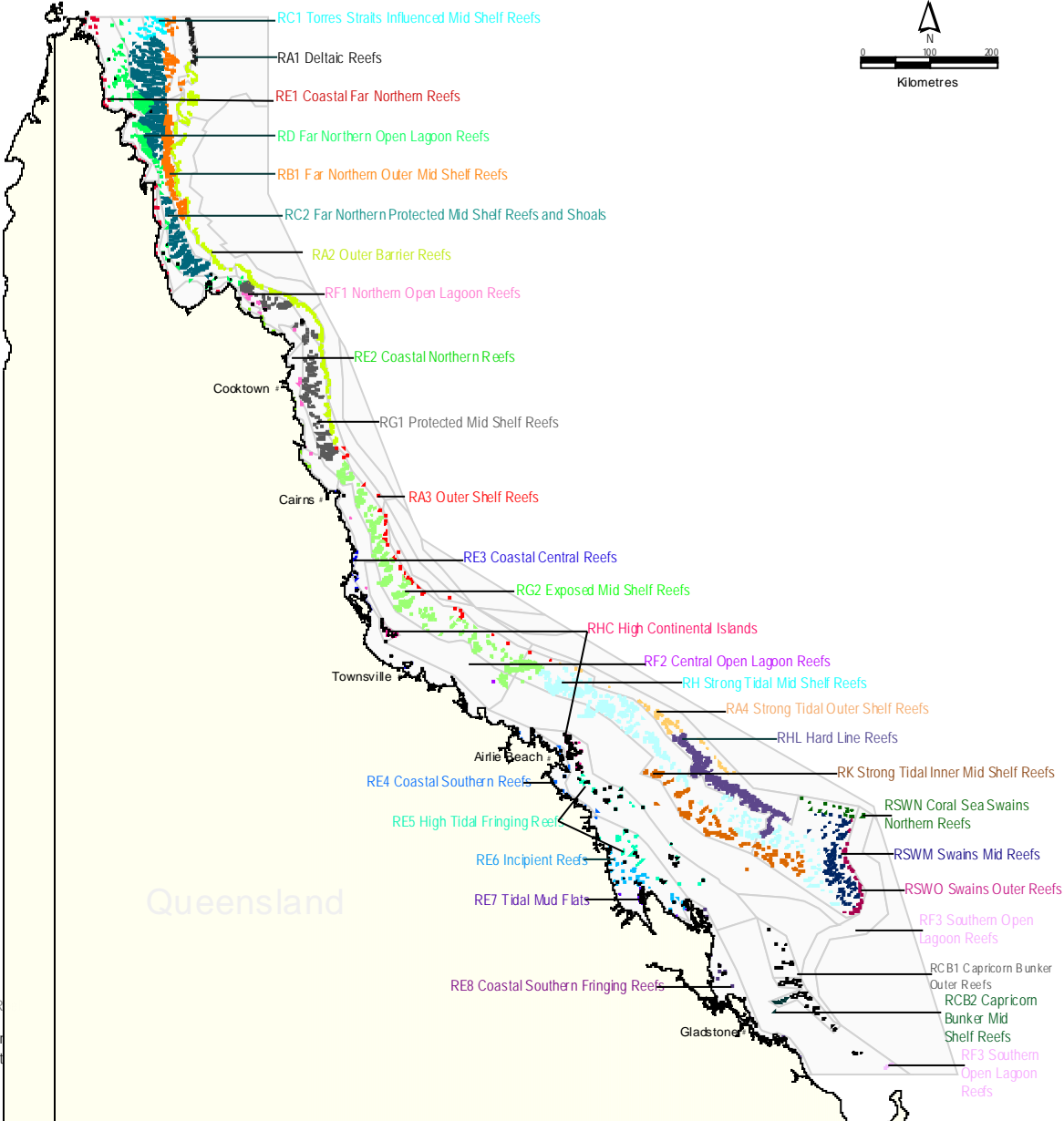
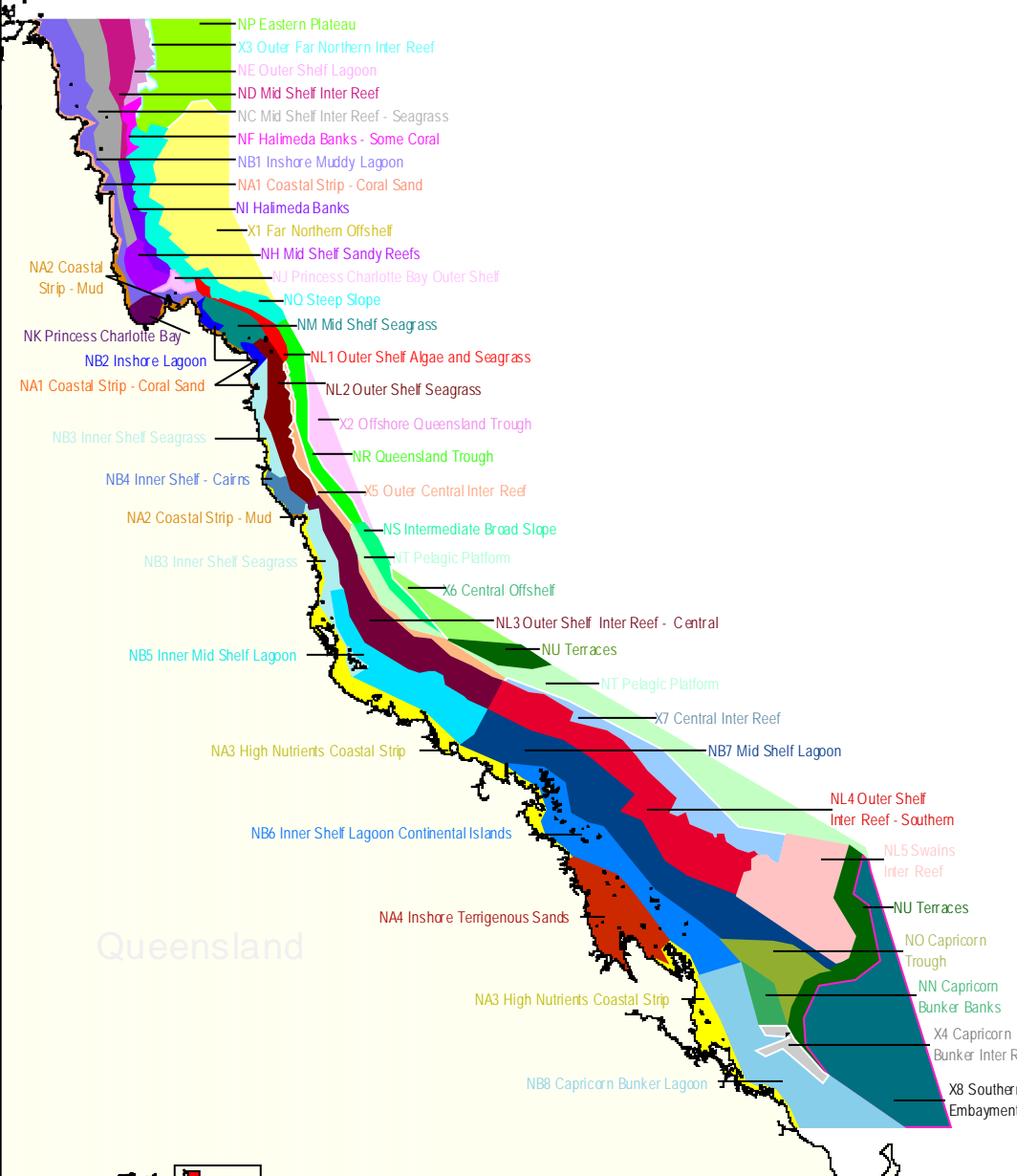
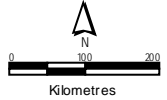


Bioregions of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area

Non-Reef Bioregions

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Reef Bioregions



Point of Clarification

The bioregions shown on this map were defined by a panel of experts in the GBR Region, using the best data and regional analysis available to GBRMPA in 1999.

The map represents a consensus amongst the experts on a delineation of 'bioregions' within the GBRWHA. The experts considered that areas within each bioregion should be protected in a comprehensive, adequate and representative manner to minimally represent the WHA's biological diversity. In some cases the boundaries of the bioregions are not precise, due to the lack of information or the overlap between communities.

The attributes for each bioregion were distinguished by the experts, based on direct observations of locations within bioregions and extrapolation from understanding of how habitats relate to location and the environment.

This was supplemented by analytical methods (spatial cluster analysis), using appropriate available data. The bioregions will need to be revised as new data and information become available.

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