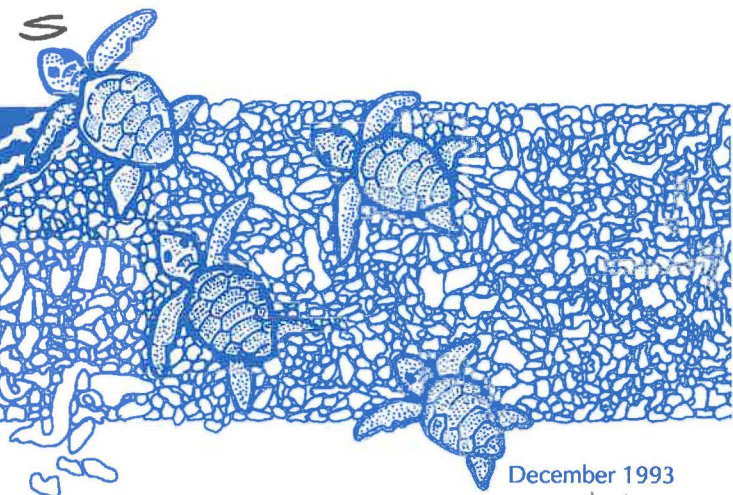


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SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA CENTRAL SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK

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KELSO REEF



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On 5 September 1991, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority designated a Special Management Area for the purpose of reef appreciation over an area bounded by a circle with a radius of 500 metres centred on the Pure Pleasure Cruises pontoon on the western side of Kelso Reef (see map overleaf). The decision was made after public advertisement of the proposal and careful consideration of the representations that were received.

All forms of fishing and collecting within 500 metres of the pontoon are prohibited until 1 June 2001 or until the Zoning Plan for the Central Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is revised, whichever is earlier.

The area around the pontoon is an important tourism destination and deserving of protection to maintain the quality of the visitor experience. Pure Pleasure Cruises operate almost daily trips to the site carrying many tourists. The reef in the area offers good diving for snorkelling, SCUBA and coral viewing.

Management of the Kelso Reef Special Management Area

The designation of this Special Management Area is in keeping with the Authority's goal of providing for the protection, wise use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef in perpetuity through the development and care of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Activities which may be undertaken include snorkelling, SCUBA, photography and observation of marine life. Fishing and collecting are not allowed.

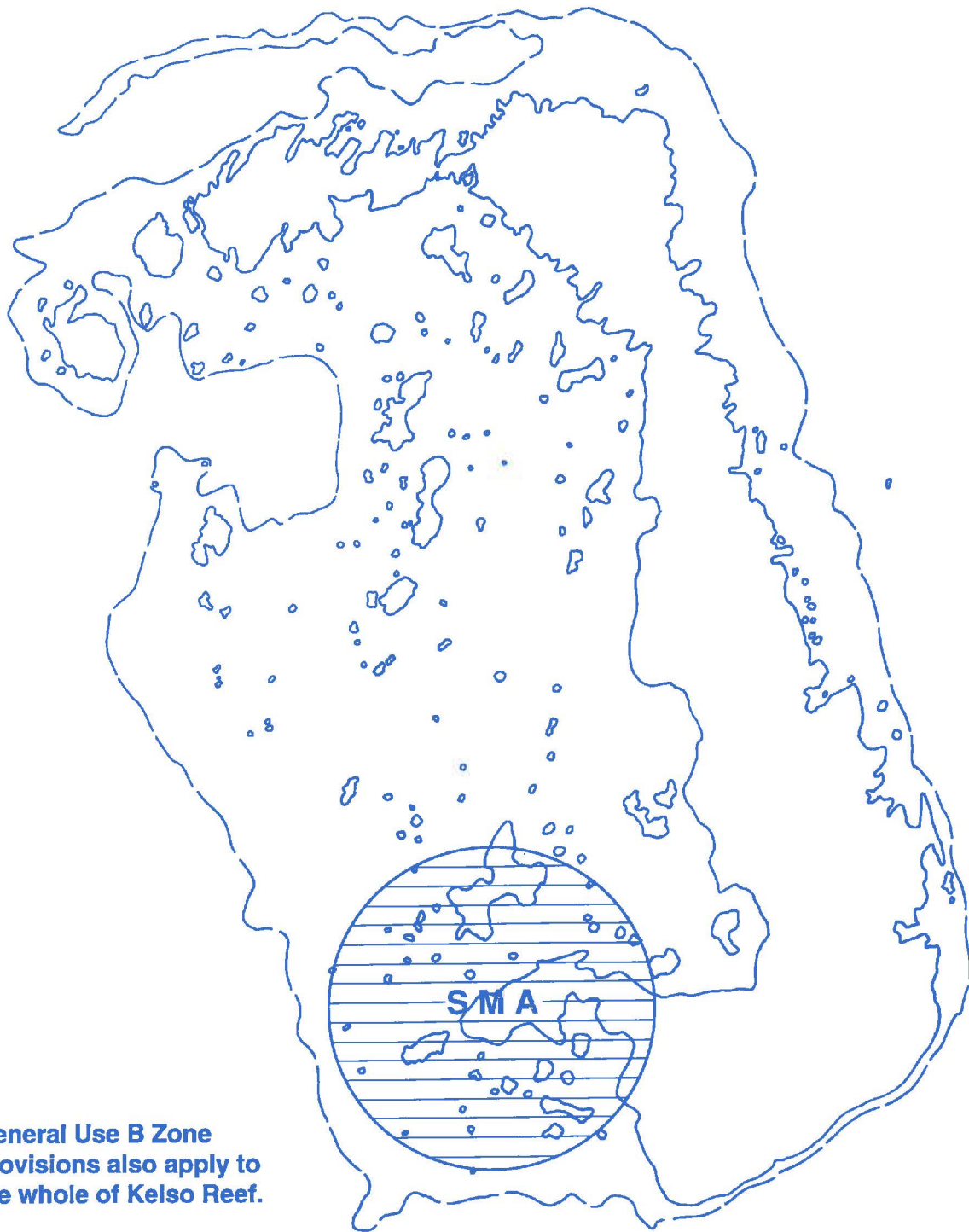
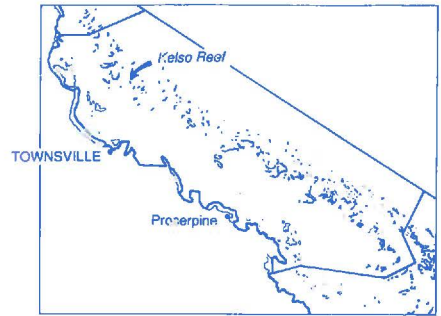
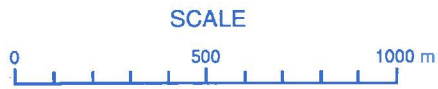
Day-to-day management of the Special Management Area will be undertaken by officers of the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage who will monitor activities using vessel patrols, aerial surveillance and on-site surveys.

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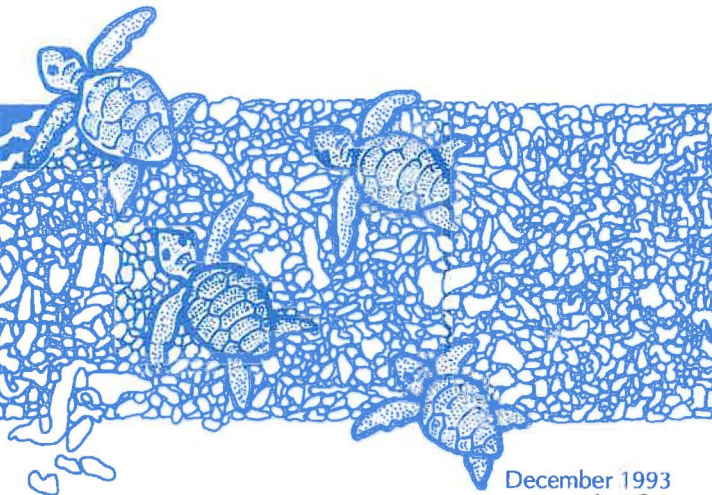
**KELSO REEF
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**
(Diagrammatic representation)



**General Use B Zone
provisions also apply to
the whole of Kelso Reef.**

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MARINE PARK ZONES AT MAGNETIC ISLAND

Marine National Park 'B' Zones occur at Geoffrey Bay, Balding Bay and Five Beach Bay. Entry is allowed in these areas but no fishing, collecting or other extractive activities are permitted in Marine National Park 'B' Zones.



Marine National Park 'A' Zones are present at Radical Bay and Florence Bay. Trawling is not permitted in Marine National Park 'A' Zones and trawlers entering the zones must have their nets out of the water and hung on board with cod ends open. The only fishing or extractive activities permitted in Marine National Park 'A' Zones are as follows:

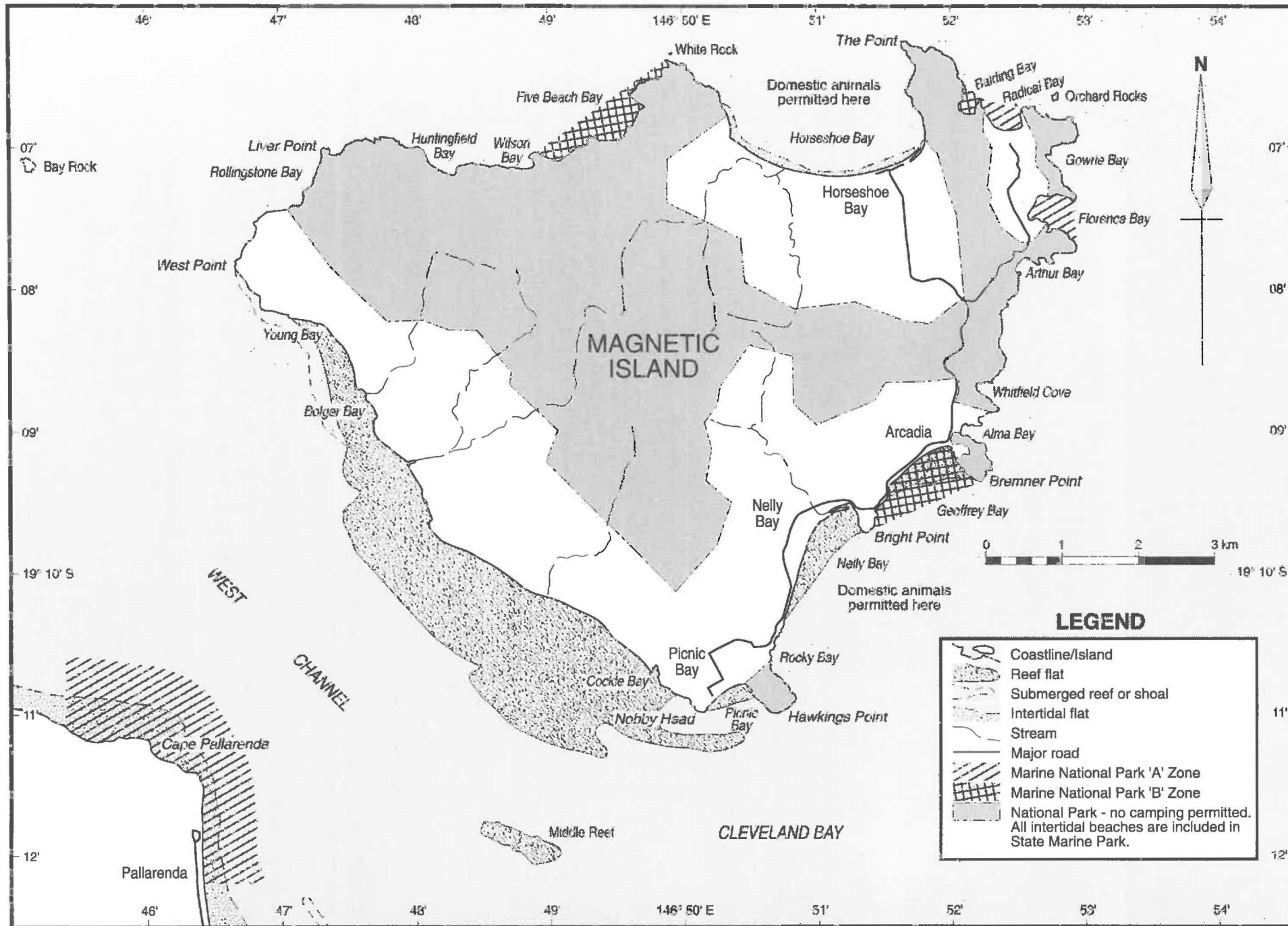
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MARINE PARK ZONES IN THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

Marine National Park 'B' Zones occur at Butterfly Bay, Maureens Cove, Luncheon Bay, Manta Ray Bay, Border Island (out to the 100 metre line around the island), the Haselwood group of islands (including Lupton island) and Cow and Calf Islands. Entry is allowed into these areas but no fishing, collecting or other extractive activities are permitted in Marine National Park 'B' Zones.

Marine National Park 'A' Zones are present around Double Cone Island, Hayman Island to the north-west side of Hook Island (including Arkhurst, Black, Langford and Bird Islands), Nara Inlet and Saba Bay on Hook Island, the Molle Group of islands, Shute Island, Whitsunday Island (western side including Cid and Henning Islands), Long Island and Hamilton Islands (including western side of Haselwood Island and the Little Lindeman, Lindeman and Seaforth groups of islands). Trawling is not permitted in Marine National Park 'A' Zones and trawlers entering the zones must have their nets out of water and hung on board with cod ends open. The only fishing or extractive activities permitted in Marine National Park 'A' Zones are as follows:

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Zones extend 500 metres seaward from the reef edge unless otherwise stated.

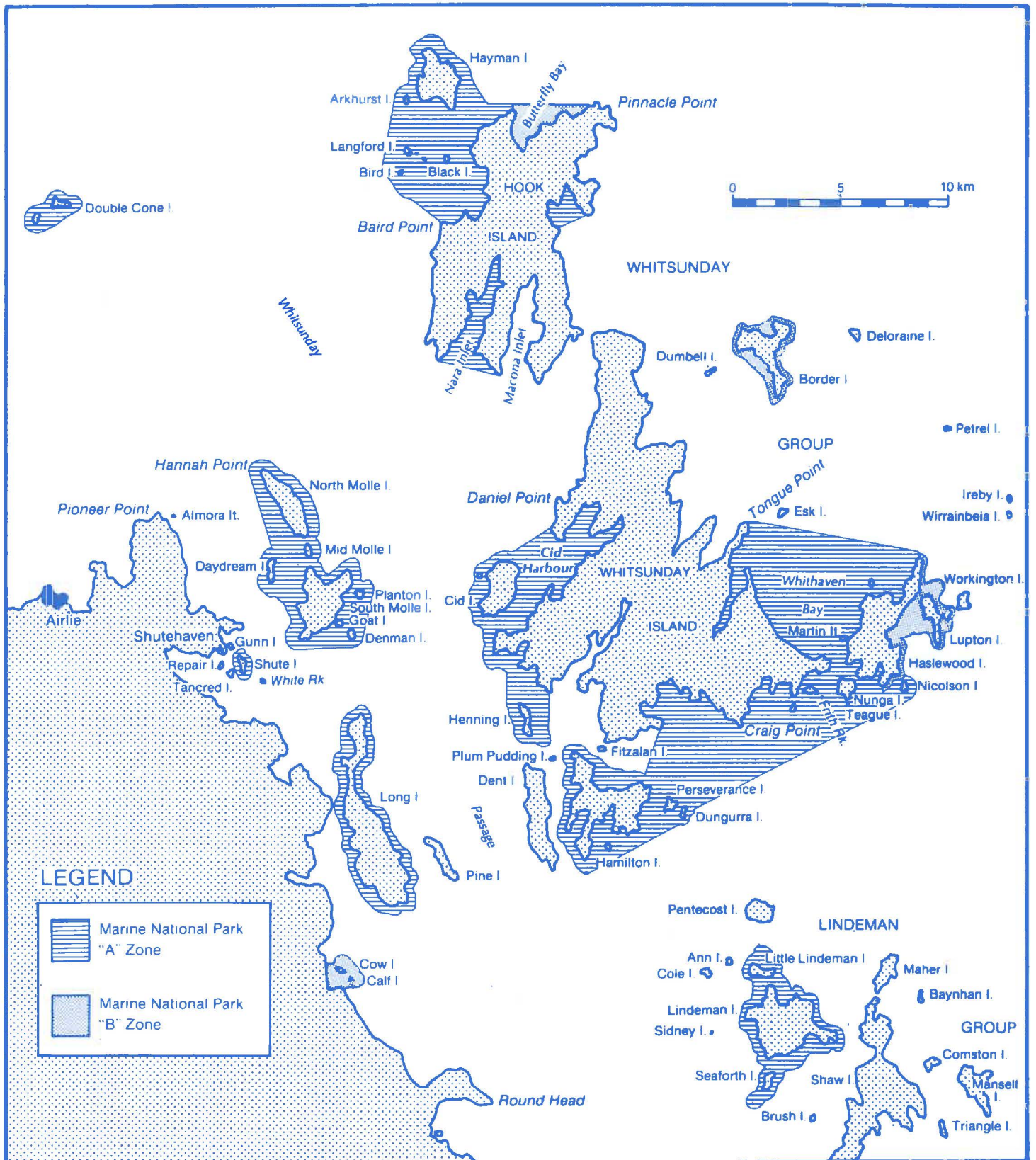
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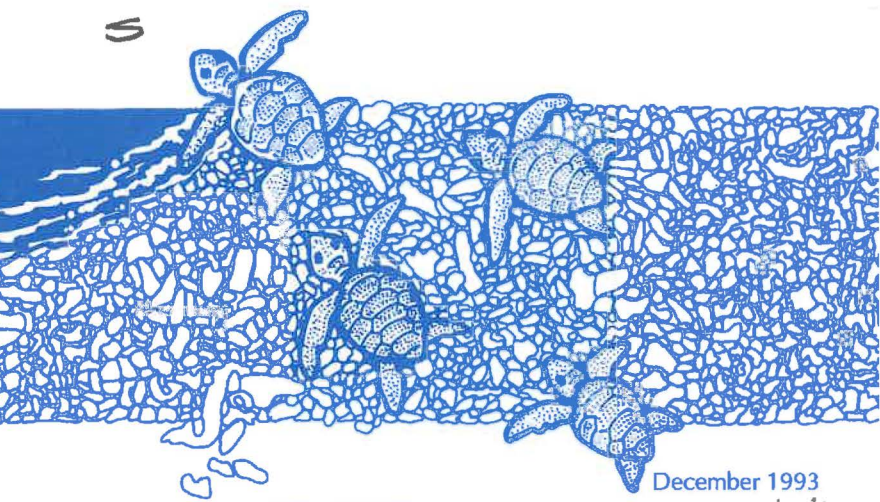
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CENTRAL SECTION SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK BAIT AND CREDLIN REEFS

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The designation of Special Management Areas provides for small areas of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to be specially managed for the purpose of conservation of natural resources, undisturbed scientific research, appreciation by the public, or public safety, as appropriate. Use of or entry into Special Management Areas may be controlled in accordance with the special management provisions of the Central Section Zoning Plan which may be designated from time to time. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has designated Special Management Areas for the purposes of reef appreciation over small parts of Bait Reef and Credlin Reef. These Special Management Areas will remain in force until the introduction of the new Zoning Plan for the Central Section.

Bait Reef

Bait Reef is a favourite and intensively used diving spot. However it is also used heavily by recreational fishing groups. Representations from the public following the Notice of Intent to Prepare a Zoning Plan were roughly split between those using the reef for diving and those using it for recreational fishing. Many of the representations stated that there was conflict between the two sets of users. The reef was reduced in protection from MNP 'B' in the Draft Zoning Plan to MNP 'A' to accommodate fishing interests.

Bait Reef may be visited by as many as seven dive operators and up to approximately 300 divers per week. Dive operators have advised the Authority that they believe that the quality of the diving experience has diminished in recent years due to the decrease in large fish life. In order to meet the needs of both divers and fishing groups a portion of Bait Reef (refer map overleaf), where most of the preferred diving areas are located, was designated as a Special Management Area for the purpose of reef appreciation, with no fishing or collecting allowed. It is anticipated that this designation should meet the needs of divers and provide adequate opportunity for fishing elsewhere on the reef.

Credlin Reef

Credlin Reef is the site of a tourist pontoon facility operated by Roylen Cruises Pty Ltd. Day trips, carrying up to 125 tourists, are made to the reef three to four times each week. The water depth is approximately 4-5 metres at low tide. The lagoon has excellent diving coral for snorkelling, diving and coral viewing. In addition to regular diving operations, Roylen has a semi-submersible and a glass-bottom boat for coral viewing.

The reef and waters within 500 metres of the pontoon owned by Roylen Cruises Pty Ltd (refer map overleaf) was designated on 26 September 1989 as a Special Management Area for the purpose of reef appreciation with no fishing or collecting allowed. Such designation gives protection to the area, ensuring that the quality of the visitors' experience is maintained.

Management of the Areas

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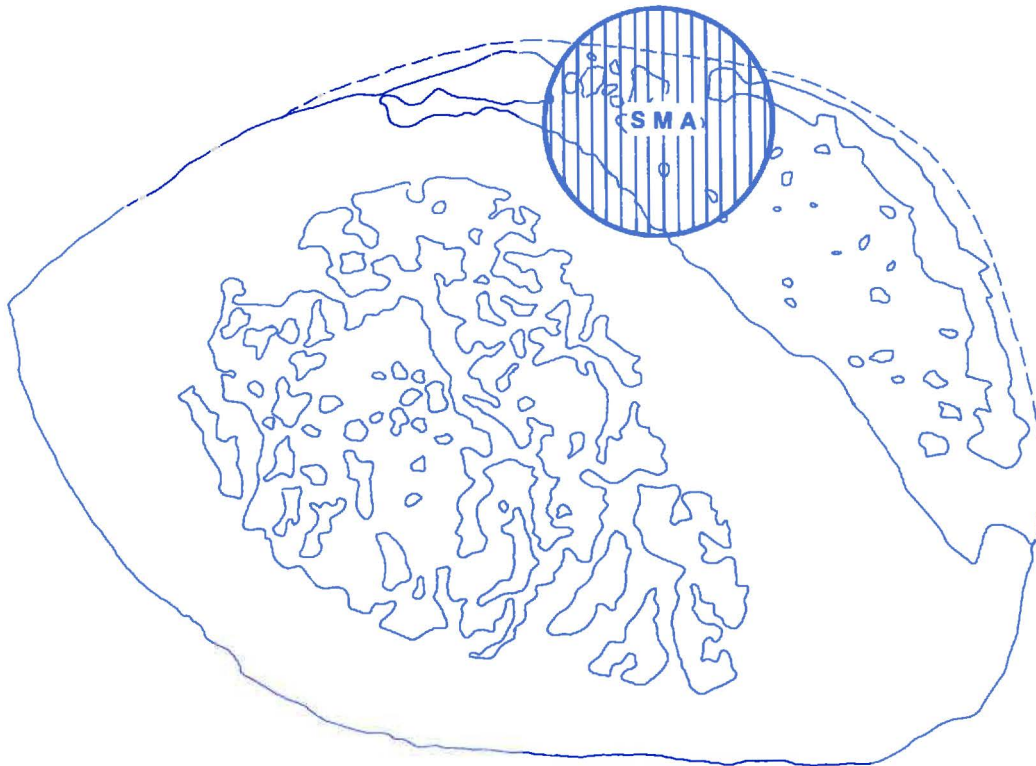
Activities which may be undertaken in the Special Management Areas include snorkelling, reef walking, SCUBA, photography and observation of marine life. Fishing and collecting are not allowed.

Offences are subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 for individuals or \$50,000 for corporations. Vessels, gear and catch may also be forfeited.

Day-to-day management of the Central Section is undertaken by officers of the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage, who during the course of their normal duties will monitor the Special Management Areas by both aerial surveillance and vessel patrols as well as by on-site reefal surveys.

CREDLIN REEF
DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

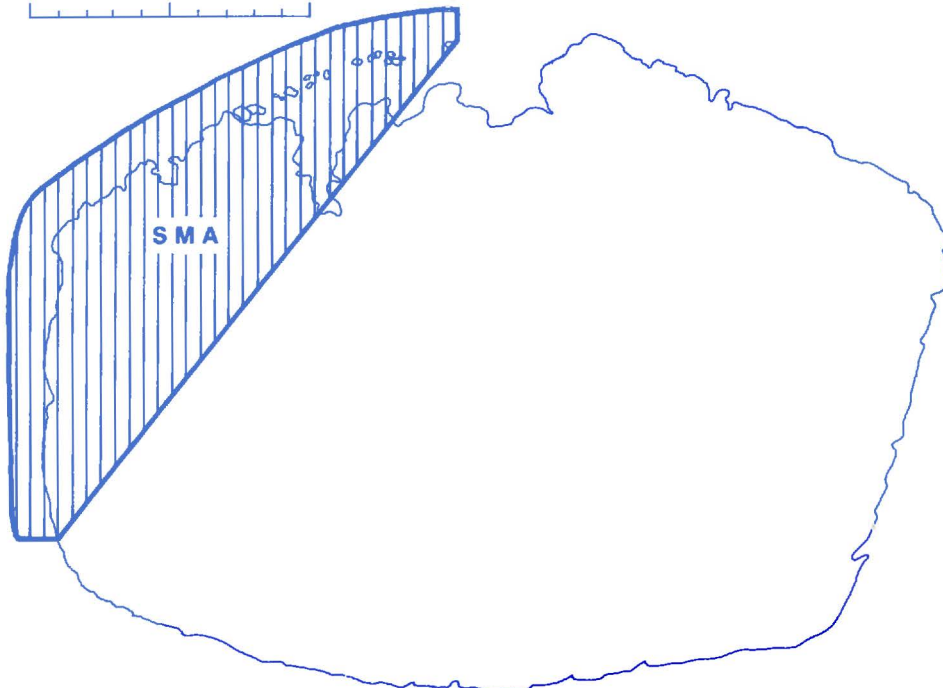
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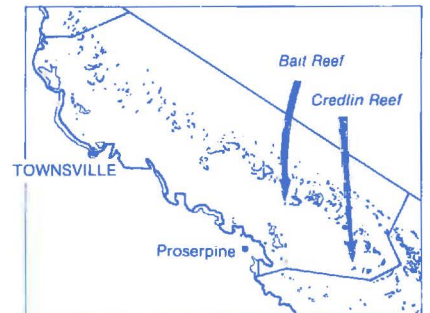
General Use B Zone provisions also apply to the whole of Credlin Reef.

BAIT REEF
DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

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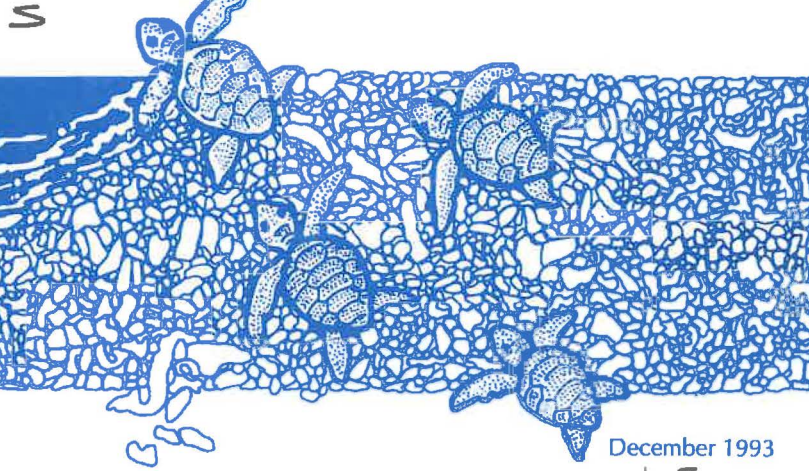
Marine National Park A Zone provisions also apply to the whole of Bait Reef.



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MARINE PARK ZONES AT CAPE FERGUSON AND CAPE CLEVELAND

A **Scientific Research Zone** under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act and the Queensland Marine Parks Act is present in the area adjacent to the Australian Institute of Marine Science. This zone lies between parallels of 19°15.4' south and 19°17' south and extends from high tide to 500 metres (0.27 n.mile) out from low tide between Cape Woorra and Cape Ferguson (see map). Entry into this zone is prohibited without a permit.

Marine National Park 'A' Zones are adjacent to the north and south ends of the Scientific Research Zone. The northern limit is the parallel of 19°13.7' south and the southern limit is the parallel of 19°17.6' south. These zones extend from high tide to 500 metres (0.27 n.mile) out from low tide (see map). Trawling is not permitted in Marine National Park 'A' Zones and trawlers entering the zones must have their nets out of water and hung on board with cod ends open. The only fishing or extractive activities permitted in marine National Park 'A' are as follows:

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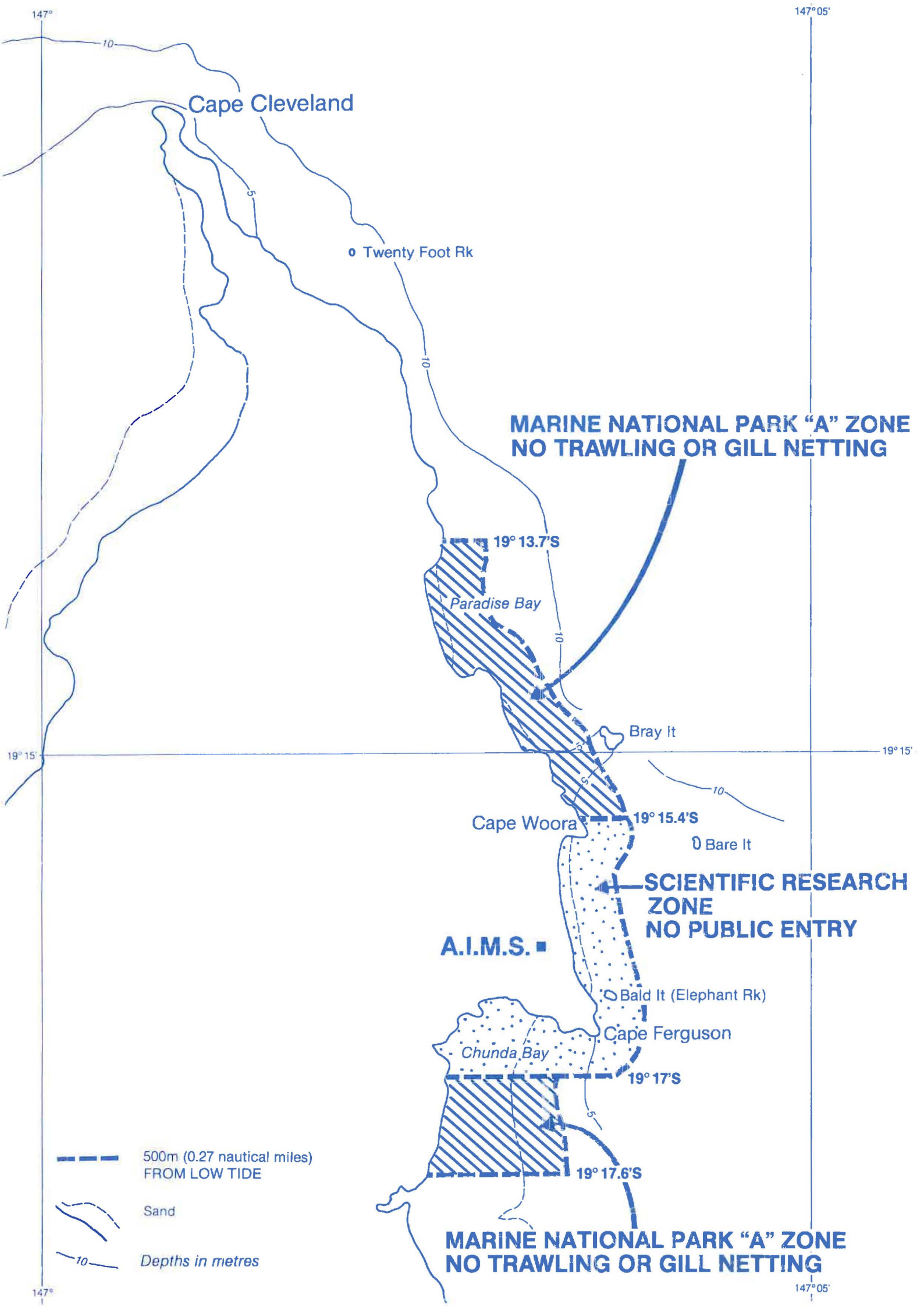
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Marine Parks





Cape Cleveland

o Twenty Foot Rk

**MARINE NATIONAL PARK "A" ZONE
NO TRAWLING OR GILL NETTING**

19° 13.7'S

Paradise Bay

Bray It

Cape Woorra

19° 15.4'S

o Bare It

**SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
ZONE
NO PUBLIC ENTRY**

A.I.M.S. ■

o Bald It (Elephant Rk)

Cape Ferguson

19° 17'S

19° 17.6'S

**MARINE NATIONAL PARK "A" ZONE
NO TRAWLING OR GILL NETTING**

--- 500m (0.27 nautical miles)
FROM LOW TIDE

~ Sand

— 10 — Depths in metres

147°

147°05'

147°

147°05'

10

5

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