

INTRODUCTION

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, with the assistance of the CSIRO Information Resources Unit, 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 database designed to assist in coordinating the further development in Australia of marine research. It has been developed to encourage the flow of information between individual researchers and research organizations and also to provide the basis for more effective cooperation and coordination between researchers and the users of research in industry and Government. The further development of the database should assist researchers to design projects which complement ongoing research and to identify areas of research which are not being addressed.

It is proposed that the database will be updated annually. A special hard copy edition for the Great Barrier Reef Region will be published each year.

Management of the AMRIP database is currently coordinated by the Australian Institute of Marine Science with the cooperation of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (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 organizations. 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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