

Exmouth Gulf Taskforce Communique

Meeting 10, 3 December 2024

Latest news

The 10th meeting of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce (the Taskforce) was held at Joondalup on 3 December 2024. The meeting was chaired by Mr David McFerran, Taskforce Chair.

The Taskforce discussed a range of topics, including:

- Dr Jenny Shaw, Research Director, Western Australian Marine Science Institution provided an update on the knowledge review reporting and prioritisation survey.
- Rebecca Bateman and Karissa Lear presented on sawfish, their lifecycle and prevalence in the Exmouth Gulf.
- Draft final Taskforce recommendations, advice and reporting requirements to fulfill its Terms of Reference to the Minister to Environment.

Who is on the Taskforce?

The Taskforce comprises representatives of member organisations appointed by the Minister for the Environment. Membership includes:

- Independent Chair;
- Commonwealth Department of Defence;
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions;
- Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation;
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Department of Transport;
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;
- Gascoyne Development Commission;
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Fisheries);
- Shire of Exmouth;
- Shire of Ashburton;
- Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation;
- Sea Harvest;
- Recfishwest;
- Cape Conservation Group / Protect Ningaloo Campaign; and
- Community members (x2).

Background

The Exmouth Gulf Taskforce was established by the Minister for the Environment under section 25 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. Secretariat support is provided by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

What is next?

The next meeting of the Taskforce is planned for May 2025.

More information

The Terms of Reference describes the role of the Exmouth Gulf Taskforce and can be found at:

[Exmouth Gulf Taskforce | Western Australian Government \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au)

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