

Appendix 4 – Criteria for Approval of Environmental Management Plans

Environmental Management Plans should be assessed against the following elements to determine their suitability for approval by the Authority.

Aim

Roles and responsibilities (clear reporting mechanism to the research facility manager and to the GBRMPA)

Environmental elements

- Site information (general description)
- Identification of surrounding uses
- Identification of potential impacts on
 - local areas or resources (overuse)
 - other users of the area (including amenity & conflict of use)
 - other researchers or research programs

Performance Objectives and Indicators

- what are the performance outcomes that the station hopes to achieve
- Criteria against which the implementation of the actions and the level of achievement of the performance objectives will be measured.

Monitoring / Reporting

Management Actions And Strategies

- The actions to be undertaken to achieve the performance objective, including any necessary approvals, applications and consultation.
- Notification requirements before accessing area, who will be notified and how (e.g. email, fax, telephone).
- Researchers required to sign EMP, stating they understand the terms and conditions of operating in the SFZ
- Education handouts, induction procedure at research facility

Monitoring And Auditing

- Formal annual audit to allow review and modification of EMP

Corrective Action And Review

- Compliance – who would be responsible
- Procedure for managing non-compliance
- Ensuring researchers are from an accredited institution
- Process for review and amending EMP including periodicity and mechanism for review of EMP