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# ***Objective***

*To provide information on location-specific considerations in the Marine Park within the permission system.*

# ***Target audience***

*Primary: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority officers assessing applications for permission.*

*Secondary: Groups and individuals applying for permission; interested members of the public.*

# Purpose

1. Permission decisions contribute to maintaining and enhancing the condition of locations in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park that have site-specific legislation or policies.

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# Related legislation / standards / policy

1. Refer to the [Permission system policy](http://hdl.handle.net/11017/3224) for a full list of related legislation, standards and policy.
2. [Reef Explorer](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/ReefExplorer/) is an interactive mapping system that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) provides for the public. This includes mapping of many of the location-specific matters discussed in this guideline. More data is added to the system as resources allow.
3. The public can also download data files from GBRMPA’s [spatial data information services](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/about-us/spatial-data-information-services) webpage to use in geographic information systems (GIS).

# Commonwealth – Statutory instruments

## Remote Natural Area

1. Part 3 of the Zoning Plan establishes a Remote Natural Area which covers the area north of Lizard Island to the tip of Cape York. This area is the most biologically diverse region of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Marine Park). The two objectives of the Remote Natural Area are to:
   1. maintain the area in a state that is largely unaltered by works or facilities, and
   2. provide opportunities for quiet appreciation and enjoyment.
2. GBRMPA cannot grant permission for the following activities in the Remote Natural Area:
   1. Motorised water sports.
   2. Carrying out works (other than works relating to navigational aids) involving:
      1. dumping spoil
      2. reclamation
      3. beach protection works
      4. harbour works.
   3. Constructing or operating a fixed facility, other than a vessel mooring or a navigational aid.
3. For other types of permission applications, the assessment will consider whether the proposal is consistent with the two objectives of the Remote Natural Area.

## Designated areas

1. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan establishes two types of Designated Areas to which additional protections apply:
   1. Designated Shipping Areas.
   2. Special Management Areas.

*Note: an additional Designated Area – the Fisheries Experimental Areas (Division 4.3 of the Zoning Plan) ceased to have effect on 30 November 2005. It provided for closure of certain areas to conduct scientific research into the effects of zoning and fishing rules.*

## Designated Shipping Areas

1. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan provides for Designate Shipping Areas (DSA) to allow for the navigation of ships. Generally speaking, a ship can enter and use the DSA without permission as long as the vessel is merely transiting the Marine Park and any fishing gear is appropriately stowed according to the requirements of each zone.
2. Designated shipping areas can be viewed on [Reef Explorer](https://gbrmpa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=f0c6bfcb6ccd413ca55c47d9440fc86d).

## Special Management Areas

1. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan allows GBRMPA to declare [Special Management Areas](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/zoning/special-management-areas). They are an additional layer on top of zoning. A Special Management Area (SMA) may be designated for a number of reasons including:
   1. Conservation of a particular species or natural resource for example turtle, dugong, bird nesting sites or fish spawning aggregation sites.
   2. Protection of cultural or heritage values.
   3. Public safety.
   4. To ensure opportunities for appreciation by the public.
   5. Response to an emergency (for example, a ship grounding, oil spill or marine pest outbreak).
2. There are eight main types of Special Management Areas declared in the Zoning Plan, and additional types may be declared by regulation. The existing SMA types are described below.

### *Restricted Access SMA*

1. Restricted Access SMAs restrict access to, or the use of, the area for conservation purposes or for managing activities carried out within the area. These areas cannot be used or entered without explicit written permission, except for reasons explained in the Regulations or Part 5 of the Zoning Plan (such as some emergencies).
2. Restricted Access Special Management Areas are designated at the following locations:
   1. **Raine Island Reef** (11-243), **MacLennan Cay Reef** (11-070a), **Moulter Cay Reef** (11-130)
   2. – see Regulation 54 for exceptions to special management provisions and the *non-statutory site management arrangements* section of this guideline for further information.
   3. **Australian Institute of Marine Science** (SR-19-2008) – see Regulation 55 for exceptions to special management provisions.
   4. **One Tree Island Reef** (SR-23-2010) – see Regulation 56 for exceptions to special management provisions.

### *Maritime Cultural Heritage Protection SMA*

1. There are two SMAs declared around nationally significant RAAF Second World War aircraft wrecks (the Catalina wrecks) to protect and preserve this significant maritime cultural heritage. Refer to the guidelines for maritime cultural heritage protection special management area for more information.

### *Public Appreciation SMA*

1. These SMAs ensure that popular snorkeling areas are generally free from spearfishing, harvest fisheries (such as commercial aquarium fish and coral collecting) and aquaculture activities. See Regulations 58 and 59 for details.
2. Public Appreciation Special Management Areas are designated at Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones within the locations listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Locations of Public Appreciation Special Management Areas designated at Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones.

|  |  |  |  |
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| Location | Location/ Zone ID | Location | Location/ Zone ID |
| Yonge Reef –  lee side | (14-138)  (CP-14-4017) | Heron Reef | (CP-23-4104) |
| Lizard Island Reef Mermaid Bay to Pigeon Point | (14-116b)  (CP-14-4018) | Double Cone Reef | (CP-20-4077) |
| North Opal Reef | (16-025) (CP-16-4029) | Molle Islands | (CP-20-4080) |
| Flynn Reef | (16-065) (CP-16-4035) | Whitsunday and Hamilton Islands | (CP-20-4081) |
| Thetford Reef | (16-068) (CP-16-4036) | Shute Island | (CP-20-4083) |
| Fitzroy Island Reef - allows aquaculture operations | (16-054) (16-16-4039) | Long Island | (CP-20-4084)  (CP-20-4085) |
| Dunk Island Reef | (CP-17-4045)  (MNP-17-1073) | Lindeman, Pentecost, Cole Island, except that part of the zone adjacent to Shaw Island | (CP-20-4086) |
| Bedarra Island Reef | (CP-17-4045) | Brampton Island - West | (CP-20-4091) |
| Orpheus Island Reef south-west | (18-049b and c)  (CP-18-4053) | Brampton Island - East | (CP-20-4091) |
| Davies Reef | (18-096) (CP-18-4056) | North Keppel Island - Considine Bay | (CP-23-4101) |
| Cape Upstart - western side only | (CP-19-4064) | Great Keppel Island - western side | (CP-23-4102) |
| Hayman and Hook Islands | (CP-20-4075) | Wistari Reef | (CP-23-4106) |
| Saba Bay, Hook Island | (CP-20-4076). |  |  |

### *Seasonal Closure SMA (Offshore Ribbon Reefs)*

1. The Ribbon Reefs and adjacent areas are unique, as they are located at a particular part of the continental shelf which drops sharply away from the reef edge. These important areas of reef support diverse species, including large pelagic fish such as marlin.
2. Special Management Areas designated in these areas provide additional protection to the Ribbon Reefs and adjacent habitats. These SMAs prohibit all fishing and detached dories in the Ribbon Reefs from 1 January to 31 August each year.
3. Locations for Seasonal Closure (Offshore Ribbon Reefs) Special Management Areas are:
   1. Areas adjacent to Day Reef (14-089) Scientific Research (Orange) Zone (SR-14-2001)
   2. Area adjacent to Ribbon No. 10 Reef (14-146) Marine National Park (Green) Zone (MNP-14-1030)
   3. Area adjacent to Ribbon No. 7 Reef (15-026), Ribbon No. 6 Reef (15-032) Preservation (Pink) Zone (P-15-12) and unnamed reef (15-034) Marine National Park (Green) Zone
   4. Ribbon No. 5 Reef Patches (15-042) Buffer (Olive Green) Zone (B-15-3007)
   5. Ribbon No. 2 and 3 Reefs and interreefal areas Buffer (Olive Green) Zone (B-15-3008).
4. See Regulations 48 and 49 for details.

### *No Dories Detached SMA (Offshore Ribbon Reefs)*

1. For the same reasons discussed in the section *Seasonal Closure SMAs*, no dories are allowed to be detached at any time in the following Special Management Area locations:
   1. Area to the east of Yonge Reef (14-138) and no name Reef (14-139)
   2. Area around the No. 10 Patches (No. 3) (14-153a) and No. 10 Patches (No. 4) (14-153b).
2. See Regulations 50 and 51 for details.

### *Species Conservation SMA (Dugong Protection)*

1. These Special Management Areas reflect the requirements of Dugong Protection Areas under Queensland Fisheries legislation to the extent to which those areas are located within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
2. See Regulations 46 and 47 for details.
3. View maps showing Dugong Protection Areas:
   1. [Hinchinbrook and Taylors Beach](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3002)
   2. [Cleveland Bay and Bowling Green Bay\*](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3003)
   3. [Upstart Bay](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3004)
   4. [Edgecumbe Bay](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3005)
   5. [Repulse Bay, Newry Region and Sandy Bay](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3001)
   6. [Ince Bay, Llewellyn Bay and Clairview Region](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3000)
   7. [Shoalwater Bay and Port Clinton](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/856)
   8. [Gladstone and Rodds Bay](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/2999)
4. [Amendments to commercial netting rules](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/fisheries-marine-park) in Bowling Green Bay Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) SMA were introduced in December 2011 to increase protection to dugong within the Bowling Green Bay Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) Special Management Area. The rule changes further restrict commercial net fishing within the existing Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) Special Management Area.

### *Princess Charlotte Bay SMA*

1. Regulation 88V establishes a Special Management Area to protect dugong within Princess Charlotte Bay in the Far Northern Management Area of the Marine Park. The Special Management Area requires commercial net fishers to obtain a permit to operate within Princess Charlotte Bay.
2. Refer to the [Assessment guidelines](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3229) and Regulation 88V for more information.

### *Natural resources conservation (Mermaid Cove at Lizard Island) SMA*

1. There is a Natural Resources Conservation Special Management Area declared for Mermaid Cove at Lizard Island in the Cairns/Cooktown Management Area of the Marine Park.
2. In addition to existing rules for the Conservation Park (yellow) Zone, fishing and collecting are not allowed, except for:
   1. a person trolling or bait netting for pelagic species; or
   2. limited impact research (extractive); or
   3. research that is conducted in accordance with a permission.
3. See Regulations 65A and 65B for details.

## Plans of Management

1. Plans of Management (POMs) are statutory planning instruments prepared under section 39Y of the Act to manage intensively used areas or vulnerable sites or species.
2. General information about Plans of Management can be found on the GBRMPA website [here](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations), or more specifically:
   1. [Cairns Area Plan of Management](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations/cairns-area-plan-management) 1998 and [Cairns Planning Area map](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3496)
   2. [Whitsundays Plan of Management](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations/townsvillewhitsundays-site-specific-management) 1998 and [Whitsunday Planning Area map](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3220)
   3. [Hinchinbrook Plan of Management 2004](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations/hinchinbrook-plan-management) and [Hinchinbrook Planning Area map](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/868)
   4. [Shoalwater Bay (Dugong) Plan of Management](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations/shoalwater-bay-plan-management) 1997 and [Shoalwater Bay Planning Area map](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/612).

## Whale Protection Areas

1. Part 4A of the Regulations allows GBRMPA to declare Whale Protection Areas. Under Regulation 117JB, these additional protections apply in a Whale Protection Area:
   1. Vessels are not allowed to approach within 300m of a whale.
   2. Tourism programs are not allowed to use vessels for whale watching or swimming-with-whales tours.
2. Whale Protection Areas are declared in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Currently the only declaration is for the Whitsunday Whale Protection Area.
3. The Whitsundays are an important calving ground for humpback whales between May and September each year. Most of the waters around the islands are part of the Whale Protection Area, which is designed to minimise disturbance to mother whales.
4. GBRMPA cannot grant a cetacean exemption (see Regulation 117K) within a Whale Protection Area. Refer also to the [Guidelines: Activity impact assessment in the permission system - Tourist program involving whale watching or swimming with whales](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3234) (Whale-based tourism activity assessment guidelines) for more information.

## Defence Practice Areas

1. There are a number of Defence Practice Areas (DPAs), sometimes called Defence Training Areas, within the Marine Park. These are listed in Table 2. DPAs are defined in the [*Defence Force Regulations 1952*](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016C00257)as “any area of land, sea or air declared by the Minister under regulation 49.” DPAs are another layer of Commonwealth regulation.
2. The Department of Defence is required to publicly notify of any operation or practice being conducted in DPAs. It is illegal for a person to be in the DPA when an operation or practice is underway, or for a person to allow a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to be in the DPA at that time, unless the person has permission from the Department of Defence.
3. Because of this, it is important to consider whether activities being proposed may occur within a DPA. For reasons of practicality, GBRMPA’s view is that:
   1. Privately owned fixed facilities (other than moorings) should not generally be located within a DPA.
   2. Other activities (such as tourist vessel or aircraft entry) may be permitted, but the permission holder should be aware that such activities are likely to be restricted from time to time by the Department of Defence.

Table 2. Defence Practice Areas in the Marine Park

| **DPA name** | **Practice type** | **Gazette number** | **Gazettal date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cairns Inner Reef | Surface and anti-aircraft firing | S 289, P 12 | 25/07/85 |
| Cairns Outer Reef | Surface and anti-aircraft firing | S 289, P 12 | 25/07/85 |
| [Shoalwater Bay Training Area](http://www.defence.gov.au/id/_Master/docs/NCRP/QLD/0219ShoalwaterBayTrainingAreaQLD.pdf) | Military manoeuvres and live firing including high explosive, bombing, rocketry, missile firing, naval gunnery and air weapons delivery | GN 8, P 813 | 28/02/07 |
| Saumarez Reef Air Weapons Range | Air to surface weapons firing. Specialised training in the use of lasers, including laser targeted weapons systems | GN 46, P 2997 | 23/11/94 |
| [Halifax Bay Air Weapons Range](http://www.defence.gov.au/id/_Master/docs/NCRP/QLD/0853TownsvilleAP8BombingGunneryRangeQLD.pdf) | Air to surface and surface to surface weapons firing | GN 8, P 580-581 | 25/02/98 |
| Elliot | Naval gunnery | S 289, P 11-12 | 25/07/85 |
| Lizard Island | Surface and anti-aircraft firing | S 289, P 12 | 25/07/85 |
| Townshend Island | Air to surface weapons firing, surface to surface and joint firing | GN 46, P 2998 | 23/11/94 |

# Commonwealth – Non-statutory plans and policies

## Site Management Arrangements and other policies

1. Site Management Arrangements are operational management policies developed by GBRMPA to deal with specific pressures. As policy, they represent GBRMPA’s expectations and should generally be followed. However, policy is intended to guide decision-making and does not bind a decision-maker in the same way as legislation (such as POMs).
2. Assessments need to consider whether the Site Management Arrangements are relevant to each case and, if so, whether the standard policy should be applied in that case. GBRMPA does not lightly deviate from the policies set out in Site Management Arrangements.
3. In addition to Site Management Arrangements, other policies, position statements and Board decisions are listed which may be relevant to an assessment.

### *Far Northern*

* [Raine Island and Moulter and Maclennan Cays](http://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/626) (focus on biodiversity)

### *Cairns/Cooktown*

* [Briggs Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/834)

* + [Flynn Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/847)
  + [Milln Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/845)
  + [Lizard Island Locality 2](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/844)
  + [Lizard Island Locality 3](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/843)
  + [Opal Reef, Port Douglas](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/838)
  + [Agincourt Reefs, Port Douglas (focus on moorings, pontoons and anchorages)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/833)
  + [Norman Reef, Cairns](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/839)
  + [Michaelmas Cay, Cairns (focus on facilities, moorings, tourism and noise)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/841)
  + [Green Island Locality 1](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/842)
  + [Clump Point, Mission Beach (focus on managing moorings)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3494)
  + [Low Isles, Port Douglas focus on tourism and anchoring)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/866)
  + [Upolu Cay and Reef, Cairns (focus on tourism, mooring and anchoring)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/835)
  + [Frankland Islands (Normanby, Russell, Round, High) and Reefs (focus on tourism and recreation](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/846)[)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/846)
  + [Moore Reef Locality 2 (focus on recreational use)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/840)
  + [Hastings Reef Locality](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/836)

1. The following locations were included in a previous Cairns zoning system as within the "No Structures Sub-Zone." Any application for a fixed facility in one of these locations requires careful consideration of whether such a use is compatible with the location’s values:

* Hilder Reef
* MacGillivray Reef
* Nymph Island Reef
* Eyrie Reef
* Two Islands Reef
* Low Wooded Island Reef
* Three Islands Reef
* Endeavour Reef complex
* Pearl Reef
* Pickersgill Reef
* Mackay Reef
* ‘unnamed reef’ Chinamans Reef
* Saxon Reef
* Escape Reef
* Opal Reef
* Channel Reef
* Cayley Reef
* Peart Reef
* Feather Reef
* ‘unnamed reef’ Shark/Noreaster Reef complex
* Carter Reef to Ribbon Reef No. 10
* The area of dugong habitat north of Lookout Point
* The Turtle Group
* Lizard Island
* South Direction Island to Rock Islets
* Ribbon Reef No. 7 to Williamson Reefs
* Hope Islands
* Cairns Reef to Gill Patches
* Cedar Bay (Obree Point to Fritz Creek)
* Cape Tribulation to Lake Reef (Weary Bay)
* Noah Head
* Coastline adjacent to Mt Emmett
* Alexandra Bay – Cooper Creek to Bailey Creek
* Bailey Point
* Coastline adjacent to Black Rock
* Cape Kimberley and Snapper Island
* Undine Reef
* Michaelmas Reef to Upolu Cay
* Euston Reef to North West Reef
* Elford and Briggs Reefs
* Sudbury Cay
* Sudbury Reef (Flora Pass)
* High Island
* Frankland I slands (South)
* North Barnard Islands
* South Barnard Islands
* Beaver and Taylor Reefs

### *Townsville/Whitsunday*

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* Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island
* [Magnetic Island – Management   
   of Jet Skis](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/870)
* [Bauer Bay, South Molle Island](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3469)

* [Blue Pearl Bay, Hayman Island](https://www2.gbrmpa.gov.au/access/locations/townsvillewhitsundays-site-specific-management)

* [Cow and Calf Islands](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/1126)

* [Deloraine Island](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/1127)

* [Double Bay (East)](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/1130)

* [Eshelby Island](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/1131)

* [Haslewood and Lupton Islands](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/1129)

* [Tongue Bay, Hill Inlet, Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Island](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/837)
* Beaver Reef
* Taylor Reef & Cay

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### *Mackay/Capricorn*

* [Lady Musgrave Island Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/2997) (focus on managing tourism and recreation)

* [Fitzroy Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3472)

* [Keppel Bay and islands](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3471)

* [Lady Elliot Island Reef](https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3470)

# Specific closures

1. Specific closures have been agreed between GBRMPA and the State of Queensland to restrict access to certain areas. Some closures are year-round, while others are seasonal, such as during seabird or turtle nesting seasons.
2. Some specific closures are statutory, but most are non-statutory policy decisions based on best available information. They are usually included in permit conditions.

## Tourist program exclusion areas

1. Tourist program exclusion areas usually complement limits on adjacent coasts or islands. For example, if an island cannot be visited during certain periods, the Marine Parks permission also restricts access to the intertidal area (such as the beach) around this island.
2. Generally, tourist programs are not allowed to access the locations listed in Table 3 during the specified periods.

Table 3. Tourist program exclusion areas

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| Far Northern Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 11-010 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Cairncross Islet (Denham Island Group | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-035 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Milman Island (Denham Island Group) | All year |
| 11-052 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Cholmondeley Islet | All year |
| 11-055 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Wallace Islet (Denham Island Group) | All year |
| 11-138 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Bushy Islets (2 islands) (Saunders Islands) | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 11-138 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Macarthur Islands (Saunders Islands) | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-165 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Saunders Islet (Saunders Islands) | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-174 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Magra Islet (Saunders Islands) | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 12-027 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Quoin Island | All year |
| 13-056 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Sandbank No 8 | All year |
| 13-061c | Intertidal areas adjacent to Sandbank No 7 | All year |
| 13-081 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Fife Island (Claremont Isles Group) | All year |
| 13-107 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Pelican Island (Claremont Isles Group) | All year |
| 14-054 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Stapleton Island (Howick Island Group) | All year |
| 14-063 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Combe Island (Howick Island Group) | All year |
| Additional exclusions when using vessel(s) greater than 35 metres and less than 70 metres | | |
| 11-062 | Boydong Island Reef | All Year |
| 13-031 | Night Island Reef | 1 Sep - 31 Apr |
| 13-072 | Morris Island Reef | 1 Sep - 31 Apr |
| 14-038 | Pipon Island Reef | 1 Sep - 31 Apr |
| 14-064 | Ingram Island Reef | 1 Sep - 31 Apr |
| Cairns/Cooktown Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 14-116d | Intertidal areas adjacent to Seabird Islet (Lizard Island Group) | All Year |
| 14-118 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Eagle Islet | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 14-132 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Rocky Islets | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 15-005 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Three Islands | All Year |
| 15-064 | Intertidal areas adjacent to West Hope Island | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 17-046 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Sisters Island (South Barnards Islands) | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 17-046 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Stephens Island (South Barnards Islands) | 1 Sep - 31 Mar |
| 17-051 | Waters adjacent to Beaver Reef | All Year |
| N/A | All State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets | All Year |
| N/A | Intertidal areas adjacent to Cape Tribulation Bay | All Year |
| Townsville/Whitsunday Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 17-053a | Intertidal areas adjacent to Mound (Purtaboi) Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 17-053c | Intertidal areas adjacent to Woln-Garin Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 18-001b | Intertidal areas adjacent to Pee Rahm Ah Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 18-008 | Intertidal areas adjacent to the Brook Islands | All Year |
| 18-013b | Intertidal areas adjacent to Eva Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 18-014 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Agnes Beach (Hinchinbrook Island) | All Year |
| 19-009g | Waters adjacent to Lovers Bay (Magnetic Island) | All Year |
| 19-009g | Waters adjacent to Wilson Bay (Magnetic Island) | All Year |
| 19-103 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Holbourne Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-012 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Eshelby Island | All Year |
| 20-013 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Little Eshelby Island | All Year |
| 20-017 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Black Island | All Year |
| 20-019b | Intertidal areas adjacent to Bird Island | All Year |
| 20-021 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Olden Rock (South East of Olden Island) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-022 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Armit Island (South Beach only) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-023 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Little Armit Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-024 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Double Cone Island (West Island only) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-026 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Edwin Rock | All Year |
| 20-030 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Grassy Island (South Beach only) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-054 | Intertidal areas adjacent to East Rock | All Year |
| 20-102 | Intertidal areas adjacent to Shaw Island (Burning Point beach only) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-210 | Intertidal areas adjacent to South Repulse Island (West Beach only, excluding campsite | 1 Oct - 31 Ma |
| N/A | All State Marine Park rivers and streams between Edgecumbe Bay (Adelaide Point) and Midge Point | All Year |
| Hinchinbrook Area (not applicable to non-motorised guided tour) | | |
| 17-053 | Mound (Purtaboi Island) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 17-053c | Woln-Garin Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 18-001b | Pee Rahm Ah Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 18-008 | Middle Island (Brook Islands) | All Year |
| 18-008 | North Island (Brook Islands) | All Year |
| 18-008 | South Island (Brook Islands) | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 18-008 | Tween Island (Brook Islands) | All Year |
| 18-013b | Eva Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| Mackay/Capricorn Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 20-310 | Waters adjacent to Bushy Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 20-310 | Waters adjacent to Redbill Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 21-172 | Waters adjacent to Riptide Cay | All Year |
| 21-435 | Waters adjacent to Bell Cay | All Year |
| 23-068 | Waters adjacent to Erskine Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 23-080 | Waters adjacent to East Hoskyn Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 23-080 | Waters adjacent to West Hoskyn Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 23-081 | Waters adjacent to East Fairfax Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 23-081 | Waters adjacent to West Fairfax Island | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |

## Aircraft exclusion areas

1. Aircraft exclusion areas are usually established to protect nesting seabirds but may protect other sensitive species or human amenity.
2. Generally, aircraft are not allowed to approach locations listed in Table 4 at an altitude of less than 1500 feet during the specified exclusion periods.

Table 4. Aircraft exclusion areas

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| Far Northern Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 11-167 | Bird Island North | All year |
| 11-062 | Boydong Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 13-111 | Burkitt Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-009 | Bushy Island | All year |
| 11-010 | Cairncross Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-010 | Chapman Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-052 | Cholmondeley Islet | All year |
| 14-017 | Clack Island | All year |
| 14-012 | Cliff Islands | All year |
| 14-013 | Cliff Islands | All year |
| 14-063 | Combe Islet | All year |
| 13-130 | Davie Cay | All year |
| 11-038 | Douglas Islet | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 13-081 | Fife Island | All year |
| 10-338 | Frigate Cay | All year |
| 13-097 | Hannah Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 13-083 | Hay Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 14-018 | King Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 12-084 | Lloyd Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 13-045 | Lowrie Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 11-138 | MacArthur Islands and Bushy Islet | All year |
| 11-174 | Magra Islet | All year |
| 13-072 | Morris Island | All year |
| 13-031 | Night Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 13-107 | Pelican Island | All year |
| 14-038 | Pipon Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 12-027 | Quoin Island | All year |
| 11-070 | Reef Cay | All year |
| 13-061c | Sandbank Number 7 | All year |
| 13-056 | Sandbank Number 8 | All year |
| 11-165 | Saunders Islet | All year |
| 14-101 | Sinclair Island | All year |
| 11-026 | Sinclair Islet | All year |
| 11-184 | Sir Charles Hardy Island (southernmost island) | All year |
| 13-113 | Stainer Island | All year |
| 14-054 | Stapleton Islet | All year |
| 13-133 | Tydeman Cay | All year |
| 11-055 | Wallace Islet | All year |
| 11-136 | West Hannibal Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 13-091 | Wilkie Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| Cairns/Cooktown Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 17-051 | Beaver Reef | All year |
| 14-118 | Eagle Islet | All year |
| 16-054 | Fitzroy Island Reef | All year |
| 15-003 | Low Wooded Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 14-115 | Nymph Island | All year |
| 14-132 | Rocky Islets | All year |
| 14-116d | Seabird Islet (Lizard Island Group)(intertidal area) | All year |
| 17-046 | Sisters Island (South Barnards Islands) | All year |
| 17-046 | Stephens Island (South Barnards Islands) | All year |
| 17-064 | Taylor Cay | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 15-005 | Three Islands | All year |
| 14-120 | Turtle Group Islands | All year |
| 15-002 | Two Islands | All year |
| NA - QLD | Coastal intertidal area between the Daintree and Bloomfield Rivers | All year |
| NA – QLD | State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets between Bloomfield River and Mission Beach | All year |
| NA - QLD | Cape Tribulation Bay (intertidal area) | All year |
| Townsville/Whitsunday Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 18-057 | Albino Rock | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-022 | Armit Island (south beach only) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 19-017 | Bare Islet | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 18-002 | Battleship Rock (Pee-rahm-ah Island) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 19-007 | Bay Rock | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-019b | Bird Island | All year |
| 20-017 | Black Island | All year |
| 18-060 | Dido Rock | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-024 | Double Cone Island (west island only) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-054 | East Rock | All year |
| 20-026 | Edwin Rock | All year |
| 20-030 | Grassy Island | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-041 | Gulnare Inlet (Whitsunday Island) | All year |
| 19-103 | Holbourne Island | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-023 | Little Armit Island | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 20-028 | Macona Inlet (Hook Island) | All year |
| 20-028 | Nara Inlet (Hook Island) | All year |
| 20-021 | Olden Rock (southeast of Olden Island) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-102 | Shaw Island (Burning Point Beach only) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 20-210 | South Repulse Island (west beach only) | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| NA – QLD | State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets between Edgecumbe Bay (Adelaide Point) and Midge Point | All year |
| Mackay/Capricorn Management Area | | |
| Reef ID | Area (common name) | Period |
| 22-067 | Akens Island | All year |
| 21-378 | Aquila Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 21-372 | Bald Islet | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 23-031 | Barren Island | All year |
| 22-064 | Bay Island | All year |
| 20-310 | Bushy Island | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 23-081 | East Fairfax Island Reef | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 23-080 | East Hoskyn Island Reef | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 23-068 | Erskine Island Reef | All year |
| 22-015 | Flock Pigeon Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 23-052 | Heron Island | All year |
| 23-082 | Lady Musgrave Island Reef | All year |
| 23-069 | Masthead Island Reef | All year |
| 23-045 | North Reef | 1 Oct - 31 Mar |
| 23-049 | North West Island | All year |
| 22-074 | Pelican Rock | All year |
| 20-310 | Redbill Island | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 21-367 | Red Clay Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 21-172 | Riptide Cay Reef | All year |
| 23-056 | Rundle Island | All year |
| 23-030 | The Child | All year |
| 23-046 | Tryon Island Reef | All year |
| 23-081 | West Fairfax Island Reef | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 21-316 | West Hill Island | 1 Sep – 31 Mar |
| 23-080 | West Hoskyn Island Reef | 1 Oct – 31 Mar |
| 23-050 | Wilson Island Reef | All year |
| NA – QLD | Pancake Creek | All year |

# Queensland – Statutory instruments

## Fish Habitat Areas

1. [Fish Habitat Areas](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/habitat-areas/index.html) are declared under the *Fisheries Act 1994* (Qld) to protect highly productive fish habitats from physical disturbance while still allowing legal fishing.
2. Permission assessments consider whether a Fish Habitat Area is located nearby and, if so, any potential direct or indirect impacts that may be caused by the proposal.

## Management Plans

1. [Management plans](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/plans.html) are statutory instruments under the [*Nature Conservation Act 1992*](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/N/NatureConA92.pdf) (Qld) which describe the values of a park and how it should be managed.
2. Those potentially of relevance to the Marine Park include:
   1. [Barnard Island Group National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/barnard-island-group-national-park-1998.pdf)
   2. [Bowling Green Bay National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/bowling-green-bay-national-park-2000.pdf)
   3. [Broadwater Regional Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/protected-areas-in-the-agnes-water-1770-area-1998.pdf)
   4. [Brook Islands and Goold Island National Parks](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/brook-island-and-goold-island-national-parks-1999.pdf)
   5. [Bushy Island National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/register/p02956aa.pdf)
   6. [Byfield Area](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/mp003-byfield-area-mgmt-plan.pdf) and adjoining Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park
   7. [Cape Hillsborough, Pioneer Peaks, Mount Ossa, Mount Martin and Reliance Creek national parks and adjoining State Waters](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/cape-hillsborough-etc-mgtplan-parl-approved-2011.pdf)
   8. [Capricorn Coast National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/capricorn-coast-national-park-2000.pdf)
   9. [Capricornia Cays National Park and adjoining State Waters](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/capricorn-cays-management-plan-final-140820.pdf)
   10. [Family Islands National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/family-islands-national-park-2000.pdf)
   11. [Fitzroy Island National Park and Marine Management Area](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/fitzroy-mgtplan-2011.pdf)
   12. [Frankland Group National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/frankland-group-national-park-1998.pdf)
   13. [Green Island Recreation Area, incorporating Green Island National Park, part of Cairns Marine Park (State) and part of the GBRMP (Commonwealth) and Green Island National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/green-island-1999.pdf)
   14. [Hinchinbrook Island National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/hinchinbrook-island-national-park-1999.pdf)
   15. [Holbourne Island National Park and adjoining State Waters](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/mp051-holbourne-island-np-mgtplan-gic-approved-2011.pdf)
   16. [Hope Islands National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/hope-islands-national-park-1998.pdf)
   17. [Keppel Bay Islands National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/keppel-bay-islands-national-park-scientific-1998.pdf)
   18. [Michaelmas and Upolu Cays National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/michaelmas-and-upolu-cays-national-park-1998.pdf)
   19. [Orpheus Island National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/orpheus-island-national-park-2000.pdf)
   20. [Three Islands Group National Park and adjoining tidal lands](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/mp069-three-islands-group-national-park-mgtplan-ginc-approved-2012.pdf)
   21. [Turtle Group National Park](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/pdf/turtle-group-national-park-1998.pdf)

# Queensland – Non-statutory plans and policies

## Management Statements

1. [Management statements](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/) are non-statutory plans under the [*Nature Conservation Act 1992*](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/N/NatureConA92.pdf) *(Qld).* They briefly explain the values of a park and the key management objectives.
2. Those potentially of relevance to the Marine Park include:
   1. [Bowling Green Bay](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/bowling-green-bay-rpms.pdf) Regional Park
   2. Boyne Island Regional Park
   3. [Broad Sound Islands National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/broad-sound-islands.html)
   4. [Cape Melville National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/cape-melville.html)
   5. [Cape Pallarenda Regional Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/cape-pallarenda-rpms.pdf)
   6. [Cape Palmerston National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/cape-palmerston.html)
   7. [Cape Upstart Area](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/cape-upstart.html)
   8. [Claremont Isles National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/claremont-isles.html)
   9. [Conway-Dryander Area](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/conway-dryander.html)
   10. [Curtis Island Area](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/curtis-island.html)
   11. [Daintree National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/daintree.html)
   12. [Djiru National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/djiru.html)
   13. [Ella Bay National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/ella-bay.html)
   14. [Endeavour River Area](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/endeavour-river.html)
   15. [Etty Bay Road Regional Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/etty-bay-road-rpms.pdf)
   16. [Girramay National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/girramay.pdf)
   17. [Girringun National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/girringun.html)
   18. [Halifax Bay Wetlands National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/halifax-bay.html)
   19. [Keppel Bay Islands National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/keppel-bay-islands.html)
   20. [Kurrimine Beach Regional Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/kurrimine-beach-rpms.pdf)
   21. [Kurrimine Beach National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/kurrimine-beach.html)
   22. [Lizard Island National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/lizard-island.html)
   23. [Mackay Islands Protected Areas](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/mackay-island.html)
   24. Magnetic Island (Yunbenun)
   25. [Piper Islands National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/piper-islands.html)
   26. [Raine Island](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/raine-island.html)
   27. Saunders Islands National Park
   28. [Shoalwater Bay Regional Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/pdf/shoalwater-bay-rpms.pdf)
   29. [Sir Charles Hardy Group National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/sir-charles-hardy-group.html)
   30. [Swain Reefs National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/swain-reefs.html)
   31. [Whitsunday Islands National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/whitsunday-islands.html)
   32. [Wild Cattle Island National Park](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/managing/plans-strategies/statements/wild-cattle-island.html).

## Whitsunday and Mackay Islands Visitor Strategy

1. The [Whitsunday and Mackay Islands Visitor Strategy 2007](https://www.npsr.qld.gov.au/register/p02299aa.pdf) strategy explains the Queensland Government’s desired outcomes and strategies for managing visitation. The strategy informs day-to-day operational decisions, including permission system decisions.

# Implementation

1. These guidelines will be reviewed and updated at least every three (3) years.
2. The Permission system policy and other assessment guidelines are available which provide further detail on how GBRMPA assesses, decides and manages specific aspects of the permission system and application process.

For actions that are wholly or partially outside the Marine Parks, the Authority will continue to liaise with 52.the Commonwealth Department responsible for the *Environment Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999.* Where a bilateral agreement exists between the Australian Government and the Queensland Government, depending on the terms of the agreement the Commonwealth Department’s role may be delivered by the Queensland Government. The Authority will work with both levels of government according to agreed procedures, such as a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide advice on matters that may affect the Great Barrier Reef.

# Definitions

Refer to the [Permission System Policy](http://hdl.handle.net/11017/3224) for a list of general definitions relating to the permission system.

Part 5 notification

Notice given to GBRMPA, by a person, of the intention to use or enter the Marine Park without permission in accordance with Part 5.2 of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003.*

Ship

Has the meaning given by r31 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983.

# Supporting information

1. Hyperlinks to supporting information are provided throughout the document.

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