

MARINE PARKS PERMIT APPLICATION

RESEARCH

Joint Permits

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) operate a joint Marine Parks permit process that generally is administered by the GBRMPA. Joint Marine Parks permits grant access to both the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Commonwealth) and the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park (State) for certain purposes.

About this application form

This form is to be used when applying for permissions under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (Cth) and/or the *Marine Parks Act 2004* (Qld) to undertake research activities that require a permit in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and/or the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park. If you are unsure what type of research requires a permit, please visit the GBRMPA's website or phone one of the numbers below.

More information

Visit the GBRMPA's website to obtain information about other types of Marine Parks permits and the application process (www.gbrmpa.gov.au/zoning-permits-and-plans/permits/), or contact the GBRMPA for a permit application information package. For information on State-only Marine Parks permits, please visit the QPWS website (www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/) or phone one of the QPWS numbers below. Some research activities will also require an authority under Queensland fisheries legislation – contact the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for more information.

For further information please contact the GBRMPA's Environmental Assessment and Protection Group or the Marine Parks section of the QPWS office in your region.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (www.gbrmpa.gov.au)	Townsville	Tel: (07) 4750 0700 Fax: (07) 4772 5289
Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (www.nprsr.qld.gov.au)	Cairns	Tel: (07) 4222 5282 Fax: (07) 4222 5060
	Townsville	Tel: 1300 130 372 Fax: (07) 4722 5311
	Airlie Beach	Tel: (07) 4967 7355 Fax: (07) 4967 7389
	Rockhampton	Tel: (07) 4936 0511 Fax: (07) 4936 2171

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) provides for the protection of the environment, especially matters of national environmental significance (NES). Under the EPBC Act, a person must not take an action that has, will have, or is likely to have a significant impact on any of the matters of NES without approval from the Australian Government Environment Minister. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is now a matter of NES under the EPBC Act (sections 24B and 24C).

To help you decide whether or not your proposed action requires approval from the Environment Minister, guidance is available from the Department of Environment (DoE) website (www.environment.gov.au/epbc). Where approval from the Environment Minister is required, a proposed action will need to be referred by the applicant to the DoE. The purpose of a referral is to obtain a decision on whether the proposed action will need formal assessment and approval under the EPBC Act. A referral form can be obtained from the DoE website.

Referral of an action under the EPBC Act is deemed to be an application under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (see section 37AB, *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*). The DoE will forward the referral to the GBRMPA to commence its permit processes as required under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983*. For more information on the EPBC Act and making a referral, call the DoE's Community Information Unit on 1800 803 772 or visit the website at www.environment.gov.au/epbc.



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HOW TO APPLY

- Print out and complete the application form;
- Scan and email the completed application form to assessments@gbmpa.gov.au together with your:
 - Research plan (Note: if applying to continue an existing research permit please include details of any changes that may have occurred since the last application); and
 - Field work summary (Applicable only if applying to continue an existing research permit);
- Forward the signed original application, research plan and field work summary (if applicable) to:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
PO Box 1379
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810
Attn: Environmental Assessment and Protection

PLEASE NOTE:

It is important that the GBRMPA and the QPWS receive correct information about your permit application. There are significant penalties for giving false or misleading information.

Please read and complete this form carefully as incorrect or insufficient information may delay consideration of your application.

1. Principal Investigator(s):

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	

NOTE: All people whose names are listed above will be on the permit. Attach as additional information any further principle investigators involved in the research. If there are multiple Permittees, all will need to approve any changes/applications to continue the permit. The organisation/address on the permit will be the first principle investigator above unless otherwise advised.

2. Contact Person:

Title:		Name:			
Organisation:				ACN/ABN:	
Address:				Postcode:	
Email:			Tel:		Fax:

NOTE: The nominated contact person will need to be available to respond to any queries that arise during the assessment of the application. Non-availability may result in processing delays.

3. Type of permit (please indicate):

Is this application for a new research permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Is this application to continue an existing research permit? <i>(If it is for exactly the same as your current permit, complete only those sections below where updated information exists.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Permit No.:	G
Is this an application to vary the conditions of an existing permit? <i>(Provide details of the requested modifications to your permit in the relevant sections below.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Permit No.:	G

NOTE: It is important to note that only permit conditions can be varied – some things that are not conditions include adding a new research investigator, adding new research sites, extending the permit period or making significant changes to the research plan. It is recommended you consult with the GBRMPA if in doubt.

4. Commencement date and duration:

When do you expect to commence your research activities in the Marine Parks?	Date:	
Requested duration of permit (in years)?	Years:	

NOTE: The standard maximum period for research permits is three years. Application to continue the permit can be made prior to the expiry of any permit granted.

5. Research Proposal:

Project Title:	
Purpose of the research (provide a summary of the proposal, including aims, objectives and methodology):	

NOTE: You may also provide the details requested above in an attachment to this application.

6. Sampling Design:

Provide details of the sampling design, including:

- (i) Scientific and/or common name of specimen(s)/marine product(s) to be collected
- (ii) If applicable, size/age of specimen(s) (e.g. fragment size, whole colony, larvae etc.)
- (iii) Number/quantity of specimen(s)/marine product(s) to be collected in total, over life of the permit
- (iv) If applicable, number/quantity to be collected per year
- (v) If applicable, number/quantity to be collected per location
- (vi) Method of collection/manipulation
- (vii) Fate (tagged, manipulated, returned and/or retained)

NOTE: Generally for the purposes of research a location is defined as a discrete, identified reef, or a continuous non-reef area of up to 10 square kilometres.

(i) Scientific and/or common name of specimen(s)/marine product(s)	(ii) Size/age of specimen(s) (if applicable)	(iii) Number/quantity of specimen(s)/marine product(s) in total	(iv) Number/quantity per year (if applicable)	(v) Number/quantity per location (if applicable)	(vi) Method of collection/manipulation	(vii) Fate

7. Equipment Details (Includes all equipment placed in the Marine Parks e.g. star pickets):

Type of Equipment	Dimensions (cm, m)	Number in total	Number per location	Method of deployment	Length of deployment

NOTE: Attach diagrams, photos and/or specifications of equipment to be installed (to enable assessment of the environmental footprint and impacts).

8. Chemical Details:

Name of chemical	Concentration to be used	Method of use

9. Marine Parks Locations:

Indicate the Reef Name(s), or non-reef area(s) that you intend to conduct this activity in and the zoning level (zoning maps can be viewed at www.gbrmpa.gov.au/zoning-permits-and-plans/zoning/zoning-maps).

Reef/Island Name	Reef ID (e.g. 19-123)	Zone (e.g. Habitat Protection Zone)	Coordinates (if applicable)

10. Justification for research in a highly protected area:

Note: If your research is to be conducted in a Buffer Zone, Marine National Park Zone (green zone) or a Preservation Zone (pink zone), you are required to justify that:

- 1) your research is relevant to, and a priority for, the management of the Marine Parks (link to the GBRMPA's Scientific Information Management Needs document); or
- 2) cannot reasonably be conducted elsewhere.

Note: Proximity to research stations and/or ease of access are not by themselves valid justification. For access to Preservation Zones, both justifications must be met (i.e. it is 1 AND 2)

11. Entry Details:

How will you be entering and moving through the Marine Parks (e.g. research vessel associated with research station, chartered aircraft, reef walking)?	
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NOTE: If chartering a vessel/aircraft, remember that the charter vessel/aircraft will need to have a Marine Parks permit that allows for non tourist commercial charters and have access to the locations you want to enter.

12. Commercial research:

Is your proposed research of a commercial nature?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NOTE: Fees apply for activities of a commercial nature including commercial research. Contact the GBRMPA for more information.

13. Biodiscovery:

Does your proposed research involve accessing biological resources for biodiscovery purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NOTE: Prior to accessing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to collect biological resources, you must have resolved with the Australian Government Department of Environment and the Queensland Government Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation any requirements for a benefit sharing agreement.

Any other information? (E.g. Additional information or is there something on the form you could not fill out?)

Proposed Permit Holder's Declaration: Please read the following information carefully.

Privacy Notice – GBRMPA

Personal information you provide to the GBRMPA in your permit application is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Privacy Act). The information provided by you will be used by the GBRMPA to assess your application and to assist it to make decisions whether to grant you a relevant permission. The GBRMPA may also use the personal information you provide to notify you of any subsequent matters affecting any permission granted to you, including any changes to your permission, information about management arrangements for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and information about relevant policies implemented by the GBRMPA. The authority to collect this information is in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* and the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983* (the Regulations).

Who do we give it to:

This joint application form may be used by both the GBRMPA and the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) to assess your application for a Marine Parks permit. If your application comprises an application for permission to conduct activities in a Marine Park of the State of Queensland, then identifying information collected on this form will be given to NPRSR. If the GBRMPA considers that the granting of the permission may restrict the reasonable use by the public of part of the Marine Park, then it may also require you to publish an advertisement containing any information about your application that the GBRMPA reasonably requires.

Under the Regulations, if you are granted a permit, a copy of the permit document, which may include some identifying information such as your name and address, will be published on the Internet. The GBRMPA will not otherwise disclose your personal information to any third party without your consent, unless it is required to do so by law.

More information

For more information on privacy and the Privacy Act, see the Privacy Commissioner's website at www.privacy.gov.au.

Privacy Statement – QPWS

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (NPRSR) is collecting the information on this form to assess your application for a Marine Parks permit and to process your enquiry, provide notices, reminders and other related administrative matters. This Information is authorised by the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Forestry Act 1959* and *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*. Information may be disclosed by NPRSR to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Queensland government agencies involved in the administration of this legislation including the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Information received by NPRSR may also be disclosed in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Evidence Act 1977*. Your personal information will only be accessed by authorised employees and will not be disclosed to any other parties unless authorised or required by law. For queries in relation to your personal information, please contact the Privacy Contact Officer, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, PO Box 2454 Brisbane QLD 4001 or email: privacy@ehp.qld.gov.au.

Declaration under the Oaths Act 1867 - Queensland

Note: If you have not told the truth in this application, you may be liable for prosecution under the relevant Acts or Regulations.

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. The information provided in this permit application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. Where the applicant is a company, I am duly authorised by the company to sign this permit application on its behalf.

and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867 (Qld)*.

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NOTE: Where this application is submitted by or on behalf of more than one person, the above declaration must be signed by all joint permit applicants. Where this application is submitted for and on behalf of a company, it must be signed in the name of the company by a person who is duly authorised by the company. The name and position of that person must be provided. If you are not a Director of the company that is making this application, you must provide an authority from the company to act on its behalf in matters regarding Marine Park/s permits.