

# Fauna survey of Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The Field Naturalists Society of South Australia (FNSSA) Reptile & Frog Group and Malla Club have obtained approval to conduct a fauna survey in Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park, located at the south-western end of the Yorke Peninsula, 284km from Adelaide. The purpose of this survey will be to see if there has been any improvement of biodiversity in the region following the establishment of the Marna Banggara (re-wilding) project. Existing pitfall trap sites, installed as part of the re-wilding monitoring program, will be used.

Survey participants are welcome to travel to site on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to participate in the survey. Survey Leaders will be onsite from Friday morning. The survey will conclude on the morning of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note that DGINP is one of the busiest national parks in SA with large numbers of tourists and visitors utilising the park each year. As a consequence, there will be a number of controls in place during the fauna survey to minimise interactions with the public and avoid impacts to the biodiversity of the park.

#### Survey access and Campsite

The survey will be based at the Cable Bay camp site in Dhilba Guuranda-Innes National Park, which is located on the Pondalowie Bay Road ~6km west of the visitors' centre (map attached). This camp site is accessible by 2WD and 4WD. All nine camp site bays have been booked for the use of survey participants for 3 nights from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. There are pit toilets at the campground. There is a small beach adjacent to the camp site.

The survey sites are located ~10km from the camp site, behind a locked gate, and will be accessed via 4WD track. The survey team will meet at the Cable Bay campground each day, pool vehicles and travel out to the survey sites to undertake survey work.

#### **Registration Requirements**

There are park access or camping fees in place at DGINP. Survey participants camping at Cable Bay campground do not need to pay camping or entry fees between 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March. There are a limited number of camping bays at Cable Bay Camp Site. If you would like to join the survey, please complete the survey registration form to make sure that you are assigned a camping bay.

If you are planning join the survey during the day only or to stay at another location please register for the survey so that we can let you know the survey schedule.

Survey registrations must be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> March to allow for the processing of registrations with DEW.

#### What to Bring

Survey participants will need to be completely independent. Please bring your own tent, food and water. Gas fires only. There is a composting toilet block at Cable Bay camp ground with flat parking bays. Campervans and camp trailers are permitted in the larger camping bays.

Please remember to bring sunscreen, insect repellent, camera, binoculars, first aid kit, personal water bottles and personal medication. Other useful items to bring, if you have them, are hand-held UHF radios and GPS.

#### **Registration for Survey**

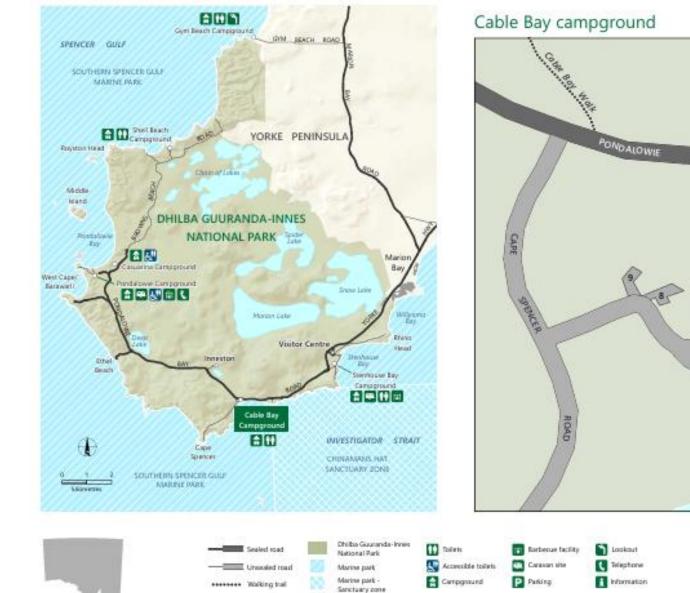
To register please complete and return the Survey Participation / Campout Consent form

PLEASE CONTACT: Zoë Bowen <u>saherpetologygroup@gmail.com</u> or 0408 850 809 if you intend to participate or if further information is needed. Campers must be members of the FNSSA or an associated group (e.g. Friends of Parks) to ensure that you are covered by PL Insurance.

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