



SPEARFISHING



IN THE CAIRNS REGION?

The Cairns region is a popular area to visit on the Great Barrier Reef. To help protect this iconic area there are special rules in place for spearfishing.

Where is spearfishing allowed in the Cairns region?

To know where you are allowed to spearfish, please refer to the map on the back of this page.

This map shows the rules for marine parks zoning, which includes the Public Appreciation Special Management Areas. **Please note:** This means that you cannot spearfish in yellow zones marked as Public Appreciation zones – which are shown on the map as yellow, with a pink dotted border.

For more detailed information, see the Cairns Zoning Map 5 or visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au.

For further information on Qld Fisheries legislation, including spearfishing restrictions, visit www.daf.qld.gov.au.

Responsible Reef practices

- Spear only what you need
- Do not pursue a fish if you are unsure of its identity or size
- Do not anchor on coral
- Avoid taking plant-eating fish like parrotfish, which remove algae and provide space for new corals to grow

Rules for spearfishing

When you spearfish on the Great Barrier Reef, you can use a snorkel when using a spear or spear gun.

You cannot use: a powerhead or other firearm, a light, scuba or other underwater breathing apparatus.

Note: Fishers using spear guns cannot have a loaded spear gun out of the water.



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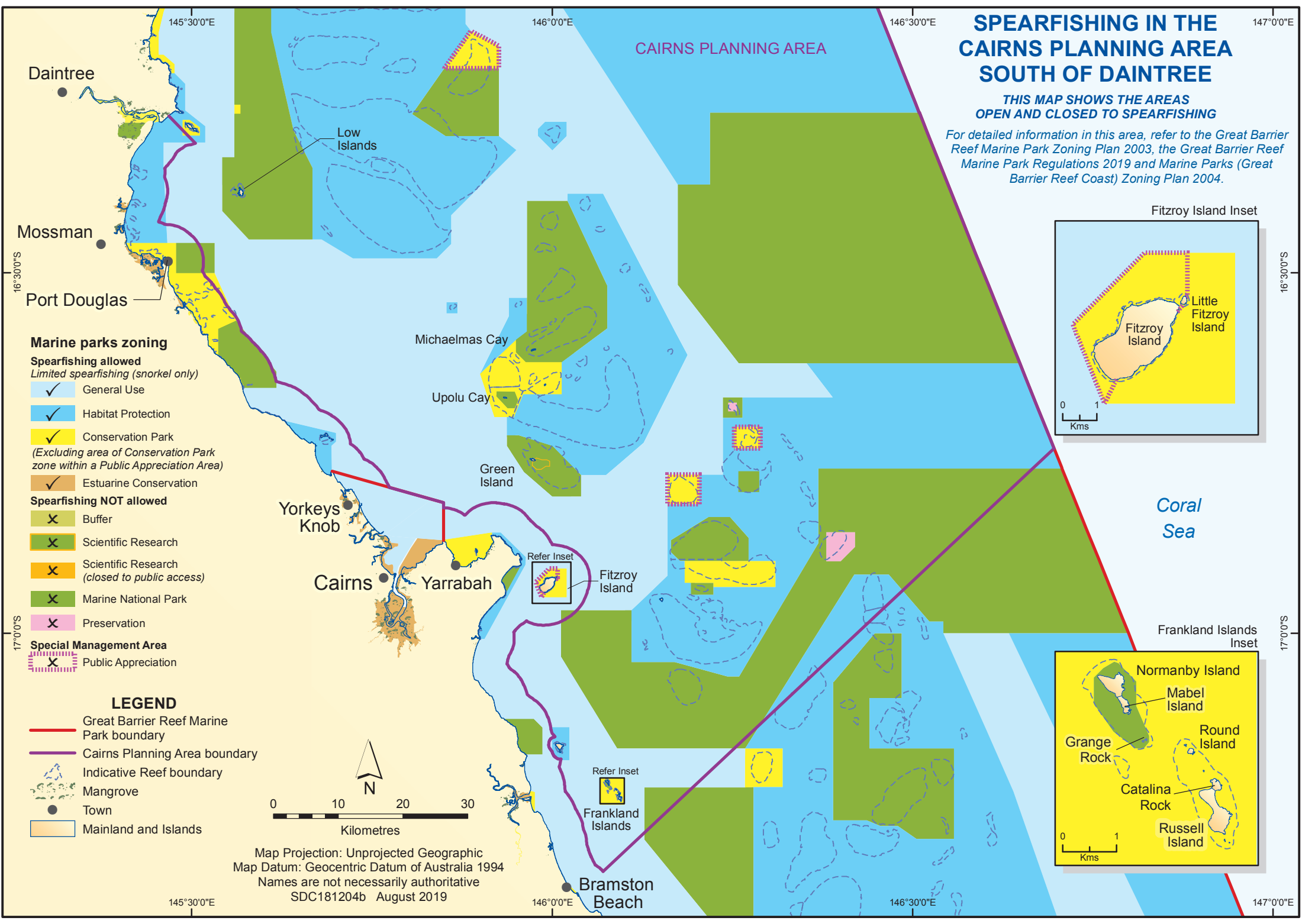
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SPEARFISHING IN THE CAIRNS PLANNING AREA SOUTH OF DAINTREE

THIS MAP SHOWS THE AREAS OPEN AND CLOSED TO SPEARFISHING

For detailed information in this area, refer to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019 and Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Zoning Plan 2004.



Marine parks zoning

Spearfishing allowed

Limited spearfishing (snorkel only)

- ✓ General Use
- ✓ Habitat Protection
- ✓ Conservation Park
(Excluding area of Conservation Park zone within a Public Appreciation Area)
- ✓ Estuarine Conservation

Spearfishing NOT allowed

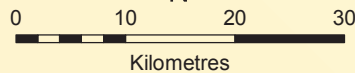
- ✗ Buffer
- ✗ Scientific Research
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(closed to public access)
- ✗ Marine National Park
- ✗ Preservation

Special Management Area

- ✗ Public Appreciation

LEGEND

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park boundary
- Cairns Planning Area boundary
- Indicative Reef boundary
- Mangrove
- Town
- Mainland and Islands



Map Projection: Unprojected Geographic
 Map Datum: Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994
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Fitzroy Island Inset



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Frankland Islands Inset

