

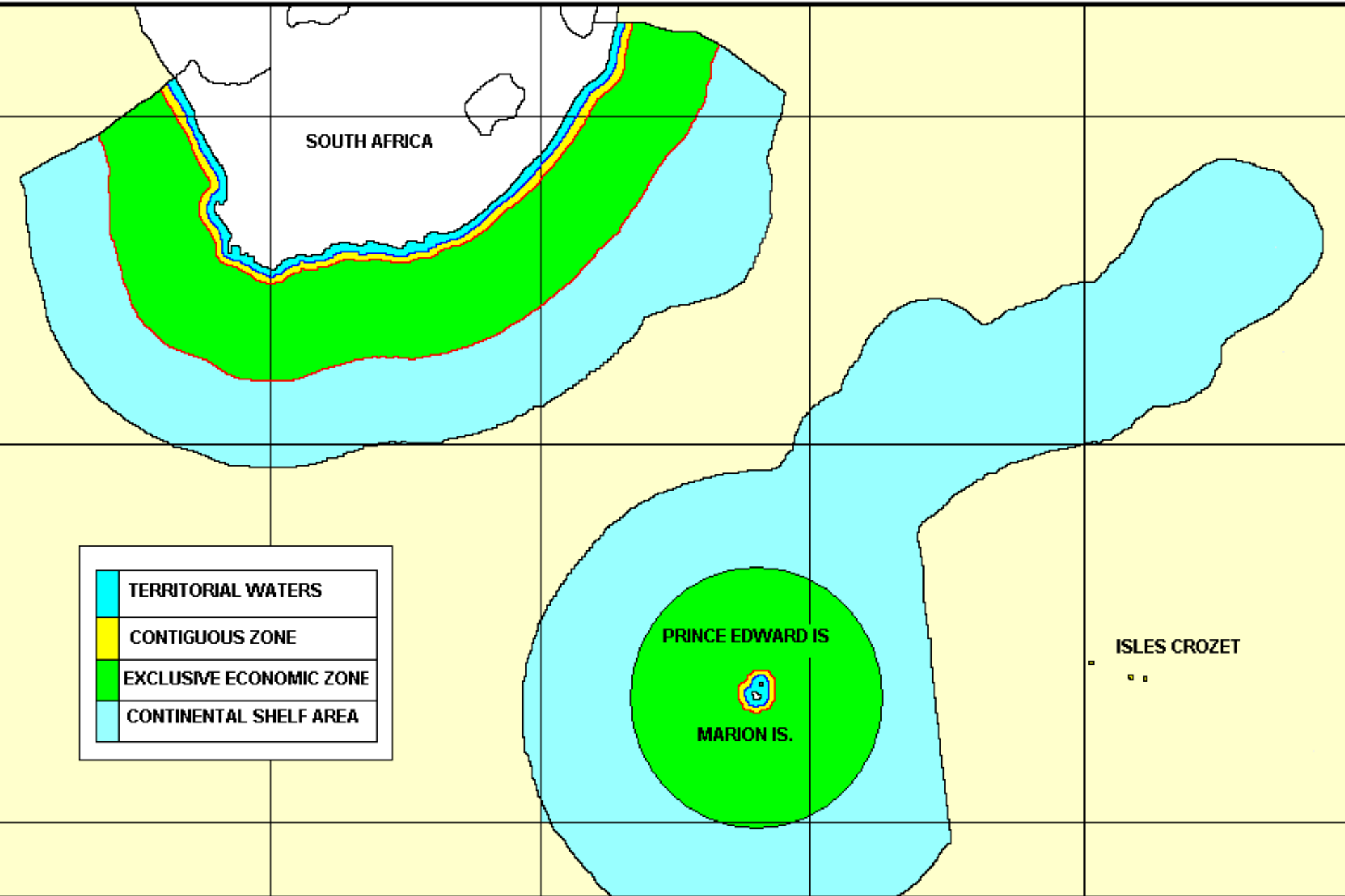
Participation of Port Cities and Coastal Towns in boosting the Blue Economy

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In 2010, the ocean contributed approximately 54 billion rand to South Africa's gross domestic product and accounted for approximately 316 thousand jobs.

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Vision

By 2033 to increase ocean generated GDP revenue to R177 billion and up to 1 million jobs

Four priority sectors have been selected as new growth areas in the ocean economy, with the objective of growing them and deriving value for the country.

4 key sectors

- Marine transport and manufacturing activities, such as coastal shipping, trans-shipment, boat building, repair and refurbishment;
- Offshore oil and gas exploration;
- Aquaculture and,
- Marine protection services and ocean governance.

Marine Transport and Manufacturing

An aerial photograph of a busy shipyard. In the foreground, a large white and blue ship is on a slipway, supported by a white stand. The ship has a red hull. In the background, there are several other ships, including a large white one, and various industrial buildings and cranes. The water is visible on the left side of the image.

- Focus on benefits of growing cargo, storage and warehousing
- Return to shipbuilding and repair
- Rig repair and refurbishment
- Boatbuilding (smaller vessels)

Offshore oil and gas

A large offshore oil and gas rig is visible in the background, silhouetted against a sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The rig is a complex structure of steel beams and platforms, supported by a jacket. In the foreground, the dark sea is visible, and a smaller vessel is partially seen on the right side.

- Provide an enabling environment for gas/oil exploration
- Develop a new policy and legislative environment
- Promote inclusion economic growth
- Address skills gap
- Overcome infrastructural challenges

Aquaculture

- Focus on fish processing
- Develop the aquaculture industry to provide local fish (instead of importing)
- Transform the industry



Protection and Governance

- Develop an institution framework for ocean management and governance
- Implement Marine Spatial Planning
- Improve the protection of critically endangered ecosystems
- Improve environmental integrity
- Skills improvement

Thank you

