

Code of practice for Sable Island

Ovintiv 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 Ovintiv's environmental stewardship philosophy and corporate policies.

Sable Island is approximately 42 kilometres (km) (26 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*).

Legislation to formally protect Sable Island as a National Park Reserve under the *Canada National Parks Act* was passed in June 2013. Access and activities on the island are administered by Parks Canada. Nesting tern colonies on the island have also been designated as critical habitat for Roseate terns under the *Species at Risk Act*. Parks Canada's website (<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ns/sable/index.aspx>) provides important information about the island, safety information, and guidelines for visiting Sable Island. The Sable Island Institute website (<https://sableislandinstitute.org>) also contains additional information about the island.

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

- Ovintiv will not conduct exploration, development or production activities within 2km (one nautical mile) of Sable Island.
- Ovintiv 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 Parks Canada. All Ovintiv activities on Sable Island must receive approval from Ovintiv senior management and Parks Canada and will comply with all applicable guidelines.
- Ovintiv will include discussion of this code of practice in its environmental awareness training program for its personnel. Ovintiv intends this code to be a living document and will review and update it as required.

