

INTRODUCTION

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, with the assistance of the CSIRO Central Information Library and Editorial Section, has produced this update of the computer-based information system on Australian Marine Research in Progress (AMRIP) for the Great Barrier Reef Region only.

Australian Marine Research in Progress (AMRIP) is a data base designed to assist in co-ordinating the further development in Australia of marine research. It has been developed to encourage the flow of information between individual researchers and research organisations and also to provide the basis for more effective co-operation and co-ordination between researchers and the users of research in industry and Government. The further development of the data base should assist researchers to design projects which complement on-going research and to identify areas of research which are not being addressed.

It is proposed that the data base will be updated annually and a hard copy directory will be produced biennially. A special hard copy edition for the Great Barrier Reef Region only will be published in alternate years.

Management of the AMRIP data base is currently co-ordinated by the Australian Institute of Marine Science with the co-operation of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) and the Victorian Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS).

The summaries of marine research projects contained in AMRIP are based directly on information provided by researchers and research organisations. These summaries have been edited only to meet uniform style and presentation standards. No responsibility can be taken for the accuracy of information supplied by contributors.

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