

Zones for Marine Parks

Zoning is an important component in managing marine areas. It defines the activities that can occur in which locations. The level of protection increases from the General Use (light blue) Zones up to the most restrictive, Preservation Zone (pink).



The zones are:

- General Use (light blue)
- Conservation Park (yellow)
- Marine National Park (green)
- Estuarine Conservation (brown)
- Preservation Zone (pink)

General Use Zone (light blue)

The objective of the General Use Zone is to provide opportunities for reasonable use of the marine park, while still allowing for the conservation of these areas.

Management arrangements for commercial fisheries include:

- Limits on the number of fishing licences
- Seasonal closures
- Restrictions on fishing vessel size
- Restrictions on the length, mesh size and number of nets used
- Limits on the number of hooks used
- Limits on the number of traps such as crab pots and dillies used
- Limits on the total allowable catch restrictions on the size of fish.



Conservation Park Zone (yellow)

The Conservation Park Zone allows for increased protection and conservation of areas of the Marine Park by protecting and managing sensitive habitats and ensuring they are generally free from potentially damaging activities.

Marine National Park Zone (green)

The Marine National Park Zone is a 'no-take' area and extractive activities like fishing or collecting are not allowed without a permit.

Anyone can enter a Marine National Park Zone and participate in activities such as boating, swimming, snorkelling and sailing.

Estuarine Conservation Zone (Brown)

The Estuarine Conservation Zone provides for the protection of areas of Coastal Marine Park in a natural state while allowing the public to appreciate and enjoy the relatively undisturbed nature of those areas and to provide for traditional hunting and gathering.

Preservation Zone (Pink)

The Preservation Zone is a 'no go' area. A person cannot enter a Preservation Zone unless they have written permission and extractive activities are strictly prohibited.

A permit is required to conduct research in this zone. Research may occur in a Preservation Zone, if it cannot be undertaken elsewhere, but only if the research is relevant to, and a priority for, management.

