MARINE PARKS PERMIT APPLICATION

This permit application form is to be used when applying for permission to undertake activities in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and / or Queensland Marine Parks.

A separate application form is available for tourist operations or structures.

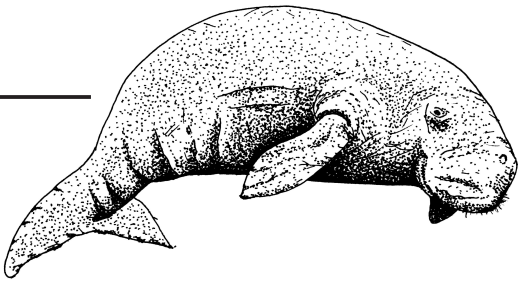
Permits are required before some activities may be undertaken in Marine Parks. Detailed information about Marine Parks permit requirements may be obtained by checking relevant zoning plans and regulations. Most visitors will not require a permit for recreational activities. Before any activity is undertaken in Marine Parks, you should check the Zoning Plan to see if that activity is allowed and whether the activity requires a permit. For more details contact the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the GBRMPA) or the Marine Parks section of the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) *see contact details below*.

The use of permits helps the GBRMPA and QPWS to ensure the conservation of the Marine Parks. The permits system allows these organisations to:

- reduce impacts on high-usage and sensitive areas;
- separate potentially conflicting activities;
- encourage responsible behaviour in all Marine Parks users;
- collect data for the planning of Marine Parks; and
- monitor activities which may become damaging to the Marine Parks.

POINTS TO NOTE ABOUT PERMITS

- Marine Parks permits for commercial activities require a **Permit Application Assessment Fee** - for further information, please contact the GBRMPA or QPWS.
- Usually a joint permit with effect under the *Queensland Marine Parks Act* and the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act* is issued.
- In general, permits must be available for inspection while in the Marine Parks.
- Furnishing false or misleading information in a permit application is an offence.
- Permits may be suspended, revoked or varied if conditions are not met or an offence is committed.
- Entry into a zone without a required permit or in contravention of the conditions of a permit is an offence.
- All permits carry conditions. These vary depending on the type of activity proposed, and may vary within a proposed activity depending on the impact of the specific activity on the Marine Parks.
- The onus is on permit applicants to establish the environmental impacts that may arise from their operation.



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