

Cultural assets and tourism: the case of diving

Shipwrecks and diving sites

Cultural assets provide a valuable base for tourist economies. There are about 700 shipwrecks in Victorian waters of which only 175 have been found and explored. New sites are most often discovered by recreational divers and fishermen but are increasingly found as a result of development activity, such as installing communication cables and pipelines. The economic value of recreational diving to Victorian tourist and business incomes was estimated at \$20 million in 1995.¹

Shipwrecks in Victoria¹



Inset map



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Source ¹Heritage Victoria 2004 "Protecting Victoria's Historic Shipwrecks"

