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SPEARFISHING



OFFSHORE COOKTOWN?

Waters offshore Cooktown are 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 offshore Cooktown?

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 hashed border.

For more detailed information, see Zoning Maps 4 (includes Inset A for Lizard Island) and 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, providing space for new corals to grow.

#LoveTheReef



Be crocwise in
and around
crocodile habitat.

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.

**BE
REEF
SMART**



**DO NOT
FEED THE FISH**



**DO NOT
THROW FOOD
SCRAPS OVERBOARD**

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SPEARFISHING IN THE CAIRNS PLANNING AREA NORTH 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, Marine Parks (Great Barrier Reef Coast) Zoning Plan 2004 and Queensland Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019.

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
 - Marine National Park
 - Preservation (closed to public access)
- Special Management Areas**
- Public Appreciation
 - Natural Resource Conservation

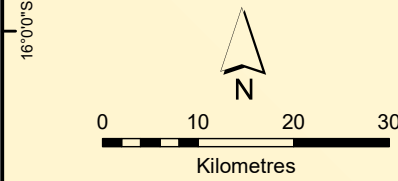


Spearfishing NOT allowed at any of the zones or areas marked with a **X** on the legend above.

No spearfishing within the Lizard Island Sector except in Habitat Protection Zone

No spearfishing at Cooktown within 100m of main wharf and pontoons

- ### LEGEND
- Marine Park boundary
Marine Park boundary shown is extent of both Great Barrier Reef and Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Parks
 - Cairns Planning Area boundary
Cairns Planning Area Sector boundary
 - Indicative Reef boundary
 - Mangrove
 - Town
 - Mainland and Islands



Map Projection: Unprojected Geographic
Map Datum: Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994
Names are not necessarily authoritative
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