

# Bulletin

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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 Woora 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" Zones are as follows:

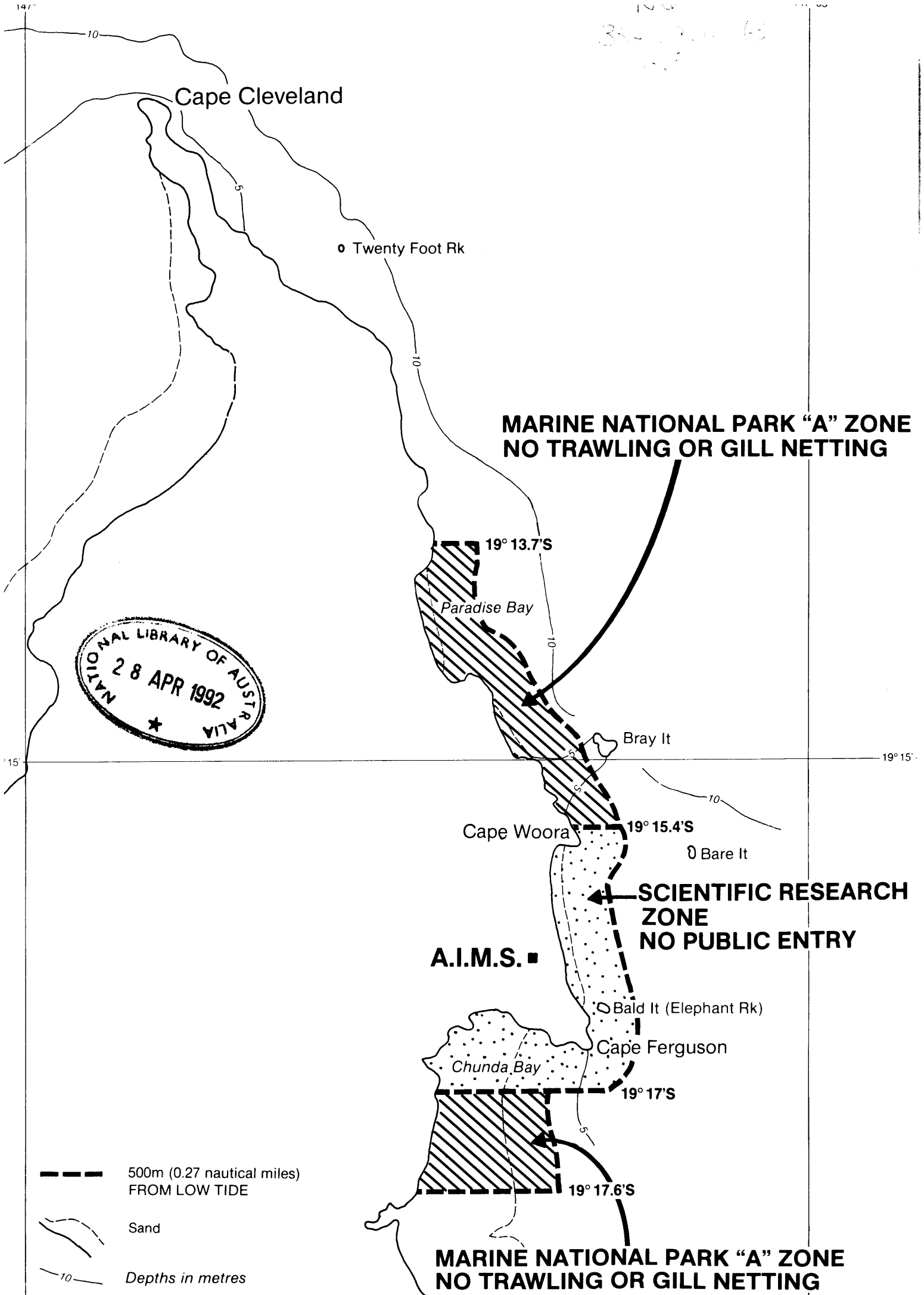
- (i) trolling for pelagic species
- (ii) limited line fishing by a person using equipment comprised of either one hand-held rod or one handline, and used with: no more than one hook; or an artificial fly; or a lure
- (iii) gathering of oysters for their immediate consumption
- (iv) limited crabbing using any combination of crab pots, dillies or inverted dillies that total no more than 4 devices, or a crab hook (note - limitations apply on the apparatus used, and restrictions apply on the numbers, size and sex of certain species taken in accordance with the Queensland Fisheries Act)
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- (vi) bait netting using a cast net or recreational bait net as defined by Queensland Fisheries Regulations, or use of a commercial bait net by a licensed commercial fisherman.

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.

**Zoning Plans** and Regulations should be consulted for detailed information on marine park zones and regulations. These are available from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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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 extractive activities are permitted in Marine National Park "B" Zones.

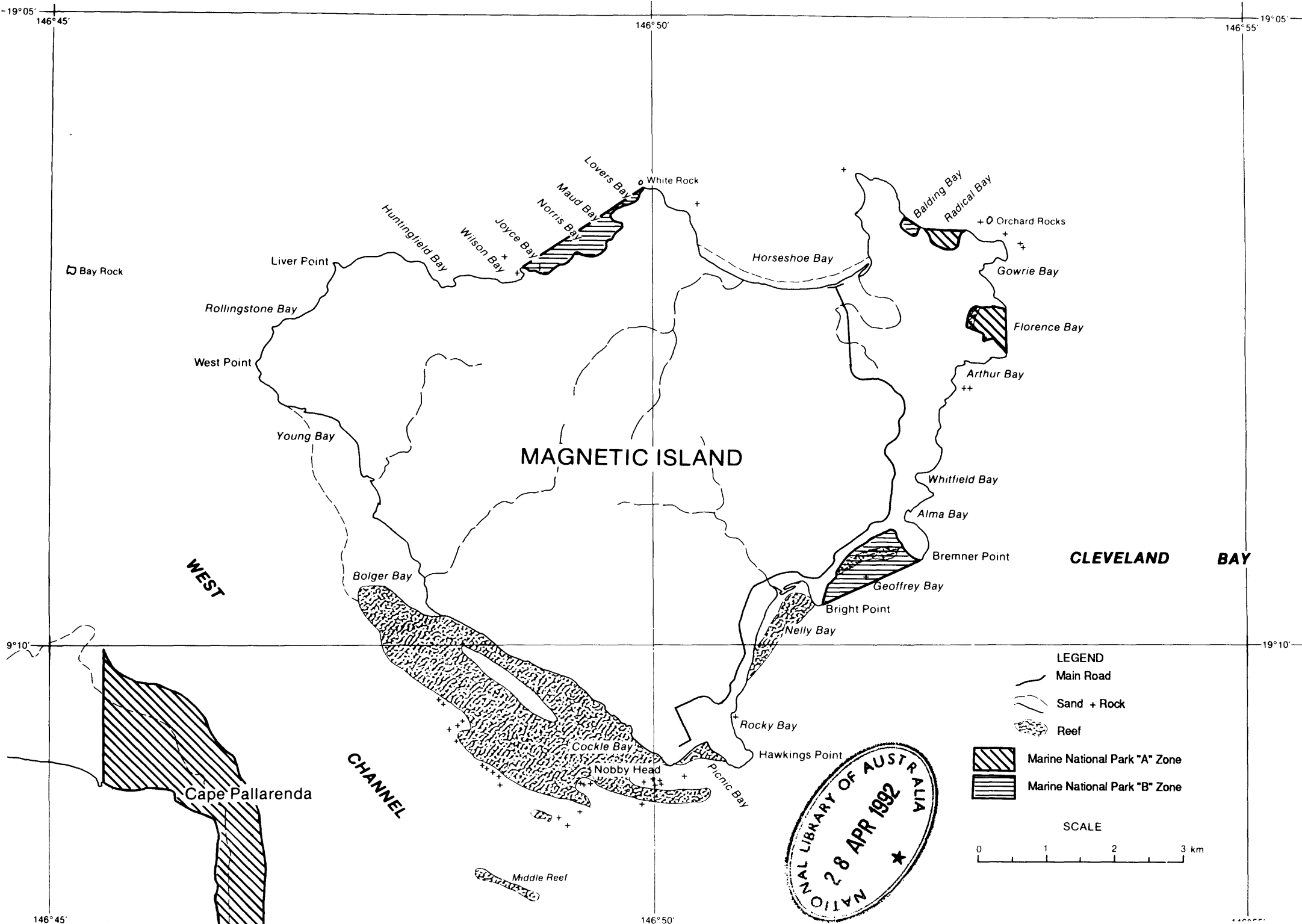
**Marine National Park "A" Zones** are present at Radical Bay and Florence Bay. Trawling is not permitted in Marine National Park "A" Zones and trawlers entering the zones must have their nets out of water and hung on board with cod ends open. The only fishing or extractive activities permitted in Marine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

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**MAGNETIC ISLAND**

**CLEVELAND BAY**

**WEST**

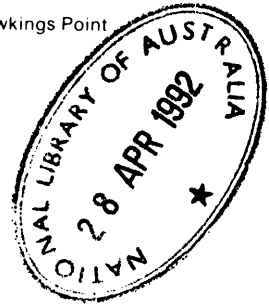
**CHANNEL**

**LEGEND**

- Main Road
- Sand + Rock
- Reef

- Marine National Park "A" Zone
- Marine National Park "B" Zone

**SCALE**



Bay Rock

Rollingstone Bay

West Point

Young Bay

Bolger Bay

Cape Pallarenda

Middle Reef

Lovers Bay

White Rock

Maud Bay

Norris Bay

Joyce Bay

Wilson Bay

Huntingfield Bay

Horseshoe Bay

Balding Bay

Radical Bay

Orchard Rocks

Gowrie Bay

Florence Bay

Arthur Bay

Whitfield Bay

Alma Bay

Bremner Point

Geoffrey Bay

Bright Point

Nelly Bay

Rocky Bay

Hawkings Point

Cockle Bay

Nobby Head

Picnic Bay

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## REEF APPRECIATION AREAS CAIRNS SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK WATSON'S BAY (LIZARD ISLAND)

A Reef Appreciation Area is a small area on a heavily used reef in which you may observe and appreciate relatively undisturbed marine life. Fishing and collecting are not allowed in the Reef Appreciation Areas.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has declared Reef Appreciation Areas in the Cairns Section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park following a review of comments received during a public participation program.

The declaration of Reef Appreciation Areas is in keeping with the Authority's goal of providing for the protection, wise use, appreciation and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef in perpetuity through the development and care of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Reef Appreciation Areas have been declared over small parts of Norman Reef, Hastings Reef and Watson's Bay (Lizard Island), and will remain in effect until either 1 January 1991, or the date a revised Zoning Plan for the Cairns Section comes into effect, whichever is the earlier.

Each Reef Appreciation Area has been selected because it has a wide range of corals, fish and other marine animals, is free from strong tidal currents and is easily accessible from popular anchorages or a camping island.

Activities which may be undertaken in Reef Appreciation Areas include snorkelling, reef walking, diving, photography and observation of marine life.

During the next 12 months as funds are available, the Reef Appreciation Areas will be marked for ease of identification.

Day-to-day management of the Cairns Section is undertaken by officers of the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service who during the course of their normal duties monitor the Reef Appreciation Areas by both aerial surveillance and vessel patrols as well as by on-site reefal surveys.

Further information may be obtained from:

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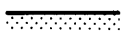


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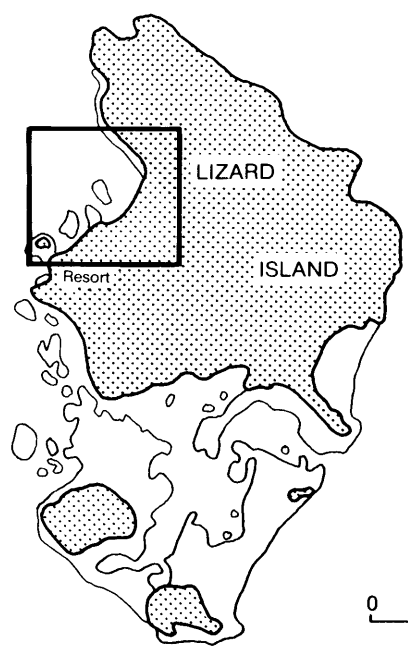
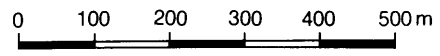
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### WATSON'S BAY, Lizard Island

REEF APPRECIATION AREA  
(Diagrammatic representation)

-  Island
-  Approximate boundary of drying reef platform at low water
-  Shoal edge and/or bommies



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## REEF APPRECIATION AREAS CENTRAL SECTION GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK BAIT AND CREDLIN REEFS

The designation of Special Management Areas provides for areas of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to be specially managed for the purposes 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 which may be designated from time to time. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has designated Special Management Areas for Reef Appreciation over small parts of Bait Reef and Credlin Reef.

### Bait Reef

Bait Reef is a favourite and intensively used diving spot. However it is also used heavily by recreational fishermen. 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 recreational fishermen. 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 fishermen a portion of Bait Reef (refer map overleaf), where most of the preferred diving areas are located, has been 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 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) has been designated 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

The designation of Special Management Areas 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 in the Special Management Areas include snorkelling, reef walking, diving, photography and observation of marine life. Fishing and collecting are not allowed.

Markers will be placed on the reefs as appropriate for ease of identification of the Special Management Areas.

Day to day management of the Central Section is undertaken by officers of the Queensland National Parks and Wildlife Service, 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.

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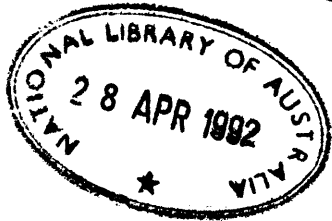
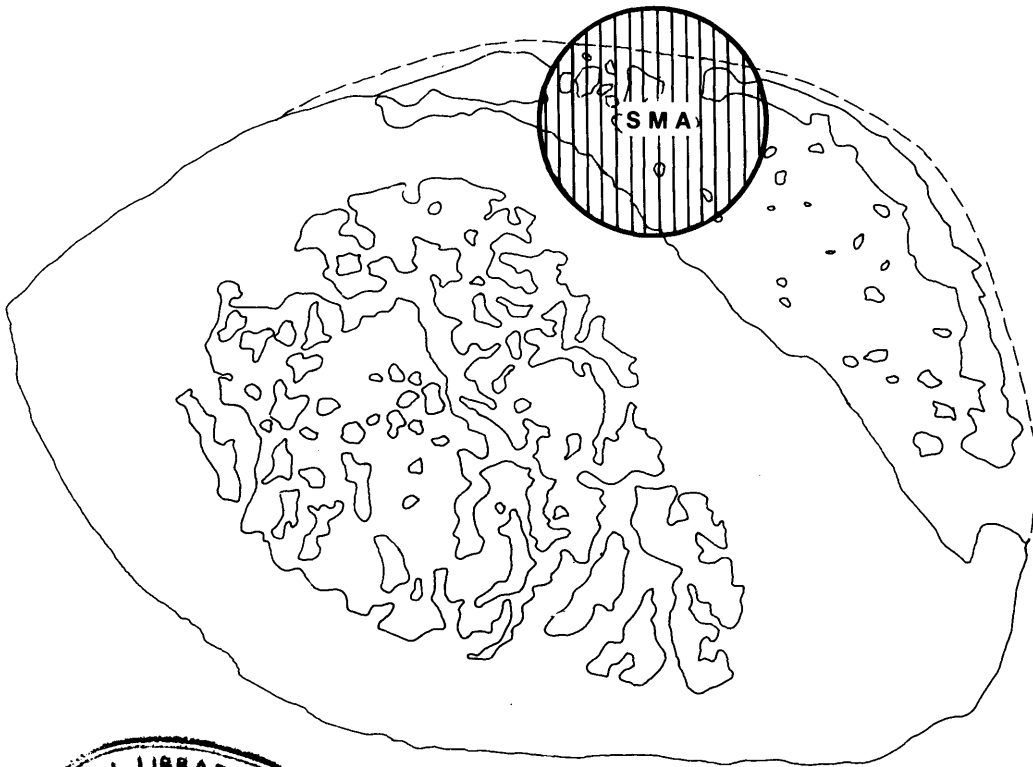
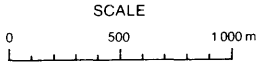
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**Marine Parks**



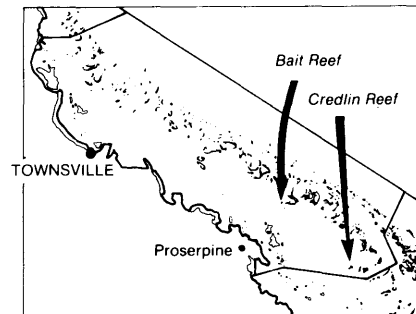
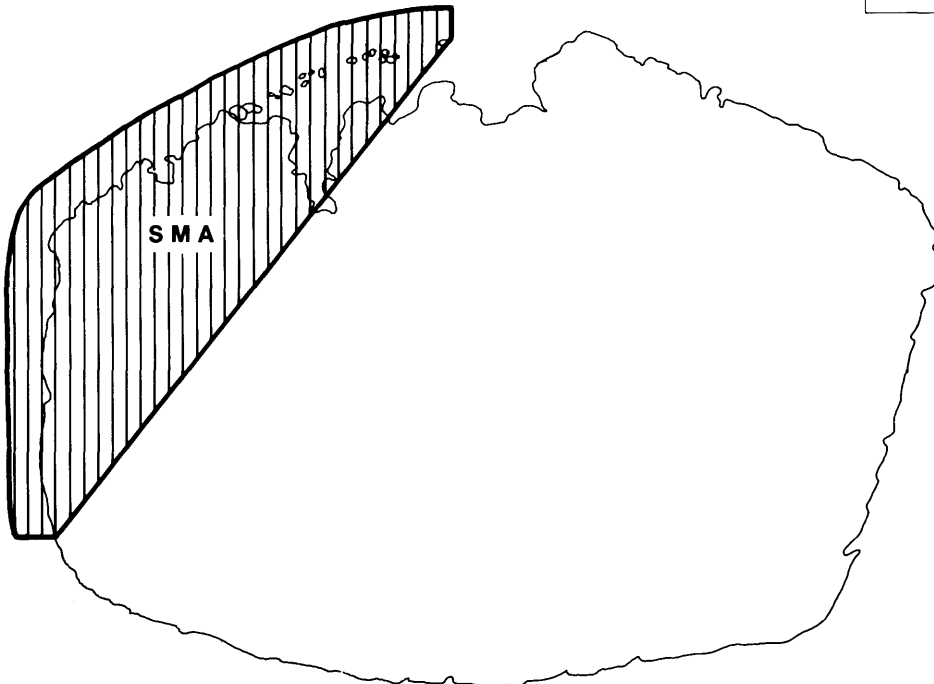
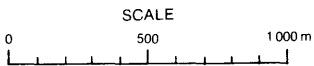
**CREDLIN REEF  
DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Diagrammatic Representation)



**BAIT REEF  
DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA**

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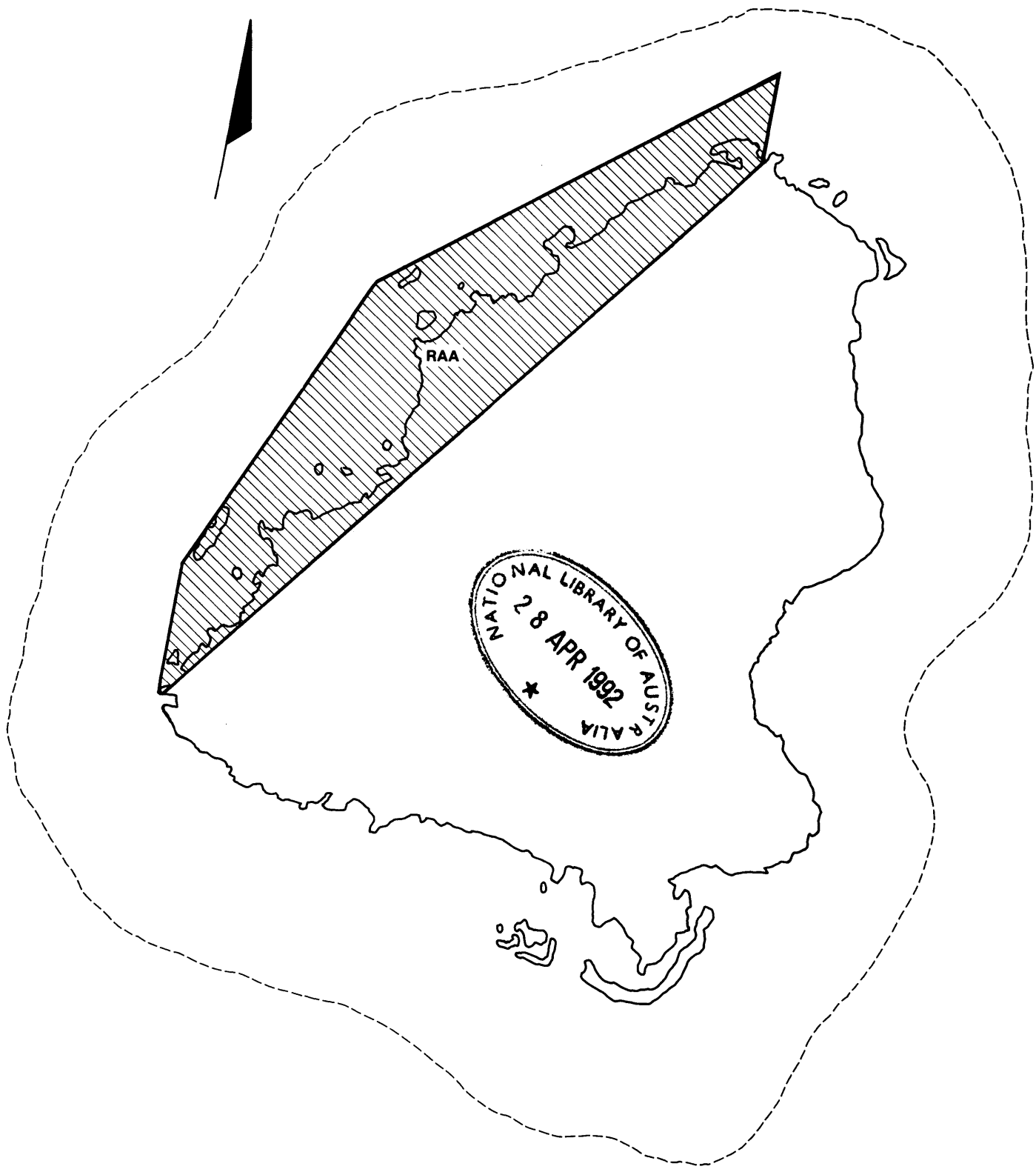
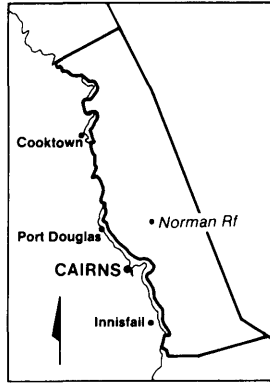
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# NORMAN REEF

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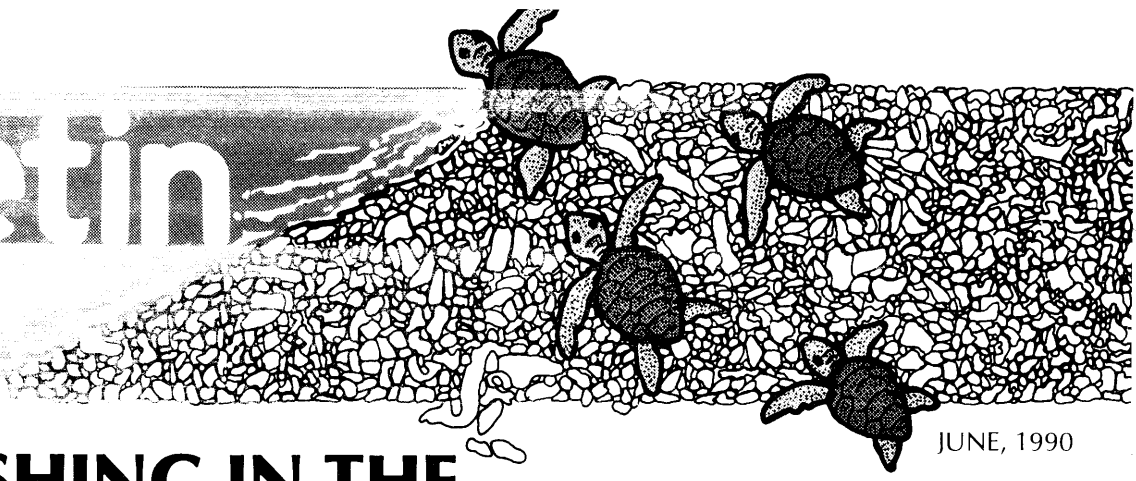
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## SPEARFISHING IN THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK

### Where am I allowed to spearfish?

You may spearfish in all general use zones in the Marine Park, and in all non-zoned sections of the Marine Park. However, you should note that some waters within these general use zones are closed to spearfishing under Queensland law — there are details of those areas in the Queensland Harbours and Marine Tide Tables.

### Where am I NOT allowed to spearfish?

You may not spearfish in Marine National Park 'A', Marine National Park Buffer and Marine National Park 'B' Zones, nor in Scientific Research or Preservation Zones. You also may not spearfish in areas where periodic restrictions are in operation. These areas may be Replenishment Areas, Reef Appreciation Areas, Reef Research Areas or Seasonal Closure Areas.

### Replenishment Areas

A Replenishment Area is an area closed for a specified period to all activities, including spearfishing, that take living resources from the Marine Park. The only such activity allowed in a closed Replenishment Area is trolling for pelagic mackerel species during specific periods.

### Reef Appreciation Areas

Reef Appreciation Areas are small areas of reefs where all extractive activities are prohibited to protect the areas in their natural state. These areas are widely advertised and usually marked.

### Reef Research Areas

Reef Research Areas are small areas closed to extractive activities to protect specific research projects. These areas are usually marked.

### Seasonal Closure Areas

Seasonal Closure Areas are areas closed to all access during the breeding or nesting periods of birds or other marine life. The closure of these areas is advertised.

### What equipment can I use?

You may only spearfish using a snorkel and a hand spear or speargun. You may not use any other underwater breathing equipment (such as scuba or hookah) and you may only use a powerhead for protection against a shark attack.

### Can I sell fish I spear?

Spearfishing for the purpose of sale or trade is not allowed in the Marine Park, with one exception, in the Far Northern Section of the Marine Park it is permitted to spear crayfish for purposes of sale or trade (you can also use scuba or hookah in this circumstance — but only for crayfish). However, to spear crayfish for sale or trade in the Far Northern Section you must have a commercial fishing licence.

### Where can I find out more?

1. For information on the zones in the Marine Park refer to a zoning plan or activity guide for the area to be visited — copies can be obtained from offices of the GBRMPA or Regional offices of the QNPWS.
2. There are penalties of up to \$5000 for offences relating to spearfishing in the Marine Park. Offenders have already been fined up to \$1000 plus court costs.



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