

Hi,

I am very knowledgeable on the occurrence of a currently undescribed species of storm petrel which is known to occur particularly immediately on the seamounts ~100nm off the Brisbane, gold coast area (it includes seamounts such as the Britannia seamount).

These seamounts are relatively newly known to the science community as being highly important for species such as the currently undescribed 'coral sea' storm petrel.

I strongly recommend some form of protection for these seamounts as the area is clearly unique above and beyond the immediate surrounding area.

I strongly urge the government to consider protecting this area under the current proposal being put forward. I would be happy to discuss with the department further.

Kind regards,

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