

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE PEEL-YALGORUP SYSTEM RAMSAR SITE

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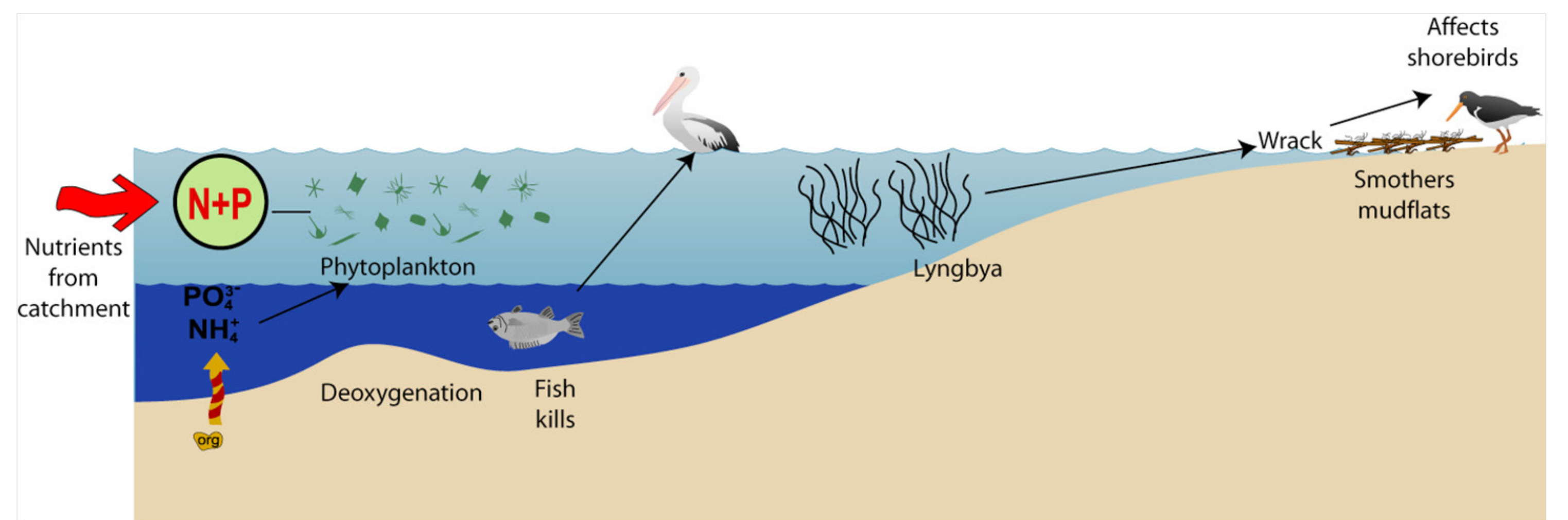
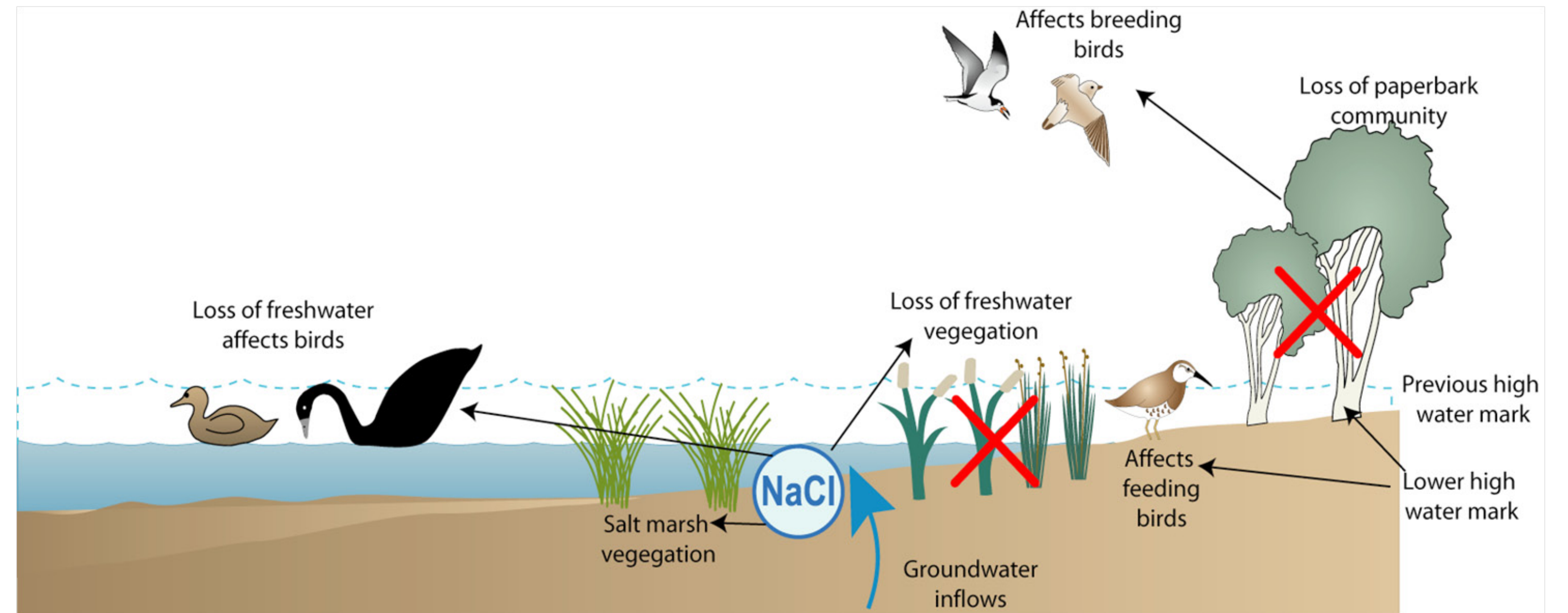
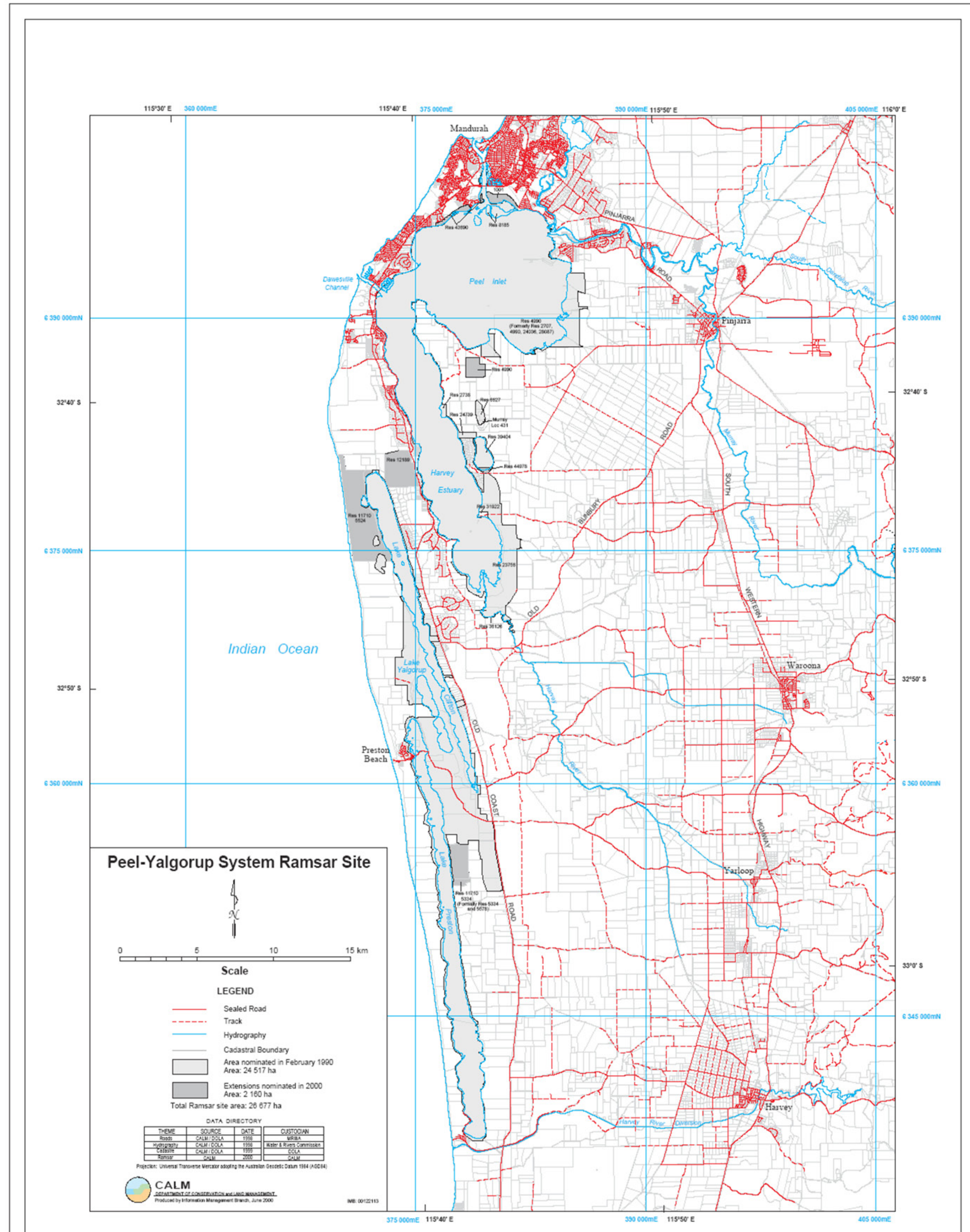


Project Outline

The Peel-Yalgorup System is located approximately 80 km south of Perth and comprises the Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary, Lakes McLarty system freshwater wetlands and Yalgorup National Park saline lakes system. It was Ramsar listed in 1990. The Peel-Yalgorup is the only Ramsar site in WA where management responsibility is shared between multiple government (DEWHA, DEC, DoW), local government and community stakeholders.

Aim

Growing threats to the ecological, social and cultural values of the wetlands and evidence of impacts to the wetlands' ecological character (see figure) underpins the need for a coordinated and strategic management plan.



Interactions: how the system works

How was it achieved

A technical advisory group (TAG) was established in early 2007 with 26 representatives of government, non-government and local community groups. They held six meetings between June 2007 and December 2008

It reaffirmed commitment from stakeholders to promote coordinated and collaborative management.

The area boasts a long history of community engagement in local conservation and planning issues. Additional community workshops were designed to:

- Establish clear management goals
- Gather ecological background information
- Raise Ramsar profile amongst community groups and councils
- Identify wetland values and threats
- Strengthen links with community stakeholders

Project Outcomes

- Collaborative management now recognised as the only way for the Peel-Yalgorup
- Some barriers associated with multi-tenure now viewed as opportunities
- Communication between stakeholders improved
- Reduced duplication and improved management efficiency
- Regional-level systems-based management focus
- Greater support for local scale management actions undertaken by community
- Improved support for, and recognition of, the contribution of local groups

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