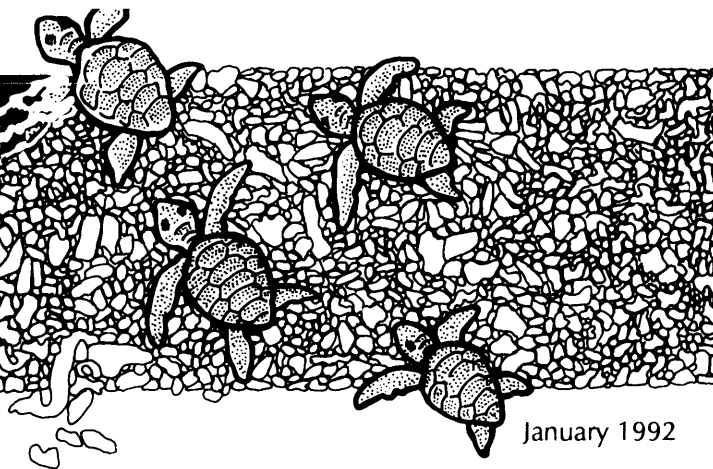


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## REPLENISHMENT AREA CENTRAL SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK BRAMBLE REEF

Replenishment Areas allow certain heavily used reefs to be closed to fishing for a specified time to allow stocks to replenish.

On 18 December 1991, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority decided to designate a Replenishment Area at Bramble Reef over the area within 500 metres seaward from the seaward edge of the reef (see map). The decision was made after advertising the proposal and carefully considering the 41 representations received.

Those activities which will not be permitted until 31 January 1995, are:

- (a) fishing, other than trolling for pelagic species, which may be carried out during the period from the first day of May in a year to the thirty-first day of January in the following year;
- (b) spearfishing;
- (c) traditional fishing.

Bramble Reef is grouped with Pith Reef in the Central Section as areas that may be designated for replenishment purposes. Bramble Reef 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.

### Management of the Replenishment Area

The designation of this Replenishment 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 continue to be undertaken include snorkelling, SCUBA, photography and observation of marine life.

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BRAMBLE REEF  
REPLENISHMENT AREA  
(Diagrammatic representation)

