



Location-specific assessment

Objective

To provide information on location-specific considerations in the Marine Park within the permission system.

Target audience

Primary: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority officers assessing applications for permission.
Secondary: Groups and individuals applying for permission; interested members of the public.

Purpose

1. Permission decisions contribute to maintaining and enhancing the condition of locations in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park that have site-specific legislation or policies.

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Related legislation / standards / policy

2. Refer to the [Permission system policy](#) for a full list of related legislation, standards and policy.
3. [Reef Explorer](#) is an interactive mapping system that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) provides for the public. This includes mapping of many of the location-specific matters discussed in this guideline. More data is added to the system as resources allow.
4. The public can also download data files from GBRMPA's [spatial data information services](#) webpage to use in geographic information systems (GIS).

Commonwealth – Statutory instruments

Remote Natural Area

1. Part 3 of the Zoning Plan establishes a Remote Natural Area which covers the area north of Lizard Island to the tip of Cape York. This area is the most biologically diverse region of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Marine Park). The two objectives of the Remote Natural Area are to:
 - a. maintain the area in a state that is largely unaltered by works or facilities, and
 - b. provide opportunities for quiet appreciation and enjoyment.
2. GBRMPA cannot grant permission for the following activities in the Remote Natural Area: a. Motorised water sports.

- b. Carrying out works (other than works relating to navigational aids) involving:
 - i. dumping spoil
 - ii. reclamation
 - iii. beach protection works
 - iv. harbour works.
 - c. Constructing or operating a fixed facility, other than a vessel mooring or a navigational aid.
3. For other types of permission applications, the assessment will consider whether the proposal is consistent with the two objectives of the Remote Natural Area.

Designated areas

4. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan establishes two types of Designated Areas to which additional protections apply:
- a. Designated Shipping Areas.
 - b. Special Management Areas.

Note: an additional Designated Area – the Fisheries Experimental Areas (Division 4.3 of the Zoning Plan) ceased to have effect on 30 November 2005. It provided for closure of certain areas to conduct scientific research into the effects of zoning and fishing rules.

Designated Shipping Areas

5. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan provides for Designate Shipping Areas (DSA) to allow for the navigation of ships. Generally speaking, a ship can enter and use the DSA without permission as long as the vessel is merely transiting the Marine Park and any fishing gear is appropriately stowed according to the requirements of each zone.
6. Designated shipping areas can be viewed on [Reef Explorer](#).

Special Management Areas

7. Part 4 of the Zoning Plan allows GBRMPA to declare [Special Management Areas](#). They are an additional layer on top of zoning. A Special Management Area (SMA) may be designated for a number of reasons including:
- a. Conservation of a particular species or natural resource for example turtle, dugong, bird nesting sites or fish spawning aggregation sites.
 - b. Protection of cultural or heritage values.
 - c. Public safety.
 - d. To ensure opportunities for appreciation by the public.
 - e. Response to an emergency (for example, a ship grounding, oil spill or marine pest outbreak).
8. There are eight main types of Special Management Areas declared in the Zoning Plan, and additional types may be declared by regulation. The existing SMA types are described below.

Restricted Access SMA

9. Restricted Access SMAs restrict access to, or the use of, the area for conservation purposes or for managing activities carried out within the area. These areas cannot be used or entered without explicit written permission, except for reasons explained in the Regulations or Part 5 of the Zoning Plan (such as some emergencies).
10. Restricted Access Special Management Areas are designated at the following locations:
- a. **Raine Island Reef** (11-243), **MacLennan Cay Reef** (11-070a), **Moulter Cay Reef** (11-130)
 - b. – see Regulation 54 for exceptions to special management provisions and the *non-statutory site management arrangements* section of this guideline for further information.
 - c. **Australian Institute of Marine Science** (SR-19-2008) – see Regulation 55 for exceptions to special management provisions.

- d. **One Tree Island Reef** (SR-23-2010) – see Regulation 56 for exceptions to special management provisions.

Maritime Cultural Heritage Protection SMA

11. There are two SMAs declared around nationally significant RAAF Second World War aircraft wrecks (the Catalina wrecks) to protect and preserve this significant maritime cultural heritage. Refer to the guidelines for maritime cultural heritage protection special management area for more information.

Public Appreciation SMA

12. These SMAs ensure that popular snorkeling areas are generally free from spearfishing, harvest fisheries (such as commercial aquarium fish and coral collecting) and aquaculture activities. See Regulations 58 and 59 for details.
13. Public Appreciation Special Management Areas are designated at Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones within the locations listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Locations of Public Appreciation Special Management Areas designated at Conservation Park (Yellow) Zones.

Location	Location/ Zone ID	Location	Location/ Zone ID
Yonge Reef – lee side	(14-138) (CP-14-4017)	Heron Reef	(CP-23-4104)
Lizard Island Reef Mermaid Bay to Pigeon Point	(14-116b) (CP-14-4018)	Double Cone Reef	(CP-20-4077)
North Opal Reef	(16-025) (CP-16-4029)	Molle Islands	(CP-20-4080)
Flynn Reef	(16-065) (CP-16-4035)	Whitsunday and Hamilton Islands	(CP-20-4081)
Thetford Reef	(16-068) (CP-16-4036)	Shute Island	(CP-20-4083)
Fitzroy Island Reef - allows aquaculture operations	(16-054) (16-16-4039)	Long Island	(CP-20-4084) (CP-20-4085)
Dunk Island Reef	(CP-17-4045) (MNP-17-1073)	Lindeman, Pentecost, Cole Island, except that part of the zone adjacent to Shaw Island	(CP-20-4086)
Bedarra Island Reef	(CP-17-4045)	Brampton Island - West	(CP-20-4091)
Orpheus Island Reef south-west	(18-049b and c) (CP-18-4053)	Brampton Island - East	(CP-20-4091)
Davies Reef	(18-096) (CP-18-4056)	North Keppel Island - Considine Bay	(CP-23-4101)
Cape Upstart - western side only	(CP-19-4064)	Great Keppel Island - western side	(CP-23-4102)
Hayman and Hook Islands	(CP-20-4075)	Wistari Reef	(CP-23-4106)
Saba Bay, Hook Island	(CP-20-4076).		

Seasonal Closure SMA (Offshore Ribbon Reefs)

14. The Ribbon Reefs and adjacent areas are unique, as they are located at a particular part of the continental shelf which drops sharply away from the reef edge. These important areas of reef support diverse species, including large pelagic fish such as marlin.
15. Special Management Areas designated in these areas provide additional protection to the Ribbon Reefs and adjacent habitats. These SMAs prohibit all fishing and detached dories in the Ribbon Reefs from 1 January to 31 August each year.
16. Locations for Seasonal Closure (Offshore Ribbon Reefs) Special Management Areas are:
 - a. Areas adjacent to Day Reef (14-089) Scientific Research (Orange) Zone (SR-14-2001)
 - b. Area adjacent to Ribbon No. 10 Reef (14-146) Marine National Park (Green) Zone (MNP-141030)
 - c. Area adjacent to Ribbon No. 7 Reef (15-026), Ribbon No. 6 Reef (15-032) Preservation (Pink) Zone (P-15-12) and unnamed reef (15-034) Marine National Park (Green) Zone
 - d. Ribbon No. 5 Reef Patches (15-042) Buffer (Olive Green) Zone (B-15-3007)
 - e. Ribbon No. 2 and 3 Reefs and interreefal areas Buffer (Olive Green) Zone (B-15-3008).
17. See Regulations 48 and 49 for details.

No Dories Detached SMA (Offshore Ribbon Reefs)

18. For the same reasons discussed in the section *Seasonal Closure SMAs*, no dories are allowed to be detached at any time in the following Special Management Area locations:
 - a. Area to the east of Yonge Reef (14-138) and no name Reef (14-139)
 - b. Area around the No. 10 Patches (No. 3) (14-153a) and No. 10 Patches (No. 4) (14-153b).
19. See Regulations 50 and 51 for details.

Species Conservation SMA (Dugong Protection)

20. These Special Management Areas reflect the requirements of Dugong Protection Areas under Queensland Fisheries legislation to the extent to which those areas are located within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.
21. See Regulations 46 and 47 for details.
22. View maps showing Dugong Protection Areas:
 - a. [Hinchinbrook and Taylors Beach](#)
 - b. [Cleveland Bay and Bowling Green Bay*](#)
 - c. [Upstart Bay](#)
 - d. [Edgecumbe Bay](#)
 - e. [Repulse Bay, Newry Region and Sandy Bay](#)
 - f. [Ince Bay, Llewellyn Bay and Clairview Region](#)
 - g. [Shoalwater Bay and Port Clinton](#)
 - h. [Gladstone and Rodds Bay](#)
23. [Amendments to commercial netting rules](#) in Bowling Green Bay Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) SMA were introduced in December 2011 to increase protection to dugong within the Bowling Green Bay Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) Special Management Area. The rule changes further restrict commercial net fishing within the existing Species Conservation (Dugong Protection) Special Management Area.

Princess Charlotte Bay SMA

24. Regulation 88V establishes a Special Management Area to protect dugong within Princess Charlotte Bay in the Far Northern Management Area of the Marine Park. The Special

Management Area requires commercial net fishers to obtain a permit to operate within Princess Charlotte Bay.

25. Refer to the [Assessment guidelines](#) and Regulation 88V for more information.

Natural resources conservation (Mermaid Cove at Lizard Island) SMA

26. There is a Natural Resources Conservation Special Management Area declared for Mermaid Cove at Lizard Island in the Cairns/Cooktown Management Area of the Marine Park.
27. In addition to existing rules for the Conservation Park (yellow) Zone, fishing and collecting are not allowed, except for:
- a person trolling or bait netting for pelagic species; or
 - limited impact research (extractive); or
 - research that is conducted in accordance with a permission.
28. See Regulations 65A and 65B for details.

Plans of Management

29. Plans of Management (POMs) are statutory planning instruments prepared under section 39Y of the Act to manage intensively used areas or vulnerable sites or species.
30. General information about Plans of Management can be found on the GBRMPA website [here](#), or more specifically:
- [Cairns Area Plan of Management](#) 1998 and [Cairns Planning Area map](#)
 - [Whitsundays Plan of Management](#) 1998 and [Whitsunday Planning Area map](#)
 - [Hinchinbrook Plan of Management](#) 2004 and [Hinchinbrook Planning Area map](#)
 - [Shoalwater Bay \(Dugong\) Plan of Management](#) 1997 and [Shoalwater Bay Planning Area map](#).

Whale Protection Areas

31. Part 4A of the Regulations allows GBRMPA to declare Whale Protection Areas. Under Regulation 117JB, these additional protections apply in a Whale Protection Area:
- Vessels are not allowed to approach within 300m of a whale.
 - Tourism programs are not allowed to use vessels for whale watching or swimming-withwhales tours.
32. Whale Protection Areas are declared in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Currently the only declaration is for the Whitsunday Whale Protection Area.
33. The Whitsundays are an important calving ground for humpback whales between May and September each year. Most of the waters around the islands are part of the Whale Protection Area, which is designed to minimise disturbance to mother whales.
34. GBRMPA cannot grant a cetacean exemption (see Regulation 117K) within a Whale Protection Area. Refer also to the [Guidelines: Activity impact assessment in the permission system - Tourist program involving whale watching or swimming with whales](#) (Whale-based tourism activity assessment guidelines) for more information.

Defence Practice Areas

35. There are a number of Defence Practice Areas (DPAs), sometimes called Defence Training Areas, within the Marine Park. These are listed in Table 2. DPAs are defined in the [Defence Force Regulations 1952](#) as “any area of land, sea or air declared by the Minister under regulation 49.” DPAs are another layer of Commonwealth regulation.
36. The Department of Defence is required to publicly notify of any operation or practice being conducted in DPAs. It is illegal for a person to be in the DPA when an operation or practice is underway, or for a person to allow a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to be in the DPA at that time, unless the person has permission from the Department of Defence.

37. Because of this, it is important to consider whether activities being proposed may occur within a DPA. For reasons of practicality, GBRMPA's view is that:
- Privately owned fixed facilities (other than moorings) should not generally be located within a DPA.
 - Other activities (such as tourist vessel or aircraft entry) may be permitted, but the permission holder should be aware that such activities are likely to be restricted from time to time by the Department of Defence.

Table 2. Defence Practice Areas in the Marine Park

DPA name	Practice type	Gazette number	Gazettal date
Cairns Inner Reef	Surface and anti-aircraft firing	S 289, P 12	25/07/85
Cairns Outer Reef	Surface and anti-aircraft firing	S 289, P 12	25/07/85
Shoalwater Bay Training Area	Military manoeuvres and live firing including high explosive, bombing, rocketry, missile firing, naval gunnery and air weapons delivery	GN 8, P 813	28/02/07
Saumarez Reef Air Weapons Range	Air to surface weapons firing. Specialised training in the use of lasers, including laser targeted weapons systems	GN 46, P 2997	23/11/94
Halifax Bay Air Weapons Range	Air to surface and surface to surface weapons firing	GN 8, P 580-581	25/02/98
Elliot	Naval gunnery	S 289, P 1112	25/07/85
Lizard Island	Surface and anti-aircraft firing	S 289, P 12	25/07/85
Townshend Island	Air to surface weapons firing, surface to surface and joint firing	GN 46, P 2998	23/11/94

Commonwealth – Non-statutory plans and policies

Site Management Arrangements and other policies

38. Site Management Arrangements are operational management policies developed by GBRMPA to deal with specific pressures. As policy, they represent GBRMPA's expectations and should generally be followed. However, policy is intended to guide decision-making and does not bind a decision-maker in the same way as legislation (such as POMs).
39. Assessments need to consider whether the Site Management Arrangements are relevant to each case and, if so, whether the standard policy should be applied in that case. GBRMPA does not lightly deviate from the policies set out in Site Management Arrangements.
40. In addition to Site Management Arrangements, other policies, position statements and Board decisions are listed which may be relevant to an assessment.

Far Northern

- [Raine Island and Moulter and Maclellan Cays](#) (focus on biodiversity)

Cairns/Cooktown

- [Briggs Reef](#)
- [Flynn Reef](#)
- [Milln Reef](#)
- [Lizard Island Locality 2](#)
- [Lizard Island Locality 3](#)
- [Opal Reef, Port Douglas](#)
- [Agincourt Reefs, Port Douglas \(focus on moorings, pontoons and anchorages\)](#)
- [Norman Reef, Cairns](#)
- [Michaelmas Cay, Cairns \(focus on facilities, moorings, tourism and noise\)](#)
- [Green Island Locality 1](#)

- [Clump Point, Mission Beach \(focus on managing moorings\)](#)
- [Low Isles, Port Douglas focus on tourism and anchoring\)](#)
- [Upolu Cay and Reef, Cairns \(focus on tourism, mooring and anchoring\)](#)

- [Frankland Islands \(Normanby, Russell, Round, High\) and Reefs \(focus on tourism and recreation\)](#)
- [Moore Reef Locality 2 \(focus on recreational use\)](#)
- [Hastings Reef Locality](#)

41. The following locations were included in a previous Cairns zoning system as within the "No Structures Sub-Zone." Any application for a fixed facility in one of these locations requires careful consideration of whether such a use is compatible with the location's values:

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| Hilder Reef | • | South Direction Island to Rock Islets | • |
| MacGillivray Reef | • | Ribbon Reef No. 7 to Williamson Reefs | • |
| Nymph Island Reef | • | Hope Islands | • |
| Eyrie Reef | • | Cairns Reef to Gill Patches | • |
| Two Islands Reef | • | Cedar Bay (Obree Point to Fritz Creek) | • |
| Low Wooded Island Reef | • | Cape Tribulation to Lake Reef (Weary Bay) | • |
| Three Islands Reef | • | Noah Head | • |
| Endeavour Reef complex | • | Coastline adjacent to Mt Emmett | • |
| Pearl Reef | • | Alexandra Bay – Cooper Creek to | • |
| Pickersgill Reef | • | Bailey Creek | • |
| Mackay Reef | • | Bailey Point | • |
| 'unnamed reef' Chinamans Reef | • | Coastline adjacent to Black Rock | • |
| Saxon Reef | • | Cape Kimberley and Snapper Island | • |
| Escape Reef | • | Undine Reef | • |
| Opal Reef | • | Michaelmas Reef to Upolu Cay | • |
| Channel Reef | • | Euston Reef to North West Reef | • |
| Cayley Reef | • | Elford and Briggs Reefs | • |
| Peart Reef | • | Sudbury Cay | • |
| Feather Reef | • | Sudbury Reef (Flora Pass) | • |
| 'unnamed reef' Shark/Noreaster Reef complex | • | High Island | • |
| Carter Reef to Ribbon Reef No. 10 | • | Frankland I lands (South) | • |
| The area of dugong habitat north of Lookout Point | • | North Barnard Islands | • |
| The Turtle Group | • | South Barnard Islands | • |
| Lizard Island | • | Beaver and Taylor Reefs | • |

Townsville/Whitsunday

- [Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island](#)
- [Magnetic Island – Management of Jet Skis](#)
- [Bauer Bay, South Molle Island](#)
- [Blue Pearl Bay, Hayman Island](#)
- [Cow and Calf Islands](#)
- [Deloraine Island](#)

- [Double Bay \(East\)](#)
- [Eshelby Island](#)
- [Haslewood and Lupton Islands](#)
- [Tongue Bay, Hill Inlet, Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Island](#)
- Beaver Reef
- Taylor Reef & Cay

Mackay/Capricorn

- [Lady Musgrave Island Reef](#) (focus on managing tourism and recreation)
- [Fitzroy Reef](#)
- [Keppel Bay and islands](#)
- [Lady Elliot Island Reef](#)

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Specific closures

42. Specific closures have been agreed between GBRMPA and the State of Queensland to restrict access to certain areas. Some closures are year-round, while others are seasonal, such as during seabird or turtle nesting seasons.
43. Some specific closures are statutory, but most are non-statutory policy decisions based on best available information. They are usually included in permit conditions.

Tourist program exclusion areas

44. Tourist program exclusion areas usually complement limits on adjacent coasts or islands. For example, if an island cannot be visited during certain periods, the Marine Parks permission also restricts access to the intertidal area (such as the beach) around this island.

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45. Generally, tourist programs are not allowed to access the locations listed in Table 3 during the specified periods.

Table 3. Tourist program exclusion areas

Far Northern Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
11-010	Intertidal areas adjacent to Cairncross Islet (Denham Island Group)	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-035	Intertidal areas adjacent to Milman Island (Denham Island Group)	All year
11-052	Intertidal areas adjacent to Cholmondeley Islet	All year
11-055	Intertidal areas adjacent to Wallace Islet (Denham Island Group)	All year
11-138	Intertidal areas adjacent to Bushy Islets (2 islands) (Saunders Islands)	1 Sep - 31 Mar
11-138	Intertidal areas adjacent to Macarthur Islands (Saunders Islands)	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-165	Intertidal areas adjacent to Saunders Islet (Saunders Islands)	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-174	Intertidal areas adjacent to Magra Islet (Saunders Islands)	1 Sep – 31 Mar
12-027	Intertidal areas adjacent to Quoin Island	All year
13-056	Intertidal areas adjacent to Sandbank No 8	All year
13-061c	Intertidal areas adjacent to Sandbank No 7	All year
13-081	Intertidal areas adjacent to Fife Island (Claremont Isles Group)	All year
13-107	Intertidal areas adjacent to Pelican Island (Claremont Isles Group)	All year
14-054	Intertidal areas adjacent to Stapleton Island (Howick Island Group)	All year
14-063	Intertidal areas adjacent to Combe Island (Howick Island Group)	All year
Additional exclusions when using vessel(s) greater than 35 metres and less than 70 metres		
11-062	Boydong Island Reef	All Year
13-031	Night Island Reef	1 Sep - 31 Apr
13-072	Morris Island Reef	1 Sep - 31 Apr
14-038	Pipon Island Reef	1 Sep - 31 Apr
14-064	Ingram Island Reef	1 Sep - 31 Apr
Cairns/Cooktown Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
14-116d	Intertidal areas adjacent to Seabird Islet (Lizard Island Group)	All Year
14-118	Intertidal areas adjacent to Eagle Islet	1 Sep - 31 Mar
14-132	Intertidal areas adjacent to Rocky Islets	1 Sep - 31 Mar
15-005	Intertidal areas adjacent to Three Islands	All Year
15-064	Intertidal areas adjacent to West Hope Island	1 Sep - 31 Mar
17-046	Intertidal areas adjacent to Sisters Island (South Barnards Islands)	1 Sep - 31 Mar
17-046	Intertidal areas adjacent to Stephens Island (South Barnards Islands)	1 Sep - 31 Mar
17-051	Waters adjacent to Beaver Reef	All Year
N/A	All State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets	All Year
N/A	Intertidal areas adjacent to Cape Tribulation Bay	All Year
Townsville/Whitsunday Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
17-053a	Intertidal areas adjacent to Mound (Purtaboi) Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
17-053c	Intertidal areas adjacent to Woln-Garin Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
18-001b	Intertidal areas adjacent to Pee Rahm Ah Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
18-008	Intertidal areas adjacent to the Brook Islands	All Year

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18-013b	Intertidal areas adjacent to Eva Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
18-014	Intertidal areas adjacent to Agnes Beach (Hinchinbrook Island)	All Year
19-009g	Waters adjacent to Lovers Bay (Magnetic Island)	All Year
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19-009g	Waters adjacent to Wilson Bay (Magnetic Island)	All Year
19-103	Intertidal areas adjacent to Holbourne Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-012	Intertidal areas adjacent to Eshelby Island	All Year
20-013	Intertidal areas adjacent to Little Eshelby Island	All Year
20-017	Intertidal areas adjacent to Black Island	All Year
20-019b	Intertidal areas adjacent to Bird Island	All Year
20-021	Intertidal areas adjacent to Olden Rock (South East of Olden Island)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-022	Intertidal areas adjacent to Armit Island (South Beach only)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-023	Intertidal areas adjacent to Little Armit Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-024	Intertidal areas adjacent to Double Cone Island (West Island only)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-026	Intertidal areas adjacent to Edwin Rock	All Year
20-030	Intertidal areas adjacent to Grassy Island (South Beach only)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-054	Intertidal areas adjacent to East Rock	All Year
20-102	Intertidal areas adjacent to Shaw Island (Burning Point beach only)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-210	Intertidal areas adjacent to South Repulse Island (West Beach only, excluding campsite)	1 Oct - 31 Ma
N/A	All State Marine Park rivers and streams between Edgecumbe Bay (Adelaide Point) and Midge Point	All Year
Hinchinbrook Area (not applicable to non-motorised guided tour)		
17-053	Mound (Purtaboi Island)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
17-053c	Woln-Garin Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
18-001b	Pee Rahm Ah Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
18-008	Middle Island (Brook Islands)	All Year
18-008	North Island (Brook Islands)	All Year
18-008	South Island (Brook Islands)	1 Oct - 31 Mar
18-008	Tween Island (Brook Islands)	All Year
18-013b	Eva Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
Mackay/Capricorn Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
20-310	Waters adjacent to Bushy Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
20-310	Waters adjacent to Redbill Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
21-172	Waters adjacent to Riptide Cay	All Year
21-435	Waters adjacent to Bell Cay	All Year
23-068	Waters adjacent to Erskine Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
23-080	Waters adjacent to East Hoskyn Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
23-080	Waters adjacent to West Hoskyn Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
23-081	Waters adjacent to East Fairfax Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar
23-081	Waters adjacent to West Fairfax Island	1 Oct - 31 Mar

Aircraft exclusion areas

46. Aircraft exclusion areas are usually established to protect nesting seabirds but may protect other sensitive species or human amenity.

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47. Generally, aircraft are not allowed to approach locations listed in Table 4 at an altitude of less than 1500 feet during the specified exclusion periods.

Table 4. Aircraft exclusion areas

Far Northern Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
11-167	Bird Island North	All year
11-062	Boydong Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
13-111	Burkitt Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-009	Bushy Island	All year
11-010	Cairncross Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-010	Chapman Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-052	Cholmondeley Islet	All year
14-017	Clack Island	All year
14-012	Cliff Islands	All year
14-013	Cliff Islands	All year
14-063	Combe Islet	All year
13-130	Davie Cay	All year
11-038	Douglas Islet	1 Sep – 31 Mar
13-081	Fife Island	All year
10-338	Frigate Cay	All year
13-097	Hannah Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
13-083	Hay Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
14-018	King Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
12-084	Lloyd Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
13-045	Lowrie Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
11-138	MacArthur Islands and Bushy Islet	All year
11-174	Magra Islet	All year
13-072	Morris Island	All year
13-031	Night Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
13-107	Pelican Island	All year
14-038	Pipon Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
12-027	Quoin Island	All year
11-070	Reef Cay	All year
13-061c	Sandbank Number 7	All year
13-056	Sandbank Number 8	All year
11-165	Saunders Islet	All year
14-101	Sinclair Island	All year
11-026	Sinclair Islet	All year
11-184	Sir Charles Hardy Island (southernmost island)	All year
13-113	Stainer Island	All year
14-054	Stapleton Islet	All year
13-133	Tydeman Cay	All year
11-055	Wallace Islet	All year
11-136	West Hannibal Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
13-091	Wilkie Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar

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Cairns/Cooktown Management Area		
Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
17-051	Beaver Reef	All year
14-118	Eagle Islet	All year
16-054	Fitzroy Island Reef	All year
15-003	Low Wooded Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
14-115	Nymph Island	All year
14-132	Rocky Islets	All year
14-116d	Seabird Islet (Lizard Island Group)(intertidal area)	All year
17-046	Sisters Island (South Barnards Islands)	All year
17-046	Stephens Island (South Barnards Islands)	All year
17-064	Taylor Cay	1 Sep – 31 Mar

15-005	Three Islands	All year
14-120	Turtle Group Islands	All year
15-002	Two Islands	All year
NA - QLD	Coastal intertidal area between the Daintree and Bloomfield Rivers	All year
NA – QLD	State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets between Bloomfield River and Mission Beach	All year
NA - QLD	Cape Tribulation Bay (intertidal area)	All year

Townsville/Whitsunday Management Area

Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
18-057	Albino Rock	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-022	Armit Island (south beach only)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
19-017	Bare Islet	1 Oct – 31 Mar
18-002	Battleship Rock (Pee-rahm-ah Island)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
19-007	Bay Rock	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-019b	Bird Island	All year
20-017	Black Island	All year
18-060	Dido Rock	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-024	Double Cone Island (west island only)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-054	East Rock	All year
20-026	Edwin Rock	All year
20-030	Grassy Island	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-041	Gulnare Inlet (Whitsunday Island)	All year
19-103	Holbourne Island	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-023	Little Armit Island	1 Oct – 31 Mar

Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
20-028	Macona Inlet (Hook Island)	All year
20-028	Nara Inlet (Hook Island)	All year
20-021	Olden Rock (southeast of Olden Island)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-102	Shaw Island (Burning Point Beach only)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
20-210	South Repulse Island (west beach only)	1 Oct – 31 Mar
NA – QLD	State Marine Park rivers, streams and inlets between Edgecumbe Bay (Adelaide Point) and Midge Point	All year

Mackay/Capricorn Management Area

Reef ID	Area (common name)	Period
22-067	Akens Island	All year
21-378	Aquila Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar

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21-372	Bald Islet	1 Sep – 31 Mar
23-031	Barren Island	All year
22-064	Bay Island	All year
20-310	Bushy Island	1 Oct – 31 Mar
23-081	East Fairfax Island Reef	1 Oct – 31 Mar
23-080	East Hoskyn Island Reef	1 Oct – 31 Mar
23-068	Erskine Island Reef	All year
22-015	Flock Pigeon Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
23-052	Heron Island	All year
23-082	Lady Musgrave Island Reef	All year
23-069	Masthead Island Reef	All year
23-045	North Reef	1 Oct - 31 Mar
23-049	North West Island	All year
22-074	Pelican Rock	All year
20-310	Redbill Island	1 Oct – 31 Mar
21-367	Red Clay Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
21-172	Riptide Cay Reef	All year
23-056	Rundle Island	All year
23-030	The Child	All year
23-046	Tryon Island Reef	All year
23-081	West Fairfax Island Reef	1 Oct – 31 Mar
21-316	West Hill Island	1 Sep – 31 Mar
23-080	West Hoskyn Island Reef	1 Oct – 31 Mar
23-050	Wilson Island Reef	All year
NA – QLD	Pancake Creek	All year

Queensland – Statutory instruments

Fish Habitat Areas

43. [Fish Habitat Areas](#) are declared under the *Fisheries Act 1994* (Qld) to protect highly productive fish habitats from physical disturbance while still allowing legal fishing.
44. Permission assessments consider whether a Fish Habitat Area is located nearby and, if so, any potential direct or indirect impacts that may be caused by the proposal.

Management Plans

45. [Management plans](#) are statutory instruments under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Qld) which describe the values of a park and how it should be managed.
46. Those potentially of relevance to the Marine Park include:
- a. [Barnard Island Group National Park](#)
 - b. [Bowling Green Bay National Park](#)
 - c. [Broadwater Regional Park](#)
 - d. [Brook Islands and Gool Island National Parks](#)
 - e. [Bushy Island National Park](#)
 - f. [Byfield Area](#) and adjoining Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park
 - g. [Frankland Group National Park](#)
 - h. [Green Island Recreation Area, incorporating Green Island](#)
 - i. [National Park, part of Cairns](#)
 - j. [Marine Park \(State\) and part of the GBRMP \(Commonwealth\) and Green Island National Park](#)
 - k. [Hinchinbrook Island National Park](#)
 - l. [Holbourne Island National Park and adjoining State Waters](#)

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- g. [Cape Hillsborough, Pioneer Peaks, Mount Ossa, Mount Martin](#)
- p. [Hope Islands National Park and Reliance Creek national parks](#)
- q. [Keppel Bay Islands National Park and adjoining State Waters](#)
- r. [Michaelmas and Upolu Cays](#)
- h. [Capricorn Coast National Park](#)
- National Park
- i. [Capricornia Cays National Park](#)
- s. [Orpheus Island National Park and adjoining State Waters](#)
- t. [Three Islands Group National Park](#)
- j. [Family Islands National Park](#)
- and adjoining tidal lands
- k. [Fitzroy Island National Park and Area](#)
- u. [Turtle Group National Park Marine Management Area](#)

Queensland – Non-statutory plans and policies

Management Statements

47. [Management statements](#) are non-statutory plans under the [Nature Conservation Act 1992 \(Qld\)](#). They briefly explain the values of a park and the key management objectives.
48. Those potentially of relevance to the Marine Park include:
- a. [Bowling Green Bay Regional Park](#)
 - c. [Broad Sound Islands National](#)
 - b. [Boyne Island Regional Park](#)
 - d. [Cape Melville National Park](#)
 - e. [Cape Pallarenda Regional Park](#)
 - f. [Cape Palmerston National Park](#)
 - g. [Cape Upstart Area](#)
 - h. [Claremont Isles National Park](#)
 - i. [Conway-Dryander Area](#)
 - j. [Curtis Island Area](#)
 - k. [Daintree National Park](#)
 - l. [Djiru National Park](#)
 - m. [Ella Bay National Park](#)
 - n. [Endeavour River Area](#)
 - o. [Etty Bay Road Regional Park](#)
 - p. [Girramay National Park](#)
 - q. [Girringun National Park](#)
 - r. [Halifax Bay Wetlands National Park](#)
 - t. [Kurrimine Beach Regional Park](#)
 - u. [Kurrimine Beach National Park](#)
 - v. [Lizard Island National Park](#)
 - w. [Mackay Islands Protected Areas](#)
 - x. [Magnetic Island \(Yunbenun\)](#)
 - y. [Piper Islands National Park](#)
 - z. [Raine Island](#)
 - aa. [Saunders Islands National Park](#)
 - bb. [Shoalwater Bay Regional Park](#)
 - cc. [Sir Charles Hardy Group National Park](#)
 - dd. [Swain Reefs National Park](#)
 - ee. [Whitsunday Islands National Park](#)
 - ff. [Wild Cattle Island National Park](#)

Whitsunday and Mackay Islands Visitor Strategy

- s. [Keppel Bay Islands National Park](#)
49. The [Whitsunday and Mackay Islands Visitor Strategy 2007](#) strategy explains the Queensland Government's desired outcomes and strategies for managing visitation. The strategy informs day-to-day operational decisions, including permission system decisions.

Implementation

50. These guidelines will be reviewed and updated at least every three (3) years.
51. The Permission system policy and other assessment guidelines are available which provide further detail on how GBRMPA assesses, decides and manages specific aspects of the permission system and application process.

For actions that are wholly or partially outside the Marine Parks, the Authority will continue to liaise with 52.the Commonwealth Department responsible for the *Environment Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999*. Where a bilateral agreement exists between the Australian Government and the Queensland Government, depending on the terms of the agreement the Commonwealth Department's role may be delivered by the Queensland Government. The Authority will work with both levels of government according to agreed procedures, such as a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide advice on matters that may affect the Great Barrier Reef.

Definitions

Refer to the [Permission System Policy](#) for a list of general definitions relating to the permission system.

Part 5 notification

Notice given to GBRMPA, by a person, of the intention to use or enter the Marine Park without permission in accordance with Part 5.2 of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003*.

Ship

Has the meaning given by r31 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983.

Supporting information

1. Hyperlinks to supporting information are provided throughout the document.

Further information

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