



**Reef bioregion: RC2 Far Northern Protected Mid Shelf Reefs and Shoals**

**RC2**

**Bioregion Description**

RC2 & RD have highest species diversity of octocorals on the GBR. Larger shoals and reefs than RC1. Rich hard coral communities. Extensive reef flats and shoal terraces separated by diverse channel system (some calm and sheltered, others with strong flow). Many turtle sightings.

<b>Existing zoning within bioregion (as % of total bioregion area)</b>			<b>Bioregion area</b>	3,825 km <sup>2</sup>
Marine National Park 'B' / National Park *	Dark Green	42 %	<b>Proportion of the GBRMP</b>	1 %
Marine National Park 'A' / Conservation Park	Yellow	<1 %	<b>No-take Zone statistics</b>	
General Use 'B' / Habitat Protection	Dark Blue	45 %	Area of no-take zone(s)	1,613 km <sup>2</sup>
General Use 'A' / General Use	Light Blue	12 %	Percent of bioregion	42 %
Island		<1 %	Number of no-take zones	7

\* No-take zones

**Reef size distribution**

Number of reefs		119
Reef sizes	Smallest	<1 km <sup>2</sup>
	Largest	367 km <sup>2</sup>
	Average	32 km <sup>2</sup>

**Area exposed to flooding events 1994 - 98**

No recorded events	100 %
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**Reef Geomorphology**

Submerged reef	38 %
Reef patch	36 %
Planar reef	18 %
Crescentic reef	4 %
Lagoonal reef	2 %
Fringing reef	2 %

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

Turtle foraging sites

**Interim biophysically special/unique sites**

- Hedge Reef
- Corbett Reef
- Clack Reefs & Island

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