The Montara Project is located in the Timor Sea 180km from the north Kimberley coast off Western Australia. The project comprises the Montara field, as well as the Skua, Swift and Swallow fields.

The development includes an unmanned four-legged well-head platform and the Montara Venture, a Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel with 750,000 barrels of storage.

Production commenced in June 2013.

PTTEP Australasia

PTTEP Australasia is a wholly owned subsidiary of PTTEP, the Thai national petroleum exploration and production company. A top-ten publicly-listed company on the Thai Stock Exchange, PTTEP operates more than 40 projects globally with a workforce of 4,000.

In Australia, PTTEP AA is the operator of the producing Montara oil field and the highly prospective Cash Maple gas condensate field in the Timor Sea. PTTEP AA employs more than 300 people based in Perth, Darwin, Singapore and the Timor Sea.

Safety, security, health and environment

PTTEP AA places safety, security, health and environment at the centre of our business. We believe that all incidents are preventable and are fully committed to achieving the goals of a zero injury organisation.

PTTEP AA protects the health and safety of everybody who plays a part in our operations and lives in the communities in which we operate while maintaining the security of our people and assets. Wherever we operate, we conduct our business with respect to the local and global environment.
The Montara Development Project operates under an Environment Plan which was approved in 2011 and is valid for a period of five years. This Environment Plan is being revised and updated by PTTEP AA under guidelines recently issued by NOPSEMA, the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority.

History

In 2009, a blowout at the Montara wellhead resulted in an uncontrolled flow of hydrocarbons into the Timor Sea.

Since the Montara incident we have been transforming the company’s governance, safety and environmental culture, processes and systems, and operational capabilities. This has been undertaken as part of the Montara Action Plan which addressed the root causes of the incident.

PTTEP’s approach and conduct in implementing the Action Plan has been validated by five independent reviews over nearly three years.

We are committed to a process of continuous improvement to ensure we have safe and clean operations into the future.

Giving back

PTTEP AA has funded the most extensive scientific research program ever undertaken into the marine life and ecosystems of the Timor Sea. The result is a comprehensive database of fish and birds, of sea snakes and marine turtles, of shoreline and intertidal habitats and their conditions.

These findings are now providing scientists, industry and regulators with a benchmark against which to measure and manage the valuable economic, environmental and social resources of the region.

PTTEP AA also maintains a community investment program focused on communities in our areas of operation. This includes sponsoring a wide range of community, indigenous, education and other initiatives.

Montara is in Commonwealth waters in the Timor Sea.

Where to find our environmental research:
PTTEP
www.au.pttep.com

Department of the Environment
www.environment.gov.au