

A Baseline Survey for Ecosystem monitoring within the Jurien Bay Marine Protected Area

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Introduction

A core component of marine conservation planning within Australia during the past decade has been the development of a national system of representative marine protected areas (NRSMPA's) (ANZECC 1999). Concurrent with the implementation of this system comes the need for effective monitoring programs to assess the ability of MPAs to perform this desired role. While the current focus of MPA planning and implementation is the conservation of biodiversity, MPAs can provide a wide range of important roles. These include acting as baseline reference areas for assessing the success of current conservation and fisheries management strategies in coastal ecosystems, and their use in fisheries management through protection of spawner biomass and conservation of critical habitats. By studying the changes that occur following protection we may be able to determine to what extent MPAs meet this wide range of possible roles and which MPA designs and management strategies are most effective in achieving the desired outcomes. To properly determine whether changes observed within MPAs are the result of protection (rather than natural variation in space and time) it is important to conduct effective baseline surveys within and adjacent to proposed MPAs before their declaration, and to re-survey these locations after biologically meaningful time intervals. With this methodology the effectiveness of various levels of protection can be distinguished from more general long-term trends in coastal waters, when changes in protected areas are found to be significantly larger or smaller than changes outside them.

With a grant from FRDC and the assistance of State conservation agencies, the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute has conducted baseline surveys in a range of proposed temperate MPAs from Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales. Observations of changes occurring in each of these areas following protection will build on the information currently available from long-term monitoring of Tasmania's existing MPAs, and by using a similar quantitative methodology, allow for the direct comparison of results between differing locations, designs and management strategies. Ultimately this information will be of value for future planning to ensure MPAs fulfil their desired roles effectively.

In Western Australia, baseline surveys have recently been completed at Jurien Bay, the location of a proposed MPA approximately 400 km north of Perth. This is currently the most developed proposal within the temperate waters of Western Australia, with an advanced draft zoning scheme that has been subject to several rounds of review. The proposed area is centred around the towns of Jurien and Cervantes and extends for approximately 80 km of coastline to a distance of 5 km offshore (Fig. 1). The proposed MPA is characterised by an extensive offshore development of limestone pavement, structured reef and islands that provide a protective barrier from the prevailing swells and seas. As a general rule swells are substantially reduced at a distance of 5-7 km offshore where a sharp depth transition occurs. The inner three kilometres of coastal waters essentially form a protected lagoon where water depths are generally shallower than five metres and isolated structured reefs outcrop from a flat limestone pavement that is predominantly covered in sand and seagrass. The current proposal for Jurien Bay is to have a zoned MPA with zones ranging from general use to sanctuary. The protected component of the MPA includes 7 sanctuary zones (5% of the area) and 3 scientific reference areas

where commercial lobster fishing and shore-based line fishing are allowed (21% of the area).

The surveys completed to date have involved detailed underwater visual census of fish, large mobile invertebrates and macroalgae at between 8 to 9 sites within each of the major zone types (general use, sanctuary and scientific reference area). The degree of replication within each of these zones should be sufficient to adequately characterise each of these zones at the point in time surveyed. It should also allow the detection of biologically significant changes in the abundance and size distribution of a wide range of species through time and between treatments (zones). The survey methodology is broadly based, collecting as much information on as many species as possible in the time available. The intention of this methodology is to not only detect changes in heavily exploited species, but to also be able to detect any cascading ecosystem effects of fishing and to document long term variability in the reef assemblages within this region. The methodology focuses on reef systems as these are currently the most heavily exploited habitats and are most likely to show the greatest change following protection. Within the Jurien Bay survey the sites examined were confined to moderately sheltered structured reefs of approximately 3 m depth. Almost all structured reefs within the sanctuary zones fall within this category and similar reef types were therefore surveyed in the general use and scientific reference zones to maintain an even balance of habitats and assemblages between zones.

Methods

A total of 25 sites were surveyed within the proposed MPA at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and October 2000, with sites chosen on the basis of the latest draft of the proposed zoning map. Sites were carefully selected to give a balance between the different zones, and to ensure each was sufficiently large to have enough reef to place a 200 m length transect. Eight sites were surveyed in each of the General Use and Sanctuary zones and nine sites were surveyed in the Scientific Reference zone (Fig. 1, Table 1). This was the maximum number of sites able to be surveyed in the time available given the windy conditions experienced at the time of sampling and the availability of suitable reef.

Census methodology

Visual census techniques were used in the study because sampling needed to be non-destructive within proposed "no-take" areas and a large amount of data needed to be collected on a range of species within the short (ten day) survey period. A broad range of species were surveyed because, although target species are suspected to show the most significant recovery initially, there may be significant secondary effects of fishing that will go undetected unless greater species numbers are censused.

At each reef site the abundance and size structure of large fishes, the abundance of cryptic fishes and benthic invertebrates, and the percent cover of macroalgae, corals and other cover forming invertebrates, were each censused separately along four 50 m transects. The transect lines were laid end to end along a fixed depth contour (generally the 5 m depth contour, although when this was not possible the 3 m contour was used). Some reefs were relatively flat with no obvious contour to follow. For these reefs sketch maps were created to allow similar positions to be relocated on subsequent surveys.

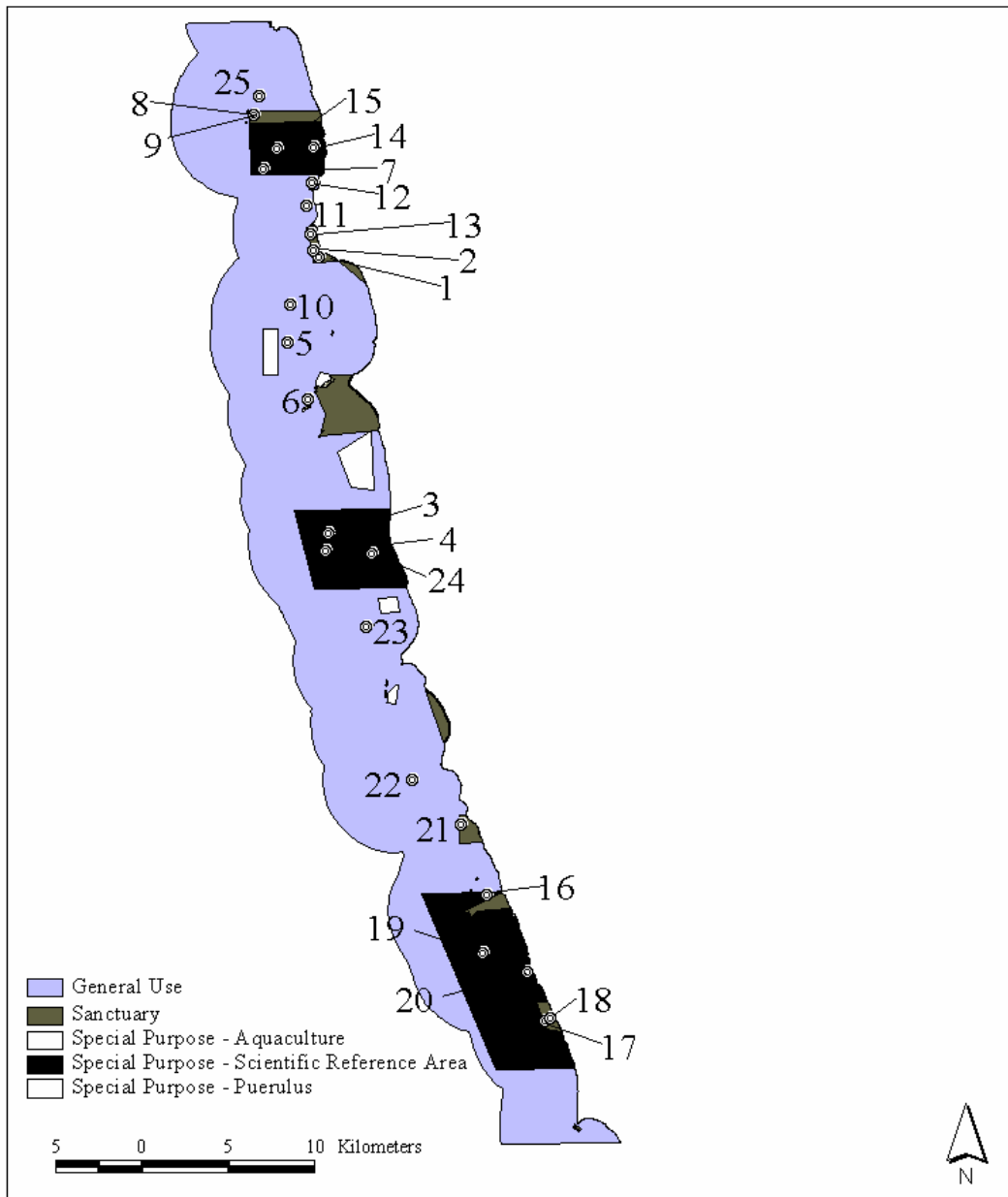


Fig.1. Map showing the location of sites surveyed in October 1999 and October 2000 within the proposed Jurien Bay MPA.

For fish transects, the density and estimated size-class of fish within 5 m of each side of the line was recorded on waterproof paper, with the diver swimming up one side of the line and then back along the other in the middle of a 5 m wide lane. Size-classes of total fish length used in the study were 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 375, 400, 500, 625, 750, 875 and 1000+ mm.

Table 1. Site details for locations surveyed in Jurien Bay in 1999 and 2000. Positions given are those recorded by GPS in 2000 with selective availability off. Positions are ten minute averages.

Site number	Survey 1 date	Survey 2 date	Site name	Proposed zone	Position (GPS) Long./Lat.
1	26/10/1999	23/10/2000	North Head 1	Sanctuary	30°13.912' 114°59.924'
2	26/10/1999	23/10/2000	Sandland Island	Scientific Reference	30°12.914' 114°59.524'
3	27/10/1999	24/10/2000	Outer Rocks - Inner Coffins	Scientific Reference	30°25.285' 115°00.116'
4	27/10/1999	24/10/2000	Outer Rocks (North) 2	Scientific Reference	30°26.026' 114°59.984'
5	27/10/1999	30/10/2000	Escape Island	General Use	30°19.'745' 114°59.263'
6	28/10/1999	30/10/2000	Inside Seaward Ledge	General Use	30°17.404' 114°58.349'
7	29/10/1999	28/10/2000	Juddy Reef	Scientific Reference	30°10.275' 114°57.330'
8	29/10/1999	25/10/2000	Fishermans Is. 1	Sanctuary	30°08.042' 114°56.935'
9	29/10/1999	25/10/2000	Fishermans Is. 2	Sanctuary	30°08.042' 114°56.935'
10	30/10/1999	28/10/2000	North Tail	General Use	30°15.870' 114°58.500'
11	30/10/1999	28/10/2000	Australia Lump	General Use	30°11.788' 114°59.316'
12	30/10/1999	26/10/2000	Sandy Cape	General	30°10.882' 114°59.577'
13	31/10/1999	23/10/2000	North Head Island	Sanctuary	30°13.610' 114°59.611'
14	31/10/1999	26/10/2000	North Lumps	Scientific Reference	30°09.412' 114°59.'730'
15	31/10/1999	26/10/2000	Middle Lumps	Scientific Reference	30°09.407' 114°58.011'
16	01/11/1999	27/10/2000	Longman Reef (off Gray)	Scientific Reference	30°40.131' 115°07.316'
17	01/11/1999	27/10/2000	Flat Rock	Sanctuary	30°45.343' 115°09.898'
18	01/11/1999	27/10/2000	Flat Rock Reef	Sanctuary	30°45.249' 115°10.174'
19	02/11/1999	29/10/2000	Gazely Reef	Scientific Reference	30°42.557' 115°07.084'
20	02/11/1999	29/10/2000	Kearn Reef	Scientific Reference	30°43.322' 115°09.042'
21	02/11/1999	31/10/2000	Cavenagh Reef	General Use	30°37.246' 115°06.143'
22	02/11/1999	29/10/2000	Inner Seven Ft Rocks	General Use	30°35.397' 115°03.889'
23	03/11/1999	31/10/2000	Sams Reef	General Use	30°29.108' 115°01.'799'
24	03/11/1999	24/10/2000	No Name Reef	Scientific Reference	30°26.111' 115°02.130'
25	04/11/1999	25/10/2000	Fisherman Island	General Use	30°07.224' 114°57.219'
Notes:					
Datum system - Aus84					
All longitudes and latitudes in degrees and decimal minutes					

Cryptic fishes and megafaunal invertebrates (large molluscs, echinoderms, crustaceans) were next counted along the transect lines used for the fish survey by recording animals within 1 m of one side of the line (a total of four 1 m x 50 m transects). The distance of 1 m was assessed using a stick carried by the diver. The maximum length of abalone and the carapace length of rock lobsters were measured underwater using vernier callipers whenever possible.

The area covered by different macroalgal, coral, sponge and other attached invertebrate species was then quantified by placing a 0.25 m² quadrat at 10 m intervals along the transect line and determining the percent cover of the various plant species. Cover was assessed by counting the number of times each species occurred directly under the 50 positions on the quadrat at which perpendicularly placed wires crossed each other (a total of 1.25 m² for each of the 50 m sections of transect line).

The position of each site was recorded in 1999 and 2000 using a hand held GPS (Scoutmaster), using the Aus 84 Datum System to record position in degrees and decimal minutes. The position was post processed in 1999 to overcome difficulties associated with selective availability of the GPS system. This was not needed in 2000. Site positions and site details are shown in Table 1. All data was entered onto an Excel spreadsheet and checked for errors.

Results.

Site similarities

To examine the degree of biotic similarity between the assemblages present at the sites sampled the fish and invertebrate assemblages were compared using abundance data from 1999 and 2000. If changes are to be compared between protected and unprotected sites it is essential to ensure these changes are occurring within similar communities. This form of analysis allows the community relationships to be visualised and outlying sites to be removed from the analysis if necessary. In a similar manner, examination of the variation between years indicates the degree of stability of the community present and the reliability of the relationships shown for any one year. Similarity was estimated using the Bray-Curtis similarity index on square root transformed abundance data. The resulting relationships are presented graphically using Multi Dimensional Scaling (MDS) and shown in Figs 2 & 3. For the invertebrate assemblages (Fig. 2) the degree of dispersal between sites was similar between treatments (sanctuary, reference and general use) and while sites are not identical in their community types, the variance is mostly due to site differences rather than differences between treatments. Sites 8 & 9, two sanctuary sites at the Fisherman's Islands, and site 10 at North Tail in the general use zone were slight outliers, however examination of their assemblage composition (Tables 4 and 5) indicates that these differences are not substantial. The overall relationship between sites remained relatively stable over the two year period indicating that the relationship shown is a good estimate of the similarity between sites.

Fishes

The fish assemblage data showed a similar relationship between sites with a strong overlap of sites between the three treatments (Fig. 3). Sites 8 & 9 at the Fisherman's

Islands were again slight outliers, predominantly due to a strong influence of tropical species such as *Thalassoma lutescens* and *T. Lunare*, as well as an abundance of silver drummer (*Kyphosus cornelii*) (Tables 2 & 3).

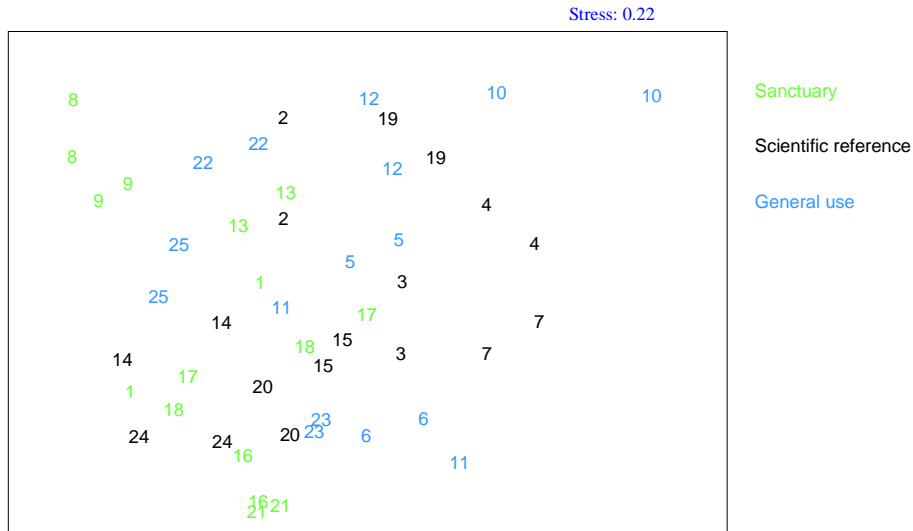


Fig. 2. Two-dimensional MDS plot of the relationship between sites (surveyed in 1999 and 2000) within the proposed Jurien Bay MPA using invertebrate and cryptic fish assemblage data. The relationship is based on pairwise comparison of square root transformed abundance data using the Bray-Curtis similarity index.

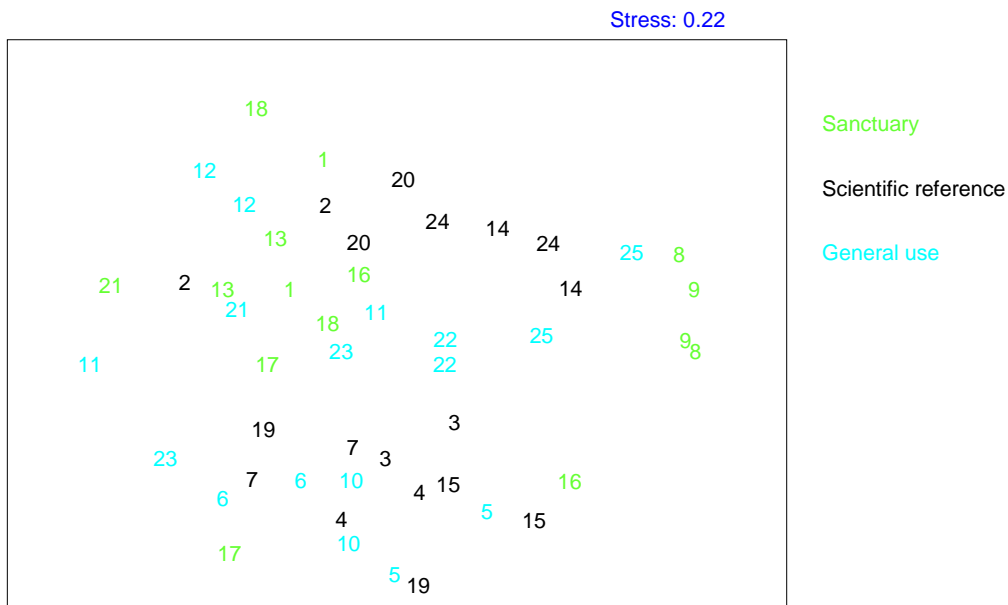


Fig. 3. Two-dimensional MDS plot of the relationship between sites (surveyed in 1999 and 2000) within the proposed Jurien Bay MPA using fish assemblage data. The relationship is based on pairwise comparison of square root transformed abundance data using the Bray-Curtis similarity index.

The relationship between sites remained relatively stable between the two years surveyed with few sites showing a substantial shift in the assemblage present. The total abundances of fish and invertebrates recorded from each site and from each year are shown in Tables 2 & 3. The fish data is shown in order of relative abundance with *Coris auricularis*, *Parma mccullochi* and *Notolabrus parilus* being the three most common species and present at all sites. *Halichoeres brownfeldi* was also very common and present at all sites in the 2000 survey. Tropical species formed a notable component of the fish assemblage at most locations with *Thalassoma lutescens* and *T. lunare* being common and particularly abundant at the Fisherman's Islands. The Fisherman's Islands sites (8, 9 & 25) appeared to have higher levels of recruitment of tropical species than the remaining sites and were characterised by the presence of juveniles of a range of species including *Anampses geographicus* and *Pomacentrus milleri*. The kyphosid species *Kyphosus cornelii* and *K. sydneyanus* were amongst the most abundant of the larger fishes with numbers of up to 200 being recorded per site and were present as large schools at most sites.

The inter-annual and inter-site abundances of some of the more common fishes are presented in Fig. 4 to give an indication of variation between sites and between years. Wrasse species tend to be relatively long-lived site-attached reef residents with relatively stable population structures (Barrett, 1995, 1997) and this appears to be the case for the wrasses at Jurien Bay. *Coris auricularis*, *Halichoeres brownfeldi*, *Notolabrus parilus* *Ophthalmolepis lineolatus*, *Thalassoma lunare* and *T. lutescens* all displayed a similar pattern of site distribution and relative abundances between years, with abundances rarely varying by more than 50% between years. A similar pattern was observed with the damselfish *Parma mcullochi*. Damselfishes are another strongly site-attached group (Thresher 1984) and resilience in population structure would also be expected in these species. There was slightly more variation in the large schooling Kyphosid species (*Kyphosus sydneyanus* and *K. cornelii*) (Fig. 4), however for the majority of sites where these species were present, abundance estimates varied less than 50%. For such species a moderate degree of variation between years is expected given that they are schooling species and chance encounters of schools generally gives greater variation in estimates than chance encounters between individuals. These species are also highly mobile and have the potential to move between reefs. Of the common species, the bullseye *Pempheris klunzingeri* displayed the most variation between sites and years. While bullseyes are another group of resident reef fishes the variation in *P. klunzingeri* numbers appears to be related to strong fluctuations in the abundance of newly recruited juveniles. A strong (but patchy between sites) recruitment pulse was recorded in the 2000 survey with the vast majority of individuals being less than 2.5 cm and certainly less than one year old. The size distribution of other commonly encountered species appeared to be reasonably stable over the two year period surveyed (Fig. 5), with no large peaks due to recent recruitment pulses.

When the distribution of the more common fish species was examined with respect to the three main zoning types within the proposed MPA, there appeared to be a broad similarity between zones (Fig. 6). As this pattern applied across the five common species examined it appears that the habitats contained within the sanctuary zone are representative of the inshore habitats occurring more widely throughout the MPA.

Table 2. Fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999.

Species	Common name / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total	
<i>Coris auricularis</i>	Western king Wrasse	182	114	63	146	95	60	67	236	271	112	19	24	42	130	65	207	65	78	74	73	76	116	185	115	178	2793	
<i>Parma mccullochi</i>	McCulloch's Scalyfin	9	81	92	46	27	14	25	132	219	18	70	50	47	184	110	223	29	38	64	110	21	199	79	244	148	2279	
<i>Notolabrus parilus</i>	Brown-spotted Wrasse	62	100	33	38	22	23	24	42	41	26	61	100	82	109	45	85	64	98	22	104	77	83	83	114	61	1599	
<i>Kyphosus cornelii</i>	Western Buffalo Bream	2	0	29	14	26	29	0	375	329	42	129	0	0	133	0	4	4	16	19	9	0	36	0	78	144	1418	
<i>Halichoeres brownfeldi</i>	Brownfield's Wrasse	56	13	10	34	94	48	13	32	82	8	36	94	57	37	4	19	13	23	0	4	47	23	18	5	32	802	
<i>Pempheris klunzingeri</i>	Rough Bullseye	0	8	15	196	47	0	0	31	21	0	1	183	13	0	19	53	0	0	71	0	0	4	0	0	3	665	
<i>Schuettea woodwardi</i>	Woodward's Pomfret	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	114	80	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	387	
<i>Kyphosus sydneyanus</i>	Silver Drummer	1	0	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	38	72	29	45	0	16	0	44	0	40	0	3	3	332	
<i>Odax cyanomelas</i>	Herring Cale	7	0	3	39	17	13	14	0	0	12	2	14	37	0	7	3	12	3	15	0	1	4	4	0	7	214	
<i>Pictilabrus viridis</i>	False Senator Wrasse	0	1	3	0	8	0	2	0	0	3	14	29	8	1	1	6	18	6	31	18	1	43	18	0	3	214	
<i>Ophthalmolepis lineolatus</i>	Maori Wrasse	0	0	2	9	22	12	18	0	2	52	4	0	0	0	7	15	0	1	11	0	7	0	43	0	2	207	
<i>Thalassoma lutescens</i>	Green moon Wrasse	0	0	1	5	3	0	2	43	34	10	0	2	0	16	23	0	0	0	5	1	0	7	0	2	45	199	
<i>Neatypus obliquus</i>	Footballer Sweep	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	89	0	45	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	
<i>Pseudolabrus biserialis</i>	Red-banded Wrasse	0	0	11	9	3	0	6	15	31	9	1	0	1	0	13	28	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	21	0	153	
<i>Thalassoma lunare</i>	Moon Wrasse	0	0	24	0	1	0	0	49	47	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	8	0	2	14	153	
<i>Scorpius georgianus</i>	Banded Sweep	0	16	9	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	4	9	0	8	14	9	13	12	26	1	5	0	2	3	152	
<i>Austrolabrus maculatus</i>	Black-spotted Wrasse	3	2	13	1	0	7	1	14	18	9	0	0	0	0	8	25	1	3	1	0	6	2	5	12	11	142	
<i>Parma occidentalis</i>	Western Scalyfin	13	1	0	4	4	0	2	4	3	0	4	12	15	6	2	0	5	15	1	10	13	5	3	3	3	128	
<i>Pictilabrus latilavivus</i>	Senator Wrasse	0	0	8	17	6	3	6	15	4	16	7	6	0	0	3	2	1	0	9	0	8	4	4	3	2	124	
<i>Anampses geographicus</i>	Scribbled Chisel-toothed Wrasse	0	0	1	0	4	8	0	28	61	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	121	
<i>Parupeneus signatus</i>	Blackspot Goatfish	13	0	2	0	1	4	1	23	41	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	98	
<i>Enoplosus armatus</i>	Old Wife	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	45	9	0	0	0	1	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	2	90	
<i>Epinephelides armatus</i>	Breaksea Cod	4	1	4	3	0	0	1	5	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	8	3	2	3	7	2	2	2	7	7	69	
<i>Chelmonops curiosus</i>	Western Talma	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	3	0	0	5	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	13	10	49	
<i>Pempheris multiradiatus</i>	Common Bullseye	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	22	0	46	
<i>Dotalabrus alleni</i>	Little rainbow Wrasse	3	0	0	8	5	0	1	0	0	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	0	4	2	4	0	0	45	
<i>Labracinus lineata</i>	Lined Dotyback	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	7	1	2	0	4	1	5	2	3	0	45	
<i>Plectorhinchus flavomaculatus</i>	Gold-spotted Sweetlips	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	9	0	4	0	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	7	42	
<i>Pomacentrus milleri</i>	Miller's Damsel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	28	
<i>Bodianus frenchi</i>	Western Foxfish	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	23	
<i>Choerodon rubescens</i>	Baldchin Groper	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	22
<i>Cheilodactylus rubrolabiatus</i>	Red-lipped Morwong	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	0	3	18	
<i>Paraplesiops meleagris</i>	Western Blue Devil	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	11	
<i>Thalassoma septemfasciata</i>	Seven-banded Wrasse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	10	
Unidentified fish		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	10	
<i>Meuschenia hippocrepis</i>	Horseshoe Leatherjacket	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	

Table 2. Fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 (continued).

Species	Common name / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total
<i>Tilodon sexfasciatum</i>	Moonlighter	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
<i>Arripis georgianus</i>	Tommy Rough	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<i>Meuschenia galii</i>	Blue-lined Leatherjacket	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	7
<i>Psammoderus waigensis</i>	Sand Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
<i>Stegastes obreptus</i>	Western Gregory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	7
<i>Odax acroptilus</i>	Rainbow Cale	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	Western Blue Groper	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Anoplocapros lenticularis</i>	White-barred Boxfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	5
<i>Chaetodon assarius</i>	Western Butterflyfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	5
<i>Meuschenia flavolineata</i>	Yellow-striped Leatherjacket	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
<i>Suezichthys cyanolaemus</i>	Blue-throated rainbow Wrasse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Apogon victoriae</i>	Red-striped Cardinalfish	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
<i>Cirripectes sp.</i>	Black Blenny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
<i>Glaucosoma hebraicum</i>	West Australian Jewfish	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Melambaphes zebra</i>	Zebra Fish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Pomacentrus coelestis</i>	Neon Damsel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Trachurus novaezelandiae</i>	Yellotail Scad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Torquigener pleurogramma</i>	Banded Toadfish	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Anoplocapros amygdaloides</i>	Western smooth Boxfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Apogon cyanosoma</i>	Blue-striped Cardinalfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Chromis klunzingeri</i>	Blackheaded Puller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Ellerkeldia maccullochi</i>	Half Banded Seaperch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Ellerkeldia wilsoni</i>	Spotty Seaperch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Girella tephraeops</i>	Western rock Blackfish	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Microcanthus strigatus</i>	Stripey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Othos dentex</i>	Harlequin Fish	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Penicpelta vittiger</i>	Toothbrush Leatherjacket	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Pentapodus vitta</i>	Western Australia Butterfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Plagiotremus rhinorhynchus</i>	Blue-lined Sabretooth Blenny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Scarus ghobban</i>	Blue-barred orange Parrotfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Siphonognathus caninus</i>	Sharp-nosed Weed Whiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Urolophus sp.</i>	Striped Stingaree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Species		20	14	26	25	28	15	17	26	30	21	21	15	18	26	29	29	23	20	22	20	18	25	21	25	31	

Table 3. Fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 2000 (continued).

Species	Common name / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total	
<i>Labroides dimidiatus</i>	Cleaner fish	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Arripis georgianus</i>	Tommy Rough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
<i>Caranx dentex</i>	Silver Trevally	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Pempheris multiradiatus</i>	Common Bullseye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Sphyraena obtusata</i>	Striped Seapike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Bodianus frenchi</i>	Western Foxfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
<i>Odax acroptilus</i>	Rainbow Cale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Seriola lalandi</i>	Yellowtail Kingfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
<i>Achoerodus gouldii</i>	Western Blue Groper	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Chromis klunzingeri</i>	Blackheaded puller	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Hypoplectrodes nigrorubrum</i>	Black-banded Seaperch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Pentapodus vitta</i>	Western Australia Butterfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Anampses caeruleopunctatus</i>	Diamond wrasse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Chromis westaustralis</i>	West Australian puller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Melambaphes zebra</i>	Zebra Fish	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Octopus sp.</i>	Octopus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Othos dentex</i>	Harlequin Fish	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Parupeneus chrysopleuron</i>	Yellow-striped Goatfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Psammoperca waigensis</i>	Sand Bass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Scarus ghobban</i>	Blue-barred orange Parrotfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sepia apama</i>	Giant Cuttle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Seriola hippos</i>	Samsonfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Stethojulius bandanensis</i>	Redspot Wrasse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Suezichthys cyanolaemus</i>	Blue-throated rainbow Wrasse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Urolophus sp. (striped stingaree)</i>	Striped Stingaree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Species		19	13	15	21	22	22	22	24	27	21	13	14	17	21	25	20	17	13	19	16	14	25	16	18	27		

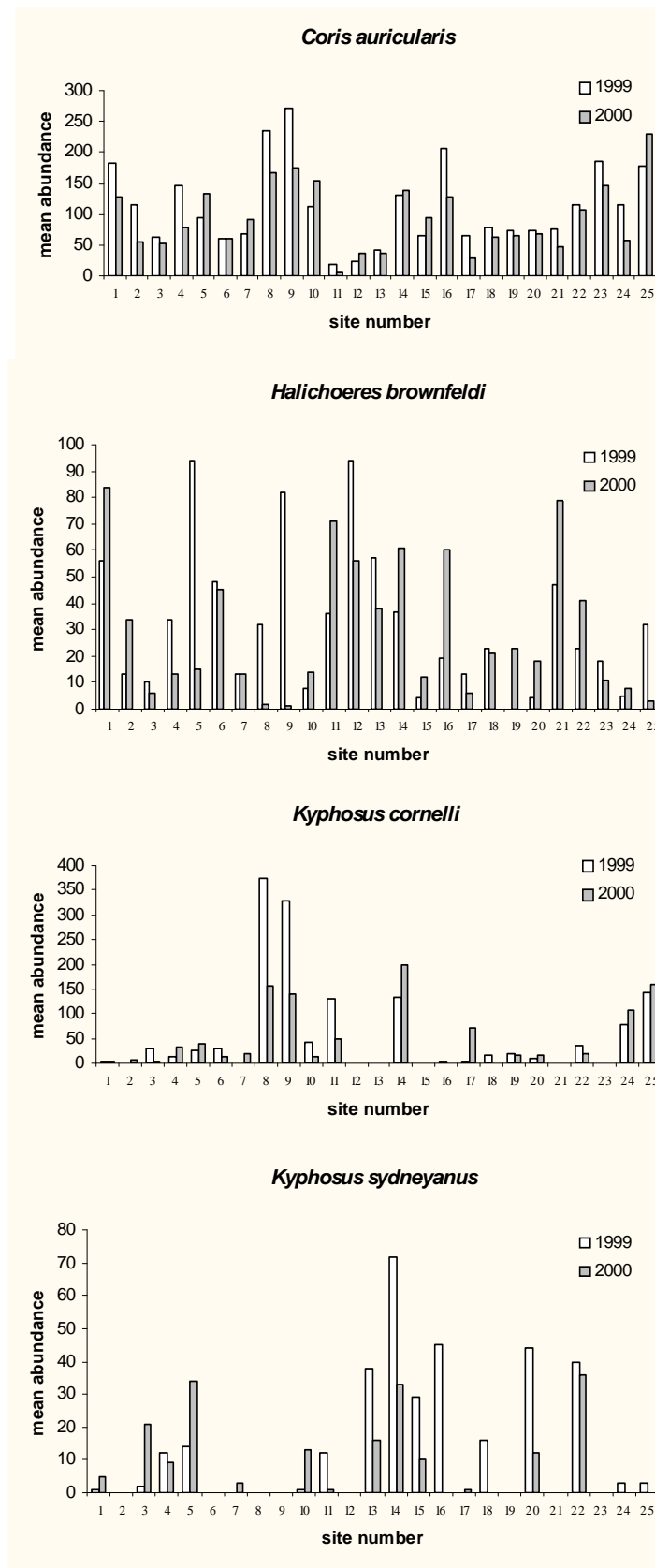


Figure 4. Abundance of common fish species encountered during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000.

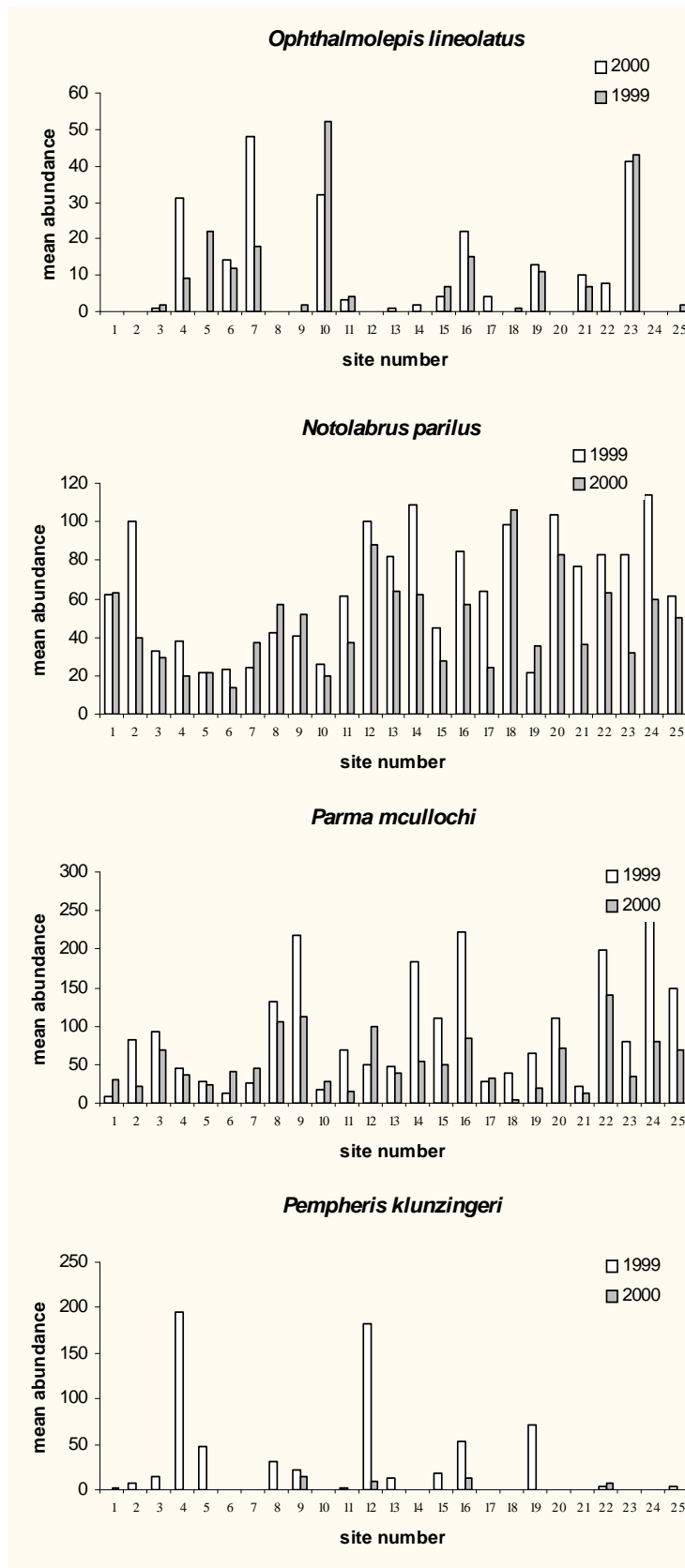


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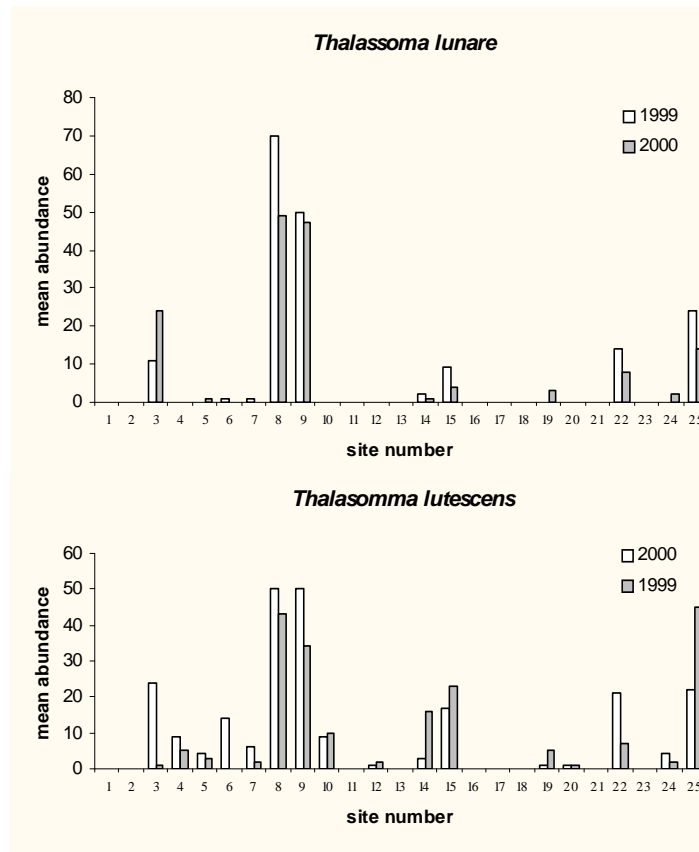


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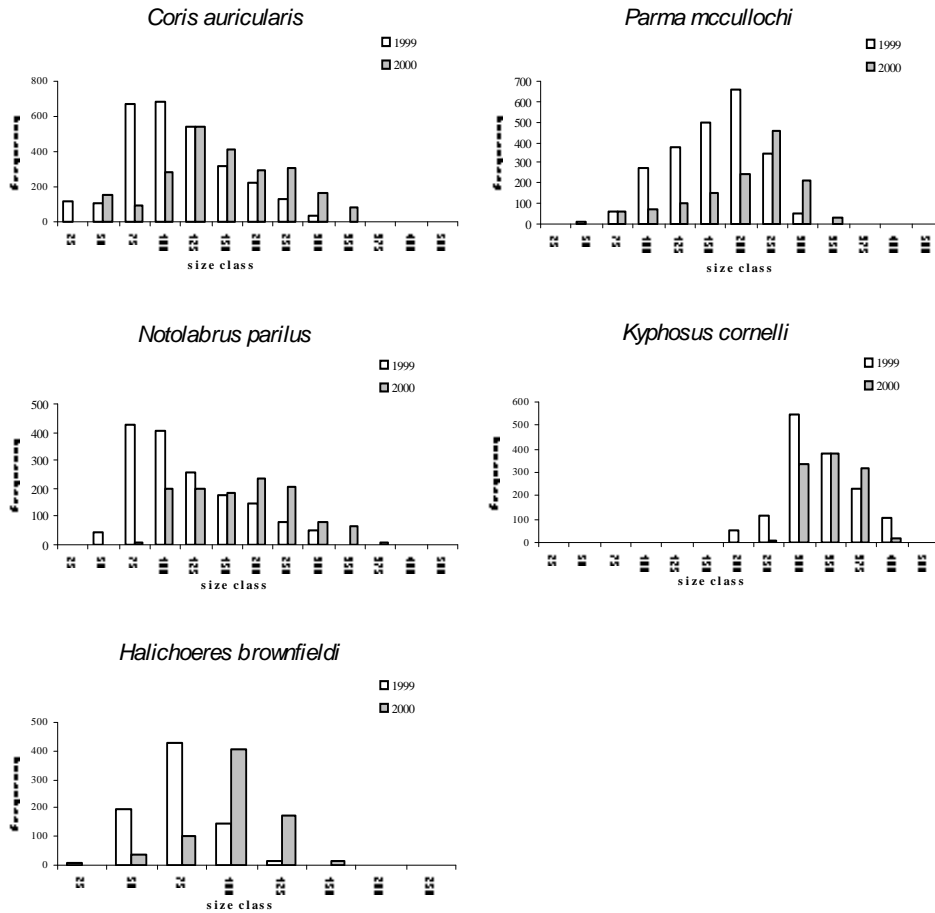


Figure 5. Observed size distribution of common fishes encountered during dive surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000. Sizes are in mm.

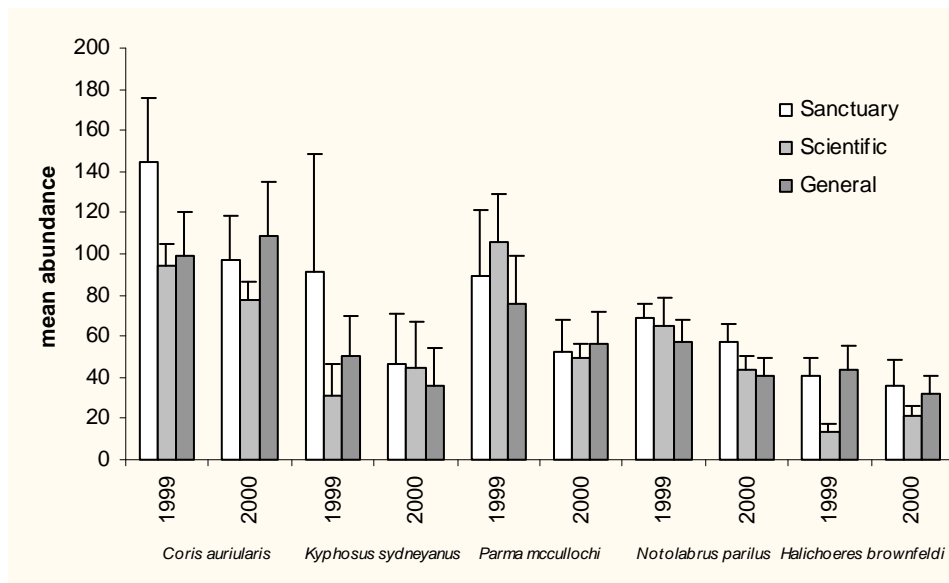


Figure 6. Distribution of common fish species between zones within the proposed Jurien Bay Marine Park. Based on site totals from 8-9 sites within each zone.

Invertebrates

Within the habitats surveyed the most common large mobile invertebrates included the molluscs *Campanila symbolicum*, *Turbo torquatus*, *T. pulchra* and *Thais orbita*, the echinoderms *Heliocidaris erythrogramma*, *Phyllocanthus irregularis*, and *Commanthus trichoptera*, hermit crabs (a number of unidentified species) and rock lobsters (*Panulirus cygnus*). While most of the common species were found over a wide range of sites (Tables 4 & 5), several sites displayed notable variation from this pattern including sites 9 & 10 (Fisherman's Islands) where *Campanile* was absent and hermit crabs were abundant.

A comparison of the inter-annual and inter site abundances of the most common invertebrates (Fig. 7) indicates that the patterns of abundance are relatively stable in space and time over this period. This observation is not surprising given that most of these species are relatively long-lived and are likely to be permanent residents of their home reef. An exception to this pattern was *Panulirus cygnus*, a highly mobile species and one with a population of mostly juvenile animals in the survey area. The abundance of this species was highly variable between years.

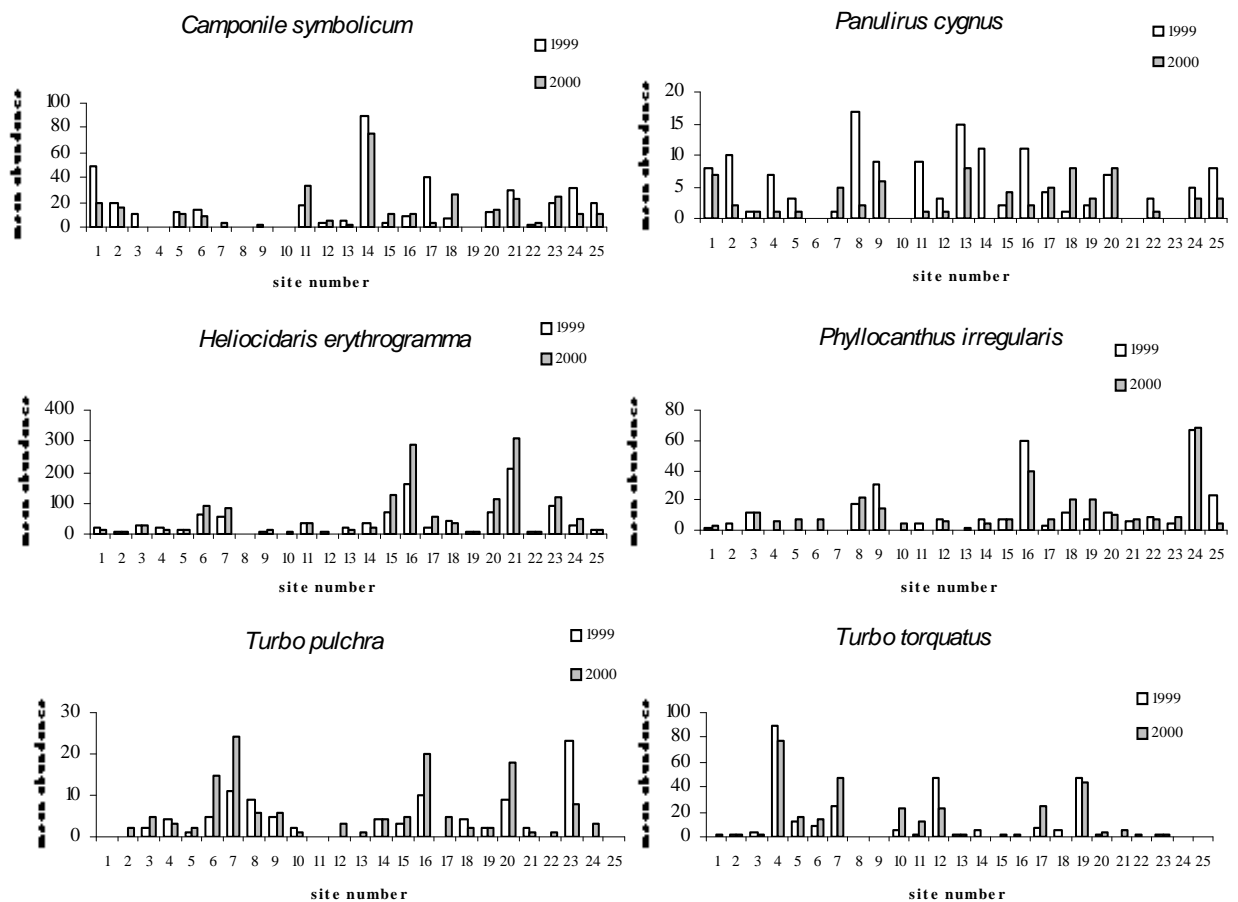


Figure 7. Abundance of common megafaunal invertebrate species encountered during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000.

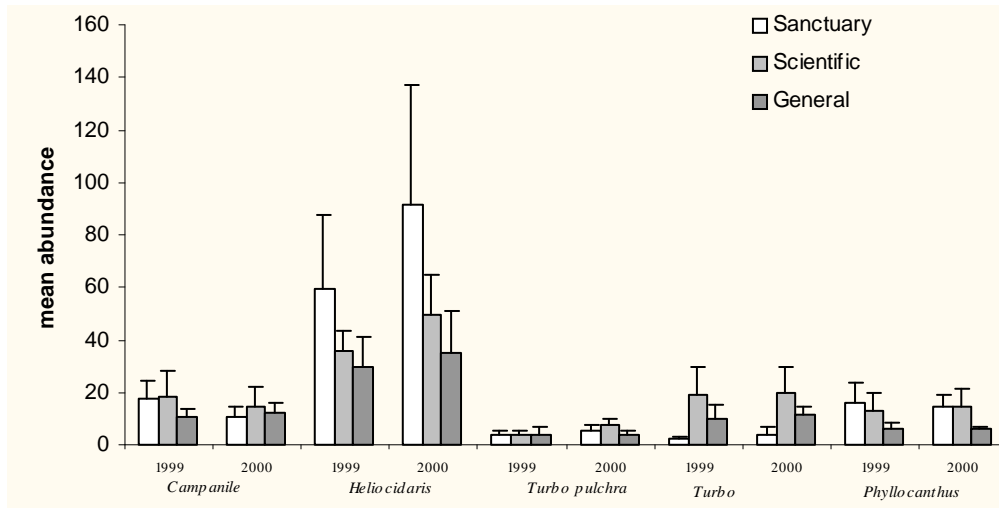


Figure 8. Abundance of common invertebrate species encountered during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000 with respect to their distribution between proposed management zones.

For most of the common invertebrates abundances usually varied less than 50% percent between years, indicating that their populations are not only relatively stable over these time periods but that the survey techniques used adequately described the abundance of each of these species at each location. The distribution of all invertebrates and cryptic fishes encountered during the surveys is given in Tables 4 & 5.

Examination of the distribution of the more common invertebrate species with respect to the three main zoning types within the proposed MPA indicated a broad similarity between zones (Fig. 8), however one notable exception was *Heliocidaris erythrogramma*, the most common large invertebrate within the survey area, which was approximately twice as abundant within the sanctuary zone compared to the scientific reference and general use zones. This difference was stable between years and showed no obvious correlation with other biological factors investigated.

Algae

The algal percentage cover data derived during the two surveys (Tables 6 & 7) needs to be interpreted with consideration for the biases involved in species recognition by individual divers involved with the algal census. The brown and green algae consist primarily of a relatively small set of readily identified and widely distributed species that would have been recognised at the species level by both Dr Graham Edgar (the marine botanist for the 1999 survey) and Dr John Huissman (the marine botanist for the 2000 survey). The red algae have substantially more species and a large proportion of species that are not widespread throughout temperate Australia. As John Huissman is a macrophytologist with specialist experience in the red algae of Western Australia his species list is not surprisingly more comprehensive than Graham Edgars. In the 1999 survey there was a substantial proportion of unidentified species and these were reduced to the genus level or to two broader categories of unidentified thallose or filamentous red algae.

Table 4. Large mobile invertebrate and cryptic fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999.

Species	Common names/ Sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total	
Cryptic fish																												
<i>Anoplocapros lenticularis</i>	White-barred boxfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Apogon cyanosoma</i>	Blue-striped Cardinalfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Apogon victoriae</i>	Red-striped Cardinalfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
<i>Gymnothorax prasinus</i>	Green moray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Hypoplectrodes wilsoni</i>	Spotty seaperch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
<i>Parascyllium variolatum</i>	Varied catshark	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
<i>Perryena leucometopon</i>	Whitenose pigfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<i>Pterois volitans</i>	Red firefish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Threpterus maculosus</i>	Silver spot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Torquigener pleurogramma</i>	Banded Toadfish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Urolophus sp.</i>	Striped stingaree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Molluscs																												
<i>Aplysia dactylomela</i>	Sea hare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Campanile</i>	Lighthouse shell	49	20	11	0	12	14	0	0	1	0	17	3	6	90	3	8	40	7	0	12	29	1	19	31	20	393	
<i>Charonia powelli</i>	Trumpet shell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Charonia rubicunda</i>	Trumpet shell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Haliotis emma</i>	Emma's abalone	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	7
<i>Melo miltonis</i>	Southern bailer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
<i>Octopus sp.</i>	Octopus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Ranella australasia</i>	Australian rock whelk	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Scutus antipodes</i>	Elephant snail	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	7
<i>Thais orbita</i>	Dog whelk	0	0	0	4	1	1	3	2	8	0	4	0	2	0	1	3	0	4	8	5	6	0	2	1	4	0	59
<i>Turbo jordani</i>	Turban shell	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Turbo pulchra</i>	Turban shell	0	0	2	4	1	5	11	9	5	2	0	0	0	4	3	10	0	4	2	9	2	0	23	0	0	0	96
<i>Turbo torquatus</i>	Turban shell	0	1	3	90	12	8	25	0	0	6	1	48	2	5	0	1	7	6	47	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	266
Echinoderms																												
<i>Amblypneustes leucoglobus</i>	Short-spined urchin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Amblypneustes pachistus</i>	Short-spined urchin	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	4	7	1	0	0	0	1	9	4	5	0	3	3	0	1	0	43
<i>Anthaster valvulatus</i>	Seastar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Centrostephanus tenuispinus</i>	Long-spine urchin	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	13
<i>Comanthus trichoptera</i>	Feather star	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	30	14	0	23	24	0	2	77	0	192	
<i>Coscinasterias muricata</i>	Eleven armed seastar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Echinaster varicolor</i>	Seastar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Fromia polypora</i>	Spotted seastar	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
<i>Heliocidaris erythrogramma</i>	Common Urchin	20	9	27	23	13	65	53	0	4	2	36	4	24	32	69	158	19	41	7	70	210	8	93	29	17	1033	
<i>Holopneustes porossimus</i>	Short-spined Urchin	0	4	0	0	2	0	11	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
<i>Pentagonaster dubeni</i>	Firebrick seastar	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	5	0	25	
<i>Petricia vernicina</i>	Velvet star	1	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	5	0	28	
<i>Phyllacanthus irregularis</i>	Western slate urchin	1	5	12	0	0	0	0	18	30	0	4	7	0	8	8	60	3	11	7	11	6	9	5	67	23	295	

Table 4. Large mobile invertebrate and cryptic fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 (continued).

Species	Common names/ Sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total	
<i>Pseudoboletia indiana</i>	Short-spined urchin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Stichopus mollis</i>	Sea cucumber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	16	
<i>Tosia australis</i>	Biscuit star	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Crustaceans																												
<i>Hermit w/i</i>	Hermit crab	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	19	0	4	7	1	12	8	19	8	24	2	8	1	4	4	13	10	152	
<i>Pagurid (grey)</i>	Hermit crab	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<i>Panulirus cygnus</i>	Western rock lobster	8	10	1	7	3	0	1	17	9	0	9	3	15	11	2	11	4	1	2	7	0	3	0	5	8	137	
Total Species		10	11	12	8	12	7	11	9	11	7	12	10	10	11	14	15	12	15	15	11	11	12	15	10	12		

Table 5. Large mobile invertebrate and cryptic fish abundance totals per site recorded during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 2000.

Species	Common names / Sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total
Cryptic fish																											
<i>Aetapcus maculatus</i>	Warty prowfish	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Apogon victoriae</i>	Red-striped cardinalfish	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
<i>Callogobius mucosus</i>	Goby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Orectolobus maculatus</i>	Spotted wobbegong	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Paraplesiops meleagris</i>	Western blue devil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Parascyllium variolatum</i>	Varied catshark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Urolophus paucimaculatus</i>	Sparsely spotted stingaree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Urolophus</i> sp.	Striped stingaree	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Molluscs																											
<i>Aplysia</i> sp.	Sea hare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
<i>Campanile</i>	Lighthouse shell	19	15	0	0	11	8	4	0	0	0	34	5	2	75	11	11	3	26	0	14	22	3	25	11	10	309
<i>Charonia powelli</i>	Trumpet shell	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Haliotis emma</i>	Abalone	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	14
<i>Melo miltonis</i>	Southern bailer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Octopus</i> sp.	Octopus	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
<i>Ranella australis</i>	Rock whelk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Scutus antipodes</i>	Elephant snail	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
<i>Thais orbita</i>	Whelk	1	0	2	3	4	4	3	8	20	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	8	5	4	4	4	2	3	83
<i>Turbo jordani</i>	Turban shell	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Turbo pulchra</i>	Turban shell	0	2	5	3	2	15	24	6	6	1	0	3	1	4	5	20	5	2	2	18	1	1	8	3	0	137
<i>Turbo torquatus</i>	Turban shell	1	1	2	78	15	14	48	0	0	23	12	23	1	0	1	0	25	0	44	3	5	0	2	0	0	298
Echinoderms																											
<i>Amblypneustes leucoglobus</i>	Short-spined urchin	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	15
<i>Centrostephanus tenuispinus</i>	Long-spine urchin	0	0	6	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
<i>Comanthus trichoptera</i>	Feather star	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	32	0	35	46	0	3	53	0	186	
<i>Coscinasterias muricata</i>	Seastar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	
<i>Fromia polypora</i>	Seastar	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	19
<i>Heliocidaris erythrogramma</i>	Common urchin	15	5	30	16	13	91	82	3	12	5	33	2	16	23	124	289	57	33	4	112	307	9	116	47	14	1458
<i>Holopneustes inflatus</i>	Short-spined urchin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Holopneustes porossimus</i>	Short-spined urchin	1	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	6	3	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
<i>Holopneustes</i> sp. 1	Short-spined urchin	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
<i>Pentagonaster dubeni</i>	Firebrick star	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13
<i>Petricia vernicina</i>	Velvet star	1	0	6	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	11	39
<i>Phyllacanthus irregularis</i>	Western slate urchin	3	0	11	6	7	7	0	22	15	4	0	6	2	5	8	39	7	21	21	10	8	8	9	69	5	293
<i>Stichopus mollis</i>	Sea cucumber	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	12
Crustaceans																											
Hermit u/i	Hermit crab	5	2	1	0	1	2	0	31	46	1	0	5	5	15	2	4	2	5	2	1	8	1	3	2	1	145
Pagurid (grey)	Hermit crab (grey)	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Paguristes purpureantennatus</i>	Hermit crab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	5	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	23
<i>Panulirus cygnus</i>	Western rock lobster	7	2	1	1	1	0	5	2	6	0	1	1	8	0	4	2	5	8	3	8	0	1	0	3	3	72
<i>Plagusia chabrus</i>	Red bait crab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Trizopagurus strigimanus</i>	Hermit crab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4
Total Species		14	8	12	10	13	13	11	11	10	8	8	11	10	9	14	11	16	13	12	15	10	12	10	12	11	

Direct comparison between the two datasets is therefore not possible for the red algae other than for species shared between the two or for the pooled total value. Within the brown algae the dominant species were *Ecklonia radiata*, *Scytothalia dorycarpa* and *Sargassum* species (Fig. 8). While no one particular *Sargassum* species was abundant at a wide range of sites, *Sargassum* species in general formed a major component of the flora at most locations. At most sites the brown algae formed a conspicuous canopy or overstorey, with a wide variety of red algae forming an understorey of more than 50% cover.

The green algae usually only formed a very minor component of the flora. Some notable variants from the average were Site 12 which had a high (20%) cover of the seagrass *Amphibolis antarctica* indicating that the transect at this location overlapped some seagrass beds, and the two sites at the Fisherman's Islands (8 & 9) that had a strong influence of coral cover (5-10 %). The latter two site were visibly conspicuous sites due to the abundance of coral cover present and the physical structure that the coral provided.

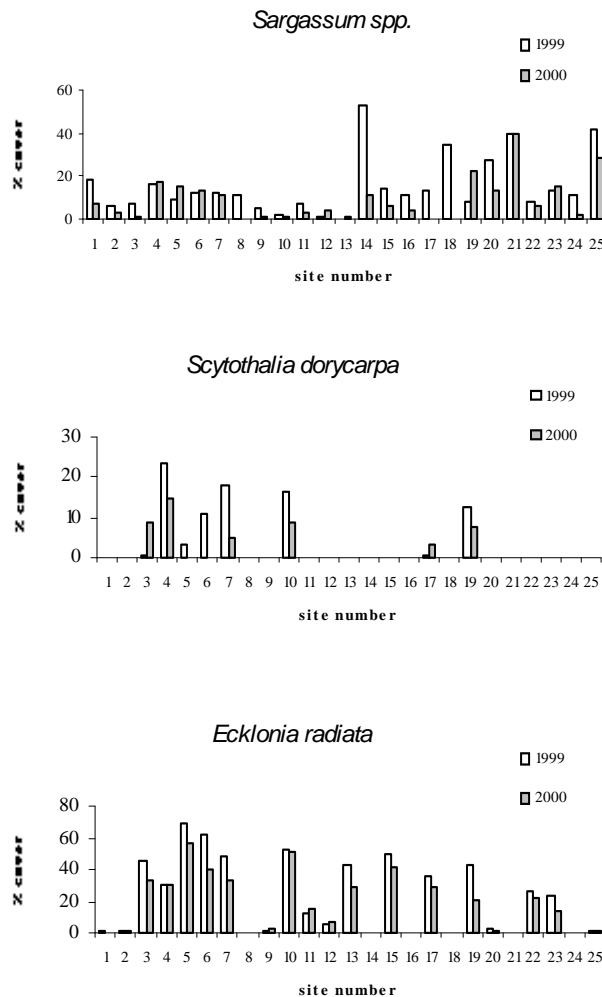


Figure 8. Abundance of dominant algal species encountered during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000.

Comparison of the dominant cover forming algae between treatments and years (Fig. 9) indicates that patterns between treatments are relatively constant over time and that for *Ecklonia* the average percentage cover is significantly less within the sanctuary sites than within the general use zone. This suggests that on average the sanctuary zone sites may be slightly more sheltered than the sites within the other zones. *Sargassum* species generally replace *Ecklonia* as wave exposure decreases and there is a slight trend here, with *Sargassum* species being more abundant in the sanctuary sites than the general use sites.

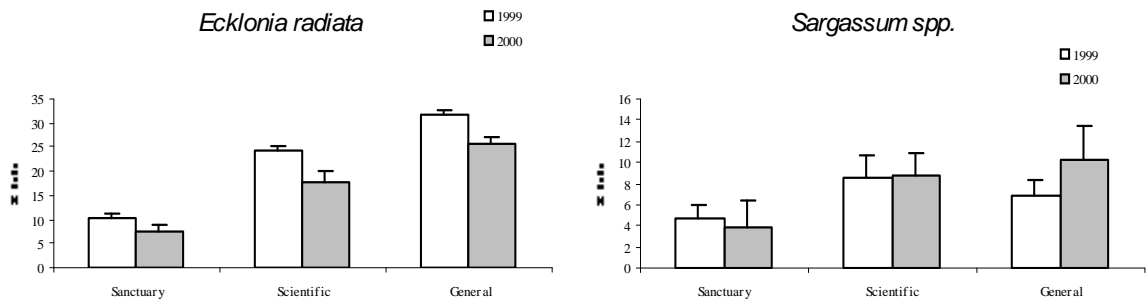


Figure 9. Abundance of common macroalgal species encountered during surveys at Jurien Bay in October 1999 and 2000 with respect to their distribution between proposed management zones.

Discussion

The surveys of Jurien Bay in 1999 and 2000 have provided a comprehensive description of the resident reef fishes, large mobile invertebrates and cover forming plants and animals on the moderately sheltered inshore reefs of the region. While examination of deeper and more exposed outer reefs would have been desirable, these habitats were not represented in the sanctuary zones and were also logistically difficult to survey, thus they were not included in the experimental design. Examination of patterns of inter-site and inter-annual variation of the dominant species suggest that the data collected provides an adequate description of each location for use in subsequent analysis of change through time. Comparison of the overall relationship between sites based on assemblage data indicates that while there is some degree of variation between sites within each protection category, the categories broadly overlap and therefore future comparison between categories is valid using the current sites and experimental design.

The selection of between 8 – 9 sites within each treatment should be sufficient to detect biologically meaningful change within the species examined. From the results of the Tasmanian MPA study (Edgar and Barrett 1997, 1999) and a workshop examining MPA monitoring techniques (Barrett & Buxton 2002), it appears that where the abundance of each species is adequately described at each site, six sites would be the accepted minimum number of “replicates” per treatment for an effective monitoring program. By surveying a wide range of species the experimental design should have sufficient power to detect ecosystem shifts as well as changes in the abundance of target species following the protection of some areas from fishing.

Table 6. Percentage cover of algal species and cover forming invertebrates recorded during surveys of Jurien Bay in 1999(cont.).

Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	% Cover		
Green algae																												
<i>Bryopsis foliosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
<i>Bryopsis sp.</i>	0	0	0	0.3	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.03	
<i>Caulerpa brownii</i>	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Caulerpa cactoides</i>	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	0.2	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.4	0.2	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.13	
<i>Caulerpa crispata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.3	0	0.3	0.3	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0.08	
<i>Caulerpa flexilis var. muelleri</i>	0.3	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.6	2.4	3.2	0	2	0.1	0	0	0	1.6	0	5.2	4.2	0	0	0	0.92	
<i>Caulerpa obscura</i>	0	0.2	3.8	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	1.3	3.1	0.3	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.1	4	0.1	0	0.3	0	0.6	0.8	19.1	1.1	1.67		
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0	0.07	
<i>Caulerpa scalpelliformis</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.3	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.04	
<i>Caulerpa simplisciuscula</i>	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.6	0	0.06	
<i>Chaetomorpha sp.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Chlanidophora microphylla</i>	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Cladophora rugulosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06	
<i>Cladophora spp.</i>	1.6	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.09	
<i>Codium galeatum</i>	0	0	0.7	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.3	0.2	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.4	1.6	2.4	0	2.6	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.37	
<i>Codium spongiosum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
<i>Struvea plumosa</i>	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Ulva spp.</i>	2	0	1	0.1	1.3	4.1	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	0	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0	0.4	0	0	2.9	0	0	3.4	0	0.76	
Red algae																												
<i>Asparagopsis spp.</i>	0	0.2	2.3	0	0	0.5	0	0	1.1	0	0	1.1	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	0.7	0.9	0	0.39	
<i>Botrocladia obovata</i>	0	2.3	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.5	0.6	0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6	0	1.1	0.3	2	0	2	2.5	0.5	1	0.6	0.2	0	0.61	
<i>Botryocystis brownii</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Callophycus costatus</i>	0	0	5.3	1.3	7.7	9	3	1.1	0	12	1.6	3.4	2.5	0	13.8	0	6.5	1	10.6	0	0.6	6.3	4.3	0.6	0.3	0	3.64	
<i>Callophycus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Callophycus dorsiferus</i>	0	0.9	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0.6	0	1.8	0.2	0	0	0	0.27	
<i>Callophycus harveyana</i>	0	0	1.1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0.4	2.3	0.2	0.2	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.26	
<i>Callophycus oppositifolius</i>	0.5	0.7	2.5	7.2	8.5	1.1	3.8	0	0	4.1	1.8	0	0.3	0	1.1	0	3.3	0	4.7	0.2	0.2	0	0.9	0	0	0	1.64	
<i>Callophyllis rangiferinus</i>	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Delisea spp.</i>	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.7	0.5	2.9	0	0.7	0	0.3	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.24	
<i>Erythremenia minuta</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Filamentous red algae</i>	17	22.1	15.1	4.7	9.9	1.6	5.1	58	56.5	6.2	10.4	21.4	6.1	23.9	12.6	23.4	4.4	10.5	13.5	26.4	7.4	28.5	11.8	47.4	24.6	0	18.74	
<i>Galaxaura obtusata</i>	0	0	0.1	0	0.2	0	0.1	0.3	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05
<i>Galaxaura speciosa</i>	0	0	1.1	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	3.3	1.3	0.4	0	1.8	0	0.6	0	0	0	0.40	
<i>Gelinarina ulvoidea</i>	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.6	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.06	
<i>Gracilaria ramulosa</i>	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Gracilaria secundata</i>	0.7	1.9	4.4	2	6.2	0.7	0.7	3.9	2	1.3	0.5	0.8	0	1.2	2.7	1.4	2.7	0.2	1.4	1.6	1.4	2.4	1.5	0.4	3.5	0	1.82	
<i>Gracillaria flagelliformis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	
<i>Halimeda cuneata</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.2	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	0	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.09	

Table 6. Percentage cover of algal species and cover forming invertebrates recorded during surveys of Jurien Bay in 1999 (continued).

Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	% Cover	
<i>Herdmania momus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.3	0	0.33
<i>Hypnea ramentacea</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05
<i>Jania</i> spp.	0	1.6	0.4	0.1	0	0	0	1.8	1.1	0	0.4	0.2	0	0	0.3	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.1	0	0.9	0.30
<i>Kallymenia cribrosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Laurencia brongniartii</i>	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Laurencia</i> spp.	1.5	5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0	1.4	1.1	0.6	1.1	2.7	3.9	2.1	2.4	1.3	10	1.5	3.6	0	3.3	5.3	1.6	5.3	3	2.1	2.39	
<i>Lenormandia</i> sp.	0.5	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04
<i>Martensia australis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.02
<i>Metagoniolithon</i>	6.6	0.7	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6.3	0	0.3	0	0.1	1.5	0.9	0.7	7.7	0	1.1	0.5	0.2	0	1.12	
<i>Metamastophora flabellata</i>	0.5	9.2	14.1	3.3	5.1	1.3	0.9	1.7	0.5	0.6	0	3.5	14	0.7	10.8	0.7	5.5	0.1	1.1	7.1	0.4	14.7	6.4	0.6	2.6	4.22	
<i>Neurymenia fraxinifolia</i>	1.6	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.3	0	0	0.3	28.1	2.4	50.9	0.1	1.4	1.9	0	1.8	0	0.5	3.61	
<i>Osmundaria</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.05	
<i>Peyssonelia novaehollandiae</i>	2	7.2	5.7	0.4	2.3	0.2	0.9	0.3	1	2.9	7.7	5.2	5.9	1.7	4.6	3	4.1	2.1	1.5	5.3	6.8	6.5	5.2	1.4	1.6	3.42	
<i>Phacelocarpus alatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	1.5	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.10	
<i>Phacelocarpus</i> sp.	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	
<i>Plocamium pressianum</i>	0	0.8	0	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.4	0	0	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0	0.6	0	0.8	0	0.3	0	0.1	0.2	2.4	0	0	0.49	
<i>Rhodomencia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.09
<i>Rhodopeltis australis</i>	0	0	0.9	1.5	1.3	0.2	0.5	0	0	0.9	0.1	0	0.3	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.4	0.1	0	0	0.8	0	0	0.32	
<i>Sporolithon durum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	0	0.06	
<i>Thuretia quercifolia</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	0.2	0	0	0.04	
Unidentified thalloss red alga	5.1	25.6	18.7	12	11.2	8.9	10.2	2.2	1.3	13.8	18.9	12.6	24	7.8	10.3	6.7	12.1	3.8	14.4	16.4	8.8	13.7	8.7	3.7	4	11.00	
Seagrass																											
<i>Amphibolis antarctica</i>	9.7	6.4	0	3	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36.9	0	0.7	0	4	0	1.1	0	0	3.2	0	0	0.3	0	2.62	
<i>Amphibolis griffithi</i>	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	1.10	
<i>Halophila australis</i>	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4	0	0	0	1.5	0.33	
<i>Heterozostera tasmanica</i>	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Posidonia australis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.10	
<i>Posidonia sinuosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.16	
<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
Sponges																											
<i>Chondrilla</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.02	
Other sponges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	4.9	0	0.23
Corals (c) and Zooanthids (z)																											
<i>Goniastrea</i> sp. (c)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.3	0.03	
<i>Goniopora</i> sp. (c)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
<i>Montipora</i> sp. (c)	0	0.2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.2	0.6	0.33		
<i>Pocillopora damicornis</i> (c)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.2	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.10		
<i>Vidalia</i> sp.	6.8	20.9	1.2	1.8	0.8	0.1	1.1	0	0	0	29	2.8	13.6	0.9	1.6	1.3	0	0.8	0	4.4	26.4	8	13.8	4.5	0	5.59	
<i>Zoanthus praelongus</i> (z)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
Total cover	29	38	28	28	22	21	27	26	26	24	30	30	30	31	31	36	37	27	25	32	33	30	36	30	28		

Table 7. Percentage cover of algal species and cover forming invertebrates recorded during surveys of Jurien Bay in 2000.

Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	% Cover	
Brown algae																											
<i>Caulocystis uvifera</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.12
<i>Cladosiphon filum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Cliftonaea pectinata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.16
<i>Colpomenia sinuosa</i>	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03
<i>Colpomenia</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04
<i>Cystophora</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03
<i>Cystoseira trinodis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Dasya</i> sp.	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.07
<i>Dictyopteris australis</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Dictyopteris plagiogramma</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.2	0	0	0	0	1.3	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.10
<i>Dictyopteris</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03
<i>Dictyota</i> sp. 1 (fine)	1.3	0.2	1.2	0.3	0	0.4	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	1.7	0.4	0.1	0	0	1.6	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.38	
<i>Dictyota ciliolata</i>	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Echinothamnion mallardiae</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Ecklonia radiata</i>	0	0.9	32.9	30	56.4	39.4	32.7	0	2.2	51.2	15.3	7.1	28.5	0	41.2	0	28.5	0	20.6	1.9	0	21.4	14	0	0.8	17.00	
<i>Hinckesia</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	3.2	0	0.20	
<i>Hormophysa cuneiformis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Hydroclathrus clathratus</i>	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	1.7	0.45	0.12	
<i>Lobophora variegata</i>	3.6	0.1	0	0.2	0.8	1.7	0.2	0.4	0.8	0	0.1	4.1	0	3.2	0.1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0	0.4	0.68	
<i>Lobospira bicuspidata</i>	0	0	0.3	0	0.6	0	0.2	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	2.4	0	0.5	0	0	2.4	0	0.3	0.4	0	2.3	0.38	
<i>Myriodesma serrulatum</i>	0.6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.65	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.26	
<i>Myriodesma</i> sp. 1	0	2.2	0	0.9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	2.1	0	0	0	0	0.34	
<i>Pachydictyon paniculatum</i>	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Pachydictyon</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.5	0	0	0	0	1.4	0.5	0.1	0	1.2	0	0.6	0	0	0	0.18	
<i>Padina fraseri</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0.01	
<i>Padina</i> sp.	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.04	
<i>Platythalia angustifolia</i>	1.2	3.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.41	
<i>Sargassum decurrens</i>	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Sargassum linearifolium</i>	2.4	0	0	3.7	0.5	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.2	0	4.8	2.6	0	0	1	0.70	
<i>Sargassum sonderi</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.9	0	0	0	0	0.60	
<i>Sargassum</i> spp.	4.4	3	1.3	13.7	14.9	12.4	10.9	0.5	1.15	1.1	2.65	4.2	1.3	11.1	5.8	4	0	0.1	20.2	13.2	20.1	3.3	15.7	1.8	27.4	7.77	
<i>Scytothalia dorycarpa</i>	0	0	9	14.5	0	0	5	0	0	8.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.2	0	7.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.92	
<i>Zonaria turneriana</i>	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.05	

Table 7. Percentage cover of algal species and cover forming invertebrates recorded during surveys of Jurien Bay in 2000 (cont.).

Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	%Cover	
Green algae																											
<i>Apjohnia laetevirens</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04
<i>Caulerpa cactoides</i>	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.3	0	3.5	0.7	0.15	0	0	0.4	0	0	2.6	0	0.8	0	0.7	0.43	
<i>Caulerpa distichophylla</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.4	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05	
<i>Caulerpa flexilis</i>	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	2	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7	4.3	0	0.40
<i>Caulerpa geminata</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.3	0	0.08	
<i>Caulerpa longifolia</i>	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.3	0	0.2	0.4	0.8	0	0	0.2	0	0.15	0	0	0.1	0.18	
<i>Caulerpa obscura</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	1.1	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	10.4	0	0.55	
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Caulerpa scalpelliformis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.4	0	0.4	0	0	0.04	
<i>Caulerpa simpliciuscula</i>	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.4	0.6	0	0.7	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	1.2	0.17	
<i>Cladophora</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.17	
<i>Codium galeatum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	3.5	0.1	0	0.9	0.9	0	3.4	0	0	0.39	
<i>Codium laminalidides</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.00	
<i>Codium</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.15	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.4	0.1	0.04	
<i>Enteromorpha</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Ulva</i> spp.	0.9	0	0.8	0	0.4	1.4	0	1.2	2.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	1.4	0.5	0.1	0	0.4	0	0	1.5	0	0	2	0.51	
Red algae																											
<i>Amphiroa gracilis</i>	0.5	0.4	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.4	0.4	0	0.4	4.4	0	1.1	0	0	0	0.5	0	2.05	0.7	0.5	0.4	0	0.3	0.49	
<i>Asparagopsis armata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	2.4	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.3	0	2.1	0	0	0.23	
<i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i>	0	0	2.15	1.2	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	0.25	
<i>Betaphycus speciosum</i>	0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.16	
<i>Bornetia binderiana</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.3	0	0	2.2	0	0	0	1.2	3	1.1	0	0	0	0.33	
<i>Botryocladia leptopoda</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Botryocladia sonderi</i>	0.9	0.3	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.5	0.1	2.9	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0	1.9	3.1	0.8	1.3	0	0.2	0.59	
<i>Callophycus dorsiferus</i>	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.8	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.08	
<i>Callophycus harveyana</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Callophycus oppositifolius</i>	0	0	0	7.5	5.3	0.6	3.7	0	0	4	0	0.8	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	1.8	0	9.5	1	0.7	1	2.6	0	0	1.56	
<i>Champia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Champia viridis</i>	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Champia zostericola</i>	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	
<i>Chauviniella coriifolia</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05	
<i>Claviconium ovatum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.2	0	0	0.06	
Corallines	0.2	0	4.3	17.5	12.3	12.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.4	3	0	3.5	0	2.2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2.33	
<i>Cryptonemia kallymenioides</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Curdiea irvineae</i>	0.9	3	1.9	1	13.4	3.9	2.8	0	0	8.5	4.6	5.8	5.8	2.7	8.2	2.2	2.7	1.8	1.5	4.8	2.2	6.8	6	0.7	1.6	3.71	
<i>Curdiea obesa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	
<i>Dasyclonium incisum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.03	
<i>Delisea</i> spp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.04	

Table 7. Percentage cover of algal species and cover forming invertebrates recorded during surveys of Jurien Bay in 2000 (cont.).

Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	%Cover	
<i>Dictymenia sonderi</i>	0.7	7.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.1	3.8	9	1.5	0	8.3	3.5	0.8	0	9.8	0	0	8.7	0	0	2.61	
<i>Euptilota articulata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.08
<i>Galaxaura marginata</i>	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0.03
<i>Galaxaura rugosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Gigartina disticha</i>	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Gliosaccion brownii</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Glossophora nigricans</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04
<i>Gracilaria secundata</i>	1.8	0.4	2.4	0.9	6.4	1.6	3.7	4.9	5.1	2	1.1	0.3	0.2	1.5	3.5	0.2	1.3	0	0	4.2	1	6.3	4.8	1.5	3.7	2.35	
<i>Gracilaria preissiana</i>	0.7	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06
<i>Halimeda cuneata</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0.03
<i>Haliptalon roseum</i>	0.4	0	0	0.8	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.28
<i>Haplognema preissii</i>	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.05
<i>Hennedyia crispa</i>	0	0.3	2.4	0.3	1.5	0.6	5	0	0	1.85	2.8	1.4	8.6	0	2.3	0	5.7	0	1.9	0	0	0.1	0.6	0	0.4	1.43	
<i>Heterosiphonia muelleri</i>	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.11	
<i>Hypnea pannosa</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Hypnea ramentacea</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Hypnea sp.</i>	5.6	15.4	22.6	2.9	3.3	3.1	15.2	25	16.8	15.5	14.5	17.9	12.4	7.5	11.9	7.4	12.9	7.9	4	11.5	2.5	35.5	14.8	21.5	32.5	13.60	
<i>Hypnea valentiae</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Jania spp.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0.02
<i>Kuetzingia angustata</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
<i>Kuetzingia canaliculata</i>	0.4	0.4	0.2	1	0	0	1.7	0	0	0	1.8	0.5	1.7	0	0	0	1.7	0	1.8	1.1	0.5	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.52
<i>Laurencia brongiartii</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.06	
<i>Laurencia elata</i>	0	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0.09	
<i>Laurencia filiformis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.1	0	4.9	0	0	0.56	
<i>Laurencia spp.</i>	5	11.1	0	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.3	8.7	4.8	0.8	11.8	4.8	2.6	9.7	1.9	15.8	1.6	7.1	0.2	3	1.3	1.6	0.7	2.4	3.6	4.04	
<i>Lenormandia spectabilis</i>	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Metagoniolithon radiatum</i>	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.49
<i>Metamastophora flabellata</i>	0.7	2.7	8.3	7.5	17.8	2.3	2.6	0	0.6	0.9	5.8	0.6	7.6	0.4	0	0.4	3.9	0.5	0	4.7	0.3	10	7.7	0	4.2	3.58	
<i>Neurymenia fraxinifolia</i>	0.3	0.35	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.4	1.1	0	0	0	19.6	5.6	56.5	0	5.8	1.4	0.4	0	0	0.6	3.80	
<i>Osmundaria prolifera</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05	
<i>Osmundaria spiralis</i>	2.3	1.1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	1.8	0.3	0	0.8	0.2	0.6	0	1.2	0	1.2	0.8	0	0	0.4	0	0.44	
<i>Peyssonelia novaehollandiae</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Peyssonelia sp.</i>	0	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.1	0	0	0	0.1	0.6	0	0.4	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.18	
<i>Phacelocarpus sp.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Plocamium angustum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06	
<i>Plocamium preissianum</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	0.4	0	0	4.5	0	1.1	0	0.2	0	0	0	8.1	0	0	0.64	
<i>Polysiphonia sp.</i>	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	0	11.7	0	1	0	1	0	0.6	2.4	0	0.8	0	0	0.93	
<i>Protokuetzingia australasica</i>	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.04	
<i>Pterocladia lucida</i>	0.2	0	3.4	3.5	5.9	7.6	2.6	0	0	17.6	1.4	0.6	0.8	0.1	2.6	0.1	1.9	0.4	9.1	0.2	0	2.2	0.8	0.3	0.2	2.46	

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Species / Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	%Cover
<i>Ptilophora prolifera</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Rhodopeltis australis</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.3	1.8	0	0	1.3	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.19
<i>Rhodymenia sonderi</i>	0	0.1	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.9	0	0.1	0	0.2	0	0.4	0	0	0	0.6	0	0	0.15
<i>Sarcomenia delesseriodes</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.01
<i>Scinaia tsinglanensis</i>	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
<i>Solieria robusta</i>	0.7	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.06
<i>Thuretia quercifolia</i>	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.6	0	0	0.08
<i>Tolypiocladia glomerulata</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2.3	6.8	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.42
Unidentified thallose red alga	2.3	7.1	2.5	5.6	1.65	6.9	6.3	2.2	3	13.4	10.7	5.6	3	5.7	5.1	5.7	9.3	9.7	4.5	9.9	4.7	9.1	3.7	2.9	4.1	5.79
Unidentified filamentous red algae	0	5.3	6.5	6	2.5	4.6	4.55	22.3	31.7	0.5	0.7	2	1	3.8	5.2	0.8	2.2	0	1.9	6.8	0.5	3.4	2.2	23.1	4	5.66
Seagrass																										0.00
<i>Amphibolis antarctica</i>	0	16.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.4	20	0	6.6	0	0	0	2.7	9.8	0	3.9	0	0.8	0	0.4	2.56
<i>Amphibolis griffithi</i>	21.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.8	0	0	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	1.02
<i>Halophila australis</i>	2.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0.55
<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1.8	0	0	0	0	1.8	0	0	5.3	0	0.46
<i>Heterozostera tasmanica</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	0.16
<i>Thalassodendron pachyrhizum</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05
Corals, sponges & sand																										0.00
Sponges	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.3	0.5	0	2.2	0.8	0	0.4	1	0	0.23
Coral (other than plate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.2	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.22
Alcyonarians (Octocorals)	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0.1	0	0	0.4	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.19
Plate coral	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2.9	7.4	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0.61
<i>Pocillopora damicornis</i>	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	4.4	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.27
Sand	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.7	0	0	0	0.57
Total cover	52	36	21	29	20	33	23	27	22	20	35	39	37	40	35	35	38	28	23	31	42	30	39	23	30	

Ideally the surveys would be repeated a number of times in the years following the declaration of the MPA and enforcement of the fishing restrictions to obtain a time-series of data to follow trends in the change in abundance of species of interest. It is recommended that as a minimum requirement at least one survey be conducted in the year prior or following declaration as a reference point for the time of divergence, and that subsequent surveys be conducted at five year intervals as this is the time frame that biologically meaningful changes may be expected to occur and be detected.

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