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# SPEARFISHING



## IN THE WHITSUNDAYS?

The Whitsundays is one of the Great Barrier Reef's most highly visited regions, with the greatest concentration of users. To help protect this iconic area, there are special rules in place for spearfishing.

### Where is spearfishing allowed in the Whitsunday Planning Area?

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

For ease of understanding, this map combines the rules for Marine Parks zoning, the Public Appreciation Special Management Area and Queensland Fisheries.

For more detailed information, see the Whitsundays Zoning Map 10, or visit [www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.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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Be crocwise in and around crocodile habitat.

### BE REEF SMART

When enjoying the many different activities and experiences in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, it is important to enjoy them in a responsible and 'reef smart' way.



DO NOT  
FEED THE FISH



DO NOT  
THROW FOOD  
SCRAPS OVERBOARD

### For further information contact:

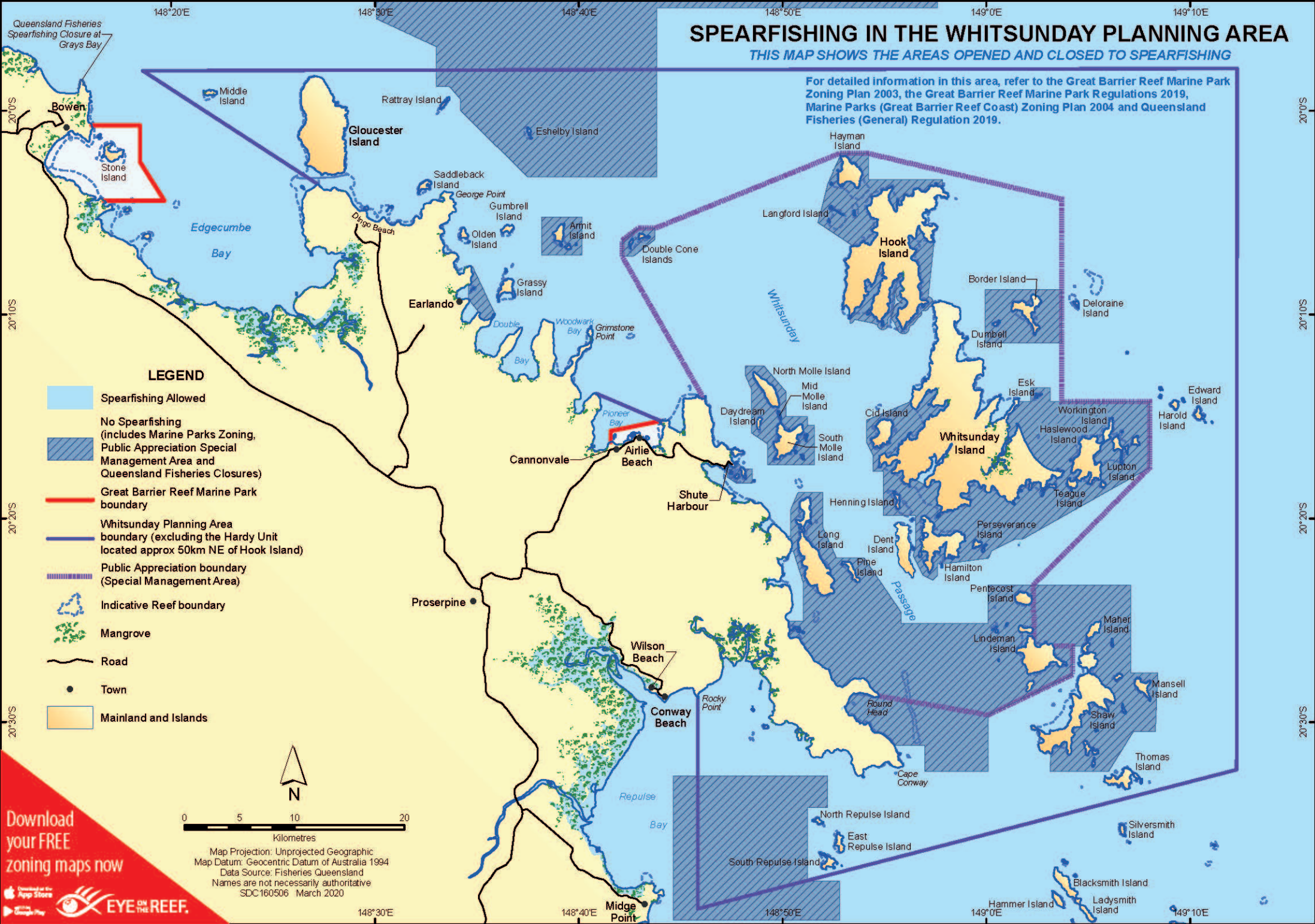
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# SPEARFISHING IN THE WHITSUNDAY PLANNING AREA

THIS MAP SHOWS THE AREAS OPENED 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.



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148°40'E

148°50'E

149°0'E

149°10'E

20°30'S

20°20'S

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