation of social disadvantage faced in employment, education and training, health, and housing; delivers a lasting positive legacy to future generations; and provides Kimberley-wide benefits.

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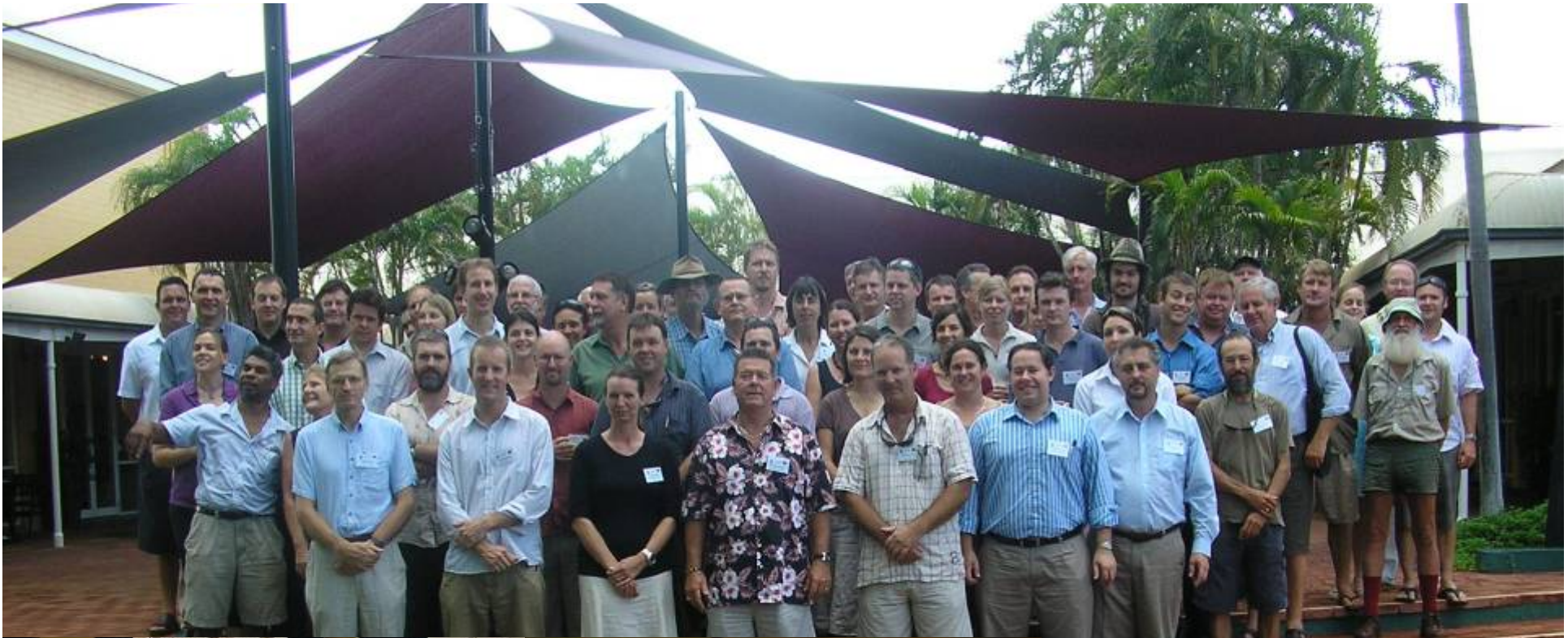
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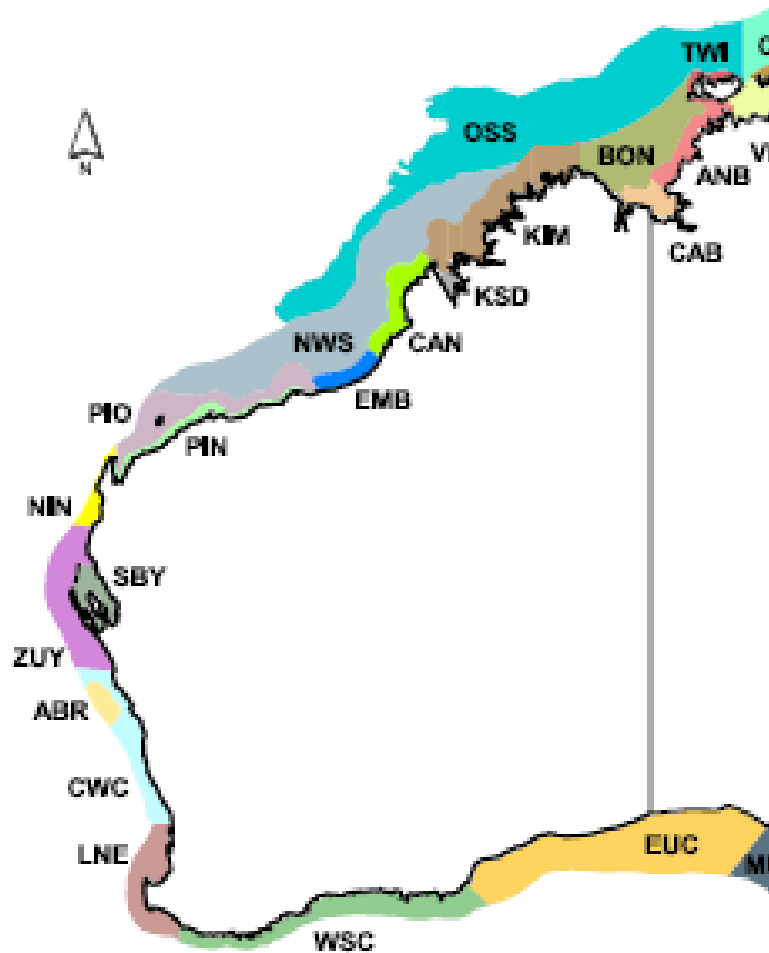
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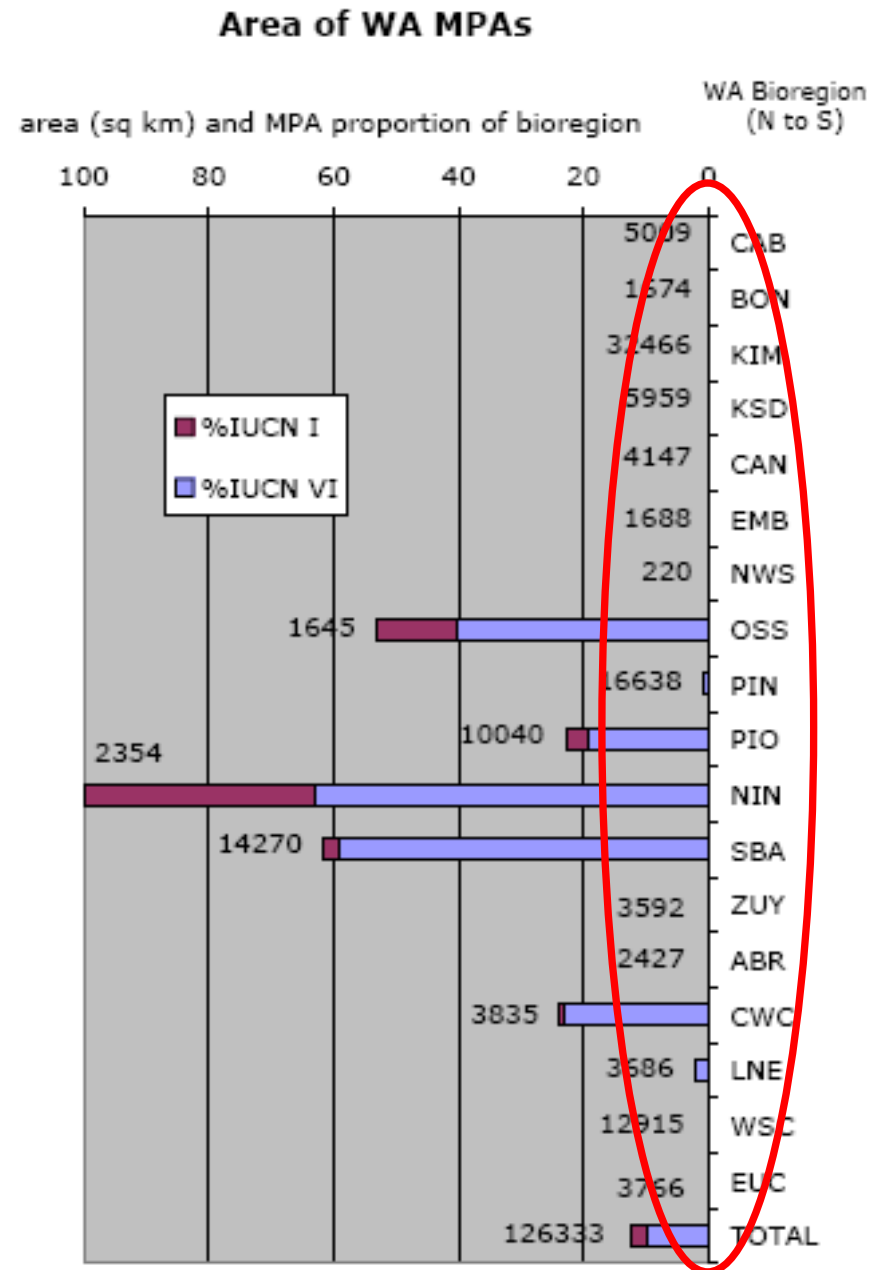




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