## THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, ITS FUTURE impacts of climate change, declining water quality and coastal **AND YOU**

The diversity of life throughout the Great Barrier Reef is internationally-recognised as being of outstanding universal value, and has helped earn the area World Heritage status.

This natural wonder houses the largest coral reef ecosystem on Earth with a stunning array of habitats including coral cays, continental islands, mangrove forests, estuaries, seagrass meadows, sponge gardens and deep oceanic waters.

Almost the entire Great Barrier Reef ecosystem is included within two marine parks. The Australian Government's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park extends over 2300 kilometres and covers 344,400km<sup>2</sup>. This Marine Park is complemented by the Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park in adjacent Queensland waters.

Both provide the balance between protecting the Reef's ecosystems while supporting a wide range of ecologicallysustainable uses.

The Australian and Queensland governments are committed to the long-term health of the Reef and know its future depends on the actions we take now. Pressures such as the

development are dominant threats to the Reef's future.

We all have a responsibility to protect the Reef for future

generations. As a user of the marine parks, your role is even

more important. While numerous steps are underway to

mitigate the threats and build resilience, you can do your bit

by using this map to understand the zoning rules and what's

allowed, by adopting Responsible Reef and Island Practices

when in the marine parks, and by reducing your carbon

footprint to support global action on climate change.

Most recreational visitors to the marine parks will not need installing structures and works such as moorings, using specific craft such as a hovercraft, most commercial activities such as tourist operations and some types of research. Permits are issued jointly by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (QPWS), part of the Department of Environment and Science assessments@gbrmpa.gov.au or visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au.

### MARINE PARK ZONING EXPLAINED

Marine Park zoning is an important component in managing marine areas. It is a key strategy for improving the Great Barrier Reef's health and resilience and has been developed in a way widely considered to be best practice. A healthy and productive Reef provides substantial benefits to local communities and the wider economy.

Zoning Plans are key pieces of legislation Reef users need to adhere to. The Australian Government's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003 and the Queensland Government's Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Zoning Plan 2004 define what activities can occur in which locations. The zoning plans provide for a range of ecologically sustainable recreational, commercial and research opportunities and for the continuation of traditional activities.

Each zone has different rules for what activities are allowed, what's prohibited and what requires a permit. Zones may also place restrictions on how some activities are conducted. Make sure you also check Special Management Areas on each map (see below), as they can change what's allowed in each zone. To safeguard the future health of the Reef, non-compliance with zoning rules is taken seriously and penalties apply.

Rules for commercial fishing can differ to recreational fishing. Commercial fishers should consult the zoning plans for more information.

### **GENERAL USE (LIGHT BLUE) ZONE**

Here is an overview of the zones:

Most reasonable activities can occur in Light Blue Zones while still allowing for the conservation of these areas.

#### HABITAT PROTECTION (DARK BLUE) ZONE

Dark Blue Zones protect sensitive habitats by ensuring they are generally free from potentially damaging activities. Trawling is not permitted in Dark Blue Zones.

### **CONSERVATION PARK (YELLOW) ZONE**

Yellow Zones allow for increased protection and conservation of areas while allowing for limited extractive use. Fishing is limited to one line and one hook, and trolling with a maximum of three lines and six hooks is permitted (see fishing definitions).

### **BUFFER (OLIVE GREEN) ZONE**

In Olive Green Zones, trolling for pelagic species is the only

There are 70 Commonwealth islands that together form form of extractive activity allowed. Examples of pelagic species are marlin, trevally, mackerel, tuna, wahoo and cobia.

## **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (ORANGE) ZONE**

Orange Zones allow for scientific research in areas undisturbed by extractive activities. One type of Orange Zone is shown on the maps as green with an orange outline. While public access is allowed, a permit or accreditation is required to conduct research in this type of Orange Zone. The second type of Orange Zone, shown as solid orange on the maps, is a Restricted Access Area and public access is not allowed. There are presently two of these Orange Zones, one adjacent to the Australian Institute of Marine Science near Townsville (Map 7) and the other at One Tree Island Research Station in the Capricorn Bunker Group (Map 18).

**EXTRA PROTECTION: SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS** 

are strongly encouraged to get to know any Special Management Area requirements that apply.

**Great Barrier Reef** 

**Marine Park Zoning** 

on your phone outside of mobile range

# **WILL YOU NEED A PERMIT?**

a permit. The types of activities that require permits include (the Authority) and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (DES). For more information, contact the Authority via

**MARINE NATIONAL PARK (GREEN) ZONE** 

Green Zones are 'no-take' areas where extractive activities

enter a Green Zone for low impact activities such as boating,

Green Zone with fish on board is allowed, provided the fish

were caught outside the Green Zone and your fishing gear is

such as fishing or collecting are prohibited. Anyone can

swimming, snorkelling and sailing. Travelling through a

appropriately stowed or secured (see fishing definitions).

Pink Zones are the most restrictive type of zone and are

strictly 'no-go' areas. You cannot enter a Pink Zone without

a permit and all extractive activities are strictly prohibited.

Research may only occur in a Pink Zone with a permit.

**COMMONWEALTH ISLANDS ZONE** 

**ESTUARINE CONSERVATION ZONE** 

The Estuarine Conservation Zones provide for the protection

of estuarine areas of Queensland's Great Barrier Reef Coast

Marine Park in a natural state while allowing the public to

appreciate and enjoy the relatively undisturbed nature of

those areas. Line fishing and crabbing are allowed in this

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(BROWN ON MAP)

PRESERVATION (PINK) ZONE

The two marine parks generally have complementary zoning. This 2003 describes zone boundaries for the Great Barrier Reef

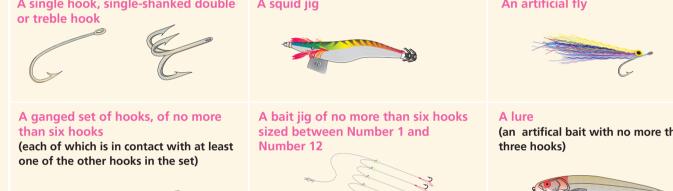
Note: Special Management Area (SMA) rules also apply to fishing. This guide must be read in conjunction with Special

### FISHING DEFINITIONS

Trolling Trolling is line fishing that occurs behind a vessel that is underway. A vessel is considered underway only if it is being propelled through the water in a forward direction (whether by engine, sail or human power) and the vessel is not adrift.

Line fishing A maximum of three hand-held rods or handlines and six hooks per person is allowed when line fishing in the General Use (Light Blue), Habitat Protection (Dark Blue) and Estuarine Conservation Zones. In Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones, all fishing – other than trolling – is restricted to limited line fishing, which means using a maximum of one hand-held line or rod per person with a maximum of one hook.

#### One hook One hook can be:



## component of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The zone

includes intertidal areas and extends down to the low water Stowed or secured mark on these Commonwealth islands. Gear that is used for fishing must be stowed or secured while in a zone where the use of the equipment is not permitted. For example, you can travel through the Marine National Park (Green) Zone with fishing gear on board provided that all fishing lines are stowed or secured – that is – any line or hand-held rod is rendered inoperative and stowed or secured inboard the boat and completely out of the water.

> If a vessel is navigating through a zone where the use of trawl equipment is prohibited, equipment must be stowed or secured in accordance with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019. Commercial fishers should consult the zoning plans or contact the Authority or QPWS for more information.

# RECREATIONAL FISHING, SPEARFISHING, CRABBING, BAIT NETTING AND COLLECTING

**Limited collecting** 

Limited spearfishing

(The taking of an animal or plant by hand or hand-held implement that is

coral) can be taken in General Use (Light Blue), Habitat

Protection (Dark Blue), Conservation Park (Yellow) and

(Limited spearfishing means fishing with a spear or speargun not using a

powerhead, a firearm, a light or underwater breathing apparatus other

✓ In Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones that are **not** declared

**Public Appreciation Special Management Areas** 

Public Appreciation Special Management Areas

Estuarine Conservation Zones, except when collecting bait

✓ Generally no more than five of any one species (except)

not motorised or pneumatically or hydraulically operated)

or oysters for immediate use or consumption

X The collection of coral (alive or dead) is strictly

prohibited throughout the marine parks

and Estuarine Conservation Zones

**★** All collecting prohibited in all other zones

Line fishing and trolling

(Maximum three lines with a combined total of six hooks per person. Trolling must occur behind a vessel that is underway)

- ✓ In General Use (Light Blue), Habitat Protection (Dark Blue) and Estuarine Conservation Zones
- ✓ In Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones **Limited line fishing** (one line, one hook – see diagrams above)
- ✓ In Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones trolling with maximum three lines and combined total of six hooks

apply in the Ribbon Reefs Buffer Zone

✓ In Buffer (Olive Green) Zone trolling for pelagic fish species is the **only form of fishing allowed**. Seasonal closures

## X Prohibited in all other zones

Bait netting

sea country.

✓ In General Use (Light Blue), Habitat Protection (Dark Blue), ✓ In General Use (Light Blue), Habitat Protection (Dark Blue)

Conservation Park (Yellow) and Estuarine Conservation Zones

X Prohibited in all other zones

**Crabbing (trapping)** (Maximum of four pots, dillies, collapsible traps per person)

X Prohibited in Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones declared

#### ✓ In General Use (Light Blue), Habitat Protection (Dark Blue), Conservation Park (Yellow) and Estuarine Conservation Zones **X** Prohibited in all other zones

## X Prohibited in all other zones

PROTECTING REEF HERITAGE

are a few examples of what lies within the marine parks.

information about Reef heritage.

In all zones where fishing is allowed, Queensland Fisheries legislation (e.g. size and bag limits, gear restrictions, protected species, closed seasons) also applies. Contact Fisheries Queensland for more detail. See the contact section on this map or visit your local Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol office.

The heritage of the Great Barrier Reef is extensive and internationally significant. The Reef as a whole is an important part of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, with Traditional Owners having a custodial responsibility to preserve their land and

It's also the home to many individual artefacts, significant sites and important natural assets – historic ship and plane wrecks, stone

fish traps, jetties, mangrove forests, shell middens, lightstations, 3000 coral reefs, shipwreck survivor camps, and island grave sites

We all have an important role to play in protecting Reef heritage for future generations. Make sure you adopt Responsible Reef

and Island Practices (see far right panel) and report what you see via our Eye on the Reef app. See www.gbrmpa.gov.au for more

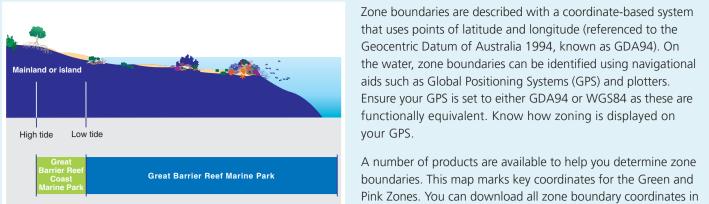
Special Management Areas manage access or use of a specific area and are an additional layer of protection on top of zoning.

There are different types of Special Management Areas across the marine parks and these are shown on the relevant zoning maps.

2019. There are no Special Management Areas in the area depicted on this map, however, if you are travelling to other areas you

Detailed boundary descriptions for the Special Management Areas are found in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations

#### MARINE PARK BOUNDARIES **NAVIGATING ZONE BOUNDARIES**



The Australian Government's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park extends seaward from the low water mark. The Queensland Government's Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park lies adjacent and generally extends landward to the high water mark or extent of the tide. Most rivers, creeks, intertidal areas and estuaries are considered to be Queensland waters, as are internal waters like Hinchinbrook Channel. For a description of where this Marine Park boundary is located, particularly in areas such as river and creek crossings, see Schedule 2 of the Marine Parks (Declaration) Regulation 2006 available from www.legislation.qld.gov.au.

means activities that can occur in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Commonwealth) are also allowed in the adjacent Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park (Queensland). Some Great Barrier Schedule 1 of the Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Reef Coast Marine Park zones extend into estuaries or mangrove forests — these are shown on the zoning maps.

Find detailed zoning rules for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park at www.gbrmpa.gov.au, or the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park at www.des.qld.gov.au.

Management Area information provided on these maps, as SMA requirements can change what's allowed in each zone.

a number of formats on the Authority's website.

Even without a GPS, you can still determine your position

relative to most coastal zone boundaries. Green Zones close

usually be lined up with recognisable coastal features such as

headlands. Zone boundaries have also been oriented north,

south, east and west as much as possible for ease of navigation.

You need to be aware that the coast is a natural feature which

may change due to climatic influences and other natural factors.

The primary reference for zone boundaries is the legislation.

Zoning Plan 2004 describes zone boundaries for the Great

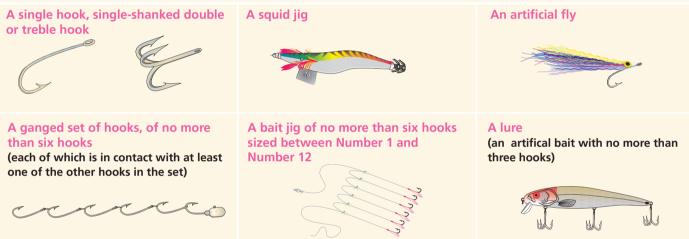
sand spits or river mouths – change or move over time.

Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park. Please note that the coordinates

do not change, even if coastal features near them – such as

Schedule 1 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan

to the coast are mostly simple shapes and boundaries can



## VISITING ISLANDS AND COASTS

The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area includes around 1050 islands, ranging from high continental islands to sandy or coral cays. Some periodically change shape and size and many of these islands are national parks. These islands and their beaches, along with many mainland coastal areas, are places where birds roost and nest and where marine turtles lay their eggs. Many islands are available for you to explore responsibly, whether camping or walking. QPWS manages all national park islands, from highly-visited inshore islands to remote coral cays of the outer Reef. Contact QPWS for more information.

## THE HARDLINE REEFS AREA

The Hardline Reefs are unique in the southern Great Barrier Reef. Their deep channels cut through vast expanses of reef and are more like northern Queensland's Ribbon Reefs. The Hardline Reefs have some coral cays that are not exposed at high tide, unlike the Swain Reefs further south.

Feeding areas for green and loggerhead turtles are found throughout the Hardline Reefs. Some of the tidal cays within the area provide important roosting places for birds, such as roseate terns.

**Swain Reefs National Park:** Part of this park – Rip Tide Cay, with its most north-easterly island reaching into this map – is restricted to public access due to seabird breeding and roosting. Apart from two islands near Cape York, Swain Reefs National Park has the only nesting masked booby colony on the Great Barrier Reef. It is also very important for nesting common noddies. This park supports the biggest non-breeding roseate tern population south of Cape York. Interestingly, northern hemisphere roseate

terns arrive in the Swain Reefs in the Queensland summer, while the roseate terns from the Capricornia Cays spend the Queensland

These cays also support nesting brown booby, crested tern, lesser crested tern, and bridled tern colonies. Most seabirds nest between October and March, however, masked boobies nest more commonly in winter.

The Swain Reefs have significant conservation value for nesting and roosting seabirds. At high water the cays offer the only available nesting sites for seabirds in a vast area of submerged coral reefs and sea.

# Silver gull predation on seabirds and how you can help:

- Silver gulls nest here and opportunistically prey on the exposed eggs and chicks of other seabirds when parent birds are scared away. Human activity increases this occurrence. Keep your distance from seabirds.
- Food scraps and fish frames thrown from passing boats attract silver gulls, unnaturally increasing their population and predation on seabird young. Take your waste back to the mainland and dump fish scraps at night.
- The Swain Reefs provide safe, sheltered waters for turtle courting and mating, and are vital nesting areas favoured by loggerhead and green turtles.

# PLEASE NOTE:

**Olympic Reef** is within a Preservation (Pink) Zone (see map), which is a strictly 'no go' area. A person cannot enter a Preservation (Pink) Zone unless they have written permission and extractive activities are strictly prohibited. Research may occur in a Preservation (Pink) Zone, if it cannot be undertaken elsewhere; but only if the research is relevant to, and a priority for, management. Pink Zones provide high-level protection for special and unique places, habitats, plants and animals within the Marine Park and provide an undisturbed 'baseline' for comparison with other zones.

# **BE PEST FREE**

Our precious Great Barrier Reef World Heritage islands are among the most pest-free islands in the world. They need your help to stay this way.

Before you visit, please check that your boat, clothing, footwear and gear are free of soil, seeds, parts of plants, eggs, insects, spiders, lizards, toads, rats and mice.

#### Be sure to: • Unpack your camping gear and equipment and check it carefully, as pests can hide here • Clean soil from footwear and gear as invisible killers such as viruses, bacteria and fungi are carried in soil

• Check pockets, cuffs, and hook-and-loop fasteners (e.g. Velcro) for seeds. While you're on the islands; remove soil, weeds, seeds and pests from your boat, gear and clothes before moving to a new site.

Wrap seeds and plant material, and place them in your rubbish. Everyone in Queensland has a general biosecurity obligation to minimise the risks posed by their activities. This includes the biosecurity risk of introducing and spreading weeds and pests to island national parks.



When anchoring or mooring, it's important to protect fragile habitats and avoid anchoring on coral – look for sand instead (see the Responsible Reef and Island Practices section on this map). In some high-use areas, public moorings are available. These blue beehive-shaped buoys are used on a first-come first-served basis – no booking is needed, but time limits apply. Designed to suit different-sized vessels, the colour-coded band and information on the buoy and the pick-up line helps you prevent misuse of public moorings. Visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au. mooring and no-anchoring area locations.



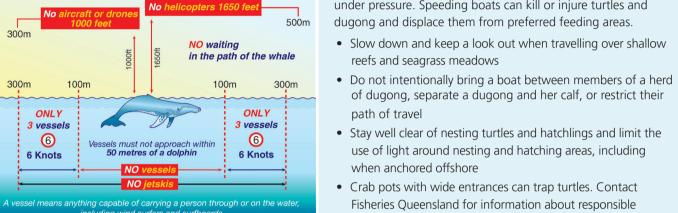
No-anchoring areas are in-place in some high-use locations to further protect fragile coral. Generally they are marked with reef protection markers, which are white pyramid-shaped buoys with blue marine parks labels. Do not tie up to, or use reef protection markers as a mooring. Penalties apply. While no-anchoring areas are generally permanent, temporary

no-anchoring areas may be located where damage such as coral bleaching has occurred. Please observe no-anchoring areas determine if it will be suitable for your vessel. Penalties and rules wherever they are placed. Visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au for

### **HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND MARINE ANIMALS**

The Great Barrier Reef is a refuge for many marine animals of conservation concern. For a number of species, the Reef is vital for their survival and recovery. You can help protect these species by following these Responsible Reef and Island Practices. To report sick, injured or stranded marine animals phone DES Hotline 1300 130 372.

#### WHALES AND DOLPHINS **TURTLES AND DUGONG**



Watching whales and dolphins can be exciting but approach distances must be respected both for the animals' safety and

- Be alert and watch out for whales and dolphins at all times, particularly May to September Slow down to minimise the risk of collision and do not
- intentionally bring a boat between a pod of whales or dolphins, or restrict their path of travel
- Let the whale or dolphin control the encounter never try to round up or herd, or try to get dolphins to bowride
- Avoid disturbing mothers and their calves and do not approach closer than 300 metres to a whale calf or 150 metres to a dolphin calf.

# All six species of turtle and the dugong are threatened and

reefs and seagrass meadows

- under pressure. Speeding boats can kill or injure turtles and dugong and displace them from preferred feeding areas. Slow down and keep a look out when travelling over shallow
- of dugong, separate a dugong and her calf, or restrict their path of travel • Stay well clear of nesting turtles and hatchlings and limit the
- use of light around nesting and hatching areas, including when anchored offshore Crab pots with wide entrances can trap turtles. Contact Fisheries Queensland for information about responsible

Islands and cays within the Great Barrier Reef support breeding seabird populations, several resident shorebird species and dozens of island-based bird species. Many of these populations are under pressure. The World Heritage Area is also an important feeding and resting area for migrating international seabirds and shorebirds. Even slight disturbances to breeding birds can stop them from successfully raising chicks.

- Land and launch boats away from seabirds or shorebirds Stay well clear of nesting and roosting birds and never try to touch them, their chicks or eggs, or scare them off their nests
- Closures are in place at some islands to protect coastal birds. Refer to the 'Find a park or forest' section at www.des.qld.gov.au for closures. Check for regulatory signage on islands before landing.

HELP PROTECT THE REEF

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The Great Barrier Reef ecosystem is at a crossroads and the actions we take now will determine its long-term future. There are significant challenges ahead for the Reef to remain one of the world's healthiest ecosystems. Pressures such as impacts from climate change and declining water quality will largely dominate the Reef's future health. How the Reef responds will depend on its ability to withstand and adapt to these pressures and the actions we each take.

Before heading out to the marine parks, or to an island, run through the following checklists and refer to the Responsible Reef and



# **BOATING**

Marine Park Authority

QUEENSLAND

and Wildlife Service should be contacted for clarification of any matter.

Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority or Queensland Parks

and Schedule 1 of the Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Zoning Plan 2004 (Qld) for the Great

of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003 (Cth) for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

no legal effect. It is not a substitute for the zone boundary descriptions provided in Schedule 1

Important note for map users: This map is intended as a guide to zoning only and has

PARK AND GREAT BARRIER REEF COAST MARINE PARK

**WARINE PARKS** 

YOUR GUIDE TO THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE

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- Have a zoning map or download Have a zoning map and cross Management Area or Plan of
- **✓** Understand the definition of **Mathematical Mathematical Math**

Ph: 1800 380 048 (24-hour)

Vessel collisions or groundings:

1800 017 116 (Fisheries Queensland)

Marine animal strandings:

DES Hotline 1300 130 372

Search and rescue:

## **CAMPING OR WALKING** Plan where you are going and know what's allowed

REPORT SUSPECTED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

THER IMPORTANT 24-HOUR REPORTING CONTACTS

Web: www.gbrmpa.gov.au/report-an-incident

1800 641 792 (Australian Maritime Safety Authority)

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Fisheries offences (size/bag limits, gear offences):

All reports are taken seriously and investigated.

■ Bring a sturdy bag or container ■ Slow down over seagrass

- check it with your GPS Management Area or Plan of
- Know any anchoring or mooring Know where seasonal closures rules and responsible practices Have a bin onboard and take

REPORTING MARINE PARK AND NATIONAL PARK OFFENCES

Ensure your motor is well maintained, safety gear packed, and all in good working order

meadows and near coral reefs

Breaches of marine parks and island national parks rules can have serious environmental impacts and can compromise Reef health

and resilience. We take non-compliance seriously – patrols run day and night and significant penalties apply for breaking the rules.

# Leave your domestic animals

practice guidelines

Stay on marked tracks

Carry sufficient water

**GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK** 

**GREAT BARRIER REEF COAST MARINE** 

PARK AND ISLAND NATIONAL PARKS

Department of Environment and Science

Ph: 13 25 23 Web: www.daf.qld.gov.au

**Australian Maritime Safety Authority** 

Report tagged fish: 1800 077 001

**Ph:** (02) 6279 5000 **Web:** www.amsa.gov.au

CONTACTS

**Ph:** (07) 4750 0700

Email: info@gbrmpa.gov.au Web: www.gbrmpa.gov.au

**Ph:** 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

**Email:** info@des.qld.gov.au

Web: www.des.qld.gov.au

OTHER CONTACTS

Fisheries Queensland

Bring gas or fuel stove for cook

Bring a sturdy bag or contain

to take rubbish home

are in place to protect species

or other gear, plastic bags and bottles and polystyrene foam are having an visiting a national park or increasingly devastating impact on our marine wildlife. Observe best island

ARDLINE REEFS

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- Stow your rubbish onboard and collect any you find Take all rubbish back to the mainland
- with you there are no bins on national park islands When at home, recycle what you can and ensure all other rubbish ends up in

# RESPECT OTHERS

the bin.

- Try to match your activities to the environment around you and be particularly conscious of the amount of noise you are making Learn about and respect Traditional
- Owner culture and their connections to sea country.

- Take only the fish you need
- to the water carefully and quickly to minimise injury Do not use pest or non-native fish for bait. Choose locally caught bait
- products as imported bait can increase watercourses and bury all faecal waste the risk of introducing disease or pest at least 15 centimetres deep
- Always ensure your boat is well Check if generators or compressors are maintained. Carry all necessary safety permitted at the site you intend to visit equipment and make sure everyone on board knows where it is stowed
- Slow down around shallow coral reefs, seagrass beds and beaches If you need to dispose of sewage at sea, Avoid using strong lights, making loud do so well away from reefs and islands.

For information on vessel sewage

equipment readily available.

DIVING OR SNORKELLING

particular watch your fins

check your gear is secure

making loud noises.

regulations visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au and www.msq.qld.gov.au Refuel on shore wherever possible. Use the correct gear and have spill response

- buoyancy control over sand patches and from the sea. They can occur along some beaches, around islands and cays and even in offshore areas far from the coast.
  - When fishing, always stand a few metres back from the water's edge and never stand on logs or branches
  - Never clean fish or discard fish scraps near the water's edge or at boat ramps Camp at least 2 metres above the high
  - the water's edge

www.marinestingers.com.au. Estuarine crocodiles live in areas covered

For more tips on how to be croc wise in



eritage Area, it is important to enjoy them in a ponsible and 'reef smart' way.







#### Dropping an anchor on coral takes Obtain your camping permits from seconds to damage or destroy and many

RESPONSIBLE REEF AND ISLAND PRACTICES ACROSS

Observing zoning rules is one way you can help to look after the Reef. By following

Area in good shape into the future. They are common sense and apply regardless

of where you visit. To learn about more ways to help the Reef and islands go to

Responsible Reef and Island Practices you will also help to maintain the World Heritage

THE WORLD HERITAGE AREA

www.gbrmpa.gov.au or www.des.qld.gov.au.

Use public moorings where available

Use your sand anchor and reef pick

appropriately to minimise damage

Use only as much chain as you need to

are there to protect coral

years for it to rebuild.

your sounder

not dragging.

- QPWS before visiting the islands. You can book online at www.qld.gov.au/camping or by phoning 13 QGOV (13 74 68) and observe no-anchoring areas - they
- Camp only in designated campsites and always display your campsite tag • Where possible, anchor in sand or mud
- away from corals and other fragile Use non ash-producing fuel stoves for marine environments. Suitable areas cooking. Open fires are not permitted often show up as flat and smooth on on national park islands.

### WHEN VISITING NATIONAL **PARK ISLANDS**

Fires are prohibited in the island

- hold the vessel without compromising national parks adjoining intertidal areas Keep watch to make sure the anchor is Leave your pets at home. Domestic animals are not permitted on national
  - park islands and all adjoining beaches and tidal lands Remove aliens such as seeds, insects or rodents from your camping gear,
  - Always use toilets where provided. Where there are no toilets, walk at least 100 meters from campsites or
  - Respect the islands. Do not graffiti facilities, headlands or other natural and cultural attractions
  - and the conditions that apply. On most islands they are not permitted.
  - seabirds and turtles food — do not leave food or scraps

# **BE CROC WISE IN CROC**

water sections of lagoons, swamps and waterways up to hundreds of kilometres

# overhanging the water

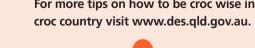
Rubbish such as discarded fishing line

Be more aware of crocodiles at night

# **SAFETY WARNINGS**

Protect yourself from biting insects and wear insect repellent.

by this marine parks zoning map.











 Return all undersized or unwanted fish clothes and shoes before visiting an

# WHEN WATCHING WILDLIFE

noises or moving suddenly near nesting Allow native animals to find their own

around your campsite. Feeding wildlife is prohibited

 Avoid standing on, leaning on, holding
 Estuarine crocodiles live mainly in tidal onto, or touching any part of coral — in reaches of rivers, as well as in fresh Before approaching a reef, practise

• Be mindful of all marine life. Do not touch, prod or chase them and avoid Obey crocodile warning signs. They are there for your safety and protection

water mark and at least 50 metres from

# and during the breeding season, September to April.

### Marine stingers (jellyfish) may be present all year, and are prevalent from October to May. Wear protective clothing. Heed stinger safety advice and visit

