

# code of practice for Sable Island

Encana has developed, as part of its environmental protection planning, a code of practice to protect the uniqueness and integrity of Sable Island (see area reference map). This code is not a regulatory requirement and is indicative of Encana's environmental stewardship philosophy and corporate policies.

Sable Island is approximately 41 kilometres (km) (25 miles) in length and is located 290 km (157 nautical miles) southeast of Halifax. The island is composed of sand and is the only emergent portion of the Sable Island Bank. It supports a fragile ecosystem consisting of diverse flora and fauna; the best known components being the feral horses, seal populations, the rare Ipswich (Savannah) sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis princeps*) and the endangered Roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*).

Sable Island access and activities are currently administered by the Canadian Coast Guard pursuant to the Sable Island Regulations under the Canada Shipping Act. It is also protected by Environment Canada's Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations under the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Nesting tern colonies on the island have also been designated by Environment Canada as critical habitat for Roseate terns under the Species at Risk Act. In May 2010 the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia announced that they will take the necessary steps to designate Sable Island as a national park under the Canada National Parks Act. Encana is represented on the Sable Island Stakeholder Advisory Committee chaired by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The Sable Island Green Horse Society website ([www.greenhorsesociety.com](http://www.greenhorsesociety.com)) contains additional information on Sable Island.

## As part of its environmental stewardship with respect to Sable Island:

- Encana will not conduct activities within 2km (one nautical mile) of Sable Island. All Encana activities on Sable Island must receive approval from Encana senior management and the Canadian Coast Guard and will comply with all applicable guidelines including the Canadian Coast Guard Visitors Guide to Sable Island [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/folios/00039/docs/SableIslandVisitorsGuide-eng.pdf](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/folios/00039/docs/SableIslandVisitorsGuide-eng.pdf).
- Encana vessels and aircraft are not permitted within 2km (one nautical mile) of the Island. However, this restriction does not apply in the case of an emergency situation, for access required as part of an approved environmental monitoring program or for special trips approved by the Canadian Coast Guard.
- Encana will include discussion of this code of practice in its environmental awareness training program for its personnel. Encana intends this code to be a living document and will review and update it as required. This code of practice is also publicly available on the Encana website [www.encana.com/contractor/expectationspractices](http://www.encana.com/contractor/expectationspractices).