

MARINE PARKS PERMIT APPLICATION

RESEARCH

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Joint Permits

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority) and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) operate a joint Marine Parks permit process that generally is administered by the Authority. Joint Marine Parks permits grant access to both the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Commonwealth) and the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park (State) for certain purposes.

About this application form

This form is to be used when applying for permissions under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (Cth) and/or the *Marine Parks Act 2004* (Qld) to undertake research activities that require a permit in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and/or the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park. If you are unsure what type of research requires a permit, please visit the Authority's website or phone one of the numbers below.

More information

Visit the Authority's website to obtain information about other types of Marine Parks permits and the application process (www.gbrmpa.gov.au/zoning-permits-and-plans/permits/), or contact the Authority for a permit application information package. For information on State-only Marine Parks permits, please visit the QPWS website (<http://www.des.qld.gov.au/>) or phone one of the QPWS numbers below. Some research activities will also require an authority under Queensland fisheries legislation – contact the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for more information.

For further information please contact the Authority's Assessments and Permissions team or the Assessments and Approvals section of the QPWS office in your region.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (www.gbrmpa.gov.au)	Townsville	Tel: (07) 4750 0700
Department Environment and Science Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (http://www.des.qld.gov.au/)	Cairns	Tel: (07) 4222 5282
	Townsville	Tel: (07) 4722 5314
	Airlie Beach	Tel: (07) 4967 7355
	Rockhampton	Tel: (07) 4936 0511

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) provides for the protection of the environment, especially matters of national environmental significance (NES). Under the EPBC Act, a person must not take an action that has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on any of the matters of NES without approval from the Australian Government Environment Minister. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is now a matter of NES under the EPBC Act (sections 24B and 24C).

To help you decide whether or not your proposed action requires approval from the Environment Minister, guidance is available from the Department of Environment (DoE) website (www.environment.gov.au/epbc). Where approval from the Environment Minister is required, a proposed action will need to be referred by the applicant to the DoE. The purpose of a referral is to obtain a decision on whether the proposed action will need formal assessment and approval under the EPBC Act. A referral form can be obtained from the DoE website.

Referral of an action under the EPBC Act is deemed to be an application under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (see section 37AB, *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*). The DoE will forward the referral to the Authority to commence its permit processes as required under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019. For more information on the EPBC Act and making a referral, call the DoE's Community Information Unit on 1800 803 772 or visit the website at www.environment.gov.au/epbc.



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HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the application form;
- Email the completed application form to assessments@qbrmpa.gov.au together with your:
 - Research plan (Note: if applying to continue an existing research permit please include details of any changes that may have occurred since the last application); and
 - Field work summary (Applicable only if applying to continue an existing research permit);

PLEASE NOTE:

It is important that the Authority and QPWS receive correct information about your permit application. There are significant penalties for giving false or misleading information.

Please read and complete this form carefully as incorrect or insufficient information may delay consideration of your application.

1. Principal Investigator(s):

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

NOTE: All people whose names are listed above will be on the permit. Attach as additional information any further principal investigators involved in the research. If there are multiple Permit Holders, all will need to approve any changes/applications to continue the permit. The organisation/address on the permit will be the first principal investigator above unless otherwise advised.

2. Contact Person:

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	
Email:			Tel:		Fax:

NOTE: The nominated contact person will need to be available to respond to any queries that arise during the assessment of the application. Non-availability may result in processing delays.

3. Type of permit (please indicate):

Is this application for a new research permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is this application to continue an existing research permit? <i>(If it is for exactly the same as your current permit, complete only those sections below where updated information exists.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Permit No.:	G
Is this an application to vary the conditions of an existing permit? <i>(Provide details of the requested modifications to your permit in the relevant sections below.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Permit No.:	G

NOTE: It is important to note that only permit conditions can be varied – some things that are not conditions include adding a new research investigator, adding new research sites, extending the permit period or making significant changes to the research plan. It is recommended you consult with the Authority if in doubt.

4. Commencement date and duration:

When do you expect to commence your research activities in the Marine Parks?	Date:	
Requested duration of permit (in years)?	Years:	

NOTE: The standard maximum period for research permits is three years. Application to continue the permit can be made prior to the expiry of any permit granted.

5. Research Proposal:

Project Title:	
Purpose of the research (provide a summary of the proposal, including aims, objectives and methodology):	

NOTE: You may also provide the details requested above in an attachment to this application.

6. Sampling Design:

Provide details of the sampling design, including:

- (i) Scientific and/or common name of specimen(s)/marine product(s) to be collected
- (ii) If applicable, size/age of specimen(s) (e.g. fragment size, whole colony, larvae etc.)
- (iii) Number/quantity of specimen(s)/marine product(s) to be collected in total, over life of the permit
- (iv) If applicable, number/quantity to be collected per year
- (v) If applicable, number/quantity to be collected per location
- (vi) Method of collection/manipulation
- (vii) Fate (tagged, manipulated, returned and/or retained)

NOTE: Generally for the purposes of research a location is defined as a discrete, identified reef, or a continuous non-reef area of up to 10 square kilometres.

(i) Scientific and/or common name of specimen(s)/marine product(s)	(ii) Size/age of specimen(s) (if applicable)	(iii) Number/quantity of specimen(s)/marine product(s) in total	(iv) Number/quantity per year (if applicable)	(v) Number/quantity per location (if applicable)	(vi) Method of collection/manipulation	(vii) Fate

7. Equipment Details (Includes all equipment placed in the Marine Parks e.g. star pickets):

Type of Equipment	Dimensions (cm, m)	Number in total	Number per location	Method of deployment	Length of deployment

NOTE: Attach diagrams, photos and/or specifications of equipment to be installed (to enable assessment of the environmental footprint and impacts).

8. Chemical Details:

Name of chemical	Concentration to be used	Method of use

9. Marine Parks Locations:

Indicate the Reef Name(s), or non-reef area(s) that you intend to conduct this activity in and the zoning level (zoning maps can be viewed at www.gbrmpa.gov.au/zoning-permits-and-plans/zoning/zoning-maps).

Reef/Island Name	Reef ID (e.g. 19-123)	Zone (e.g. Habitat Protection Zone)	Coordinates (if applicable)

10. Justification for research in a highly protected area:

Note: If your research is to be conducted in a Buffer Zone, Marine National Park Zone (green zone) or a Preservation Zone (pink zone), you are required to justify that:

- 1) your research is relevant to, and a priority for, the management of the Marine Parks (relate this to the Authority’s Scientific Information Management Needs document); or
- 2) cannot reasonably be conducted elsewhere.

Note: Proximity to research stations and/or ease of access are not by themselves valid justification. For access to Preservation Zones, both justifications must be met (i.e. it is 1 AND 2)

11. Entry Details:

How will you be entering and moving through the Marine Parks (e.g. research vessel associated with research station, chartered aircraft, reef walking)?	
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NOTE: If chartering a vessel/aircraft, remember that the charter vessel/aircraft will need to have a Marine Parks permit that allows for non tourist commercial charters and have access to the locations you want to enter.

12. Commercial research:

Is your proposed research of a commercial nature?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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NOTE: Fees apply for activities of a commercial nature including commercial research. Contact the Authority for more information.

13. Biodiscovery:

Does your proposed research involve accessing biological resources for biodiscovery purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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NOTE: Prior to accessing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to collect biological resources, you must have resolved with the Australian Government Department of Environment and the Queensland Government Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation any requirements for a benefit sharing agreement.

Any other information? (E.g. Additional information or is there something on the form you could not fill out?)

Proposed Permit Holder's Declaration: Please read the following information carefully.

Privacy Notice – The Authority

Personal information you provide to the Authority in your permit application is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Privacy Act). The information provided by you will be used by the Authority to assess your application and to assist it to make decisions whether to grant you a relevant permission. The Authority may also use the personal information you provide to notify you of any subsequent matters affecting any permission granted to you, including any changes to your permission, information about management arrangements for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and information about relevant policies implemented by the Authority. The authority to collect this information is in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019 (the Regulations).

Who do we give it to:

This joint application form may be used by both the Authority and the Department of Environment and Science (DES) to assess your application for a Marine Parks permit. If your application comprises an application for permission to conduct activities in a Marine Park of the State of Queensland, then identifying information collected on this form will be given to DES. If the Authority considers that the granting of the permission may restrict the reasonable use by the public of part of the Marine Park, then it may also require you to publish an advertisement containing any information about your application that the Authority reasonably requires.

Under the Regulations, if you are granted a permit, a copy of the permit document, which may include some identifying information such as your name and address, will be published on the Internet. The Authority will not otherwise disclose your personal information to any third party without your consent, unless it is required to do so by law.

More information

Electronic Dispatch – The Authority

By signing this application you are consenting to the Authority providing the decision under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019* (including any permit issued) electronically for the purposes of the *Electronic Transactions Act 1999*.

Privacy Statement – QPWS

The Department of Environment and Science is collecting the information on this form to assess your application for a permit. This information is required under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*, the *Forestry Act 1959* and the *Marine Parks Act 2004*. The Department may have entered into an indigenous management agreement or indigenous land use agreement relating to adjacent National Parks under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* or State Marine Parks under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* which may be subject to joint management arrangements. If so, the completed application form and relevant supporting documentation may be disclosed to the relevant indigenous organisation/s (including to any relevant Native Title Body Corporates) for the purpose of the Department consulting with or seeking the consent of that organisation (on the basis that your information may only be used for that purpose and is not to be disclosed to any other person).

Your personal information will not be otherwise disclosed to any other parties without your consent unless authorised or required by law, such as under the *Right to Information Act 2009* or the *Evidence Act 1977*. Further information about privacy is available on the Department's website: <http://www.des.qld.gov.au/legal/privacy.html>

Electronic Dispatch – QPWS

By signing this application you are consenting to the chief executive of the Department of Environment and Science or his/her delegate providing the decision (including any permit issued) electronically for the purposes of the *Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001*.

Declaration under the Oaths Act 1867 - Queensland

Note: It is a criminal offence to knowingly make a false or misleading statement in, or omit a material matter from, your application. By submitting this application, you declare that the information within the application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- The information provided in this permit application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- Where the applicant is a company, I am duly authorised by the company to sign this permit application on its behalf.
- The applicant[#] and any associated persons^{##} have no charges for breaking any law¹, and have not been found guilty of, pleaded guilty to, or been convicted by a court of any relevant offences in Australia or any other nation. I am not aware of any pending legal proceedings, under Australian law or internationally, which may be relevant to this application.
OR I declare the following (explain): *

- The applicant[#] has not had a relevant authority² suspended, cancelled or revoked in the past 3 years (if applying for a joint permit) or 5 years (if applying for a Commonwealth only permit)
OR I declare the following (explain): *

