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NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PARKS ORDER

Written representation can be sent by email to environment@gov.tc or delivered to DECR offices on Providenciales, Grand Turk, or South Caicos.

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The proposed changes to the National Parks system include –

- Removal of sections of existing protected areas
- Extensions of existing protected areas
- Designation of existing protected areas (or parts thereof) under different categories of protection
- Establishment of new protected areas

These changes are summarized in this document.

Removal of sections of existing protected areas

NR22 Pigeon Pond and Frenchman's Creek Nature Reserve

Current boundaries



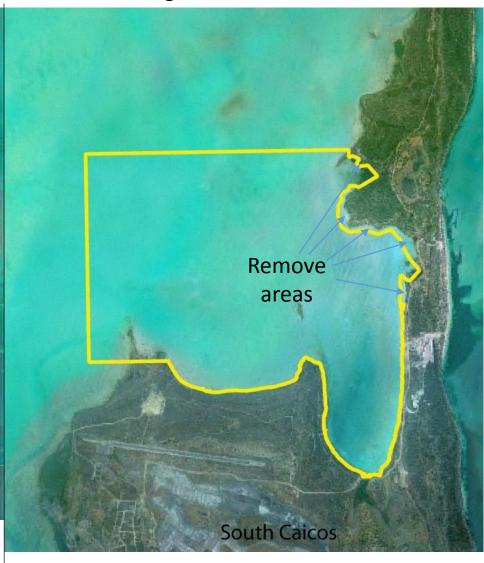
Changes to boundaries



NP13 Bell Sound National Park

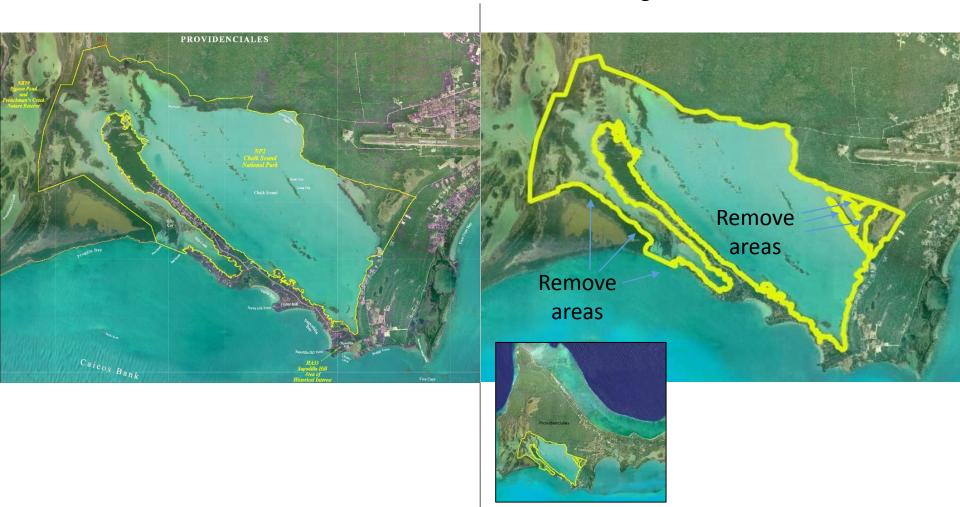
Current boundaries





NP2 Chalk Sound National Park

Current boundaries



Extensions of existing protected areas

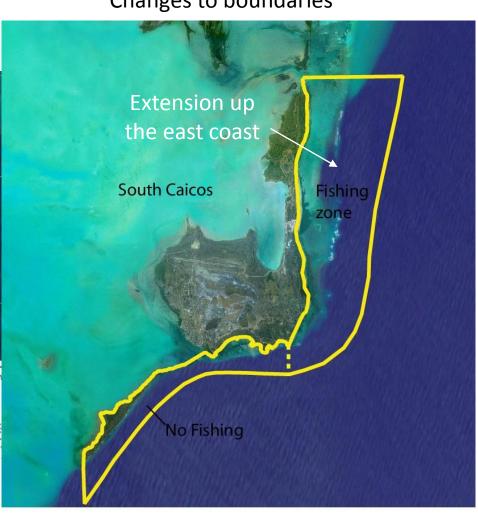
Extensions to Include Beach and Dune Habitats

For all protected areas, where the boundary lies on the high water mark, this shall be extended to include the area up to the natural vegetation line. Where this boundary borders Crown Land that is dune habitat (and not under lease), the boundary shall be extended to landward margin of dune habitat within Crown Land.

NP1 Admiral Cockburn Land and Sea National Park

Current boundaries





NP4 Conch Bar, Indian, Jacksonville and East Caicos Caves National Park

Current boundaries





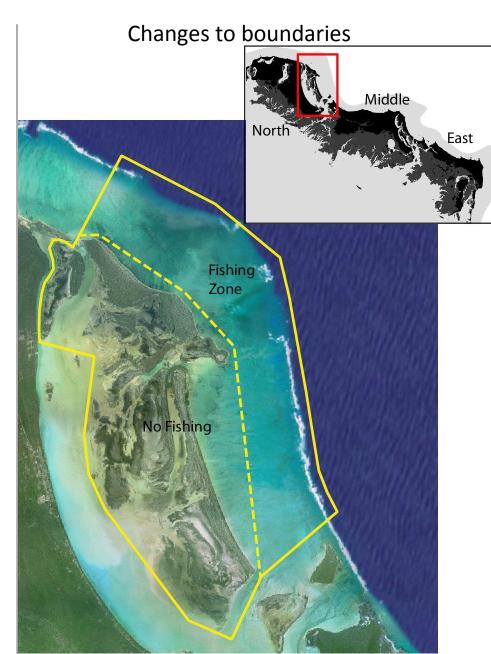
Additional cave areas included



NP5 East Bay Islands National Park

Current boundaries





NP9 Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park

Current boundaries



NP11 West Caicos Marine National Park

Current boundaries



Changes to boundaries

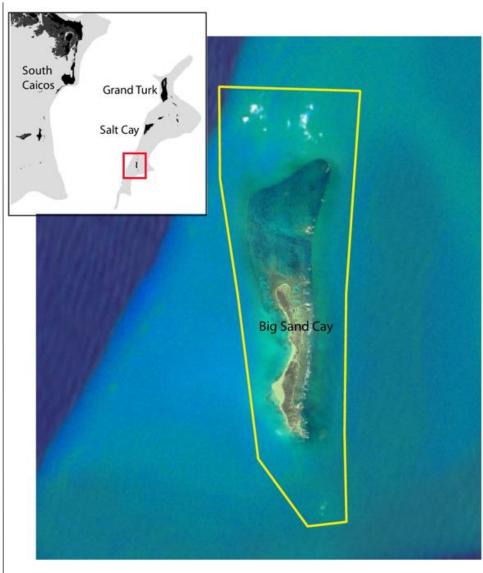


S32 Big Sand Cay Sanctuary

Current boundaries



Changes to boundaries





NR20 North Middle and East Caicos Nature Reserve (International Ramsar Site)

Current boundaries



Changes to boundaries

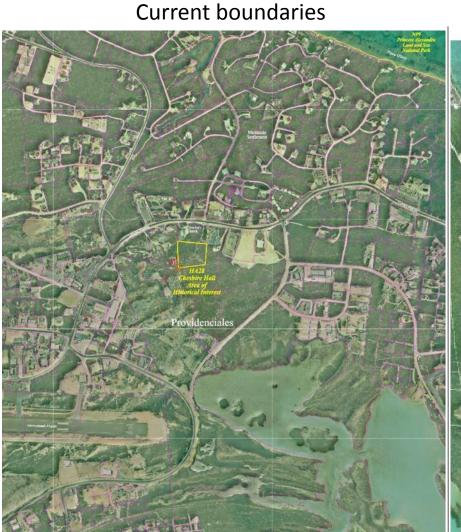
Extension into East Caicos

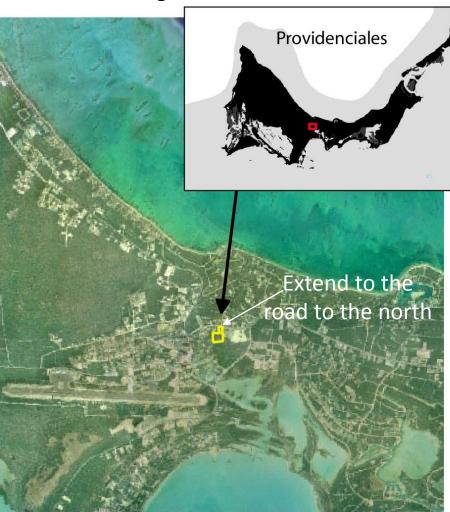
HA39 Salt Cay Area of Historical Interest

Current boundaries



HA35 Cheshire Hall Area of Historical Interest



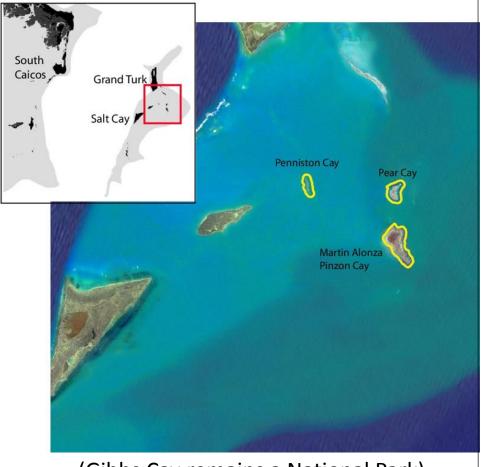


Designation of existing protected areas (or parts thereof) under different categories of protection

National Park becoming Nature Reserve

Nature Reserve becoming National Park

NR28 Grand Turk Cays Nature Reserve



(Gibbs Cay remains a National Park)

NP13 Bell Sound National Park



Sanctuary becoming National Park

NP12 Three Marys Cays National Park



Area of Historical Interest becoming Nature Reserve NR30 Salt Cay Nature Reserve

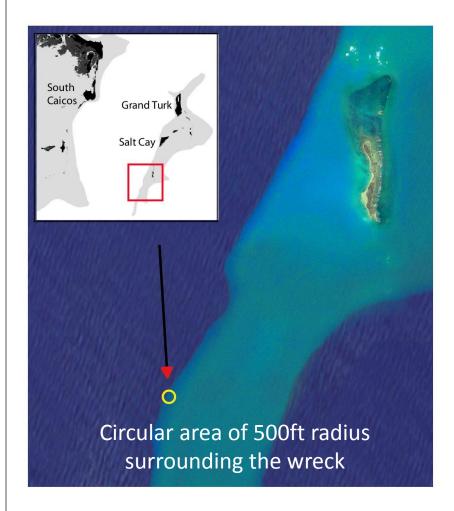


Establishment of new protected areas

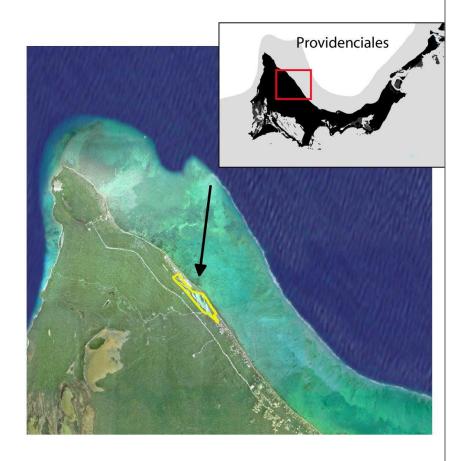
NP14- French Cay Dive Sites National Park

French Cay Circular areas with 500ft radius from each dive site

NP15- H.M.S. Endymion Wreck Area National Park



NR26- Wheeland Pond Nature Reserve



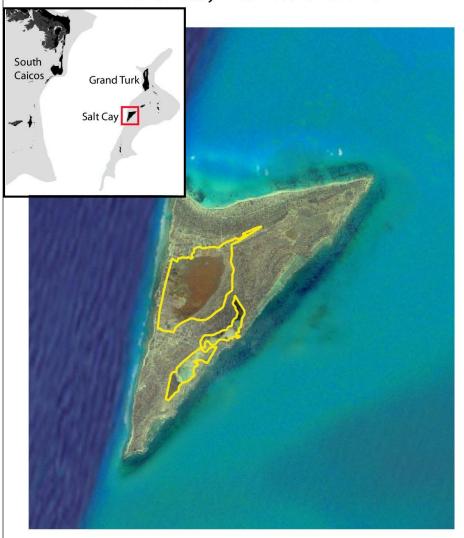
NR27- North and South Wells Nature Reserve



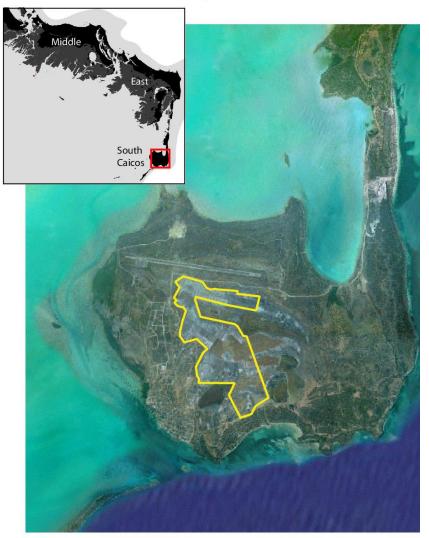
NR29- Little Ambergris Cay and Fish Cays Nature Reserve



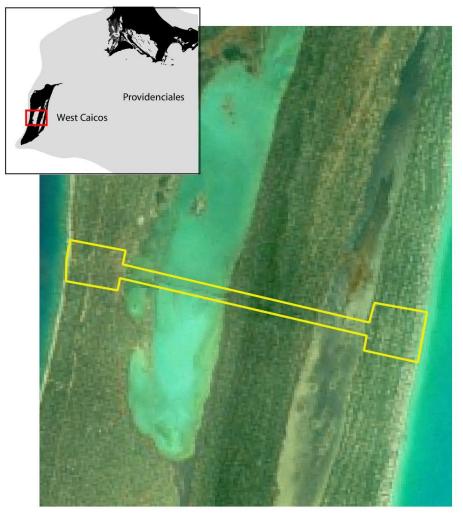
NR30- Salt Cay Area Nature Reserve



NR31- Boiling Hole Nature Reserve



HA44- Yankee Town and Causeway Area of Historical Interest





CHR46- Bell Sound Wetland Critical Habitat Reserve



CHR47- Leeward I slands Wetland Critical Habitat Reserve

CHR48- South Caicos Wetland Critical Habitat Reserve

