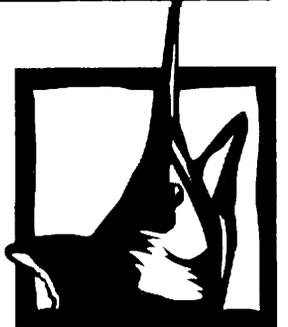


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INTRODUCTION

While the whole Great Barrier Reef needs careful management to protect the natural environment and balance the wants of different interests, special care is necessary in heavily used areas.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has developed the Cairns Area Plan of Management to protect the values of the Area while maintaining a range of use opportunities.

HOW THE PLAN AFFECTS YOU

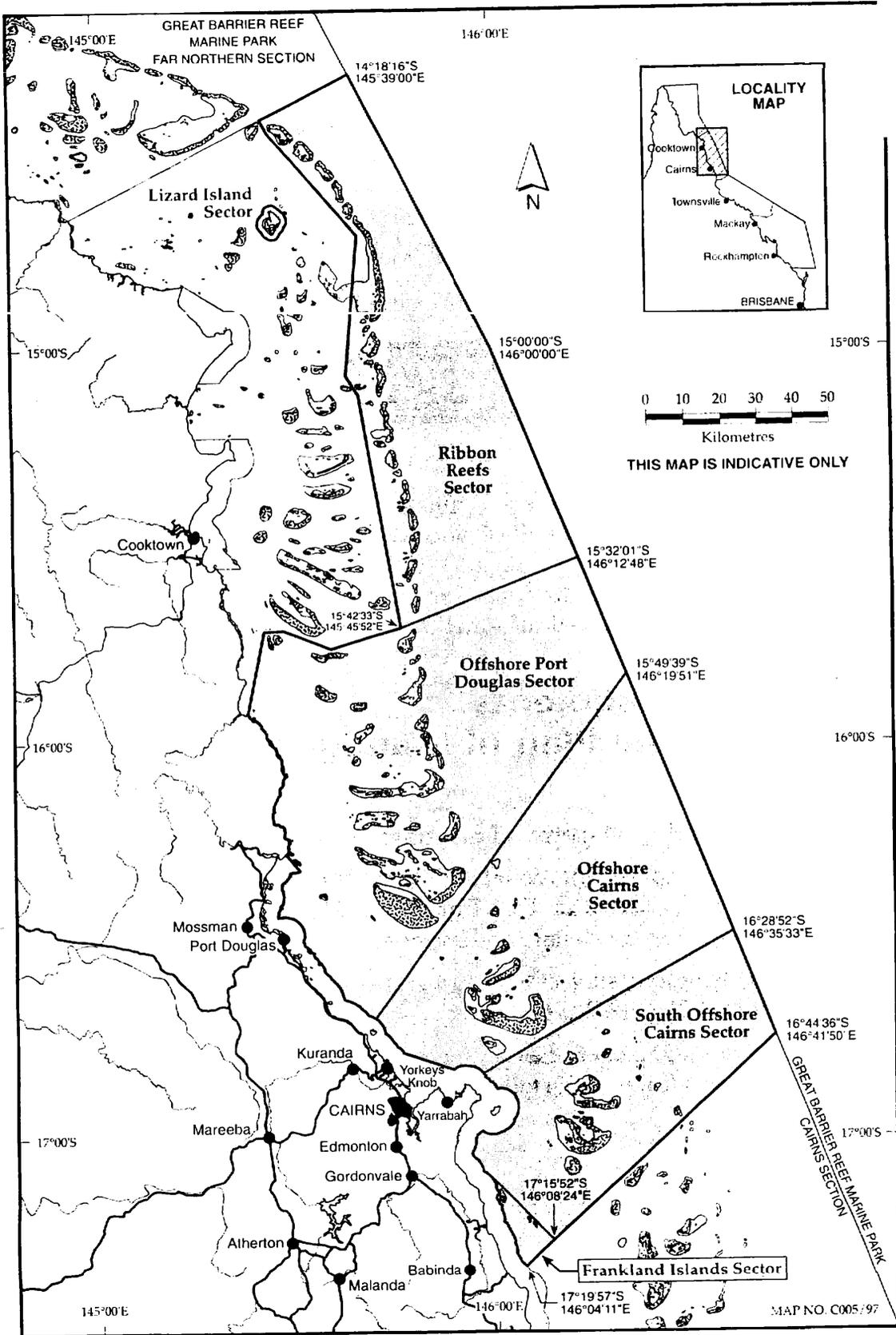
The Cairns Section Zoning Plan still applies to the whole of the Cairns Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, including the Area covered by this Plan of Management (refer to map on page 2). The provisions outlined in this booklet apply to all users of the Area. The reader should refer to the Plan of Management for more detailed information.

General Requirements applying in the Plan of Management Area

- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings or 200 metres of a pontoon.
- No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones (dark green), Buffer Zones (light green) or Conservation Park Zones (yellow). Refer to the Cairns Section Zoning Map for details of these zones.
- Access to reefs will be subject to group and vessel size limits (refer to 'Requirements – Reef by Reef' section).
- More detailed management has been developed to protect attributes at specific locations (refer to 'Detailed Management for Specific Locations' section).

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Requirements – Reef by Reef

Low use

Setting	Max. number of people per vessel.(includes crew)	Max. length of vessel
Low use	15	20 metres

The following reefs are being managed to maintain low use.

Alexandra Bay Locality	Hope Reef (16-058)	Rudder Reef (16-023)
Arlington Reef (16-064)	Jones Patch (17-012b)	Russell and Round island Reefs (17-013)
Eatt Reef (16-029)	Lake Reef (15-068)	Satellite Reef (16-031)
Black Rock Reef (16 005)	Linden Bank (16-033)	Scott Reef (17-004)
Briggs Reef (16-074)	Lizard Island Locality 1 and 4	Snapper Island Reef (16-006)
Cape Tribulation Bay Locality 2	Low Isles Reef (16-028)	Spur Reef (16-034)
East Hope Island Reef (15-065)	Michaelmas Reef (16-060)	Stagg Patches (17-002a, 17-002b)
Egmont Reef (16-038)	Middle Cay Reef A (16-044a)	Sudbury Reef (17-001a, 17-001b)
Eltord Reef (16-063)	Nicholas Reef (16-036)	Tongue Reef (16-026)
Endeavour Reef (15-089)	Normanby Island Reef (17-012a)	Vlasoff Reef (16-044b)
Euston Reef Locality	Onyx Reef (16-035j)	West Hope Island Reef (15-064)
Evening Reef (15-095)	Pearl Reef (15-087)	unnamed reefs (16-022a, 16-022b, 16-027, 16-059, 16-043b)
Fin Reef (16-061)	Pickersgill Reef (15-093)	
Green Island Reef Locality 3	Pixie Reef (16-040)	
High Island Reef (17-009)	Ruby Reef (15-088)	

Moderate use

Setting	Max. number of people per vessel (includes crew)	Max. length of vessel
Moderate use	60	Less than 35 metres if anchoring.

*For vessels 35 metres or more refer to the end of this section for anchoring information.

The following reefs are being managed to maintain moderate use.

Anderson Reef (15-090)	Mackay Reef (16-015)	Ribbon Reef No 1 (15-080)
Baines Patches (16-069)	Milln Reef (16-067)	Saxon Reef (16-032)
Bonner Rock Reef (15-097)	Moore Reef Locality 2	Spitfire Reef (16-012a, b)
Breaking Patches Reef (16-042)	Morning Reef (15-098)	Thetford Reef (16-068)
Cape Tribulation Bay Locality 1	No Name Reef (14-139)	Undine Reef (16-020)
Channel Reef (16-075)	Opal Reef (16-025)	Upolu Cay Reef (16-046)
Day Reef (14-089)	Oyster Reef (16-043)	Yonge Reef (14-138)
Escape Reef (15-094)	Pellowe Reef (16-070)	unnamed reefs (14-140, 14-151, 14-152, 14-153, 15-017, 15-023, 15-034, 15-037, 15-040, 15-041, 15-042, 15-072, 15-073, 15-079, 15-091a, 15-091b, 16-011, 16-014a, 16-014b, 16-016, 16-018a, 16-017, 16-018b, 16-024,
Flynn Reef (16-065)	Pratt Rock Reef (16-021)	
Green Island Reef Locality 1 & 2	Pretty Patches (16-062a, h & c)	
Harrier Reef (15-025)	Ribbon Reef No 10 (14-146)	
Hastings Reef Locality 2	Ribbon Reef No 3 (14-154)	
Hicks Reef (14-086)	Ribbon Reef No 8 (15-021)	
Jenny Louise Shoal (16-066a, b)	Ribbon Reef No 7 (15-026)	
Jorgies Patches Reef (16-041)	Ribbon Reef No 4 (15-046)	
Lena Reef (15-085)	Ribbon Reef No 3 (15-050)	

Intensive use

Setting	Max. number of people per vessel (includes crew)	Max. length of vessel
Intensive use	No limit	Less than 35 metres if anchoring

*For vessels 35 metres or more refer to the end of this section for anchoring information.

The following reefs are being managed to allow for intensive use.

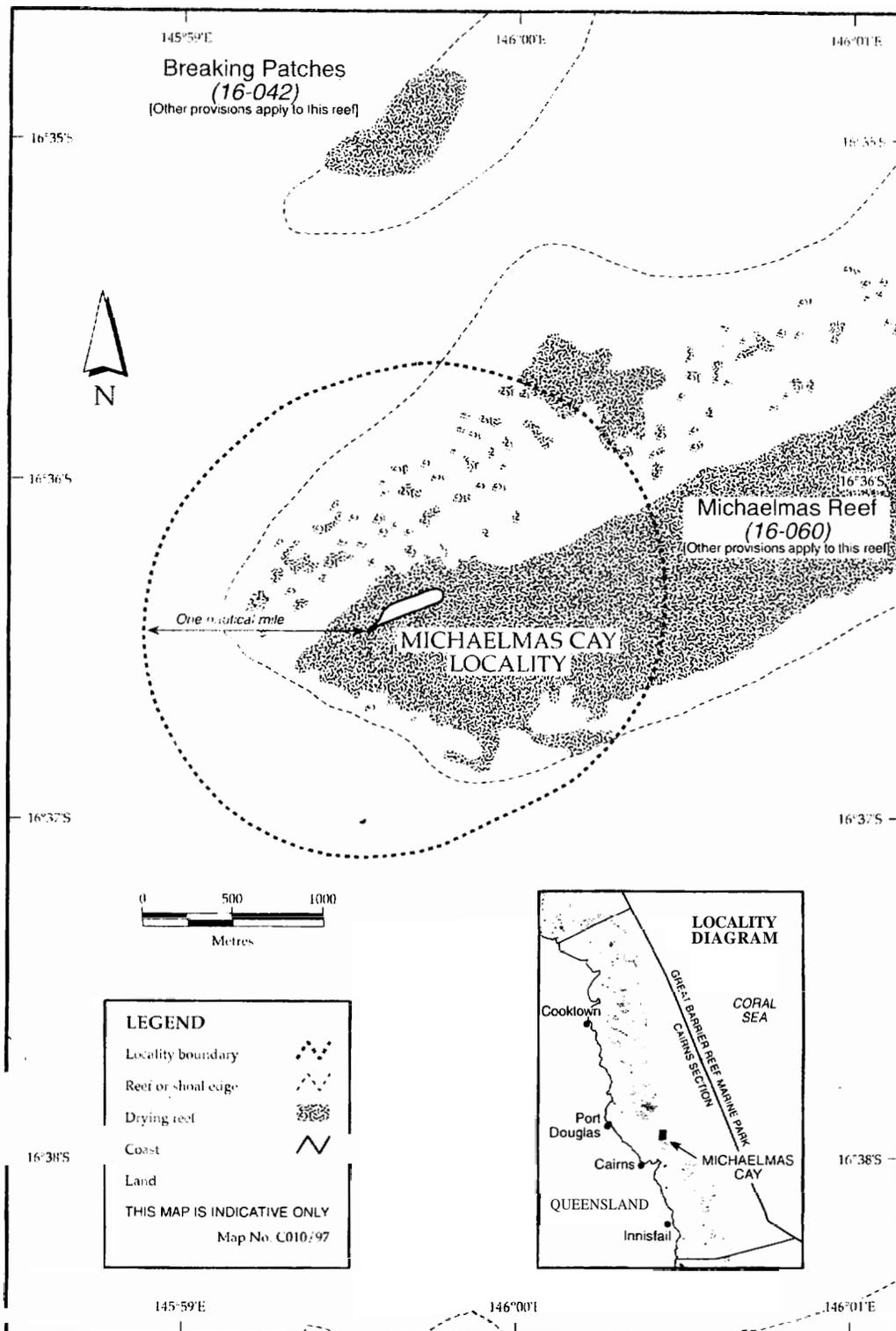
Agincourt Reefs Nos 1c, 2, 2b, 2d, 3a, 3 (15-099c, 15-099b, 15-099d, 15-099a, 15-096)	Moore Reef Locality 1 Norman Reef (16 030) Rachel Carson Reef (15-092)	St Crispin Reef (16-019) unnamed reefs (16-013a, 16-013b, 16-013c)
Hastings Reef Locality 3	Ribbon Reefs No 2 and 5 (15-075, 15-038)	
Lizard Island Locality 2 and 3		

*Vessels 35 metres or more in length are prohibited from anchoring in the Plan of Management Area except:

- in General Use Zones; or
- at Lizard Island Locality 2 or within 500 metres seawards of Rachel Carson Reef (15-092), St Crispin Reef (16-019), Ribbon Reef No 2 and 5 (15-075, 15-038), Opal Reef (16-025)

Detailed Management Provisions for Specific Locations

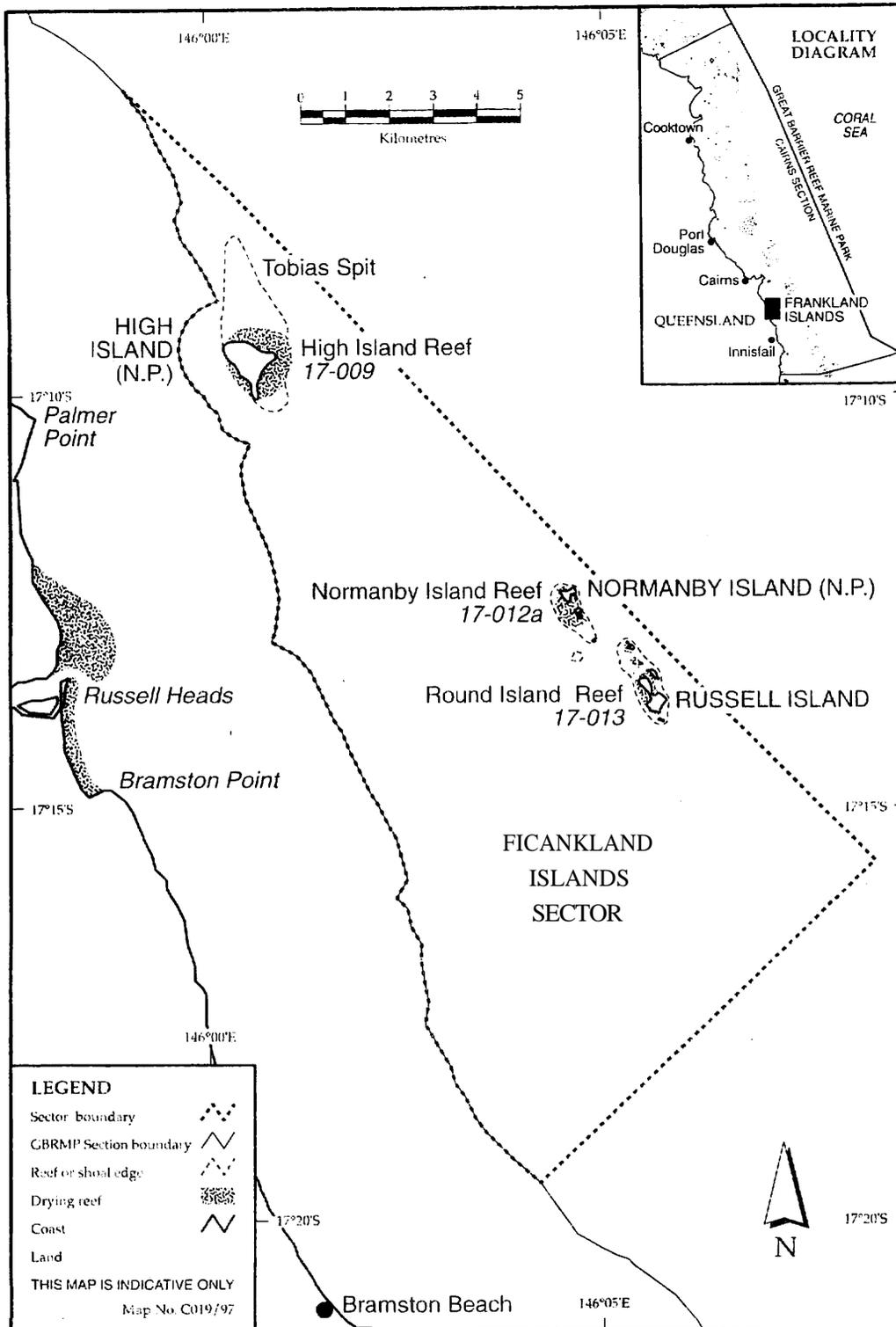
More detailed management has been developed to protect the attributes at Michaelmas Cay, Lizard Island, Low Island, Cod Hole and Green Island Reef Localities and the Frankland Island Sector. These management provisions are outlined in the following pages of maps.



Michaelmas Cay Locality

- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew)
- Maximum vessel size of 20 metres
- Vessel speed limit of 6 knots
- No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones, Buffer Zones or Conservation Park Zones
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft
- No operation of horns, loud speakers or sirens
- No pontoons allowed
- Maximum of 23 private moorings in the Michaelmas Cay Locality and a maximum of 2 private moorings for the remainder of the reef ie. within 500 metres seaward of the reef edge
- Aircraft must not enter within 3000 feet above the locality
- A maximum of 2 vessels per day for commercial tourist operations may be allowed access in addition to moorings-based operators

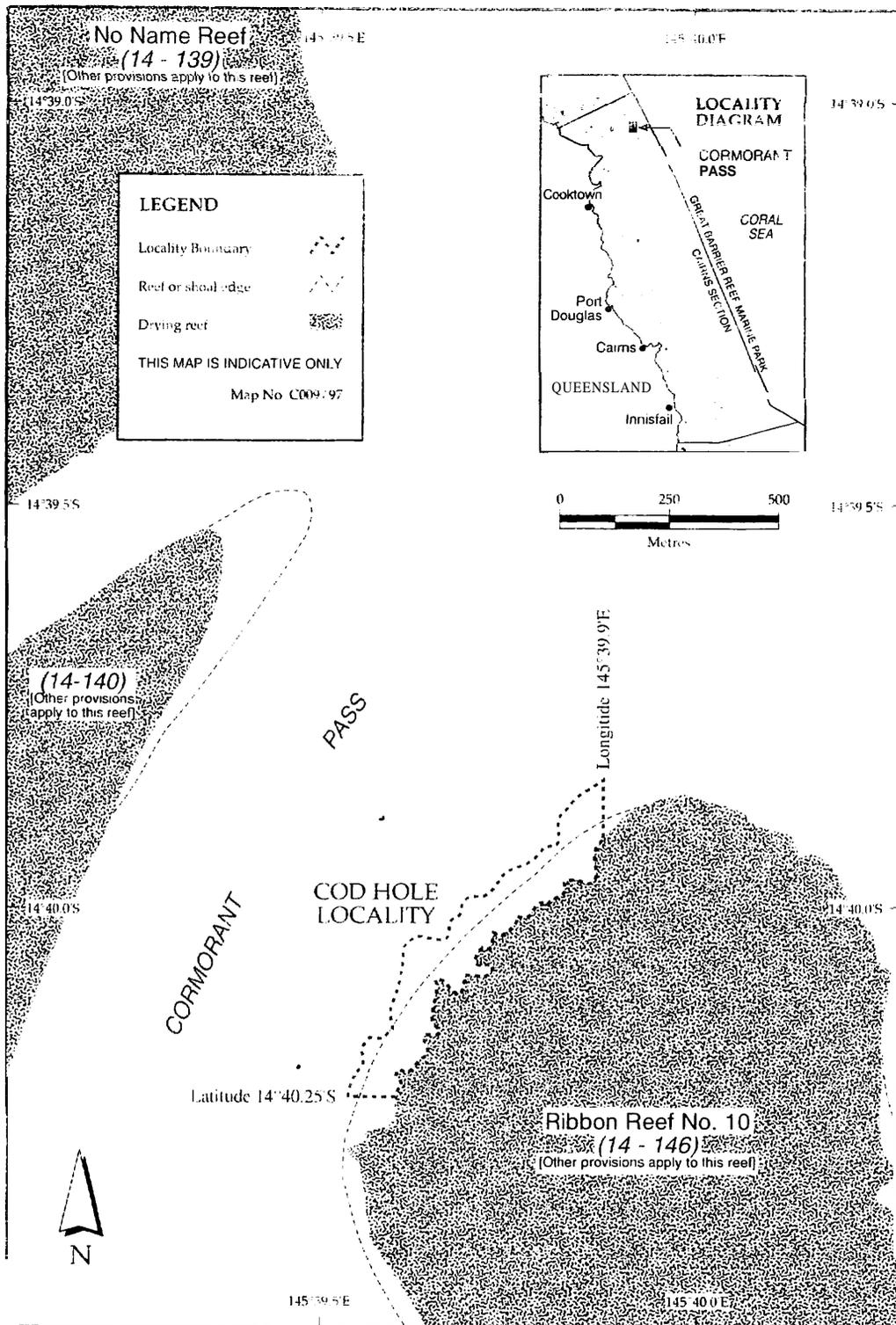
NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.



Frankland islands Sector

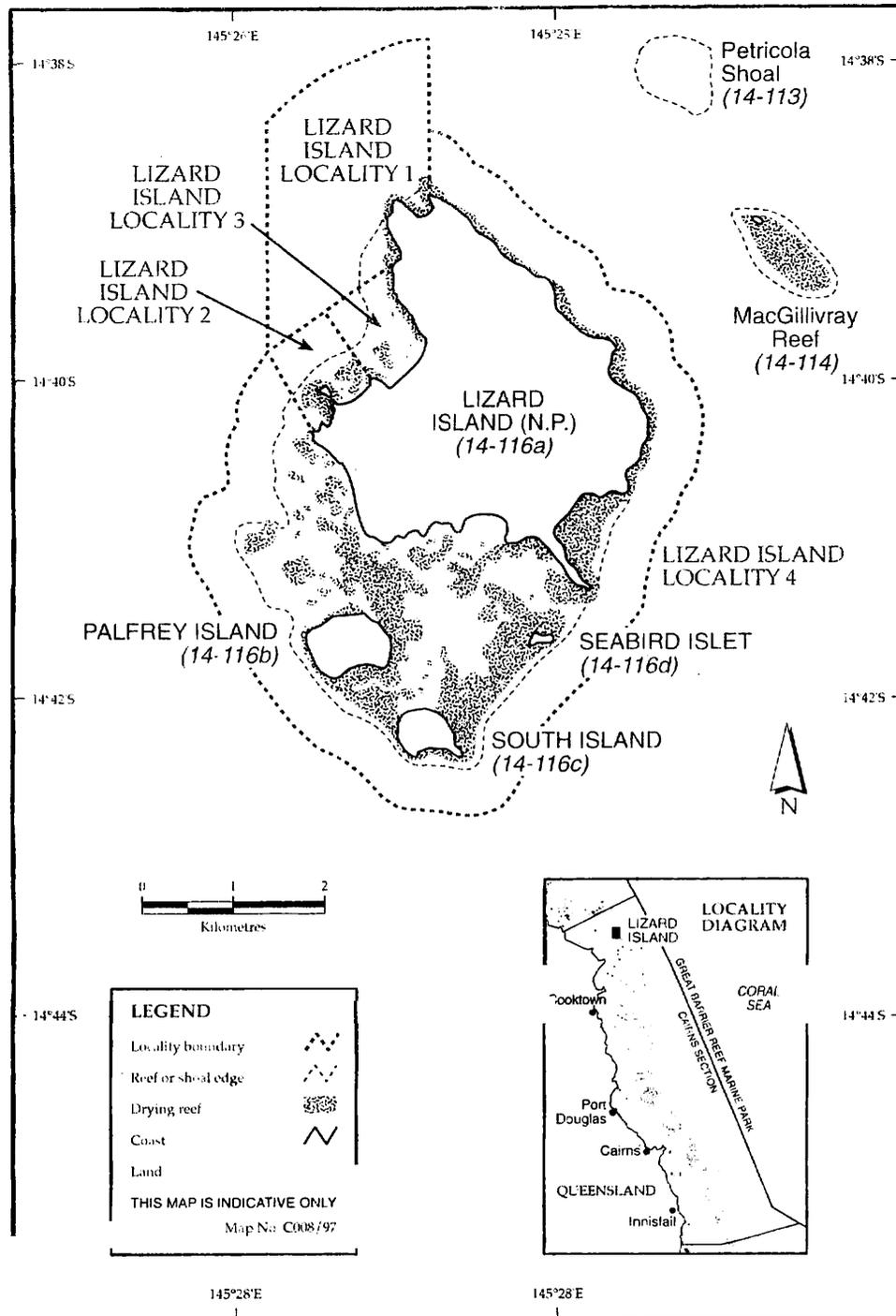
- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew) within 500 metres of each reef edge
- Maximum vessel size of 20 metres within 500 metres of each reef edge
- Vessel speed limit of 6 knots within 150 metres of coast of each island
- No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones, Buffer Zones or Conservation Park Zones
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
- Aircraft must not enter within 3000 feet above the sector
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft
- No pontoons allowed
- A maximum of 1 vessel per day for commercial tourist operations may be allowed access in addition to moorings-based operators

NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.



Cod Hole Locality

- Maximum group size of 60 people per vessel
 - Maximum vessel size of 35 metres
 - No anchoring allowed, access for vessels via moorings only
 - No mooring of vessels for more than 4 hours in any period of 24 hours to public moorings
 - No motorised watersports or hovercraft
 - No pontoons
 - Maximum of 2 private moorings
- NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.



Lizard Island Locality 1

- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew)
Maximum vessel size of 7 metres
- No mooring of vessels for more than 4 hours in any period of 24 hours to public moorings
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft
- No private moorings
- No fishing (except trolling for the pelagics or bait netting for pelagics) inshore of the coastal 150 metre line, except as part of a permitted research program

Lizard Island Locality 2

- No limit on group size or vessel size
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
Motorised watersports are allowed
- No limit on private moorings

Lizard Island Locality 3

- No limit on group sizes
- Maximum vessel size of 35 metres if anchoring
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft

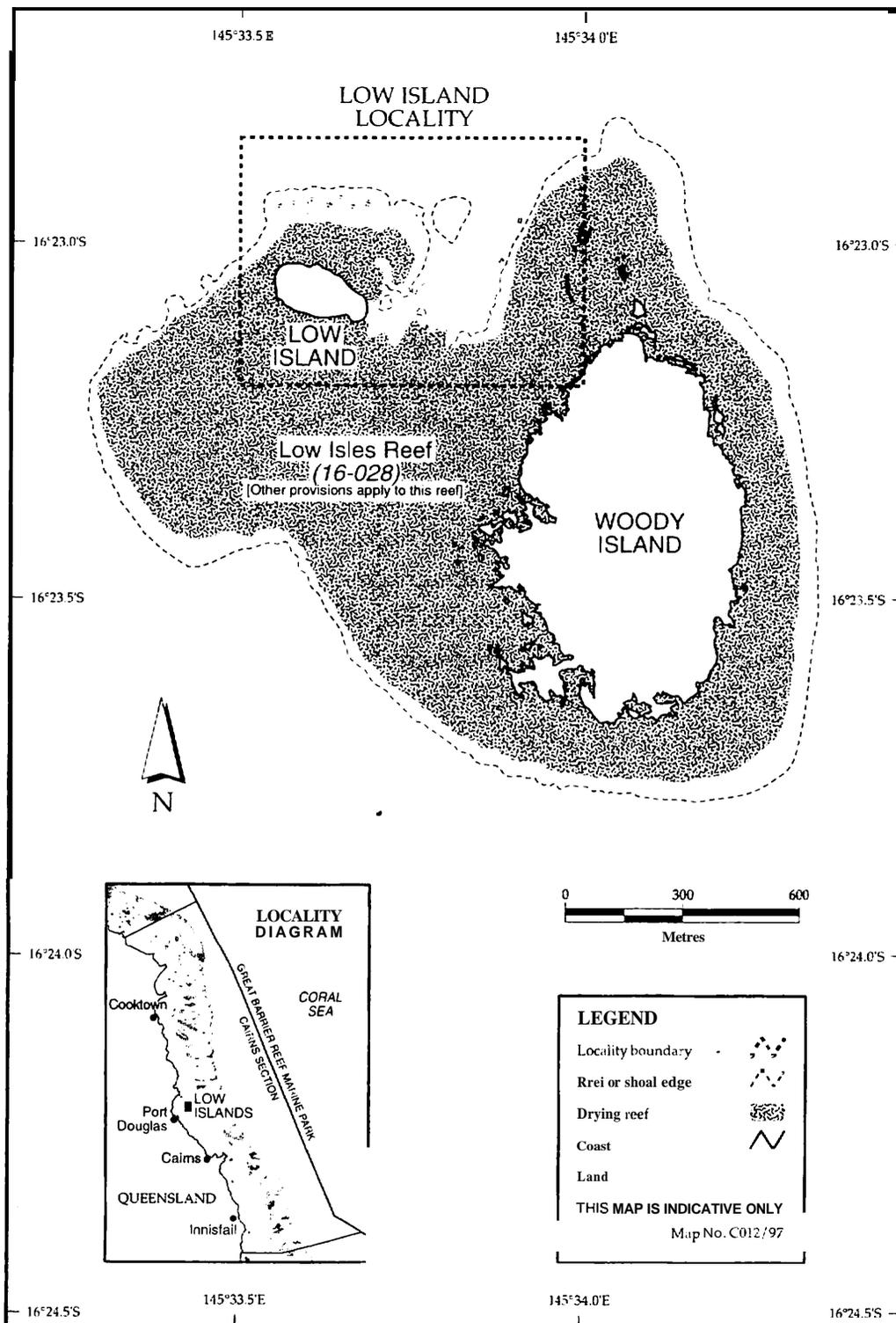
Lizard Island Locality 4

- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew)
- Maximum vessel size of 20 metres
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft
- No private moorings

Lizard Island (Localities 1, 2, 3 & 4)

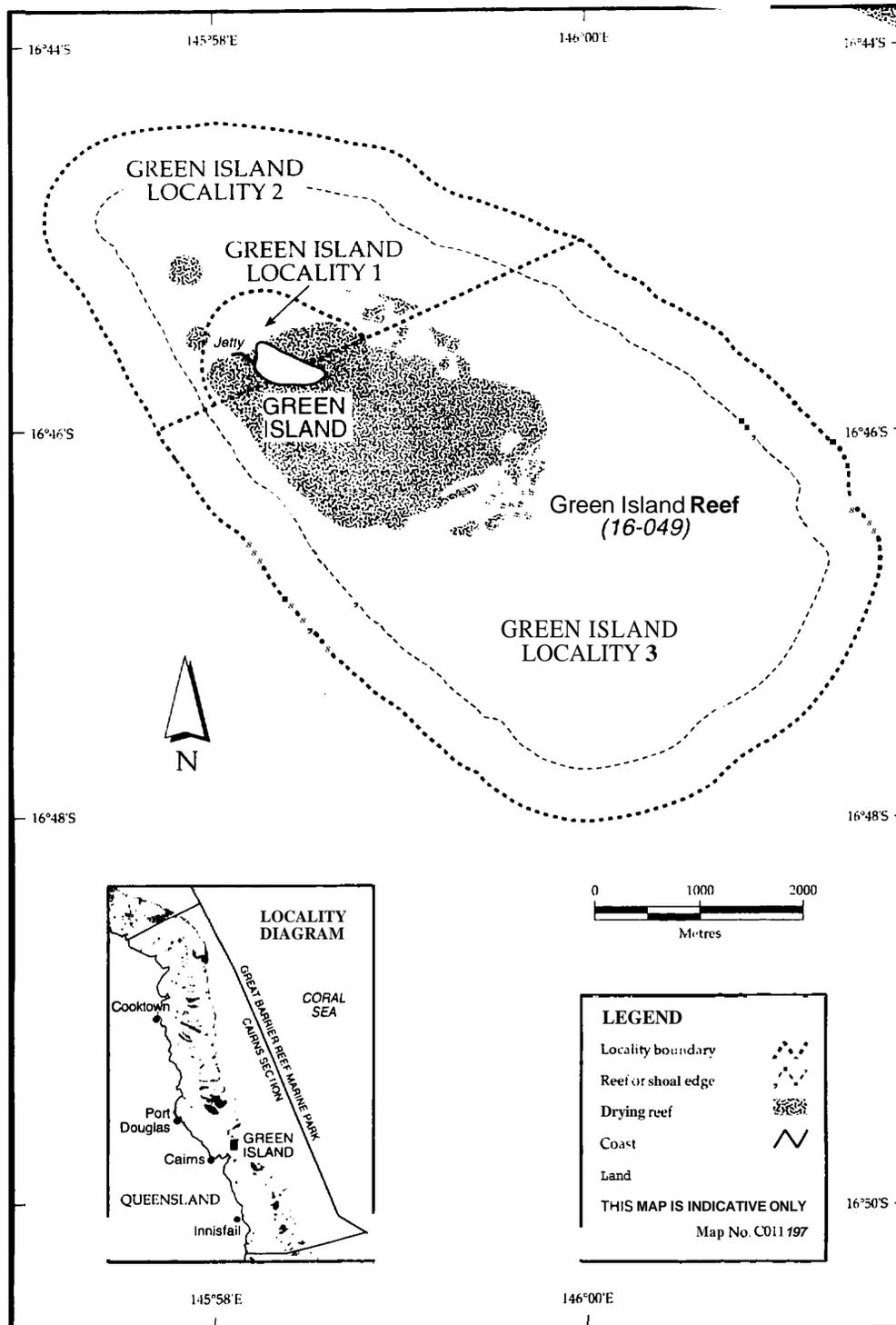
- No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones, Buffer Zones or Conservation Park Zones
- No pontoons

NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.



Low Island Locality

- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew)
 - Maximum vessel length of 20 metres
 - Vessel speed limit of 6 knots
 - No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones, Buffer Zones or Conservation Park Zones
 - No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
 - No anchoring within 200 metres of pontoons
 - No island access between 6.00pm and 8.00am
 - No waste discharge
 - No motorised watersports or hovercraft
 - Maximum of 1 pontoon
 - Maximum of 5 private moorings for the locality and 5 private moorings for the remainder of the reef ie. within 500 metres of reef edge
 - A maximum of 2 vessels per day for commercial tourist operations may be allowed access in addition to moorings-based operators
- NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.*



Green Island Reef Locality 1

- Maximum group size of 60 people per vessel (including crew)
- Maximum vessel size of 35 metres if anchoring
- Vessel speed limit of 6 knots
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings
- No waste discharge
- No limit on private moorings

Green Island Reef Locality 2

- Maximum group size of 60 people per vessel (including crew)
- Maximum vessel length of 35 metres if anchoring
- No anchoring within 50 metres of moorings

Green Island Reef Locality 3

- Maximum group size of 15 people per vessel (including crew)
- Maximum vessel size of 20 metres
- No private moorings

Green Island Reef (Localities 1, 2 & 3)

- A maximum of 4 vessels per day for commercial tourist operations may be allowed access in addition to moorings-based operators
- No anchoring on coral in National Park Zones, Buffer Zones or Conservation Park Zones
- No motorised watersports or hovercraft
- No pontoons

NB: Some existing tourist operations may be granted exemptions to group size, frequency and vessel size restrictions.

NEED MORE INFORMATION

For additional information or to clarify points from this booklet, please consult the Cairns Area Plan of Management. If you have any further enquiries concerning the Plan please contact the following organisations.

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