

South Australia – a history of offshore exploration



50+ years

Offshore exploration has been undertaken safely in South Australia since 1966, when the first seismic survey was conducted by Shell.



24

To date, 24 wells have been drilled in offshore South Australia waters. Half of these were drilled in the Great Australian Bight.



1966

Since 1966, offshore exploration in South Australia has been conducted safely, without harm to social, natural or economic environments.



1972

The first well in the Great Australian Bight was drilled.



Bight Basin

The offshore South Australian Bight Basin represents one of the world's last under-explored petroleum basins with potential for giant petroleum accumulations.



130

To date, 130 seismic surveys have been conducted in offshore South Australia waters – 148,841 km of 2D and 45,039km² of 3D surveys.