

# Special “World Oceans Day 2009” Oceans Dialogue Lecture Series

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## Oceans Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Australia and Marine Bioregional Planning

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*(Presentation in English)*

### *Summary*

The release of Australia’s Oceans Policy in 1998 was recognised in Australia and internationally as a milestone in marine resource management. The policy outlined a new, national approach for ecosystem-based ocean management. It also sought to integrate sectoral and jurisdictional interests; however, this was never fully achieved. In 2005, Marine Bioregional Plans were established under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (Commonwealth) (EPBC Act) as a new method of implementing the Oceans Policy. The marine bioregional plans also provided the platform for the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). This lecture will outline how after eleven years of implementation, the Oceans Policy’s focus on integration is no longer a major priority for policy makers. Ecosystem-based management through bioregional marine planning has increased in importance, also reflecting that the policy has gone ‘full circle’ with its environmental focus.



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