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Welcome to the Marine National Parks Information CD-ROM

In many parts of the world marine and coastal environments have suffered from the consequences of people's lack of knowledge and appreciation of these environments, poor understanding of human impacts on the sea, attitudes which do not value marine environments highly, and inaction in addressing issues of habitat loss and consequent loss of biodiversity. The consequences of this are continuing environmental degradation and loss of natural and cultural values.

Victoria has taken a major step toward sustainable use of our valuable coastal and marine environments through the establishment of the world's first representative system of Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries.

The long term acceptance, adoption and protection of this system will ultimately depends on an informed community that:

- Recognises the values of Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries,
- Has attitudes that support the long term protection of these environments,
- Has the skills and willingness to take action to protect and maintain the values of these environments.

This Educational CD-Rom has been produced to provide educators, students, community groups, stakeholders, and Parks Victoria staff with ready access to a wide range of information, presentations, activities, and data about Victoria's Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries. We hope that the information it contains is useful to you to gain a better understanding of the natural and cultural values of this magnificent park system.

For more information about Victoria's Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries or any of our other parks log on to www.parkweb.vic.gov.au or call **13 1963**. The Parks Victoria Education website can be found at www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/education.

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