



Non-reef bioregion: NL5 Swains Inter Reef

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Bioregion Description

Rich sponge fauna, 26% not yet recorded elsewhere on GBR and only 31% of species occurring in both Swain and Capricorn Bunker regions. Complex and rocky in places, with lower tidal current than in NL4. Fuzzy boundary between NL4. Some *Halimeda* and some seagrass in patches in middle Swains.

Existing zoning within bioregion (as % of total bioregion area)			Bioregion area	14,325 km ²
Preservation *	Pink	<1 %	Proportion of the GBRMP	4 %
Marine National Park 'B' / National Park *	Dark Green	8 %		
General Use 'B' / Habitat Protection	Dark Blue	47 %	No-take Zone statistics	
General Use 'A' / General Use	Light Blue	44 %	Area of no-take zone(s)	1,091 km ²
Island		<1 %	Percent of bioregion	8 %
* No-take zones			Number of no-take zones	13

Bathymetry

Median depth 44 m

Area exposed to flooding events 1994 - 98

No recorded event 2 %

Biological - this bioregion is known to contain samples of these biological assemblages and/or habitats

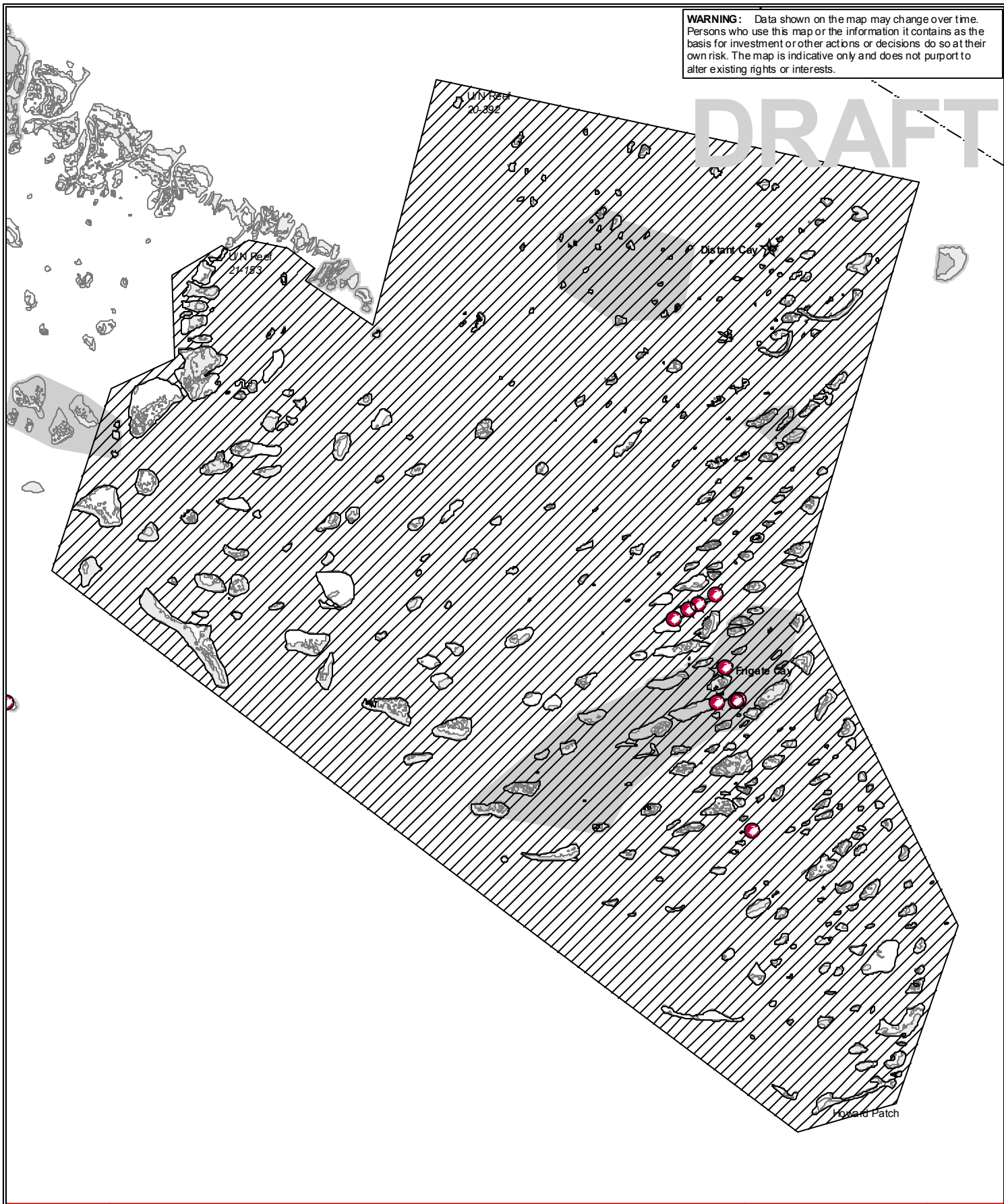
Sponges Turtle nesting sites
Sea lillies and feather stars
Jellyfish
Bryozoans














Interim biophysically special/unique sites

Frigate Cay
Distant Cay
Bacchi Cay
Thomas Cay (Twin Cay)
Price Cay
Bylund Cay

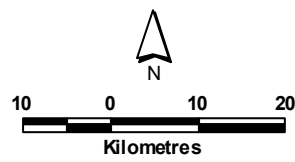
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 Bioregion NL5	 Reef edge or shoal edge
 Existing no-take zone	 Reef shoal
 National Park (State)	 River
 Interim biophysically special/unique sites	 GBRMP boundary
 Dugong Protection Area	 GBRMP Section boundary
 Turtle nesting site	 Built-up area
 Turtle foraging area	

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 **GREAT BARRIER REEF**
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