

Technical Information Sheet #10

>> Representative Areas Program background and history

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The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is implementing the Representative Areas Program to help ensure better protection of the Marine Park's biodiversity. This will involve a review of the existing zoning throughout the Marine Park. This information sheet is part of a package of materials that help explain various technical elements of the Representative Areas Program and the zoning review.

Information collected to assist the Representative Areas Program

The GBRMPA has gathered a range of information for use during the development of a draft zoning plan. The social, economic, cultural and management information outlined below, combined with biological information, will assist in the selection of potential no-take areas. In addition, the GBRMPA will continue consultation with stakeholders and Traditional Owners.

So far, the GBRMPA has collected data and information on the following:

- commercial trawling;
- commercial reef line fishing;
- commercial net fishing;
- commercial crab fishing;
- commercial harvest fishing;
- charter boat fishing;
- recreational fishing (Suntag);
- interview data on use and values;
- questionnaire data on use and special/unique areas;
- Native Title claims ;
- state closures inside the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park;
- existing marine park zoning;
- permits;
- boat ramps;
- recreational logbooks and diaries;
- state zoning (degree of protection) of adjacent stateside waters;
- tourism use;
- moorings;
- National Estate database;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Places database;
- Historic Heritage Places database'
- recreational/tourism use;
- historic shipwrecks;
- state zoning (degree of protection) of adjacent stateside land;
- shell collecting areas;
- tourism settings – Cairns and Whitsundays Plans of Management;
- representations database containing submissions from previous zoning reviews;
- anchorages; and
- Coastwatch aerial surveillance.

Other important information which will help develop a draft zoning plan will include:

- **Your information**, collected through the first formal Community Participation phase.

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