



## BOULT REEF IS CLOSED TO FISHING AND COLLECTING UNTIL JULY 1986

Boult Reef's two year closure, which was due to end on 30 June this year, has been extended for 12 months. Both Boult and North Reefs, which lie in the Capricorn/Bunker Groups of the Capricornia Section, have been closed to fishing and collecting since July 1983. It is now expected that both will be opened to fishing and collecting in July 1986.

Trolling for mackerel, however, will be allowed at both reefs between 1 May 1985 and 31 August 1985 and between 1 May, 1986 and 30 June, 1986.

As provided for in the Capricornia Section Zoning Plan, Boult and North Reefs have been declared as 'Replenishment Areas' to enable fish and other marine resources to increase and thus provide better fishing in the future. The closure means that fishing is prohibited within one kilometre seaward of the reef edge.

The areas may still be entered, provided that fishing and collecting gear is stowed or secured at all times.

Coral trout surveys conducted by the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority since 1979 suggest that when compared to reefs with no fishing restrictions, reefs closed to fishing appear to have increased numbers of coral trout.

While there is general support from fishermen for these closures, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations provide for fines of up to \$5,000 for fishing or collecting within the closed areas. Further information may be obtained from:

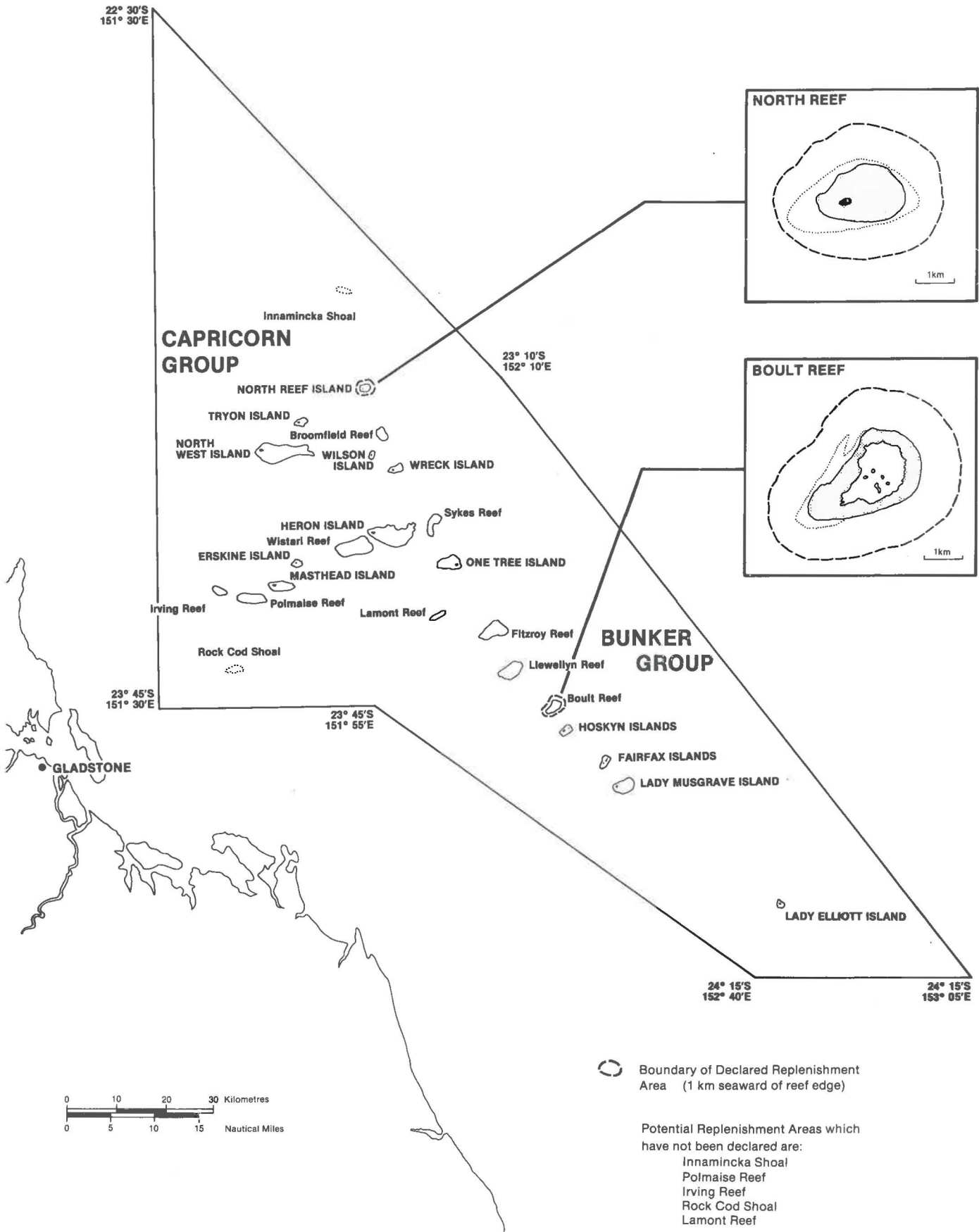
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# CAPRICORNIA SECTION

Replenishment Areas declared as at 1 July 1985



0 10 20 30 Kilometres  
0 5 10 15 Nautical Miles

○ Boundary of Declared Replenishment Area (1 km seaward of reef edge)

Potential Replenishment Areas which have not been declared are:  
 Innamincka Shoal  
 Polmaise Reef  
 Irving Reef  
 Rock Cod Shoal  
 Lamont Reef