



**Australian Government** 

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

## Low Islands Reef Site Arrangements

The Low Isles are a Sensitive Location with important bird nesting and roosting grounds as well as significant conservation, scientific research and indigenous cultural heritage values. Follow the special requirements for this location to help protect its sensitive values.

## Low Island Locality and Woody Island

- Sensitive Location
- Low use Location
- Access to island only between sunrise and sunset (except with permission)
- Vessel and aircraft speed limit of six knots
- Aircraft must stay above 1500 feet
- Vessels less than 35 metres can access and anchor
- Use public moorings where available
- No-anchoring area marked by reef protection markers
- Anchoring is allowed within 50 metres of a mooring or 200 metres of a pontoon
- Vessels greater than 35 metres and no more than 70 metres can anchor outside a Location (vessels may gain access if operating to a suitable mooring)
- No hull scraping, cleaning or painting
- No discharge of greywater, sewage, fresh fish or parts of fresh fish
- Two vessels bookings per day (for tourism operations)
- Low Island Locality- five private moorings allowed
- Low Isles Reef four private moorings are allowed
- One pontoon allowed

## Woody Island

- Closed from September to March to protect nesting pied imperial pigeons
- \* Group sizes are including crew and excluding children under 4
- \* The boundary of a 'Location' is generally 500 metres from the seaward edge of the reef
- \* A primary mooring that also has northerly mooring are considered one mooring
- \* Refer to the Cairns Area Plan of Management 1998 for more information