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## PROPOSED REPLENISHMENT AREA CENTRAL SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK

### BRAMBLE REEF

Persons interested in the proposal to designate Bramble Reef as a Replenishment Area are invited to make representations in writing to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority by 31 May 1991.

Under the Central Section Zoning Plan, Replenishment Areas in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park provide for the replenishment of living resources in heavily used areas of the Great Barrier Reef.

In Replenishment Areas, special management provisions are applied for a specified period of time, to close them to fishing (with the exception of trolling), and/or hunting and collecting activities that remove living resources of the Marine Park. Surveys of coral trout stocks in previous Replenishment Areas indicate that closures are successful in allowing fish stocks to increase in number and size on a reef. A coral trout study of Bramble Reef will be funded by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority this year.

Bramble Reef is grouped with Pith Reef in the Central Section Zoning Plan as areas that may be designated for replenishment purposes in the life of the Plan. Bramble is the closest mid-shelf reef to Lucinda, 38km away, and appears to be under considerable fishing pressure. This, in addition to the quite considerable impact of crown of thorns starfish in the mid-1980s, has led to concern that the Reef needs to be given an opportunity to recover.

Under the proposal, fishing, hunting and collecting at Bramble Reef within 500 metres seaward from the seaward edge of the reef (see map), would not be permitted for three years.

Commercial trolling for pelagic species and anchoring of vessels would not be affected by designation of a Replenishment Area at the Reef.

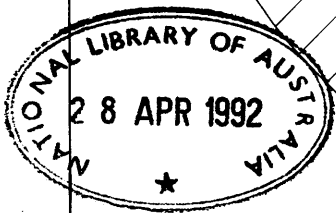
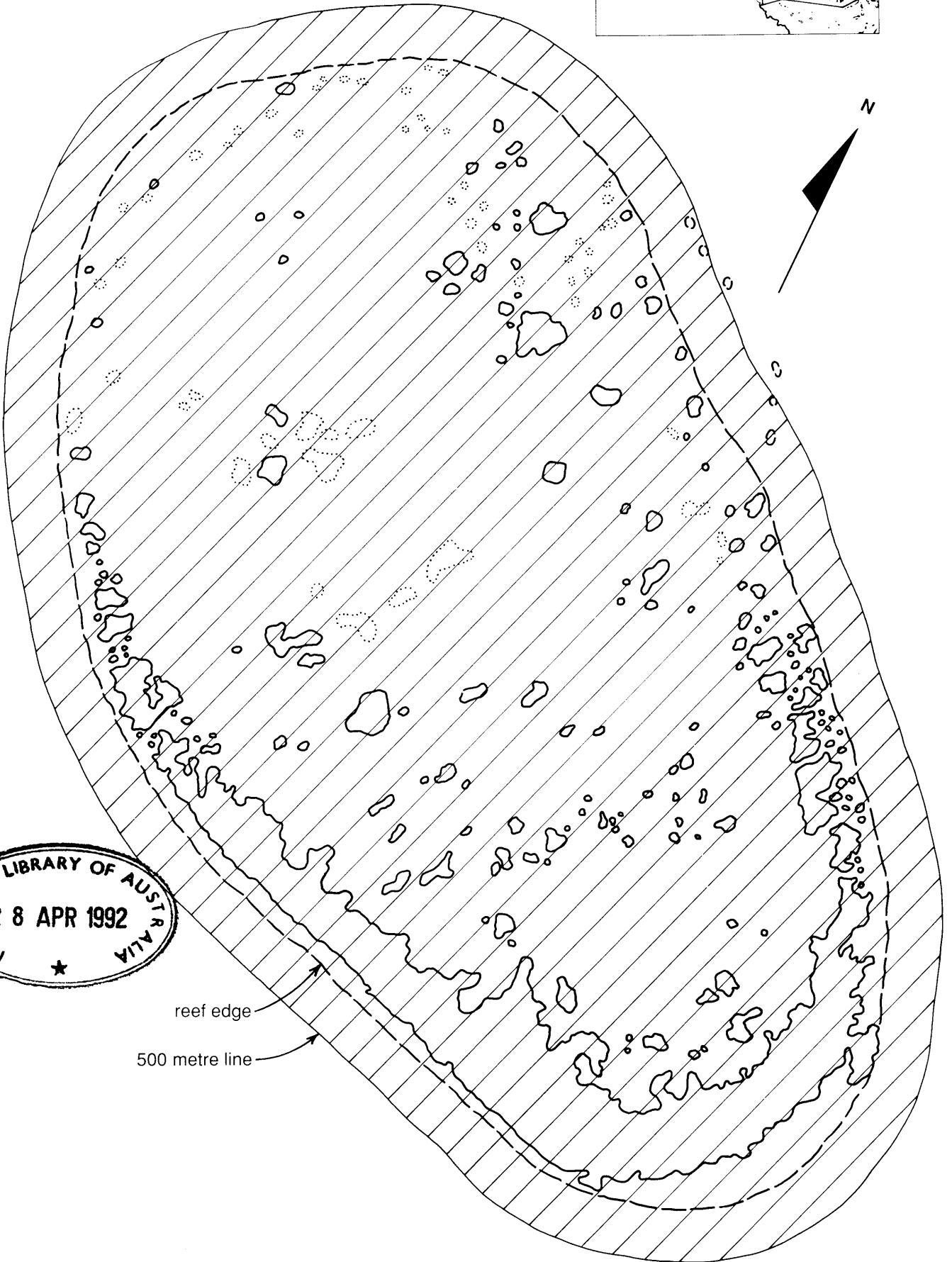
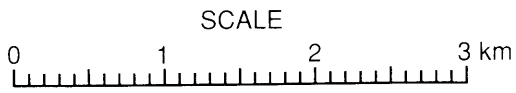
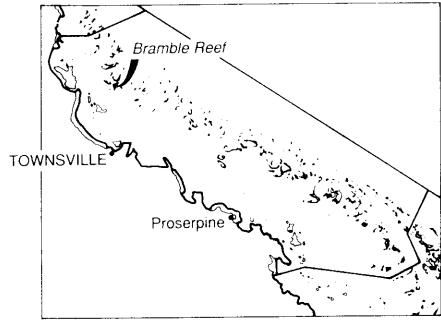
Representations should be forwarded to: **The Chairman,**  
**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**  
**P.O. Box 1379**  
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and marked for the **attention of Tony Stokes.**

For further information, please contact Tony Stokes at the Authority's Townsville office on (077) 818854

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# BRAMBLE REEF PROPOSED REPLENISHMENT AREA (Diagrammatic representation)



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## MARINE PARK ZONES IN THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

**Marine National Park "B" Zones** occur at Butterfly Bay, Maureens Cove, Luncheon Bay, Manta Ray Bay, Border Island (out to the 100 metre line around the island), the Haslewood Island Group (including Lupton Island) and Cow and Calf Islands. Entry is allowed in these areas but no fishing, collecting or extractive activities are permitted in Marine National Park "B" Zones.

**Marine National Park "A" Zones** are present around Double Cone Island, Hayman Island to the NW side of Hook Island (including Arkhurst, Black, Langford and Bird Islands), Nara Inlet and Saba Bay on Hook Island, the Molle Group of Islands, Shute Island, Whitsunday Island (western side including Cid and Henning Islands), Long Island, Whitsunday and Hamilton Islands (including western side of Haselwood Island) and the Little Lindeman, Lindeman and Seaforth group of islands. Trawling is not permitted in Marine National Park "A" Zones and trawlers entering the zones must have their nets out of water and hung on board with cod ends open. The only fishing or extractive activities permitted in Marine National Park "A" Zones are as follows:

- (i) trolling for pelagic species
- (ii) limited line fishing by a person using equipment comprised of either one hand-held rod or one handline, and used with: no more than one hook; or an artificial fly; or a lure
- (iii) gathering of oysters for their immediate consumption
- (iv) limited crabbing using any combination of crab pots, dillies or inverted dillies that total no more than 4 devices, or a crab hook (note — limitations apply on the apparatus used, and restrictions apply on the numbers, size and sex of certain species taken in accordance with the Queensland Fisheries Act)
- (v) bait gathering of yabbies, eugaries (pippies), bait works or crabs by hand or hand-held implement
- (vi) bait netting using a cast net or recreational bait net as defined by Queensland Fisheries Regulations, or use of a commercial bait by a licenced commercial fisherman.

Zones extend 500 metres seaward from the reef edge unless otherwise stated.

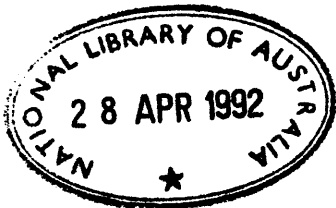
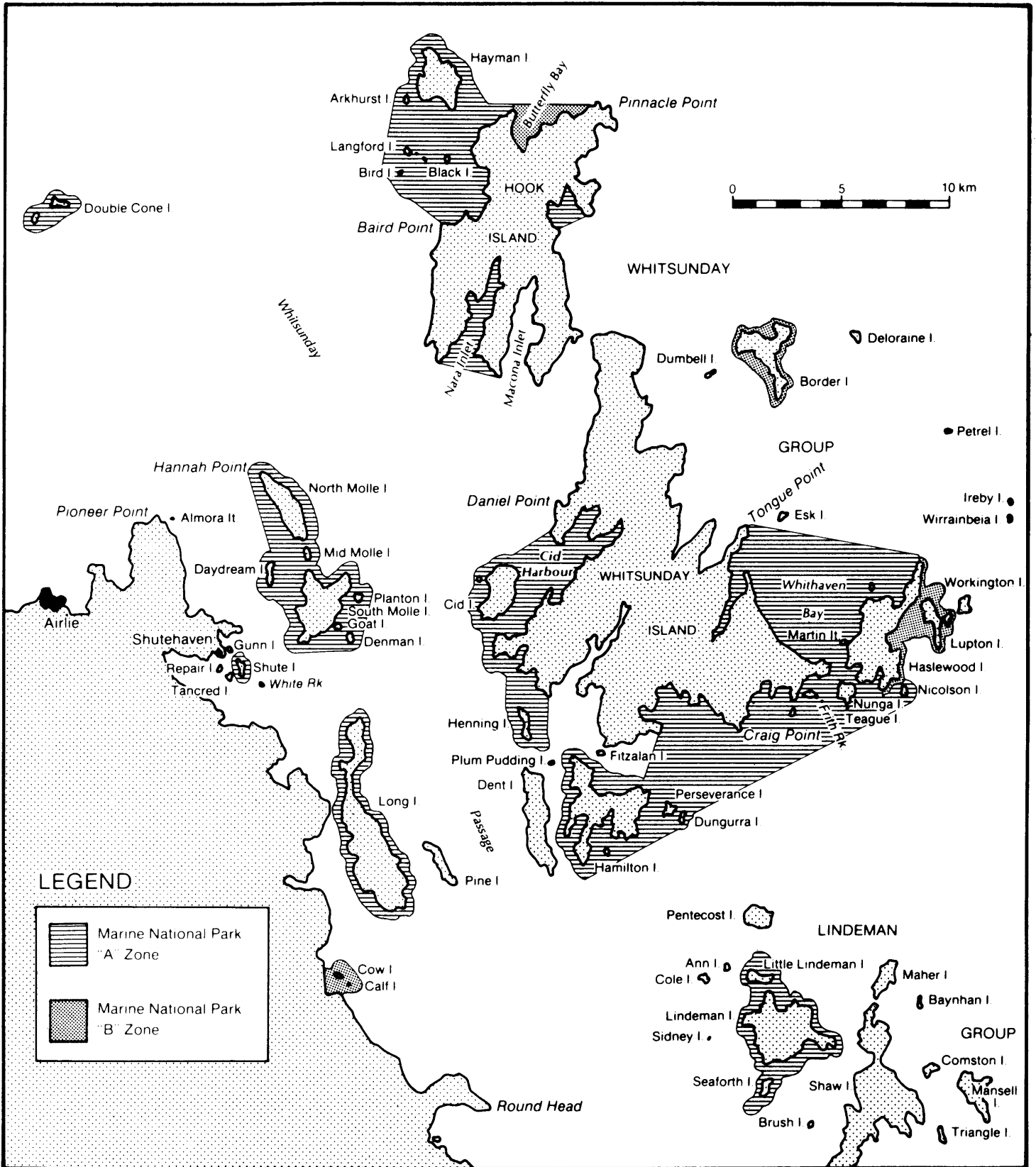
Offences are subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 or \$50,000 for corporations. Vessels, gear and catch may also be forfeited.

**Zoning Plans** and Regulations should be consulted for detailed information on marine park zones and regulations. These are available from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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## REEF APPRECIATION AREA CENTRAL SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK

### KELSO REEF

The designation of Special Management Areas provides for small areas of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to be specially managed for the purposes of conservation of natural resources, undisturbed scientific research, appreciation by the public or public safety, as appropriate. Use of or entry into Special Management Areas may be controlled in accordance with the special management provisions which may be designated from time to time.

On 5 September 1991, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority designated a Special Management Area for Reef Appreciation over an area bounded by a circle with a radius of 500 metres centred on the Pure Pleasure Cruises pontoon on the western side of Kelso Reef (see map overleaf). The decision was made after public advertisement of the proposal and careful consideration of the representations that were received.

Fishing and collecting within 500 metres of the pontoon is prohibited until 1 June 2001 or until the Zoning Plan for the Central Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is revised, whichever is earlier.

The area around the pontoon is an important tourism destination and deserving of protection to maintain the quality of the visitor experience. Pure Pleasure Cruises operate almost daily trips to the site carrying many tourists. The reef in the area offers good diving for snorkelling, SCUBA and coral viewing.

#### Management of the Reef Appreciation Area

The designation of this Special Management Area is in keeping with the Authority's goal of providing for the protection, wise use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef in perpetuity through the development and care of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Activities which may be undertaken include snorkelling, SCUBA, photography and observation of marine life. Fishing and collecting are not allowed.

Markers will be placed on the pontoon to assist in advising users and to identify the boundary of the Area. Day to day management of the Area will be undertaken by officers of the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service who will monitor activities using vessel patrols, aerial surveillance and on-site surveys.

Further information may be obtained from : **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**  
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or local offices of the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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# KELSO REEF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

(Diagrammatic representation)

