PROCESS FLOWCHART

FROM PRELIMINARY AREA OF INTEREST TO IMPORTANT SHARK AND RAY AREA

STAGE I
Months 1–4

Broader Science and Conservation Community

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pAoI

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Available evidence supports the application of criteria for the proposal of ISRA

YES	NO	No, but potential is recognised for future identification of area

STAGE II
Month 5

STAGE III
Months 5–8

cISRA	Discarded	To e-Atlas as AoI

Independent Review Panel

Scientific bases robust, criteria satisfied	Conditions insufficient which can be addressed without submitting to new workshop	Conditions insufficient, area will have to undergo next regional workshop scrutiny
ISRA	cISRA	AoI

STAGE IV
Months 9–12

To e-Atlas as ISRA	To e-Atlas as cISRA	To e-Atlas as AoI

REGIONAL EXPERT WORKSHOP

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

pAoI: preliminary Area of Interest; AoI: Area of Interest; cISRA: candidate Important Shark and Ray Area; ISRA: Important Shark and Ray Area.