

## **MPA Forum 2011:**

### **Point 13: Setting priorities for action in 2011**

In setting priority actions for 2011 it is important to ensure alignment within the MPA community in a manner that will be consistent.

1. Develop an awareness and engagement strategy
2. Policy clarity & alignment (must specify DEA & DAFF's roles i.e. mandate clarification and specify impacts on contracts)
3. Establish consultative and co-ordination body between DEA & DAFF – must cater for MPAs and EAF
1. Prioritize organizational contractual arrangements
2. Develop capacity of co-management (best practice)
3. Set up appropriate institutional arrangements for MPA management
4. Zonation clarification – SA & Region
5. Informed decision making based on input from Advisory/Task Teams
6. EEZ management – ensure an aerial perspective
7. Gain a better understanding of social drivers around MPA's
8. Resolve current issues and secure current MPAs
9. MPA review

#### Documents / Workshops needed

1. Institutional framework
2. Ocean Atlas – Spatial planning framework
3. Upgrade laws and regulations
4. MPA review before policy
5. DEA's vision for MPAs

#### Key Tasks

1. Awareness and dialogue strategy
2. Support to re-establish MPA task team – needs to be multidisciplinary
3. Mandate clarification (No policy) & DEA DAFF Forum
4. Review of MPAs – core objectives (include social dimensions) MPA boundaries, zonation and current regulations - are they achieving objectives – take action to ensure meet objectives, biodiversity aspects including ecosystem representation, threatened species) NO NET LOSS OF PROTECTION – no opening prior to declaration
5. High level integrated spatial co-ordinated planning framework
6. Finalise contracts
7. Guidelines for the development of co-management guidelines for agencies (needs to be supported by a review)

MPA policy is a deliverable and must be delivered by Feb