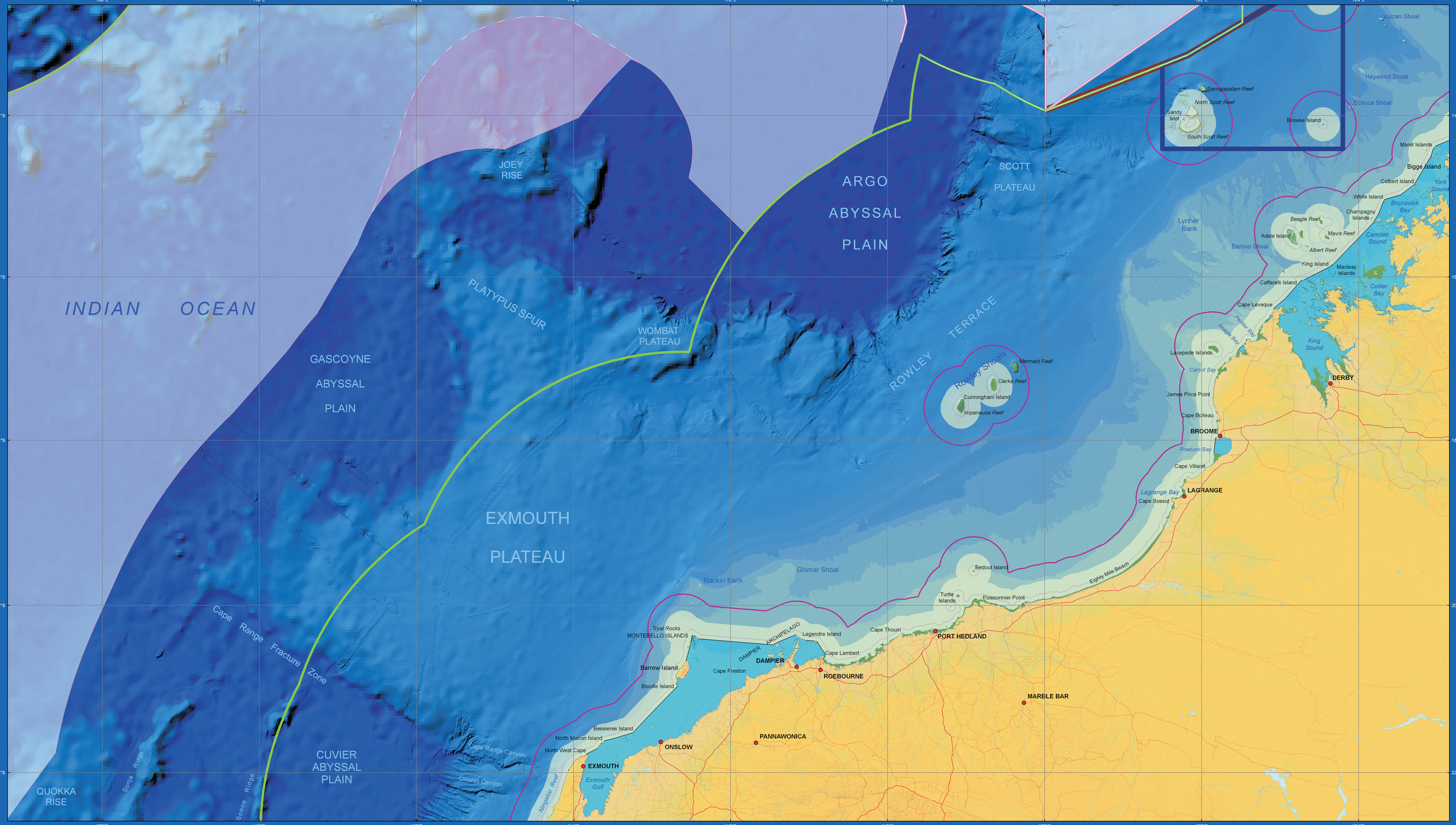
Australia's Maritime Jurisdiction off the Northwest Shelf



Land

Reef / Intertidal

Area of Australia's Internal Waters

Those parts of Australia's territorial sea baseline that traverse water

Limit of Coastal Waters

Area of Australia's Territorial Sea

Australia's Contiguous Zone limit

Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone limit

Exclusive economic zone treaty boundary with an opposite or adjacent State, signed but not ratified

Outer limit of Australia's continental shelf

Continental shelf treaty boundary with an opposite or adjacent State, signed but not ratified

Outer limit of extended continental shelf yet to be resolved

Provisional Fisheries Surveillance and Enforcement Line between Australia and Indonesia

Limit of the area covered by the MOU between Australia and Indonesia regarding the Operations of Indonesian Traditional Fishermen in Areas of the Australian Exclusive Fishing Zone and Continental Shelf

Depiction of Marine Areas

Clear regions on this map depict areas where Australia exercises water column, seabed and subsoil jurisdiction; seabed and subsoil jurisdiction only, or fisheries jurisdiction only, as defined in certain treaties.

Light pink shading depicts areas submitted and yet to be resolved (including Australian Antarctic Territory where Australia requested the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf not consider this region for the time being).

Light white shading depicts areas beyond Australian jurisdiction.

QUALIFICATIONS RELATING TO THIS MAP:

1. This map is indicative only of the location of the territorial sea baselines and the outer limits of Australia's maritime zones, and should NOT be used as a definitive source of information. Some limits may be subject to change.
2. The territorial sea baselines and certain maritime zones are established under the *Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973*.
3. Waters described as *Australia's Internal Waters* are internal waters of Australia for the purposes of international law. They do not equate with waters within the limits of the states or the Northern Territory for constitutional purposes. The extent of the latter waters is determined by the Letters Patent relevant to each state and the Northern Territory and the common law.
4. Certain limits and boundaries are established under various treaties with neighbouring States (not all are in force).
5. Limits of coastal waters adjacent to each of the Australian States and of the Northern Territory are established under the *Coastal Waters (State Powers) Act 1980*, *Coastal Waters (Northern Territory Powers) Act 1980* and the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*.
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SCALE 1:1 500 000

0 25 50 Nautical Miles

0 50 100 Kilometres

Mercator Projection
World Geodetic System 1984 Datum
Central Meridian 126° E
True scale at 15° S

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