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## 8.15a Traffic Separation Schemes

1. Australia has several Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) approved by the IMO. Ships operating in or near these schemes must comply with *Rule 10 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972*.

### Bass Strait

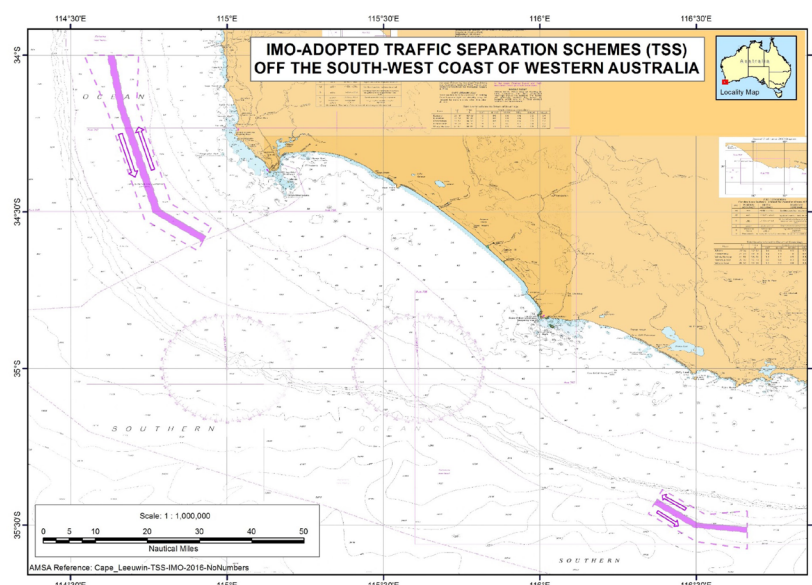
2. Australia's Bass Strait offshore oil fields lie across the main shipping track. Damage to a structure or pipeline could endanger many lives and seriously disrupt production. This TSS has been designed for the protection of installations in the Bass Strait area and for the safety of shipping. It consists of a 1.5 nautical miles wide separation zone and an eastbound and westbound shipping lane. An "Area to be Avoided" is declared, and should be avoided by ships of more than 200 GRT. See 8.21 - Areas to be Avoided.

### South of Wilsons Promontory

3. This TSS has been designed for the safety of shipping. It consists of a separation zone encompassing islands and shoals, and an eastbound and westbound shipping lane. The area between Wilsons Promontory and the northern separation line is designated as an inshore traffic zone.

### South West - Cape Leeuwin and Chatham Island

4. IMO has adopted two new TSS off the south-west coast of Australia which came into effect on 01 December 2016. Use of the two TSS, off Cape Leeuwin and Chatham Island, are recommended but not mandatory. See diagram below.



## 8.16 Two Way Routes

1. In 2015 three new Two Way Routes were approved by IMO:
  - Jomard Passage (south-east PNG)
  - Diamond Passage (Coral Sea)
  - West of Holmes Reef (Coral Sea)

### 8.16.1 Jomard Passage

1. The new routing measure came in to effect on 01 June 2015 at Jomard Strait. The majority of traffic through this entrance is from or bound for east Australian Ports. The Two Way Route is shown on ENC AU412152 and paper chart Aus 627 Edition 1 published on 05 June 2015.